



Matthew's wake

US forces provide help to Haitians left devastated by deadly hurricane

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From above, it looks like winter, though it is 85 degrees. Trees are sticks with bare branches, the earth patchy and pale.

Soon the barren landscape gives way to a more devastating story of the destruction of Hurricane Matthew, which swept through Haiti's southwest peninsula Oct. 4. Beneath the rotors of the U.S. Army Chinook helicopter, villages in the west

‘It was great to finally be on the ground and actually see ... the people who need it most. I just pray to God they actually get it.’

James Raynor
Air Force Airman
1st Class

look like garbage dumps, and houses sit naked with gaping holes where their corrugated tin roofs used to be.

On the ground, overwhelmed villagers in Anse-D'Hainault gather on a ridge as the second of two Chinooks lands on a muddy patch of grass. At one corner, three men stop work they are doing to rebuild a house that's been reduced to an empty shell. "Everything, everything," said one of the men, pointing to piles of muddy, ruined clothing strewn over the hillside. It's all lost.

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The shadow of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter passes over damaged houses in southwestern Haiti, as the U.S. military flies a delivery of rice for Hurricane Matthew relief efforts to the mountain village of Beaumont, near Jeremie on Thursday.

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“You give whores more money than you give me. ... I can be your best friend or your worst enemy. I am not an amateur.”

— Former Naval Criminal Investigative Service agent John Bellevue Jr., in an April 2012 email to Leonard Glenn Francis, a Singapore-based defense contractor who prosecutors say seduced Bellevue with cash bribes, booze and prostitutes

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Marine Corps could scrap famed slogan

By LEADA GORE
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The Marine Corps may scrap its iconic recruiting slogan, “The Few. The Proud. The Marines.”

The change is being considered ahead of a national advertising campaign slated to launch next year, according to reports in Marine Corps Times.

“The Few. The Proud” does a great job distinguishing ourselves from the other branches and making us prestigious to recruits, but it doesn’t say anything about what we do or why

we exist,” Lt. Col. John Caldwell, a spokesman for Marine Corps Recruiting Command told Marine Corps Times. “We believe the new campaign products require a unique tagline to achieve the effort’s objectives.”

The new advertising strategy — which will emphasize the fighting nature of the Marines — already has been approved by Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller. Once developed, the new tagline would be used on recruiting materials, replacing the old slogan.

Caldwell said the change has nothing to do with the inclusion of women into combat jobs

service-wide.

“It has everything to do with clearly defining who we are and what we do as United States Marines. It’s all about our irreducible fighting spirit. That’s the fighting spirit of the organization, and that’s the fighting spirit of all its Marines,” Caldwell said.

The Marines’ best-known slogan has been in use since 1977, when it first appeared in a television commercial, though a version of the phrase can be found in a 1779 ad seeking members for the Continental Marines. In 2007, the slogan was added to Madison Avenue’s Advertising Walk of Fame.

Mabus talks Navy modernization, ratings changes

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NORFOLK, Va. — Less than 48 hours after USS Nitze missiles destroyed radar sites in Houthi-controlled territory in Yemen, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus reiterated a stern message pierrside from the destroyer’s home port. “You attack us at your peril,” Mabus said.

Mabus spoke Friday at a Norfolk Naval Station meeting with sailors and Marines.

He stopped short of saying whether the strike — a response to two earlier incidents last week in which missiles were lobbed at the Norfolk-based USS Mason from the rebel-held territory — indicated a deepening role for the Navy in Yemen’s civil war. The Obama administration and the Pentagon promised Thursday to respond to any new provocations from the Houthis.

“We’ll see what happens in that part of the world,” Mabus said.

Mabus, a former surface warfare officer and governor of Mississippi, spoke with servicemembers just weeks after he and the Navy’s top leaders announced the end of a 241-year tradition of referring to enlisted sailors by their job titles — known as rates — in favor of calling them by rank.

As part of that Sept. 30 announcement, Navy leaders also issued a plan to reclassify ratings into grouped occupational specialties and other modernizations intended to offer sailors greater flexibility and opportunities for



VICKI CRONIS-NONE, THE (NORFOLK, VA.) VIRGINIAN-PILOT/AP

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, center, takes selfies with servicemembers Friday at Norfolk Naval Station in Norfolk, Va., after he addressed them on a variety of issues, including ratings changes.

promotion and cross-training. The moves are meant to retain sailors as well as to translate jobs to the civilian workforce better, and are expected to take several years to develop.

The announcements sent shock waves across the fleet and were met with backlash. An online petition sprang up immediately asking the White House to reverse the rating-titles decision. More than 72,000 had signed as of Friday, with an Oct. 30 deadline to gather 100,000 total signatures to garner a White House response.

Mabus acknowledged the backlash but told sailors Friday “you’re

going to get more choices.”

Sailors still took the opportunity to question Mabus about the ratings changes and what those could mean for advancement.

Petty Officer 1st Class Rod Thompson asked about plans to make sure sailors are able to keep their current jobs and not to be pushed out because there’s no room at the top to grow. Several years ago, the Navy used enlistment retention boards and a plan called “perform to serve” as tools to boot out thousands of sailors because the service was overmanned in some jobs.

Mabus called both tools “ter-

rible” and said there were “absolutely no plans” to use either again, but added they were needed at the time to balance the force.

“One of the ways we’re going to keep from doing that is by making ratings so that you can move between them, so that you can get qualified in more than one narrow rating,” Mabus said, adding that future promotions will be based more upon merit.

Shawn Pugsley, a chief petty officer at the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center, said he was pleased by Mabus’ remarks about the ratings changes, adding they will “keep some really good sailors around for longer.”

Mabus also acknowledged the Navy’s attempts in recent years to shorten deployments to a goal of seven months as part of a larger plan that seeks to better standardize a ship’s progression through maintenance and training cycles. The goal is to make the process more predictable, Mabus said, though he warned, “It’s not going to be perfect.”

The USS Harry S. Truman was to have been the first aircraft carrier to fit into that plan, but that slipped after its crew was ordered to extend its deployment by 30 days in the Mediterranean Sea, where it continued to launch airstrikes against the Islamic State group until it could be replaced by the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

“It’s not always going to stick in terms of deployments because the world’s circumstances change, but we are getting there,” Mabus said.

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USS Detroit docks in namesake city

The USS Detroit, one of the U.S. Navy's newest warships, arrived Friday in Detroit. It's scheduled to be along the Riverwalk behind the Renaissance Center for a week of commissioning events. The Freedom-class ship is part of a new breed of naval vessel, which is designed to work in shallow waters and operate with speed and agility. It's created to be quickly modified to take on different missions.

'Kill team' soldier may get new trial

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WASHINGTON — An Army veteran once cast as a Charles Manson-like figure who led a group of bored soldiers in schemes to murder Afghan civilians may get a new trial.

In a long-running appeal, a military court has ruled that former Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs may present new evidence that could get him another day in court.

Gibbs, a Montana native who is serving a life sentence for masterminding the murders of three Afghan boys in 2010, won the latest legal round at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

His attorney said he made a formal request Wednesday for a "totally new trial" or an immediate hearing to examine new evidence in the case.

Two of Gibbs' former teammates now are offering statements supporting his argument that at least one of the killings took place in legitimate combat.

The Army is "delaying justice for Calvin, but unless they go to the Supreme Court — unlikely — the delay is over," said Phil Stackhouse, Gibbs' attorney.

If Stackhouse succeeds in getting a new trial for Gibbs, the Army will have to remake its case that Gibbs was the dark figure behind a plot to slay innocent Afghans.

In June, nearly five years after Gibbs' conviction, the Army Court of Criminal Appeals said that it wanted to know why some witnesses in the case were granted immunity and others were not and whether those decisions were made "in a discriminatory or improper fashion."

Prosecutors asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces to overrule the decision, saying the lower court exceeded its authority.

"The Army Court's exercise of judicial power in this case is clearly and indisputably in error," federal prosecutors said in a petition.

In the latest twist, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces disagreed, saying in a one-page ruling that the government's motion was "denied as moot."

With appeals now all but exhausted for the U.S. government, Stackhouse said Gibbs will have the chance not only to air his new evidence but to "discover what evidence the government has been hiding and expose the strategic use of immunity to gain an advantage" in the case.

Gibbs was the highest ranking of 12 soldiers from a small unit who came home accused of criminal misconduct during their deployment with a Stryker brigade from Washington state's Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Several of Gibbs' platoon mates said in court that he concocted schemes to slay innocent Afghans and provided "off the books" weapons for soldiers to carry out his plans. His "kill team" gained international attention after photographs showed them posing with Afghan corpses.

500 Fort Riley soldiers to deploy to Iraq

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WASHINGTON — About 500 soldiers from Fort Riley in Kansas will deploy to Iraq in the fall to assist Iraqi forces in their fight against the Islamic State group, the Army announced Friday.

The 1st Infantry Division Headquarters unit at Fort Riley will replace the 101st Airborne Division to command troops as they train, advise and assist Iraq's se-

curity forces, Lt. Col. Christiana Kretzman, an Army spokesman, wrote in a news release.

The announcement comes as Iraqi forces prepare for the battle to retake Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, from the Islamic State group. Mosul is one of the last remaining strongholds of the Islamic State and the terrorist group's de facto capital in Iraq. Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has said the Iraqis would be ready to

fight in October.

"We will assist in training Iraqi commanders, staffs, soldiers, and police officers as they plan and conduct counter-Islamic State group) operations in both the Tigris and Euphrates River valleys, with a central focus on the city of Mosul," Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Martin, incoming commander of the 1st Infantry Division, said in a written statement.

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Former NCIS agent receives 12 years in corruption case

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A federal judge sentenced a former Naval Criminal Investigative Service agent to 12 years in prison Friday for leaking confidential law-enforcement files to an Asian defense contractor who seduced him with cash bribes, booze and prostitutes.

John Beliveau Jr., a one-time NCIS agent of the year, received the most severe punishment imposed so far in a corruption scandal that has ensnared 16 other criminal defendants and rocked the Navy.

Beliveau, 47, who pleaded guilty shortly after the scandal became public in 2013, has admitted to leaking hundreds of sensitive NCIS files to Leonard Glenn Francis, a Singapore-based contractor who supplied Navy ships throughout Asia. Francis, a round and charismatic man known as "Fat Louie," exploited the leaked information to thwart NCIS investigations into his company for years.

Beliveau's attorneys said he betrayed his country because he had a fragile psyche and became "clinically obsessed" with a crooked Asian defense contractor who easily reeled him with bribes. They asked that he be spared any prison time, while prosecutors had sought a 15-year sentence. The punishment was handed down late Friday by U.S. District Court Judge Janis Sammartino in San Diego.

NCIS officials have described Beliveau as one of the worst traitors in the agency's history. He met Francis after he was assigned to Singapore as a counterterrorism agent in 2008 and quickly fell under the defense contractor's spell, according to his attorneys.

Francis was a legendary figure in Navy circles who treated officers to lavish meals and parties — featuring Cuban cigars, expensive champagne and strippers — when their ships made visits to Asian ports. In court papers, Beliveau's lawyers described him as particularly susceptible to Francis's charms because of his fondness for alcohol, a history of mental illness and a lifelong lack of sexual experience with women other than prostitutes.

According to his lawyers, Beliveau had struggled with obsessive-compulsive disorder since he was a child and was debilitated from cancer treatments when he arrived in Singapore. Soon, he contracted dengue fever during a visit to East Timor and also developed post-traumatic stress disorder after a bizarre incident during

which he witnessed, up close, the beheading of a gang member.

Given his physical and emotional weaknesses, Beliveau became a "prime target" for Francis, who supplied him with sex workers, \$30,000 in cash and travel, alcohol and a "perceived friendship," the agent's attorneys said in court papers. Eventually, they added, Beliveau became "symptomatically obsessed with Francis, and overwhelmingly attached to the relief Francis could provide through the parties and prostitutes."

Beliveau asked Sammartino to spare him prison time and sentence him instead to two years home confinement. He has been free on bond since he pleaded guilty to bribery charges three years ago.

"I have betrayed the badge I wore, the oath I took, my comrades," he said in a letter to the court. "I deserve and understand the feelings of anger, vengeance and disgust from others in my former field."

In asking for a 15-year prison term, prosecutors noted that Beliveau "caused incalculable injury" to the reputation of NCIS and its long-standing efforts to prove that Francis was fleeing the Navy for supplies, fuel and port services.

In handing over so many confidential files over a two-year period, they said, Beliveau tipped off Francis to the identities of several cooperating witnesses, including some who had agreed to wear wires for NCIS, and also advised the contractor on how to erase incriminating evidence.

Prosecutors also said Beliveau was not on illusions about the nature of his transactional relationship with Francis, regularly demanding money and prostitutes in exchange for leaked material.

"I will always be your friend, but you will get nothing else... until I get what you promise," he said in an email to Francis in April 2012. "You give others more money than you give me... I can be your best friend or your worst enemy. I am not an amateur."

Francis has also pleaded guilty to bribery charges and has admitted that his firm overcharged the Navy by at least \$35 million. He has been in federal custody since he was arrested in a sting operation in San Diego in September 2013. His sentencing is scheduled for next summer.

Eleven current or former Navy officials — including a one-star admiral — have been charged in the case. Many other Navy officers remain under investigation.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Iraq special operators prepare for Mosul fight

By SUSANNAH GEORGE
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KHAZER, Iraq — A few hundred Iraqi special forces arrived Friday at the front line near militant-held Mosul, one small part of a series of troop movements that have massed thousands of soldiers ahead of an operation seeking to retake the country's second-largest city from the Islamic State group.

"Yesterday, our commander told us: This is it, the liberation of Mosul is beginning," a special forces sergeant said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

Officials from Iraq and the U.S.-led coalition have said preparations and planning of the operation are ongoing, but there is widespread speculation it will be launched this month.

The Iraqi troops interviewed by The Associated Press were camped in a field across the Great Zab River separating Nineveh province from Iraq's Kurdistan region. Nearby, other members of their unit were moving into an abandoned village, converting homes into a barracks for temporary camp.

The large volume of forces needed for the Mosul fight — Iraqi and coalition officials say at least 30,000 will take part — has overcrowded the few bases that Iraq's military has along the Mosul front line.

The sergeant said his unit traveled in a convoy from Tikrit to the front near the district of Khayyarah on the edges of the Nineveh plain about 18 miles from Mosul. Along the way, he saw thousands more Iraqi soldiers being deployed, he said.

"We are here for the Mosul battle, and we won't return home until we finish it," he added.

Khayyarah air base south of Mosul is expected to be the main hub of operations, but Iraqi army convoys, including a unit of the elite special forces, could also be seen moving to front-line positions east of the city.

The coalition said Friday it also is conducting a larger number of airstrikes in the area, launching more than 50 in and around Mosul



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Iraq's counterterrorism forces prepare to retake Mosul, Iraq, from the Islamic State group.

over the past two weeks.

Mosul, once home to more than 2 million people, fell to Islamic State fighters more than two years ago. The operation to retake it is expected to be the most complex yet for Iraq's military.

In addition to Iraq's conventional military, other participants expected to participate in the battle are Shiite militias, Kurdish forces known as the peshmerga, Sunni tribal fighters and federal police forces.

"We would like to tell (civilians in Mosul) we are coming very soon, god willing," said Ahmed Hussein, a special forces soldier who was perched on the hood of a black armored Humvee.

"My advice to (the Islamic State militants) is to run away. It's better for them to run," he said, predicting the fight will last a few days.

Mosul is the last urban area in Iraq under militant control. Since the Islamic State group overran large parts of northern and western Iraq in the summer of 2014 for the group's self-proclaimed caliphate, Iraqi ground forces, backed closely by the coalition, have retaken more than half of the territory.

The gains have been shaky at times. A group of soldiers now on the Mosul front line joked that they liberated the Beiji oil refinery in central Iraq at least five times before it held. In recent battles south of Mosul, Islamic State fighters largely fled and launched only limited, small-scale counterattacks.

Over the past week, coalition and Iraqi officials said they have seen small numbers of militants fleeing Mosul into neighboring Syria. It's still unclear, however, if the militants will put up a strong fight for the city.

Inside Mosul, residents report that prices



ADAM SCHRECK/AP

Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga fighters watch over territory held by the Islamic State group near the approaches to Mosul, Iraq.

for food and fuel have spiked amid speculation that an offensive is imminent.

As Iraqi forces have moved to isolate Mosul, residents who spoke to the AP by phone say militants have begun reinforcing trenches around the city and setting booby-trapped explosives along main thoroughfares.

From a Kurdish Peshmerga base atop a hill along the front line, Lt. Col. Mohhessin Hassan said he's watched the steady buildup of Iraqi ground forces over the past week.

"It's been more than two years since we've seen Iraqi forces in this area like this," he said. "But, whenever the battle begins, we hope it will be over quickly. We're tired of fighting."

Bomber strikes Baghdad funeral

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BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck a funeral gathering in Baghdad on Saturday, killing at least 35 people and wounding more than 60, Iraqi police and hospital officials said.

The attack in the Shaab neighborhood occurred around lunchtime, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility in a statement carried by its Amaq news agency.

Hussein Khazem, the owner of a nearby clothing warehouse, said the bomber detonated his payload inside a funeral tent.

He saw a large number of dead and wounded people, many burning cars and major damage to the local market. The dead included elderly, children, and some women. He said he closed his shop to help evacuate the wounded and remove the bodies.

Iraq has seen several bombings in recent months, though most have had lower death tolls than Saturday's attack. In July, a massive car bomb in central Baghdad's popular shopping district of Karradah killed about 300 people and forced the resignation of the interior minister.

Saturday's attack comes as Iraqi security forces are preparing for an operation to retake the militant-held northern city of Mosul, the country's second largest, from the Islamic State group.

"All the troops are ready, now they are just waiting for the order from the prime minister," said Maj. Gen. Najib al-Jobori, one of the top Iraqi generals overseeing the Mosul operation.

"The head of the snake is Mosul," he said. "I think ISIS knows this is the end of ISIS in Iraq," he added, referring to the Islamic State group by another acronym.

US, Russia resume search for diplomatic solution to Syrian civil war

By BRADLEY KLAPPER
Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Back where they started, the United States, Russia and others trying to help mediate Syria's civil war are searching for a diplomatic process that could succeed where last month's collapsed cease-fire failed.

With the Syrian and Russian governments pressing an offensive against rebel-held parts of the city of Aleppo, no one was predicting a quick breakthrough.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was leading the renewed talks, which began Saturday afternoon. He was joined by a fa-

miliar cast that included Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and the top envoys from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Qatar, Egypt and Jordan.

Days of deadly airstrikes in Aleppo prompted Kerry last month to end bilateral U.S.-Russian engagement on Syria, including discussions over a proposed military alliance against Islamic State group and al-Qaida-linked militants in Syria. Last week he accused Russia of war crimes for targeting hospitals and civilian infrastructure in the Arab country.

Nevertheless, Kerry reunited with Lavrov at the lakeside Beau-Rivage Palace in Lausanne, and met with Lavrov before the larger

gathering. U.S. hopes of diplomatic progress appeared to rest squarely on Russia's cooperation. Kerry also met privately with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir.

The conflict has killed as many as a half-million people since 2011, contributed to Europe's worst refugee crisis since World War II, and allowed the Islamic State group to carve out territory for itself and emerge as a global threat.

Residents of opposition-held eastern Aleppo have faced daily violence as Syrian President Bashar Assad's government seeks to take full control of the city. On Saturday, Syrian and Russian airstrikes hit several rebel-held neighborhoods amid clashes on

the front lines in Syria's largest city and onetime commercial center, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Aleppo Media Center, an activist collective.

President Barack Obama and the Pentagon have made clear their opposition to any U.S. military strikes against Assad's military. The U.S. is uneasy with providing more advanced weaponry to the anti-Assad rebels because of their links to extremist groups. And sanctions on Moscow are seen as unlikely, given their limited impact after Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and the weak appetite among America's Euro-

pean partners for such action.

Giving the coldest of several cease-fires in Syria in recent months, Washington doubts Moscow's seriousness. And with rebel-held Aleppo poised to fall, there is deep skepticism that the Syrian and Russian governments want to stop the fighting just yet.

Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said he had instructed his foreign minister to make a proposal in Lausanne about fighting the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

Saturday's gathering also was bringing together many of the major protagonists in Yemen's war, and discussions on that are likely.

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HANI MOHAMMED/AP

Tribesmen loyal to Houthi rebels hold their weapons as they chant slogans during a gathering in Sanaa, Yemen, on Oct. 2 aimed at mobilizing more fighters to battlefronts in several Yemeni cities.

Threats to US warships in Red Sea highlight complexity of Yemen war

By ROBERT H. REID
Stars and Stripes

Attacks on U.S. warships in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait and the American Tomahawk counter-strike have cast the spotlight on Yemen, which is engaged in a bewilderingly complex war that is drawing in the United States.

Here are the stakes in Yemen and why the conflict there is important to U.S. interests in the Middle East and the global struggle against Islamist terrorism.

Who's shooting at us and why?
The missiles that targeted the destroyer USS Mason were fired from territory controlled by rebels known as the Houthis, Iranian-backed Shiite tribesmen from northern Yemen. The Houthis, whose name comes from their founder, Hussein Badreddin al-Houthi, seized the capital of Sanaa in September 2014 and overthrew the U.S.- and Saudi-backed government.

In response, Saudi Arabia and its Persian Gulf allies, backed by the United States, launched an air and ground campaign against the Houthis in March 2015. Because the U.S. supports the Saudis, the Houthis consider Americans a party to that conflict, which has killed about 10,000 people, including many civilians.

Who are the Houthis?
The Houthis, who call themselves Ansar Allah, or "Supporters of God," became active in the 1990s to demand social and political reform. In 2004, the Houthis launched an armed insurgency that gained momentum seven years later during the Arab Spring uprising against longtime President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The U.S. and Saudi Arabia feared the growing instability in

Yemen would open the door to Islamist extremism. Under pressure from Saudi Arabia and the U.S., Saleh stepped down in favor of his Vice President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi. However, Hadi was unable to consolidate power, and in September 2014, the Houthis swept into Sanaa, forcing his government to resign. The Saudis saw the Houthis as Iranian agents threatening their southern border at a time when Iraq, on the northern frontier, was falling deeper into Iran's orbit.

The Houthis have long denied they are Iranian proxies, although Saudi Arabia and the U.S. believe they are.

Why is Yemen so unstable?
Yemen, the homeland of Osama bin Laden's family, is the poorest country on the Arabian Peninsula and has been wracked by political turmoil for most of the last 50 years. During the Cold War, the country broke in two, with South Yemen becoming a Soviet client state and the North struggling for international support. In 1990, as the Cold War was fading and the two countries reunited, a move that failed to bring lasting stability due to political, tribal and religious rivalry that opened the door to Islamist extremism.

Why does the U.S. care what happens in Yemen?
One of the reasons is location. Yemen sits along the southwestern corner of the Arabian Peninsula along the Red Sea, a strategic

route to the Persian Gulf. U.S. warships traveling to and from the Gulf transit the Red Sea, the southern entrance of which is the Bab el-Mandeb Strait — only 25 miles wide at its narrowest point.

The other reason is Yemen's role in the fight against global terrorism. In January 2009, the Saudi and Yemeni branches of al-Qaida merged to form al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP. U.S. intelligence at the time identified AQAP as the terror movement's most dangerous branch. Among other things, the Yemen al-Qaida branch was responsible for the failed attempt by the "underwear bomber" to blow up a U.S. airliner approaching Detroit on Christmas Day 2009.

U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki used Yemen as a base where he broadcast online sermons recruiting young Muslims in the west. Al-Awlaki was killed by a U.S. missile strike in September 2011, but U.S. intelligence believes his online sermons remain a valuable recruiting tool.

The Houthis say they oppose al-Qaida but are considered a threat to U.S. and Saudi interests because of their ties to Iran.

In addition to the al-Qaida threat, has Yemen morphed into a U.S.-Iranian proxy war?

The Houthis have long denied they are Iranian proxies, although Saudi Arabia and the U.S. believe they are. Media reports say Iranian flights to Sanaa have increased since the city fell to the Houthis.

Their slogan, "Death to America, death to Israel, damnation to the Jews and victory for Islam," links the Houthis to the anti-Western camp that includes Hezbollah in Lebanon and pro-Iranian militias in Syria and Iraq.

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Saudi-led coalition faults 'wrong info' for funera attack

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CAIRO — A Saudi-led coalition on Saturday blamed "wrong information" for the bombing Oct. 8 of a packed funeral hall in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, that killed at least 140 people and wounded some 600.

The coalition's Joint Incidents Assessment Team, or JIAT, said a "party" affiliated with Yemen's General Chief of Staff headquarters had passed intelligence that the hall was filled with leaders of Shiite Houthi rebels, whom the coalition has been targeting since March 2015, when it intervened in Yemen's civil war in support of the internationally recognized government.

The unidentified party insisted the site was "a legitimate military target," the English-language statement said. The Air Operation Center in Yemen, it added, directed a "close air support mission" to target the site without approval from the coalition's command.

The investigation team called on the coalition to immediately review the rules of engagement and recommended that compensation be offered to the victims' families.

"JIAT has found that because of non-compliance with Coalition rules of engagement and procedures, and the issuing of incorrect information, a Coalition aircraft wrongly targeted the location, resulting in civilian deaths and injuries," it said.

This is the first time the coalition has acknowledged it was behind the bombing, after an initial denial. The Yemeni government's President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi has yet to publicly comment on the bombing.

Yemen's chief of staff is Maj. Gen. Mohammed Ali al-Magdishi, a close ally of the powerful army Gen. Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, now serving as vice president. Al-Ahmar is also a top ally of Yemen's Muslim Brotherhood, whose followers are fighting the Houthis alongside government troops.

The U.S.-backed coalition, which accuses Houthi of being Iranian proxies, has come under heavy international pressure to investigate the bombing. Human Rights Watch said in a report

Thursday that the bombing constitutes an apparent war crime, and said remnants of a U.S.-made bomb were found at the site of the strike.

Along with arms, the United States provides the coalition with logistical support and mid-air refueling of its warplanes. The White House has said it will immediately review its assistance to the Saudi-led coalition, explaining that such assistance was not a "blank check."

The bombing of the funeral hall was not the first by the Saudi-led coalition to lead to civilian casualties. Over the past year, busy markets, weddings, schools and hospitals have been bombed by the Saudi-led coalition, resulting in hundreds of deaths and thousands of injuries.

The deadly airstrikes on the funeral triggered a wave of counterattacks against both U.S. and Saudi targets.

A U.S. Navy destroyer deployed in international waters in the Red Sea off the coast of Yemen came under attack twice in recent days from areas under Houthi control. In response, the U.S. destroyed three radar installations in Houthi-controlled ports near the Bab al-Mandab Strait on Thursday, in the first direct U.S. involvement in the war in Yemen.

The Houthis denied firing at the destroyer and accused the U.S. of using the attack as a justification to become directly involved in the war against the militias. Houthis and allied army units loyal to ousted President Ali Abdullah Saleh have also fired rockets and missiles targeting Saudi military installations and air bases across the Yemen-Saudi border.

On the diplomatic and political level, the bombing intensified pressure on the Saudi-led coalition, which for the last two months has forced the closure of Sanaa's international airport, after the collapse of peace talks between rival parties in Kuwait. However, a Houthi official said Saturday that the coalition has agreed to open the airport to allow a team of peace negotiators sent by Houthis and allies from Saleh's longtime ruling party to return to the country. The negotiators have been stuck for in Oman for two months after leaving Kuwait.

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MATTHEW AFTERMATH

Wake: Sense of urgency surrounds relief-delivery mission

FROM FRONT PAGE

It's been almost two weeks since Hurricane Matthew tore through here, leaving at least 546 dead, more than 175,000 displaced and 1.4 million people in need of assistance. Most of the crops are gone; livestock was decimated.

The hardest-hit villages were at the western tip of the peninsula, known as the Grand-Anse and the Sud regions, where 90 percent of homes were destroyed, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

U.S. sailors and Marines got right to work, unloading giant jugs of water and boxes containing bags of saline to treat people suffering from cholera. As the disaster moves through its second week, villages blocked by floods and downed trees are becoming more reachable by road, so they are getting much-needed food. But cholera, spread through contaminated water or food, is becoming the new urgent crisis, officials said. The World Health Organization is sending a million doses of cholera vaccine amid concerns for the Caribbean nation.

U.S. servicemembers operating under Joint Task Force Matthew have been offloading supplies from aircraft and trucks at a hub near the flight line in Haiti's international airport in Port-au-Prince, then loading them onto U.S. military helicopters — Army Chinooks and Marine Corps Black Hawks and Ospreys — that deliver to the hardest-hit areas.

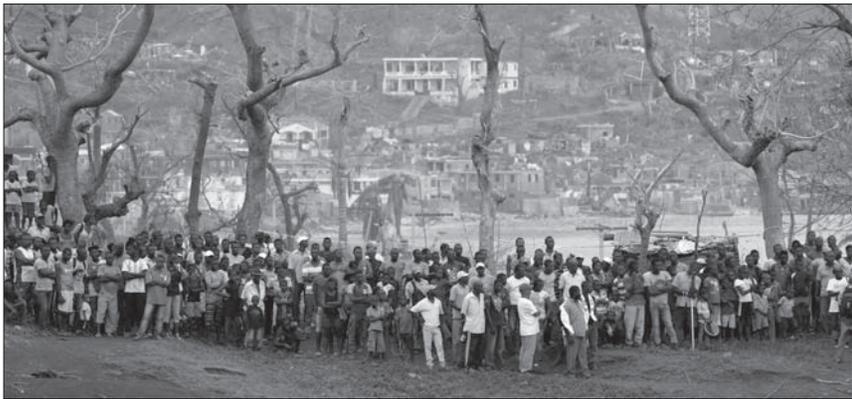
It's backbreaking work — slinging bags of rice and peas in 90-degree heat, with more than 400 servicemembers helping to distribute hundreds of thousands of pounds of U.S. Agency for International Development relief supplies, part of the United States' disaster assistance to Haiti.

For Air Force Airman 1st Class James Raynor, getting an opportunity to get out into the field to help deliver Friday's aid to Anse D'Hainault was like watching the fruits of his labor. Raynor said he's spent the last eight days in Port-au-Prince unloading and loading supplies. Friday was his first trip to the stricken areas.

"It was great to finally be on the ground and actually see ... the people who need it most," he said. "I just pray to God they actually get it."

Raynor said he was worried the aid would end up in the wrong hands, but he hoped they were doing enough work to reach the neediest. "Out there on the coast, these people are hurting," he said.

The military efforts in Haiti are part of a USAID-coordinated relief effort to distribute supplies. As of Thursday, Joint Task Force Matthew helicopters have delivered an estimated 550,000 pounds of aid and supplies to the worst-



PHOTOS BY REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Town residents gather to watch as U.S. military personnel unload U.S. Agency for International Development relief supplies from a helicopter in Anse d'Hainault, southwestern Haiti, on Friday.

The aftermath of Matthew

The Category 4 hurricane made landfall in Haiti early on Oct. 4, with 145 mph winds and heavy rainfall. The hardest-hit areas include Grand-Anse and the Sud regions on the country's southern peninsula.



BEV SCHILLING/Stars and Stripes/TNS

hit areas, according to task force figures. USAID is also working with the United Nations and non-governmental agencies to supply assistance at the request of the Haitian government.

Combining so many cooks in a single mission has its challenges.

Last Monday, the Air Force expeditionary unit, 621st Contingency Response Wing out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., arrived in Haiti and set up operations at the Port-au-Prince airport. About 110 airmen are working with soldiers from the

689th Rapid Port Opening Element out of Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, among others.

"They've been sleeping in tents near the flight line, living on Meals Ready to Eat and spending their days loading supplies onto Marine and Army aircraft or working with the Haitians.

For Capt. Andrew Schnell, an air traffic controller, that meant negotiating a U.S. presence in the air tower, where operations have increased more than 300 percent, he said. But now the American and Haitian air traffic controllers stand side by side in the tower and are working well together.

"They want to maintain control," he said, "to show the world they can maintain operations."

Col. Leslie Maher, commander of the 621st and the Haiti port openings joint task force, said the operations here were the culmination of countless hours of training. Usually, her airmen would come in and take over in a situation like this, she said, so it took a lot of negotiating with the Haitian air traffic control.

Her Marines also usually work with C-17s and C-130s, large transport aircraft, so working with helicopters is new for them, she said. "The controllers also are coordinating the arrival of aircraft from other countries and helicopters of the USS Iwo Jima, one of two U.S. Navy ships here to assist.

All that came to a head on Monday, when the crew was dealing with all of those variables at once. "Monday was hairy," Maher said. "We got it through safely."

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Above: U.S. troops load bags of rice for Hurricane Matthew relief into a CH-47 Fox Chinook helicopter at the airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Thursday. Below: Local volunteers help unload bags of drinking water during the delivery of USAID relief supplies to Anse d'Hainault the following day.



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NATION

Nevada wildfires destroy 22 homes

By SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — A trio of wind-whipped wildfires burning along the Sierra Nevada destroyed 22 homes north of Carson City, Nev., forced hundreds of evacuations at Lake Tahoe and temporarily closed a major highway connecting Reno to the mountain lake.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval declared a state of emergency as hundreds of firefighters battled the most dangerous fire, which is still threatening hundreds of structures in the Washoe Valley along Interstate 580 and U.S. Highway 395 between Reno, Nev., and Carson City.

No serious injuries have been reported, but four firefighters were treated for smoke inhalation Friday, said Tina Rancourt, spokeswoman for the Sierra Front Inter-agency Fire Dispatch Center.

The wildland blaze that continued to burn out of control Friday night has charred about 3 square miles of brush and timber. It forced the closures of schools and roads, and triggered power outages.

Federal disaster funds were approved Friday to help cover fire-fighting costs in the area that has only recently shown signs of recovering from a five-year drought.

About 500 firefighters were on the scene Friday night at the Little Valley fire, which broke out about 1:30 a.m. in the mountains between Lake Tahoe and Washoe Valley, about 8 miles north of Carson City.

Fire officials reported zero containment but said crews working in difficult terrain were aided by afternoon rains, and the winds that were gusting in excess of 50 mph died down.

"We've made good progress on the homes we are currently protecting," said Truckee Meadows Fire Battalion Chief Alex Kukulus.

But "we are not out of the

woods," he told reporters. "We have active fire in the whole area and still no real containment."

More crews were on their way from as far away as the San Francisco Bay Area.

In addition to the homes, 17 out-buildings have burned. A fire engine also suffered damage.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore said the cause of the blaze was under investigation; it started in an area where a controlled burn was conducted earlier this week.

The powerful winds fanning the flames reached gusts in excess of 100 mph over the top of the Sierra early Friday.

Moore said emergency dispatchers received a report of "a glow" in hills west of Washoe Valley at 1:38 a.m.

Crews arrived to find about 5 acres burning. But he said it "grew rapidly and quickly spread to 50 acres."

More than 100 homes and ranches are scattered throughout the rural valley bordering Washoe Lake. One belonged to Dennis Hof, who owns the Moonlite Bunny Ranch brothel east of Carson City.

Hof told the Reno Gazette-Journal he wasn't there at the time but neighbors phoned to tell him his house was burning in the forest south of Reno. He posted photos of it reduced to rubble on his Twitter account Friday afternoon.

Evacuation centers were set up in Reno and Carson City for displaced residents as well as pets and livestock.

The fire that prompted the evacuation of 500 homes on the south end of Lake Tahoe was estimated to be 25 percent contained. That fire has burned about 200 acres and forced the closure of part of California Highway 89, but fire officials said they were getting the upper hand on the blaze Friday evening.



DANNY MILLER, (ASTORIA, ORE.) DAILY ASTORIAN/AP

An officer walks past storm debris after a tornado reportedly touched down on Friday in Manzanita, Ore.

Tornado touches down in Ore. town

By STEVEN DUBOIS
AND MARTHA BELLISLE
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A tornado struck an Oregon beach town, sending debris flying and toppling power lines and trees as strong winds and heavy rain walloped the Pacific Northwest.

Thousands of people were without power as utility crews prepared for what's expected to be an even rougher storm Saturday.

In Seattle, a 4-year-old boy and his father were injured by a falling tree branch Friday. The Seattle Fire Department said the child suffered serious injuries and the father minor injuries.

The Coast Guard and other agency officials near Port Angeles, Wash., had made several trips to rescue 40 teenagers and six adults who became stranded at an outdoor recreation camp.

The National Weather Service in Portland, Ore., urged people to stay off roads as multiple streets

were flooded and impassable after heavy rains Friday evening.

The tornado was reported on the northern Oregon coast. Tillamook County Sheriff Andy Long said it touched down in Manzanita about 8:20 a.m. There were no reports of injuries.

The mayor declared a state of emergency — a necessary step for the small town to be eligible for federal disaster money.

Long said two businesses were destroyed, and one home is uninhabitable.

The National Weather Service said another twister made landfall about 9 a.m. near Oceanside, Ore., but no damage was reported.

The heavy rain created dangerous conditions throughout the region as drivers tried to see out rain-pounded windshields and navigate through standing water.

In Oregon, Portland General Electric reported that more than 4,000 customers were without power early Friday. Pacific Power reported that 2,800 customers in

coastal communities had no lights, down from more than 15,000.

The National Weather Service says a 103-mph wind gust was recorded at Oregon's Cape Meares.

In Washington, Puget Sound Energy responded to scattered outages affecting thousands of people throughout the day.

Meteorologists expected a lull before the remnants of Typhoon Songda hit the Pacific Northwest on Saturday. Forecasters say wind gusts as high as 70 mph could sweep through Seattle.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was rushing to fix a 500-foot section of a rocky coastline retaining wall in La Push, Wash. The jetty had previously failed, and the only thing remaining was a gravel berm, according to spokeswoman Patricia Graesser.

The same weather system was expected to affect Northern California, bringing rain, wind and coastal flooding to the San Francisco Bay Area through part of Saturday.

Voter registration deadline extended in Ga., NC

Associated Press

Judges in Georgia and North Carolina on Friday ordered state election officials to extend voter-registration deadlines in some counties due to disruptions caused by Hurricane Matthew.

The judges' rulings came after Georgia's governor and North Carolina's state board of elections' executive director declined to extend the deadlines.

In North Carolina, a state judge ordered election officials to extend it until Wednesday in 36 eastern counties impacted by massive flooding from the hurricane that left 24 dead. Matthew killed a total of 41 people in the U.S., and more than 50 in Haiti.

In Georgia, U.S. District Court Judge William T. Moore Jr. ruled

residents of Chatham County must be allowed to register through Tuesday, a week after the original deadline passed.

The two states join Florida and South Carolina in extending their deadlines. After Florida Gov. Rick Scott refused to extend his state's Oct. 11 deadline, a federal judge first extended it by a day and then later to Oct. 18. South Carolina extended its original Oct. 7 deadline and will accept registration forms postmarked by Tuesday.

In North Carolina, a presidential battleground state, the state Democratic Party sued the state board's executive director Friday. Executive Director Kim Strach had agreed to accept mailed applications through Wednesday, but Democrats said that wasn't

enough.

Wake County Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens acknowledged local election officials could face more administrative obstacles, but he said those obstacles were outweighed by the "significant right of the constitution to ensure that every voter that wants to vote is not precluded from doing so as a result of a natural disaster."

Stephens' order covers 36 counties that have received a disaster declaration so far by President Barack Obama.

In Georgia, Moore chose to limit the extra registration days to Chatham County. Attorneys said election offices in Georgia's other five coastal counties, which also evacuated, managed to reopen before the registration deadline.



RANDALL BENTON, THE SACRAMENTO (CALIF.) BEE/AP

CalFire crews from Grass Valley work on the Emerald Fire along Highway 89 on Friday near Lake Tahoe, Nev.

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NATION

Trump belittles his accusers; 2 more making allegations

By STEVE PEOPLES AND JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Donald Trump acted out on stage an accuser's allegations and suggested another wasn't worthy of his attention the same day two more women came forward with years-old stories of unwanted sexual encounters with the Republican presidential nominee.

With eight women accusing Trump of unwanted kissing, groping or more, the New York businessman maintained his innocence and his denunciation of opponent Hillary Clinton and an international media conspiracy aimed at denying him the White House.

"100 percent fabricated and made-up charges, pushed strongly by the media and the Clinton Campaign, may poison the minds of the American Voter. FIX!" Trump tweeted on Saturday morning.

Clinton maintained a relatively low profile as Trump spoke, but more hacked emails from WikiLeaks raised anew questions about her private versus public pronouncements. Those released Friday showed her campaign had asked former President Bill Clinton to cancel a speech at an investment firm last year because of concerns that the Clintons

might appear to be too cozy with Wall Street just as she was about to announce her candidacy.

Such revelations were no match for the sordid new accusations against Trump. Summer Zervos, a former contestant from Trump's NBC show "The Apprentice," said the series' star became sexually aggressive at a Beverly Hills hotel in 2007. He kissed her open-mouthed and touched her breasts in a private room, she said during a news conference.

Late Friday night, the Trump campaign released a statement in which a cousin of Zervos said he was "shocked and bewildered" by her account. John Barry, of Mission Viejo, Calif., said Zervos "wishes she could still be on reality TV, and in an effort to get that back, she's saying all of these negative things about Mr. Trump."

In a story published online Friday, Kristin Anderson told The Washington Post that she was sitting on a couch with friends at a New York nightclub in the early 1990s when a hand reached up her skirt and touched her through her underwear. She said she pushed the hand away, turned around and recognized Trump as the man who had groped her.

Trump called his accusers liars and "sick" women seeking fame or money. During a rally in North Carolina, Trump dismissed one of them by saying, "She would not



RINO H.W. CHU/AP

Summer Zervos, right, a former contestant on Donald Trump's NBC show "The Apprentice," listens alongside her attorney, Gloria Allred, during a news conference in Los Angeles on Friday.

be my first choice, that I can tell you."

In alleging a widespread conspiracy, Trump assailed The New York Times, in particular, noting its connection to Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim, a major shareholder in the media company. Spokesman Arturo Elias Ayub later said Slim doesn't know Trump at all "and is not the least bit interested in his personal life."

In remarks at a fundraiser Friday, Hillary Clinton spoke of a

need for national healing. "I take no satisfaction in seeing what Trump does and says because it hurts — it hurts me and it hurts our country," she said.

Polls suggest Trump has fallen further behind Clinton nationally and in most battleground states. Early in-person voting is underway in 20 states, including Ohio, where President Barack Obama rallied against Trump a day after first lady Michelle Obama declared in a passionate speech, "Enough is enough."

Conditions believed ripe for problems at the polls

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — New identification requirements. Unfamiliar or distant polling places. Names missing from the voter rolls. Those are just some of the challenges that could disrupt voting across the country through Election Day.

While most elections have their share of glitches, experts worry conditions are ripe this year for trouble at the nation's polling places.

This is the first presidential election year without a key enforcement provision of the federal Voting Rights Act, and 14 states have enacted new registration or voting restrictions. Adding to the uncertainty is a call by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump for supporters to monitor the polls for voter fraud, and concerns by the federal government that hackers could try to disrupt the voting process.

All this has civil rights advocates on guard.

"There is going to be a lot going on in this election that we are going to have to watch out for," said Penda Hair, a civil rights lawyer who represented the North Carolina Civil Rights Project to overturn that state's voter ID law.

With no national standards for voting, rules vary widely across states and even counties.

Voting experts and civil rights groups are encouraging voters to do their research before heading to the polls. That includes checking to ensure they are registered and finding their voting location, as well as understanding their rights if they face any problems.

"People should not leave without casting a ballot," said Wendy Weiser, head of the democracy program at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University's School of Law. "If you are an eligible voter, you should be able to have your vote counted no matter what anyone is saying."

Adding to the potential for confusion are new voter ID laws in nine states, as well as reduced hours for early voting and changes to polling locations in some states.

Also, some 33 states have accepted an offer from the federal government to check their voter databases and reporting systems for vulnerabilities after hackers attempted to breach systems in two states over the summer.

Trump's warning that the election might be rigged, along with his call for supporters to monitor polling places, has alarmed some advocacy groups, which say such comments threaten to undermine voter confidence in the election.

"We are deeply concerned about the chilling effect this call might have on the electorate and minority voters, in particular," said Kristen Clarke, president of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "And we are concerned about the disruption this will cause for election workers."

Emails show concern over Bill Clinton speech

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton's campaign asked former President Bill Clinton to cancel a speech to a Wall Street investment firm last year because of concerns that the Clintons might appear to be too cozy with Wall Street just as the former secretary of state was about to announce her White House bid, newly released emails show.

Clinton aides say in hacked emails released Friday by the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks that Hillary Clinton did not want her husband to cancel the speech, but after a "cool down period" was eventually convinced that canceling was the right step.

Campaign manager Robby Mook said he realized canceling the Clinton speech would disappoint both Clintons, but "it's a very consequential unforged error and could plague us in stories for months."

The Clintons' paid speeches have been an issue throughout the campaign, particularly Hillary Clinton's private speeches to Wall Street firms. Hillary Clinton

earned about \$1.5 million in speaking fees before launching her presidential campaign, while Bill Clinton reaped more than \$5 million from banking, tech and other corporate interests, according to financial documents filed by Hillary Clinton.

The campaign has never released transcripts of Hillary Clinton's speeches, but the hacked emails did reveal excerpts flagged by her advisers as potentially concerning. In the excerpts, Clinton talked about dreaming of "open trade and open borders" in the Western Hemisphere. She also said politicians sometimes need to have "both a public and a private position" on issues.

Bill Clinton was scheduled to speak to Morgan Stanley executives in April 2015, a few days after his wife was set to launch her bid for president.

"That's being out of a bad roll-out," Mook wrote in a March 11, 2015, email.

In a later email, Mook said he feels "very strongly that doing the speech is a mistake," with serious potential consequences for Hillary Clinton's campaign. "People would (rightfully) ask



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton takes a photograph with supporters at a campaign office in Seattle on Friday.

how we let it happen."

Hillary Clinton was scheduled to campaign in Iowa, "where caucusgoers have a sharply more negative view of Wall Street than the rest of the electorate," Mook wrote. "Wall Street ranks first for Iowans among a list of institutions that 'take advantage of every day Americans,' scoring twice as high

as the general election electorate. ... This is a very big deal in my view."

Clinton's longtime aide, Huma Abedin, assured Mook the next day that Clinton was fine with canceling the speech, especially if Bill Clinton agreed. The candidate "just needed a cool down period," Abedin wrote.

NATION

3 Kansas militia men charged in bomb plot

By ERIC TUCKER
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Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Three members of a Kansas militia group are accused of plotting to bomb an apartment complex that's home to Somali immigrants in the western Kansas meatepacking town of Garden City, a thwarted attack prosecutors say was planned for the day after the November election.

A complaint unsealed Friday charges Curtis Wayne Allen, 49; Patrick Eugene Stein, 47; and Gavin Wayne Wright, 49, with conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction. The men are members of a small militia group that calls itself "the Crusaders," and whose members espouse sovereign citizen, anti-government, anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant extremist beliefs, according to the complaint.

Prosecutors said the men don't yet have attorneys. Publicly listed phone numbers for the men couldn't immediately be found. Their first court appearance is Monday.

The arrests were the culmination of an eight-month FBI investigation that took agents "deep into a hidden culture of hatred and violence," according to U.S. Attorney Tom Beall said.

The complaint alleges group members chose the target based on their hatred for Muslims, people of Somali descent and immigrants — and out of a desire to inspire other militia groups and "wake people up."

The FBI began a domestic terrorism investigation of the group in February, and a confidential source attended its meetings in southwestern Kansas.

In a June meeting, Stein brought up the Orlando nightclub shooting and proposed carrying out a similar attack against Mus-

lim refugees in Garden City, according to the complaint. They ultimately decided to target the apartment complex because of the number of Somalis who lived there and the fact that one of the apartments was used as a mosque. The complex houses about 120 Somali residents, Beall said.

The complaint said Stein discussed the explosives used in the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City by Timothy McVeigh.

The men, who were arrested in Liberal on Friday morning, performed surveillance of the apartment building and prepared a manifesto, Beall said.

If convicted, the men could be sentenced to up to life in federal prison without parole.

Dr. John Birky, who's helping to create a clinic and working with refugees on a language program, said some local residents fear the refugees, mistakenly associating

them with militants in Somalia.

"People do express more of a general sentiment of, 'Why are we letting these refugees in here? Why are we? They're taking our jobs, plus they're Muslim,'" he said.

Birky said between 300 and 500 Somali refugees live in the area. The state Department for Children and Families said that of the 906 refugees who arrived in Kansas from October 2014 through January 2016, 68 were from Somalia, or 7.5 percent.

The case is the latest involving militia groups in the state. Earlier this year, a planned armed protest outside a Wichita mosque prompted the Islamic Society of Wichita to cancel an appearance by a speaker whom protesters believed supported terrorism.

The Justice Department's National Security Division created a new position a year ago to help coordinate investigations into violent homegrown extremism.

Lawsuit by Newtown families dismissed

By DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A judge on Friday dismissed a wrongful-death lawsuit by Newtown families against the maker of the rifle used in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting massacre, citing an embattled federal law that shields gun manufacturers from most lawsuits over criminal use of their products.

State Superior Court Judge Barbara Bellis granted a motion by Remington Arms to strike the lawsuit by the families of nine children and adults killed and a teacher who survived the Dec. 14, 2012, school attack, in which a gunman killed 20 first-graders and six educators with a Bushmaster AR-15-style rifle made by Remington.

The families were seeking to hold Remington accountable for

selling what their lawyers called a semi-automatic rifle that is too dangerous for the public because it was designed as a military killing machine. Their lawyer vowed an immediate appeal of Friday's ruling.

The judge agreed with attorneys for Madison, N.C.-based Remington that the lawsuit should be dismissed under the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which was passed by Congress in 2005 and shields gun makers from liability when their firearms are used in crimes.

"While the families are obviously disappointed with the judge's decision, this is not the end of the fight," said Joshua Koskoff, a lawyer for the families. "We will appeal this decision immediately and continue our work to help prevent the next Sandy Hook from happening."



AL. GRIILLO/AP

A man drives an ATV past caribou antlers on one of the dirt roads in Barrow, Alaska, in 2005. Residents of Barrow, the nation's northernmost community, have voted to change the name of their city back to its traditional Inupiat name of Utqiagvik.

Alaska town OKs name change

By RACHEL D'ORO
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Residents in the nation's northernmost community have voted to change the name of the Alaska town to its traditional Inupiat Eskimo name.

A slight majority of voters in the largely Inupiat city of Barrow approved efforts to change the community's name to Utqiagvik (pronounced 'oot-GHAR-vik') in their local election Oct. 4. The vote was tight, with 381 in favor of the name change and 375 against it.

"Basically, it reinforces the cultural identity of the people," said Mayor Bob Harcharek, who is not Native. He noted that early day missionaries set up schools in the area where students were forbidden to speak in their native language and were punished if they did so. "It caused some social-psychological problems."

Barrow City Council member Qiyaaan Harcharek, the mayor's

son, introduced a local ordinance in August that began the process ratified by voters. The younger Harcharek is Inupiat in his mother's side.

Barrow's vote follows a high profile name change in Alaska. Last year, the Obama administration decided to bestow the traditional Alaska Native name to North America's tallest mountain, from Mount McKinley to Denali, an Athabaskan word meaning "the high one."

Among those unhappy with the Barrow change is William Phillips, a non-Native local married to an Inupiat woman. Phillips, who voted against the change, owns the Barrow Souvenirs and Gifts shop and is a 22-year resident of the town located more than 700 miles north of Anchorage.

"I think it's stupid," he said Friday. "I don't understand how it got passed."

Phillips believes the name change will come with enormous

cost to the city to make a slew of changes reflecting the new name. It also will be a huge inconvenience to residents who will now have to change passports, drivers' licenses and other documents.

The town was named in 1826 for Sir John Barrow, 2nd Secretary of the British Admiralty, according to the state's community database and other sources.

It's not immediately clear what the city's new Inupiat name means.

Some say it means "a place where snow owls are hunted" while others say it essentially means a place for gathering potatoes, even though potatoes are not native to the area. With the name change, the town also is seeking state approval to change its stop signs to the Inupiat word: "Ntutqagin," the mayor said. If necessary, the English word "Stop" also will be added, but it will be much smaller than the Native word on the red octagonal sign.

Hate crime charges filed in attack on Sikh man

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Calif. — Prosecutors in the San Francisco Bay Area have filed hate crime charges against two men accused of attacking a Sikh man by removing his turban and cutting a fistful of hair with a pocket knife last month, officials said.

Authorities said Maan Singh Khalsa's religion mandates that he not cut his hair. Observant Sikh men often cover their heads with turbans — which are considered sacred — and refrain from shaving their beards.

About 30 faith-based and advocacy groups sent a letter to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office Thursday calling for hate crime charges in

the attack. Chase Little, 31, and Colton Leblanc, 24, have been charged with felony assault and hate crimes.

Authorities said Khalsa, 41, was at a Richmond intersection on Sept. 25 when a man in a truck threw a beer can at his car. At an intersection farther up the road, the assailants got out of the truck and assaulted Khalsa through his open car window, knocking off his Sikh turban and hitting his face repeatedly, according to the Sikh Coalition, which has been advocating on his behalf.

They pulled his head out of the window and cut a fistful of his hair with a knife. Khalsa sustained injuries to his fingers, hands, eye and teeth, the coalition said.

NATION

Self-driving cars could be boon for motorcycles

BY KYLE STOCK
Bloomberg

Self-driving technology promises to pretty much transform the auto industry as we know it. It also could change the business of selling motorcycles — but in a very different way.

It all comes down to safety, according to Karl Viktor Schaller, head of development at BMW Motorrad. When robots are at the wheel, far fewer bikers will be on the road, which won't be lost on all those people who pine for a motorcycle but have always been too scared to buy one.

It would mean a dramatic enhancement in safety for the motorbike," Schaller said. "And it would guarantee a wider user group."

The math is as straightforward as it is compelling. Consider a left turn on an American road: A vehicle turning across a lane of opposing traffic has little to do with the bike rider, but is one of the most dangerous things in motorcycling. When motorcyclists die on the road, this is how it happens one out of five times, according to crash statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration.

This year, about 1,000 riders in the U.S. will lose their lives to the left turns of others. Cars traveling in the same direction as the motorcycle often don't notice the bike overtaking on the left. Cars making a turn while coming from the opposite direction either fail to see the oncoming bike, or misjudge its speed.

Robot cars, in theory, won't make either of these mistakes. At first, they will be able to "see" the motorcycle with sensors or radar and either alert the driver or actively prevent the vehicle from cutting off the bike.

But that's just the beginning. Eventually, motorcycles will "talk" to all of the other vehicles on the road, constantly reminding them where they are, where they are heading, and at what speed. "We can use that to build an electronic safety cage around a motorbike," Schaller said.

Once every aspiring biker realizes that the driver next to him isn't an existential threat, sales will climb in some places. Xavier Mosquet, a senior partner at Boston Consulting Group, said the bike boost will be most pro-



BARBARA DAVIDSON, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

A motorcyclist prepares to ride in April in Cave Junction, Ore. Self-driving cars are expected to make U.S. roads safer for motorcyclists, which in turn is expected to spur an increase in motorcycle sales.

nounced in markets such as the U.S., where people ride for fun, and in China and India, where many choose motorbikes because they are relatively inexpensive transportation.

Conversely, in such places as Europe, where motorcycles are often the best way to avoid traffic, self-driving cars may actually dent sales, according to Mosquet. If all goes as planned, there will be fewer tie-ups or accidents, less rubbernecking, and thus less to be gained by jumping on a bike and splitting lanes of standstill traffic.

"I think it's going to depend on the motivation and the location," Mosquet said.

Nevertheless, for motorcycles and the companies that make them, self-driving cars can't come soon enough.

Fatalities for U.S. drivers have surged in the past 18 months: Last year, traffic deaths in the U.S. climbed by 7.2 percent, the largest uptick since 1966. Fatalities were up by a further 10.4 percent in the first half of this year. NHTSA chief Mark Rosekind called the increase in driving deaths "an immediate crisis."

A disproportionate number of these fatalities are motorcycle riders, as revealed by one shocking statistic: While bikers account for less than 1 percent of vehicle miles traveled in the U.S., motorcyclists suffered 14.2 percent of all traffic deaths in 2015.

The biggest problem is that Americans are driving more, thanks to a bullish labor market and cheap gas. But even on a per-mile basis, the death rates are alarming. NHTSA said the culprit is an influx of younger drivers, who are both inexperienced and more inclined to be reckless.

Probe: Reprisal after worker refused to inflate repair costs

BY WILSON RING
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — An employee of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was punished by his supervisor for refusing to inflate damage estimates at a Vermont fish hatchery as it was being assessed for repairs after flooding from Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, a federal investigation has found.

The supervisor at the White River National Fish Hatchery, in Bethel, prevented the employee from being assigned to work details he wanted and kept him from being selected for positions he applied for after he refused to go along with his supervisor's orders, a report by the Office of Inspector General of the Department of the Interior found.

The investigation, completed July 28 and released to The Associated Press after a Freedom of Information Act request, found the supervisor attempted to increase the hatchery's storm damage estimate by adding about \$6 million in capital improvements to the initial \$5 million in repair estimates for damage caused by the storm. It also found the employee tried to stop the supervisor, expressing his concern about those claims to numerous people.

"We also found evidence that the employee experienced negative job-related actions after his involvement in the estimate and that his supervisor had influence over some of these actions," a summary of the report said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service manager denied the employee's four requests for details and rejected requests for four positions to which he applied.

"This sequence of events creates the appearance of reprisal," the report said.

The report released to the AP removed the names of the people involved.

Terri Edwards, spokeswoman for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Northeast Region, said they are still reviewing the case and no personnel decisions would be made until that review is complete.

"However, I can say that we do not tolerate reprisal, and we take allegations of reprisal very seriously," Edwards said.

She said that after any storm or similar event, there are internal deliberations to estimate damage costs.

"In this case, the final estimates were an accurate reflection of the damages," Edwards said.

Before Tropical Storm Irene, the hatchery was used to produce hundreds of thousands of different species of trout and salmon every year for stocking across the Northeast.

The 2011 flooding heavily damaged part of the hatchery, with floodwaters inundating many of the outdoor tanks. The hatchery then was closed.

With final damage estimates pegged at about \$5.5 million, Edwards said the repairs were made for \$2.3 million, finding savings



TOBY TALBOT/AP

Hatchery manager Ken Gillette checks the holding pools at the White River National Fish Hatchery in Bethel, Vt., in 2013. A federal inquiry found evidence of reprisal at the hatchery over disputed costs of repairs after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

in using their own equipment and labor to complete much of the work.

The report did not say what prompted the investigation into the allegations of reprisal, which began in December.

It further said that among the items improperly listed for repair was \$5 million to replace an "infiltration gallery," a leach field beneath a riverbed. But that system was not in operation prior to the storm.

Strike looms as Jim Beam workers reject contract offer

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Another round of voting has had the same result in a labor dispute for the company behind Jim Beam whiskey, as workers at two Kentucky distilleries rejected a contract offer Friday with a strike looming.

The vote by union workers at Beam Distilleries in Clermont and Boston came hours before the existing contract was set to expire for the world's largest bourbon producer.

United Food and Commercial Workers union official Tommy Ballard said Friday evening that workers rejected the revised contract proposal by a wide margin. He declined to say what changes the company made to the offer or what terms prompted employees to turn it down.

The company did not immediately respond to the latest vote. The classic American whiskey brand is owned by Suntory Holdings Ltd., a Japanese beverage company.

The current contract ran through Friday.

WORLD



A man loads a truck Saturday with the footwear of victims of a stampede on a crowded bridge on the outskirts of Varanasi, India.

Stampede ahead of Hindu ceremony in India kills at least 24

Associated Press

LUCKNOW, India — At least 24 people were killed and 20 injured in a stampede that occurred Saturday as they were crossing a crowded bridge to reach the venue of a Hindu religious ceremony in northern India, police said.

The stampede happened on the outskirts of Varanasi, a city in Uttar Pradesh state known for its temples.

Organizers were expecting 3,000 devotees at the ceremony, but more than 70,000 thronged the ashram of a local Hindu leader on the banks of the Ganges River, said police officer S.K. Bhagat.

“We were not prepared for such a large crowd,” Raj Bahadur, a spokesman for the organizers, told The Associated Press.

The stampede occurred as police started turning back people from the overcrowded bridge, the Press Trust of India news agency cited Bahadur as saying. That triggered a rumor among the devotees that the bridge had collapsed, and they started running for safety, he said.

Nineteen people were killed on the spot and five others succumbed to their injuries at a hospital, said police officer Diljit Chaudhary. Four of the 20 injured people were

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Raj Bahadur
spokesman for the ceremony’s organizers

still in serious condition at the hospital, he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was deeply saddened by the tragedy. “I have spoken to officials and asked them to ensure all possible help to those affected,” he tweeted.

Deadly stampedes are fairly common during Indian religious festivals, where large crowds gather in small areas with few safety or crowd control measures. In October 2013, a stampede in Madhya Pradesh state in central India killed more than 110 people, mostly women and children.

Global deal reached to limit greenhouse gases

By BRADLEY KLAPPER AND IGNATIUS SSIUNA
Associated Press

KIGALI, Rwanda — Nearly 200 nations have reached a deal, announced Saturday morning after all-night negotiations, to limit the use of greenhouse gases far more powerful than carbon dioxide, in a major effort to fight climate change.

The talks on hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs, were called the first test of global will since the historic Paris Agreement to cut carbon emissions was reached last year. HFCs are described as the world’s fastest-growing climate pollutant and are used in air conditioners and refrigerators. Experts say cutting them is the fastest way to reduce global warming.

The new agreement, unlike the broader Paris one, is legally binding. It caps and reduces the use of HFCs in a gradual process beginning by 2019 with action by developed countries, including the United States, the world’s second-worst polluter. More than 100 developing countries, including China, the world’s top carbon emitter, will start taking action by 2024, when HFC consumption levels should peak.

A small group of countries including India, Pakistan and some Gulf states pushed for and secured a later start in 2028, saying their economies need more time to grow. That’s three years earlier than India, the world’s third-worst polluter, had first proposed.

“It’s a very historic moment, and we are all very delighted that we have come to this point where we can reach a consensus and agree to most of the issues that were on the table,” said India’s chief delegate, Ajay Narayan Jha, who is secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Environmental groups had hoped that the deal could reduce global warming by a half-degree

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Celsius by the end of this century. This agreement gets about 90 percent of the way there, said Durwood Zaelke, president of the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development.

“Zaelke’s group said this is the “largest temperature reduction ever achieved by a single agreement.”

The new agreement is “equal to stopping the entire world’s fossil-fuel CO2 emissions for more than two years,” David Doniger, climate and clean air program director with the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a statement.

Experts said they hope market forces will help speed up the limits agreed to in the deal.

HFCs were introduced in the 1980s as a substitute for ozone-depleting gases. But their danger has grown as air conditioner and refrigerator sales have soared in emerging economies like China and India. HFCs are also found in inhalers and insulating foams.

Major economies have debated how quickly to phase out HFCs. The United States, whose delegation was led by Secretary of State John Kerry, and Western countries want quick action. Nations such as India want to give their industries more time to adjust.

“Thank God we got to this agreement that is good for all nations, that takes into consideration all regional and national issues,” said Taha Mohamed Zatar, the head of Saudi Arabia’s negotiating team.

Small island states and many African countries had pushed for

early time frames, saying they face the biggest threat from climate change.

“It may not be entirely what the islands wanted, but it is a good deal,” said Jonathan Tulk, the minister-in-assistance to the president of the Marshall Islands, said in a statement. “We all know we must go further, and we will go further.”

The U.N. says the next meeting in 2017 will determine how much of the billions of dollars needed to finance the reduction of HFCs will be provided by countries.

HFCs are less plentiful than carbon dioxide, but Kerry said last month that they currently emit as much pollution as 300 coal-fired power plants each year. That amount will rise significantly over the coming decades as air-conditioning units and refrigerators reach hundreds of millions of new people.

HFCs don’t harm the ozone layer like chlorofluorocarbons and similar gases that were eliminated under the 1987 Montreal Protocol. The entire world ratified that agreement, helping to repair holes in the ozone that helps shield the planet from the harmful rays of the sun. The aim of this meeting was to attach an amendment to that treaty dealing specifically with HFCs.

“This is about much more than the ozone layer and HFCs. It is a clear statement by all world leaders that the green transformation started in Paris is irreversible and unstoppable,” Erik Solheim, executive director of the U.N. Environment Program, said in a statement.

American aid worker kidnapped in Niger

By BABA AHMED
Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali — Gunmen stormed the house of a longtime American aid worker in Niger, killing two people before fleeing with the man toward the border with Mali, authorities said Saturday.

It is believed to be the first time an American citizen has been abducted in the vast Sahel region, where al-Qaida and criminal gangs have long targeted French nationals and other Europeans for kidnappings and demanded mil-

lions of dollars for their release.

“We are aware of reports of the kidnapping of a U.S. citizen in Niger,” a State Department official said after the abduction late Friday. “The U.S. Department of State has no higher priority than the safety and security of U.S. citizens overseas.”

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, though al-Qaida-linked militants have abducted foreigners in Niger and brought them to northern Mali before.

Gov. Doucoure Maïga, governor of Mali’s Menaka region bordering Niger, said authorities there

were alerted to be on the lookout for a white vehicle.

The abduction took place in Abalak, in the Tahoua region of Niger. About a week ago, 22 people were killed in a refugee camp some 155 miles away.

A number of foreigners remain hostage in the Sahel region, including a Swiss woman and a British doctor. British diplomat national, both seized in separate attacks in Timbuktu, Mali. In Burkina Faso, an Australian doctor and a Romanian man are being held captive.

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OPINION

Dylan as Nobel laureate not so strange

A Los Angeles Times editorial

Pop songs as literature? Bob Dylan as a Nobel laureate? It's this world coming to?

But it's not so strange. The permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy, which awarded Dylan the Nobel Prize for Literature on Thursday, compared him to Homer and Sappho, and it's a fact that great literature has its roots in lyrics that were set to music and transmitted from town to town and from generation to generation by a succession of minstrels, troubadours, cantors and choirs. And then records, radio and streaming services.

Most ancient lyrics, like most pop songs today, were almost certainly forgettable. But some were psalms. Some continue to be sung. In recognizing Dylan, the academy is rightly recognizing the literary pedigree, power and potential of the lyric that is set to music.

It is also reminding us that pop culture is more than just reality shows and celebrity scandal, even if that culture currently steeping us in a low-brow presidential campaign that offers intellectual engagement on the level of a Kardashain tweet or "Mob Wives." Or "The Apprentice." Dylan demonstrates that pop can be art, yet remain pop. It can have broad appeal to a mass radio audience of adolescents and young adults and still have something to reveal to



JOHN SHEARER/Courtesy of Columbia Records

Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature on Thursday.

those same people in their later years, and to the generations that come after them.

He turned centuries-old ballads like "Lord Randall" into searing social prophetic-style commentaries like "A Hard Rain's a-Gonna Fall," and did it in a way that made 13-year-olds listening on transistor radios and college professors listening on stereo consoles think differently

and seek deeper understanding. That's what literature does.

Dylan's lyrics predicted and then described the civil rights and anti-war movements, but they seem uncomfortably current. He wrote of more personal things like the break-up of relationships and his shifting religious identity. The best of those lines are timeless.

Is Dylan the best pop lyricist ever? Is he more poetically introspective than Joni Mitchell, more vital than Tupac Shakur, more lyrically intelligent than, say, Cole Porter? If you take away the simple tune and leave yourself with just the lyrics of "Mr. Tambourine Man" (the full version, not the shortened one made famous by the Byrds), does Dylan reach the literary level of Walt Whitman? Is it any less right or fair to separate song lyrics from music than it is to separate Shakespeare scripts from the stage?

These are questions for the 18 members of the Swedish Academy, and they answered it Thursday to their own satisfaction. That's usually the end of the inquiry. But in recognizing someone who writes and sings pop music, the academy is in effect turning what is too often a rarefied and elitist discussion of literature over to the populace. That makes those questions fair game for anyone with a few minutes to spare and an open and inquiring ear.

Islamic State has reasons to retreat in Iraq

By NOAH FELDMAN
 Bloomberg View

There's no need to believe the Russian propaganda that says the U.S. agreed to let 9,000 Islamic State fighters flee Mosul to go fight President Bashar Assad in Syria. But the story "reported" Wednesday by Russia Today (on the basis of a single anonymous source) does capture a strategic truth in the run-up to the attack on the Islamic State-controlled city. The fighters have good reason to flee — and the Iraqis and the U.S. have good reason to let them.

The battle to retake Mosul has been a long time coming. Islamic State occupied the city in June 2014, without encountering much in the way of Iraqi military resistance. Mosul was the biggest and most important city to fall into the hands of the self-proclaimed caliphate. Before the Islamic State group arrived, it had a population of roughly 2 million, making it Iraq's third-most-populous city. (Since then, at least half have fled or been expelled or killed, including essentially all the ethnic and religious minorities such as Kurds, Turkmen, Assyrian Christians and Yazidis.)

With Mosul, the Islamic State group controlled a significant portion of Iraq. The Baghdad government couldn't allow that indefinitely without appearing to give up on functioning as a sovereign state.

Yet Baghdad took its time. First, it had to retake Ramadi, which didn't fall until February. That required the use of Shiite militias backed by Iran, which Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi ideally doesn't want to repeat.

Abadi has been worried about the political cost of a failed assault by Iraqi regular troops. And the U.S., which will have to support the attack from the air and with advisers on the ground, hasn't wanted to press the timing too hard. There's little political advantage to be gained from a major conflict in Iraq during the election season. And there's plenty to lose if the attack fails. The U.S. Nevertheless, the first deployments

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of Iraqi troops near Mosul began in the spring. A slow encirclement has been proceeding again. And a full-on push is now assumed by all to be imminent.

That leads to the \$64,000 question: To what extent will the Islamic State group stand and fight? No one doubts that there will be some resistance, and the Pentagon says the defense includes trenches and booby traps.

But as long ago as July, the Iraqi defense minister claimed militant leaders and fighters were leaving the city. This report probably had some truth to it. Recent reports from inside the city say that most non-Arab and foreign fighters have left.

The logic of tactical retreat is strong for the Islamic State group. Its ideological predecessors in the Iraqi Sunni insurgency stood and fought the U.S. in the second battle of Fallujah in 2004 — and were resoundingly defeated, at significant cost in manpower. Perhaps 1,500 insurgents were killed, and another 1,500 captured.

The lesson for the Islamic State group is not to fight an unwinnable battle. Instead, the best strategy is to act like a classic insurgent force: offer only token resistance at the advance of regular troops, and return if and when the Iraqis seem like they can't defend or control Mosul. It's far from certain that the Iraqi state can effectively govern Mosul or control potential ethnic conflict.

There's some cost for the caliphate in giving up territory, simply because its legitimacy has derived from controlling so much of it. But because the Islamic State group still controls plenty of territory in

Syria, that's a cost it can probably bear.

As for the Iraqis and the Americans, they'd like nothing better than to take Mosul without firing a shot, the way the Islamic State group did in 2014. No one is likely to open the fire if the Iraqi army will operate under fire. Its word isn't very impressive. U.S. airstrikes inevitably will kill civilians and will devastate the city's infrastructure, which will make rebuilding harder, which in turn will make it harder for the Iraqi government to establish control.

Also, no one knows exactly how many fighters are in the city. One Kurdish estimate from September put the number at 20,000. That sounds high, but U.S. estimates of 3,000 to 4,500 may be optimistically low.

So if Islamic State fighters want to leave Mosul now, it's in Iraqi and U.S. interests to let them go. Killing militants as they retreat toward the Syrian border might backfire by forcing Islamic State to stay and fight in Mosul.

This brings us back to the Russian fantasy that the fighters will be allowed to go to Syria to fight Assad — and his Russian allies.

The U.S. and Iraq have, of course, no interest in seeing an Islamic State offensive against Assad. The Obama administration is not going to ally itself with the Islamic State group, the ideological source of terror attacks on the home front and in Europe.

But there is a certain zero-sum effect to the movement of Islamic State troops. In practical terms, any fighters who are able to make it to Syria in fact will strengthen the Islamic State group against its opponents, including Assad.

In the long run, the answer for the U.S. is to reduce the caliphate's geographic footprint. Retaking Mosul will be part of that process. But victory over the Islamic State group ultimately will require solving the question of Syria. And that remains a bridge too far for U.S. policy, even though Russian President Vladimir Putin has a very clear idea of the result he wants.

OPINION

Clinton is a threat to religious liberty

By MARC A. THIESSEN
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In a speech not long before she launched her 2016 presidential campaign, Hillary Clinton made a stunning declaration of war on religious Americans. Speaking to the 2015 Women in the World Summit, Clinton declared that “deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed.”

Religious beliefs have to be changed? This is perhaps the most radical statement against religious liberty ever uttered by someone seeking the presidency. It is also deeply revealing. Clinton believes that, as president, it is her job not to respect the views of religious conservatives but to force them to change their beliefs and bend to her radical agenda favoring taxpayer-funded abortion on demand.

This is the context in which we must read a recently released trove of emails — which, according to WikiLeaks, come from the accounts of Clinton staff — showing the rampant anti-Catholic bigotry that permeates Clinton World.

In a 2012 email that WikiLeaks says was sent to John Podesta, now chairman of the Clinton campaign, Voices for Progress President Sandy Newman writes that “there needs to be a Catholic Spring, in which Catholics themselves demand the end of a middle ages dictatorship and the beginning of a little democracy and respect for gender equality in the Catholic church” and proposed that the Clinton team “plant the seeds of the revolution” to change Catholic teaching. Podesta replies, “We created Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good to organize for a moment like this. ... Likewise Catholics United.” He adds, “I’ll discuss with Tara. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend is the best person to consult.”

Other members of the Clinton’s inner circle created front groups to foment a “Catholic



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Democrat Hillary Clinton called for changes to “deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases” during a 2015 speech.

Spring” — because, as their dear leader had announced, “deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed.”

That’s not all. In another email exchange with the subject line “Conservative Catholicism,” Clinton Communications Director Jennifer Palmieri and Podesta co-author John Halpin appear to mock Catholics and evangelical Christians for their “backwards” views. Halpin ridicules Fox News chairman Rupert Murdoch for raising his kids Catholic, declaring “Priggin’ Murdoch baptized his kids in Jordan where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. Many of the most powerful elements of the conservative movement are all Catholic (many converts)

from the SC and think tanks to the media and social groups. It’s an amazing bastardization of the faith. They must be attracted to the systematic thought and severely backwards gender relations and must be totally unaware of Christian democracy.”

Palmieri responds that Catholicism “is the most socially acceptable politically conservative religion. Their rich friends wouldn’t understand if they became evangelicals.” “Excellent point,” Halpin responds, adding that “they can throw around ‘Thomistic’ thought and ‘subsidiarity’ and sound sophisticated because no one knows what the hell they’re talking about.” Podesta is included on both emails.

The hostility to people of faith here is simply breathtaking. Apparently when Clinton aides speak in private, their basket of “deplorable” includes faithful Catholics and evangelicals who believe in the sanctity of human life. If they had made such comments about any other group, they would be politically excommunicated.

Yet the mainstream media has, for the most part, ignored these revelations of anti-religious bias. After Donald Trump’s disgusting comments about women were leaked, his vice-presidential running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, was besegged with questions of whether he would leave the ticket. Has anyone asked Clinton’s running mate, Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., who professes to be a faithful Catholic, whether he will quit the ticket over this? Does he agree that Catholics are “backwards,” that the Catholic Church is a “middle ages dictatorship” and that it is the job of politicians to foment a “Catholic Spring”? Does he agree that Democrats should be creating front groups to launch a “revolution” against the bishops? Does he share Clinton’s belief that the “religious views” of American Catholics “have to be changed”? He should be forced to answer.

Imagine what might happen if people with these kinds of bigoted views gain the

levers of power. Trump’s behavior toward women is appalling, but the republic has survived with sexual miscreants in the Oval Office (see Clinton, William Jefferson and Kennedy, John Fitzgerald). If Clinton is elected, she could be the most consequential president in history in terms of reshaping the nation’s highest court. She will immediately get to pick a Supreme Court justice to replace the late Antonin Scalia. And if other justices retire — such as Ruth Bader Ginsburg (83), Anthony Kennedy (80) and Stephen Breyer (78) — she could select as many as four new justices. Does anyone imagine that Clinton and her team will pick justices who respect religious liberty? Not a chance.

Speaking at the American Enterprise Institute’s annual dinner, Professor Robert George pointed out that our Founding Fathers were a mixed lot when it came to religion, they all understood the importance of religious freedom. That is why, he said, “our Bill of Rights begins with the words ‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; that get that principle ... before we ever get to ‘or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people to assemble peaceably [and] to petition the government for redress of grievances.’” They knew that religious liberty was essential to “dignity of the person,” he added.

Clinton’s campaign emails have thus put the stakes of this election in sharp relief not only for Americans of faith but also for all those who care about human dignity. Clinton’s presidency would be a threat to the religious freedom of all Americans. Let’s see if all those on the left who have complained about bigotry this election season call out Clinton and her team — or give her a pass.

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A society without hard currency is just a fantasy

By ELAINE OU
Bloomberg View

It’s fun to imagine a world without cash.

Liberated from the burden of physical currency, consumers could make purchases from the convenience of a mobile device. Every transaction would come equipped with fraud protection, reward points and a digital record of its time and location. Comprehensive tracking could help the IRS reclaim billions of tax dollars. In the New Yorker, and by the \$80 I made selling a used refrigerator on Craigslist. Drug dealers, helpless without an anonymous medium of exchange, would acquire wholesome professions. El Chapo might become a claims adjuster.

Such is the utopia recently described by Nathan Heller in the New Yorker and by a former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund, Kenneth Rogoff, in a new book, “The Curse of Cash.” But this universe is missing one of the fundamental aspects of human civilization. A world without cash is a world without money. Money is the new ether, like air. It doesn’t matter if a banknote was lost or stolen at some point in the past. Money is current; that’s why it’s called currency! A bank deposit, however, grants custody of money to the bank. An account balance is not actually money, but a claim on money. This is an important distinction, like claim is only as good as its enforceability, and

A cashless economy violates the basic laws under which currency has operated since before the Industrial Revolution. The question is whether it’s worth giving up a fundamental freedom to clear the way for an experimental policy designated to place a tax on currency.

in a cashless society every transaction must pass through a financial gatekeeper. Banks, being private institutions, have the right to refuse transactions at their discretion. We can’t expect every payment to be given due process.

This means that politically unpopular organizations could easily be deprived of economic access. Past attempts to curb money laundering have already inadvertently cut off financial services for legitimate individuals, businesses, and charities. The removal of paper currency would undoubtedly leave similar collateral damage.

The crime-fighting case against cash is overstated. Last year, a risk assessment of money laundering and terrorist financing conducted by the U.K. government found that regulated institutions such as banks (like HSBC) and accountancy service providers (like the Panamanian tax-shelter specialist Mossack Fonseca) posed the highest risk of facilitating the illicit storage or movement of funds. Cash came in a close third, but if we’re going to cite unlaw-

ful transactions as a rationale for banning cash, it only makes sense to ban banks and accounting firms first.

The one benefit of replacing cash with claims on cash is that a claim can be discounted, canceled or seized. That doesn’t sound beneficial to most people but is attractive to a contingent that wants to send interest rates into negative territory.

As Rogoff explains, negative-interest-rate policy is an important tool for central banks to restore macroeconomic stability. During times of slow economic growth, a lower cost of borrowing gives companies an incentive to invest and consumers to spend. Physical currency gets in the way of negative-interest-rate policy because people who don’t want to accrue negative interest can simply store their cash in a safe. By confining the national currency to regulated account holdings, the government can impose a tax on savings in the name of monetary policy.

Now if there’s one thing the population

is good at, it’s tax avoidance. That’s a good part of why we’re having this conversation in the first place. If interest rates fall too far below zero, it’s possible that citizens would avoid the currency tax by finding an alternative form of cash. Drug traffickers certainly would. Money has been repeatedly reinvented throughout history, as shells, cigarettes and cryptographic code. Humans are resourceful.

Rogoff acknowledges this risk, and states that the removal of paper money will only be effective “provided the government is vigilant about playing Whac-a-mole as alternative transaction media come into being.” This sounds a lot like a policy employed in 13th-century China, where the use of gold or silver as a medium of exchange was punishable by death. Such is not the hallmark of a free society, but neither is the abolition of cash.

A cashless economy violates the basic laws under which currency has operated since before the Industrial Revolution. The question is whether it’s worth giving up a fundamental freedom to clear the way for an experimental policy designed to place a tax on currency. Money may be a shared illusion, but cash abolitionists are in a hallucination all their own.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

'Nipple bill' before judge again

NH LACONIA — A New Hampshire judge once again is facing a case against women ticketed for going topless at a town beach, a case that led to a Facebook spat among legislators about a bill that would make it a misdemeanor for women to expose their nipples in public.

Three women supporting the Free the Nipple Movement were cited by police for being topless at Weirs Beach in Laconia over Memorial Day weekend. The Laconia Sun reported the women filed a motion this month to dismiss the charges.

Police say they violated an ordinance that prohibits women from going topless. The women said their constitutional rights were violated. A court hearing was scheduled Friday. The judge dismissed a similar case last year.

Researchers: Tiny T. rex arms appear useless

IL CHICAGO — It turns out The Field Museum's T. rex Sue didn't use those tiny arms very much.

At least that's the initial conclusion from a detailed look at the fossil's right forelimb at the Argonne National Laboratory outside Chicago. Researchers there used a scan to generate a 3-D image of the arm bones down to the cellular level.

Final results will take months or years.

Pete Makovicky is associate curator of dinosaurs at the Chicago museum. He said Thursday there "aren't many signs of stress on the bones that would indicate frequent use."

Precisely why T. rex had forelimbs is one of the enduring mysteries of dinosaur paleontology.

Cops: School bus driver flashes gun in road rage

PA PHILADELPHIA State police say a school bus driver and a motorist were arrested following a case of road rage in which police say the bus driver flashed a gun when the motorist tried to board the bus in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported the motorist pulled over on Interstate 676 Thursday afternoon to confront the bus driver, who he said was tailgating.

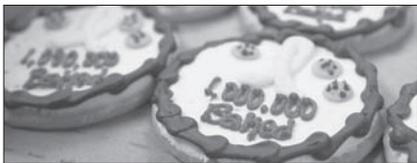
State police said the motorist then tried to board the bus, prompting the bus driver to flash a handgun.

Police say there were no children aboard the bus at the time. State police are reviewing security footage from the bus.

Smoker using oxygen dies in house fire

MO JOPLIN — Authorities say a 71-year-old woman who was smoking while using oxygen to help her breathe has died in a southwest Missouri house fire.

The Joplin Globe reported that firefighters responded to the fire Wednesday morning. Fire Chief



THE CENSUS

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The number of cookies baked and sent to U.S. troops deployed overseas by bakers at a church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Each month, the Iowa Cookie Crumbs at Emanuel Lutheran Church sends homemade cookie shipments to troops all over the world.

The group, which was started by Abbie Crawford and 15 friends nearly a decade ago, achieved the milestone Tuesday with a shipment of nearly 13,000 cookies.



DARRELL SAPP, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE/AP

Grim Reaper offers safety message

Brandy Warner, of Squirrel Hill, was using her cellphone for directions Monday when she was detained by the "Grim Reaper" at the corner of 6th Avenue and Grant Street in Pittsburgh Pa. The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership and other groups are trying to "scare" pedestrians off their cellphones by having actors dressed as the Grim Reaper and zombies urging people to look up from their cellphones while they're walking downtown.

James Furgerson said Sandra Johnson was found on the living room floor and died at the scene. He said she had mobility issues. No one else was home at the time of the fire.

Firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control in about 15 minutes. The department said the house sustained moderate heat and smoke damage.

Keeping deer as pets is frowned upon

NY SPRINGS — A New York man is accused of numerous housing and code violations and illegally keeping a deer as a pet in his Long Island yard.

East Hampton Town police were called Wednesday after receiving a call of possible overcrowding at the Springs home.

Police said Angel Otavalo had illegally converted the basement into seven bedrooms. They charged him with failing to have a certificate of occupancy for various rooms, failing to have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and construction without a permit.

They also charged him with unlawful possession of wildlife.

Major mall closing on Thanksgiving Day

PA GREENSBURG — One of western Pennsylvania's largest indoor shopping malls is closing on Thanksgiving Day.

The Westmoreland Mall said on its website that it is closing so shoppers and employees can spend time "with family and friends and come fresh and excited to spend Black Friday with us."

The mall in Hempfield Township, about 30 miles east of Pittsburgh along U.S. Route 30, is home to anchors such as J.C. Penney Co., Bon Ton, and Macy's, and scores of smaller shops.

The letter on the website from CBL & Associates Properties, which owns the mall, says, "Over the last few years, we've watched as the magic of Black Friday has been diminished by an earlier start to the holiday shopping season... Well, not this year." The mall will reopen at 6 a.m. Nov. 25.

FBI: Bank robbery was an inside job

NM RED RIVER — A New Mexico bank employee and her cousin have

been arrested after authorities concluded that a robbery was an inside job.

A FBI agent's affidavit says investigators reviewed video showing Jennifer Marissa Miera didn't bother to read the holdup note allegedly presented her by Troy Montoya during the Thursday robbery of a People's Bank in Red River.

The affidavit also says investigators found incriminating items at Miera's home and that the defendants made admissions.

A third person also is charged in the case. Shawn Michael Goodrum Jr. is accused of knowing about the robbery but concealing it so he could blackmail Miera to get some of the loot.

The defendants appeared in court Wednesday. From wire reports

ENTERTAINMENT

Committed

Sarah Jessica Parker wedded to new comedy, 'Divorce'

By FRAZIER MOORE
Associated Press

In August 2010, a Time magazine cover story touting singles life displayed Sarah Jessica Parker and her three "Sex and the City" co-stars with the headline: "Who Needs a Husband?"

That question could apply, in spades, to Parker's new HBO comedy, a piercingly honest yet droll exploration of a marriage on the rocks titled, brazenly, "Divorce."

"Divorce" returns Parker to series TV in a role that will inevitably be judged against her "Sex and the City" portrayal as self-described "sexual anthropologist" Carrie Bradshaw.

But, odds are, only fleetingly. "Divorce" reintroduces the actress as Frances, a suburban wife and mother gazing into the bathroom mirror in the series' first scene as if to wish away encroaching signs of age, whereupon husband Robert (co-star Thomas Haden Church) interrupts to beef about how Frances hogs the bathroom. Then, his back turned to exit, Frances, fuming, flips him a bird. With that fed-up move, Parker leaves Carrie Bradshaw far behind.

"I just improvised that," says Parker, looking pleased. "I'm so glad they used it!"

But make no mistake, very little about "Divorce" wasn't carefully thought out, if you believe Parker. She says she and producing partner Allison Benson spent four years crafting the show's concept, which features a supporting cast including Molly Shannon, Talia Balsam and Tracy Letts. It all adds up to a project Parker was, well, married to — and not as an acting showcase for herself, at first, she had no plans to appear in it. What made it so important to her?

"A lot of people I knew were at a very interesting point in their relationship," she explains. "It's a reckoning of where we are, versus where we thought we would be, with people contemplating affairs, having affairs, surviving affairs or with marriages destroyed. I knew women who came out of divorces feeling triumphant, and others who felt it wasn't at all like they thought the liberation would be."

True. Parker, 51, has famously been wed for two decades to actor Matthew Broderick.

"But even if you're not experiencing it, divorce is swirling around us all," she says. "I felt strongly that this story should be told because it's so many people's story."

Frances and Robert are a middle-aged, middle-class couple with two children living in New York's Westchester County. Their marriage is sputtering yet stuck in place. Then a seismic event thrusts divorce into the picture.

Fortunately for the audience, if not for this couple, there's no easy or quick resolution in sight, despite the series' seemingly self-limiting,

blunt title. Divorce for Frances and Robert, as for others in their social circle, can inflict itself as a protracted condition.

This would be a good time to mention that "Divorce," while weighty, isn't Bergmanesque, nor is it "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" With sufficient frequency, the prism of "Divorce" refracts its raw, all-too-familiar truths into well-earned laughs. ("I am divorcing you," Frances tells Robert in desperation. "I just got to get the kids to school first.")

"I watch S.J.," says her co-star Church ("Sideways," "Spider-Man 3"), "and she's so brilliant in her nuance and navigation of the dramatic and the comedic."

"Comedy and drama, I don't prepare for them any different," says Church. "I just want to make it as believable as possible, with always a sense of unknowing for the character. 'What the

(heck) is going to happen next?' Just trying to keep it all honest. But hidden."

Parker describes this marriage as one of "bitterness and resentment wrapped up in their very being. Frances brings divorce up by saying, 'I want to save my life while I still care about it.' That's it! That's the reason the show exists."

Clearly, this is not the fraught yet frothy world of a single girl loose in pre-9/11 New York City. Frances, with 20 years of marriage under her belt, is older, sadder, wiser.

Was Parker's decision to claim as her own the Frances role a way to purge herself of her Carrie Bradshaw past?

"I don't WANT to be done with that association," she says. "I loved it! But I'm an actor. I always was, and now my job is to share who Frances is with the audience."

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Sarah Jessica Parker stars in the HBO TV series "Divorce," premiering Oct. 15 on AFN-Spectrum.

HBO/AP

MUSIC

NEW ALBUMS

Billy Bragg and Joe Henry

Shine a Light: Field Recordings from the Great American Railroad (Cooking Vinyl)

It might seem paradoxical for a politically outspoken singer-songwriter like Billy Bragg to ride off during a divisive, restive time on both sides of the Atlantic. But he wasn't hiding out: The English musician with a roots-folk-punk persuasion literally hit the rails with American musical partner-in-crime Joe Henry, and returned from a roughly 2,700-mile train journey from Chicago to Los Angeles with the album, "Shine a Light: Field Recordings from the Great American Railroad." The musicians rode the Texas Eagle and the Sunset Limited and recorded on

them, as well as in train stations and one hotel room along the way. They emerged with a baker's dozen of rambling, raggedly exquisite rail-inspired songs.

Standouts include the up-tempo "Rock Island Line" and "John Henry," and Bragg delivers the lead on a gem, "Waiting for a Train." The song was adapted by Jimmie Rodgers, a country music forerunner who lived in the same San Antonio hotel where Bragg and Henry recorded it. Rodgers adapted it from a British ballad called "Standing on a Platform." That apparently suits Bragg, who sweetly sings — and even yodels — on what sounds like an authentic, early 20th-century field recording.

The 21st-century troubadours travel

light here, with only guitars, a bit of harmonica and the ambient sounds of birds and trains. But the spare arrangements are enriched by their harmonizing, a fine blend they should bring to future projects.

Henry and Bragg — the latter worked with Wilco on writing music for a cache of Woody Guthrie lyrics — say in the liner notes that this was no nostalgia trip. They were playing musical ground in an effort to understand "just who we have become and why."

This collection indeed shines a light and breathes new life into old songs that roll over on — sometimes loosely but never off the rails.

— Jeff Kurob
Associated Press



Rick Astley

50 (BMG)

No, you're not being Rick-rolled. He's back.

Rick Astley, the soulful English pop star with the bouffant hair who sang "Never Gonna Give You Up" in the 1980s, has resurfaced with a new album that's fun, modern and surprisingly strong. Turns out, the joke is on us.

The dozen songs on "50"

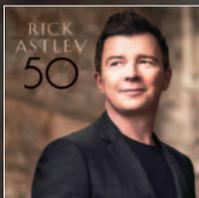
— named, in a sort of Adele hat-tip, to his current age — are pure blue-eyed soul, from the gospel-flavored opening track "Keep Singing" to the John Mayer-esque "Pieces," a guitar-driven populist tune. He also gets honky-tonk, electro-funky and folky. Few artists from the '80s have returned to deliver a new batch of songs with such diversity and strength.

Astley's voice is warm and powerful — so is his bouffant — and he has reason: "50" scored his first U.K. No. 1 in 29 years. In America, it's a natural album for fans browsing the adult contemporary charts, but their kids should swipe it for a spin, too.

Astley wrote and produced

"50" is the eighth studio album by English singer and songwriter Rick Astley. It is Astley's first studio album in more than 10 years.

Courtesy of Shore Fire Media



"50" all alone — and performs all the instruments — proving he's kept up with changes in music while we were wasting time sending each other internet links with his "Never Gonna Give You Up" video.

The album's first single, "Dance" — with its dialogue between God and the devil over a thumping house beat — is Astley at his winking, over-the-top best. It's nice to finally laugh with him after years when he was the butt of the memes.

Maybe the emergence of Sam Smith made it safe for Astley to come back. Whatever it was, welcome back, Rick. You can roll us anytime.

— Mark Kennedy
Associated Press



KT Tunstall

KIN (Caroline Records)

Scottish singer-songwriter KT Tunstall is oozing confidence and musicality on the 11-song CD "KIN," something largely missing from her work since her 2004 multi-platinum album "Eye to the Telescope," with its funky pop grooves like "Black Horse & the Cherry Tree."

The new guitar-driven album is peppered with songs about self-empowerment and self-realization. It's as if a mature Tunstall has emerged from somewhere nasty and is happily blinking in the sunshine. (Maybe relocating to California had something to do with it.)

"There was only blank space/Life lived in negative/I couldn't find my color," she sings on "Turned a Light On."

On "Maybe It's a Good Thing," she confesses: "All this choosing wrong/Is losing ground/Often feeling lost." One song's title seems to sum up her journey: "I Took Me So Long to Get Here, But Here I Am."

"Maybe It's a Good Thing" is the strong, danceable first single, but the upbeat "KIN" shines throughout, from "Two



Way," a fuzzy guitar duet with James Bay, to the sublime "Love Is an Ocean" and the mournful, mature title track.

Embracing her rock-pop gifts, Tunstall seems at peace — and we're the beneficiaries. It might have taken her long to get here, but "KIN" shows it was worth it. A lost soul has returned.

— Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

Van Morrison

Keep Me Singing (Caroline Records)

When Van Morrison's fiercest critic likes his work, it's easy to tell. There's an audible murmur of approval, and it comes from the man himself.

It's the sound Morrison makes when he's into the music. He does it a few bars into "Let It Rhyme," the opener to "Keep Me Singing" — an early hint that this might be his best album since "The Healing Game" nearly two decades ago.

With playful references to past lyrics, nods to heroes like Sam Cooke and Chet Baker, and heartfelt singing throughout, Morrison harkens back to the gentle, wistful spirit that made him Hollywood's go-to guy for movie soundtracks.

He's in a better mood than on other recent albums, and it's easy to imagine songs like "Every Time I See a River," written with lyricist Don Black, or "In Tiburón," a name-dropping homage to the San Francisco Bay, playing as credits roll.

Morrison, who just turned 71, has penned good songs in recent years, but no album has approached the bursts of sustained



brilliance that established him as one of the world's great songwriters. And this one doesn't soar to the heights of "Moondance," "Astral Weeks" or "Into the Music."

But an older, less audacious Morrison can still soothe the soul when he is into the music — and he won't be the only one murmuring his approval this time.

— Scott Stroud
Associated Press

MUSIC

Green Day

Revolution Radio (Reprise Records)

After Green Day's stunning success with 2004's "American Idiot" — still the most important rock album of this century — the band started walking a narrowing tightrope.

Singer-guitarist Billie Joe Armstrong felt that the band needed to continue addressing political issues while still crafting catchy pop-leaning punk with ever-increasing stakes. But following the stress of the near-simultaneous release of three albums, "iUno!," "iDosi!," "iTré!," in 2012, it all came crashing down. Armstrong entered rehab, and Green Day went on hiatus, staying out of the spotlight for years aside from getting inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last year.

The band's new album, "Revolution Radio," was done essentially in secret and, for the first time since 2000's "Warning," has no overarching theme. But the freedom to write whatever they want seems to have energized Armstrong, bassist Mike Dirnt and drummer Tre Cool to deliver plenty of great songs on a wide range of topics.

The stunning single "Bang Bang" disguises the demented view of a social media-obsessed mass shooter



wannabe in a full-throttle punk rave-up and the super-sweet backing vocals of Dirnt and Cool. "I wanna be a celebrity martyr, the leading man in my own private drama," Armstrong sings, before adding, "Bang bang, give me fame, shoot me up to entertain."

Even more potent is "Still Breathing," where Armstrong declares "I'm still alive" over the peepiest pop punk we've heard from Green Day in years. "I'm like a soldier coming home for the first time," he sings, genuinely sincere-free. "I dodged a bullet and I walked across a land mine."

"Revolution Radio" is definitely more wistful than its predecessors, whether nostalgically recalling a troubled youth in the chiming "Outlaws" or celebrating Armstrong's wife in the jangling singalong "Youngblood." It's a testament to the artistic power of Green Day that its comeback album is so accomplished and anything but tentative.

— Glenn Gamboa/Newsday



Green Day, from left, Mike Dirnt, Billie Joe Armstrong and Tre Cool.

Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records

BOOKS

GETTING IT RIGHT

Naya Rivera shares why timing is everything in book 'Sorry Not Sorry'

By ALICIA RANCILLO
Associated Press

Naya Rivera writes about a number of personal subjects in her new book, "Sorry Not Sorry," but says one of the hardest was the death of her "Glee" co-star Cory Monteith, who died of a drug overdose in 2013.

"The Cory chapter really choked me up. I had (co-star) Kevin (McHale) come over and help me edit, and we both had our moment," Rivera said in a recent interview.

For fans of "Glee," which aired 2009-2015, "Sorry Not Sorry: Dreams, Mistakes, and Growing Up" is definitely worth a read to revisit the show's success from an insider's perspective. Rivera, 29, shares how the cast

dated, partied and basically had the ups and downs of 20-somethings who spend a lot of time together.

She also shares her story of starting in showbiz at a young age, relationship drama and finally getting it right with her now-husband, actor Ryan Dorsey.

Rivera talks about opening up, her love of writing and passing on her love of books to her 1-year-old son, Josey.



The Associated Press: When it was announced that you were writing a book, it was billed like you were going to "go there" and not hold back on things in your life. Is that what happened?

Rivera: It was my intention to not hold back, but the way that I saw the media portray it was 'Oh, it's a slam book,' but that's not at all what it is.

What was your intention?

I talk about my passion for writing in the book. If I wasn't acting in some way, shape or form, I would be writing music, screenplays or books. I'm very bookish. I love reading.

Is there anything you wanted to clear up in the book?

A few years ago, it was a tumultuous year. (Rivera dated and quickly became engaged to rapper Big Sean. They broke up a few months later and took some of their disagreements public in social media and, for Big Sean, his music.)

Those were things that I definitely wanted to be able to clear up on my own.

You also write about how you dated your husband prior to Big Sean and got back together with him after that breakup and married a few months later. The media portrayed that as a rebound of sorts. Was it important for you to share your version of events?

I consulted with my husband on it all along the way... I was like, 'Listen, to me, this is something so funny that nobody knows our history... Do you mind if I include this in the book?' He was supportive.

From "Glee" to reuniting with Dorsey, it seems like a big takeaway from your book is the importance of timing.

Everything in life is timing. I've grown up in this industry and there were a lot of projects that I really wanted and I would cry over and not understand why I didn't get them; had I gotten any one of those projects, I wouldn't have gotten and been on 'Glee.' That was a game changer in my life.

Naya Rivera addresses her breakups and events surrounding "Glee" co-stars Mark Salling, Cory Monteith and Lea Michele in her new book, "Sorry Not Sorry: Dreams, Mistakes, and Growing Up."

TAYLOR JEWELL, INVISION/AP

Moving 'Commonwealth' explores post-divorce families

By MIKE FISCHER
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

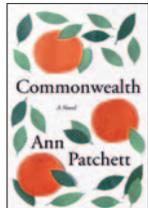
"Commonwealth," Ann Patchett's moving, beautifully crafted novel, begins with the sort of set piece that often looms large in stories including divorce as well as marriage: A booze-soaked party and all it does to lower inhibitions.

This one, taking place outside Los Angeles in the mid-1960s, is occasioned by a christening, but no matter: Before it's done, a young lawyer named Bert Cousins is kissing Beverly Keating, mother of the newly baptized Franny and wife to Francis (Fix) Keating, a cop.

By the time we reach the second of the book's nine chapters, we're looking back on that day from a half century later, during which Bert and Beverly moved to Bert's native Virginia, leaving Fix and Bert's wife, Teresa, high and dry — while bringing the two Keating offspring and four Cousins offspring together for portions of each year.

"The most remarkable thing" about these six joined children, Patchett tells us,

is that "they did not hate one another, nor did they possess one shred of tribal loyalty. ... The six children held in common one overarching principle that cast their potential dislike for one another down to the bottom of the minor leagues: They disliked the choice (mostly bad) that we've made. For Patchett, in "Commonwealth" as in so many of her novels, the grand theme is fate, with all the ways it circumscribes the choices (usually disappointing) we even have. This explains her focus on the offspring, none of whom had a say regarding the circumstances throwing them together.



Even that will change over time; as these six kids grow older, they learn the humility that comes with experience and find a corresponding ability to forgive what they'd once judged.

One of the six won't make it to adulthood; one more of the six, Caroline, turns out about as one might have expected. None of the others do, as with their parents, life plays tricks with their expectations, for better or worse. As Fix rightly

says at one point, "there's no protecting anyone... keeping people safe is a story we tell ourselves."

Patchett's dramatic forward and backward shifts in time and among her characters, coupled with her frequently elegiac tone, recall Jennifer Egan's "A Visit from the Goon Squad" (2010).

But Egan's great subject was how time alters our sense of the choices (mostly bad) that we've made. For Patchett, in "Commonwealth" as in so many of her novels, the grand theme is fate, with all the ways it circumscribes the choices (usually disappointing) we even have. This explains her focus on the offspring, none of whom had a say regarding the circumstances throwing them together.

In keeping with this view that we're never quite the free-willed agents we think we are, Patchett presents most of her characters from the outside; even when her third-person narrator gives us access to their inner thoughts, what we're usually overhearing is a chronicle of what's already happened to them.

Hence we watch them gradually accept the past that has made them who they are,

rather than imagining they might ever forge a different future. In this commonwealth, characters harboring the illusion that they can choose their future learn that "all the things they'd wanted and worked for had cemented the impossibility of any sort of happiness."

Or as the jilted Teresa says to herself at one point, life often plays us "a series of losses. It was other things too, better things, but the losses were as solid and dependable as the earth itself."

In a world where life is more endured than actively shaped, how we tell the story of the past — and what it says about the way we inhabit the present — matters a great deal.

"Commonwealth" spends a lot of time thinking about such stories — including who gets to tell them, how they help us cope, and what they say about the way we see ourselves and the world.

It's in the realm of story, Patchett suggests, that we can assert control over our lives; it's through story that we make sense of who we are by choosing what we'll remember. They hold us together. They're the commonwealth we share.

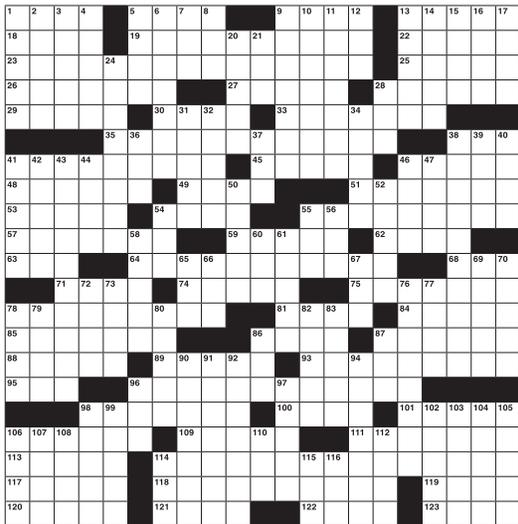
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 - 118 Menace in "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"
 - 119 Other than that
 - 120 "This I Promise You" band, 2000
 - 121 Added details
 - 122 Divisions of office bldgs.
 - 123 Whole bunch
- DOWN**
- 1 Hug
 - 2 University in Beaumont, Tex.
 - 3 Old Olds
 - 4 Law-office staffers, informally
 - 5 "Look!" to Livy
 - 6 Spanish nobleman
 - 7 Cry at a card table
 - 8 W.W. II org.
 - 9 Stuck through
 - 10 Specious reasoning
 - 11 University in Garden City, Long Island
 - 12 "___ out!" (ump's cry)
 - 13 Frank who was called the "Electric Don Quixote"
 - 14 Mountain nymph
 - 15 Politico Paul
 - 16 Billiards need
 - 17 Till compartment
 - 20 Smaller piece
 - 21 Canine command
 - 24 Freezer items
 - 28 Darn, e.g.
 - 31 Radii partners
 - 32 Saw
 - 34 Part of an ignition system
 - 36 Timecard feature: Abbr.
 - 37 Philosophical lead-in to -ism
 - 38 Money in Oregon state coffers?
 - 39 A ___ apple
 - 40 Cool, in old slang
 - 41 Company near the start of the telephone book listings
 - 42 Relatives
 - 43 French bachelor?
 - 44 "Goodness!"
 - 46 Spade holder
 - 47 It might start "Attm."
 - 50 Gets back (to), in a way
 - 52 Kattis's love in "The Hunger Games"
 - 54 Morning ___
 - 55 D.O.J. figures
 - 56 Serengeti roamer
 - 58 Slim beachwear
 - 60 ___ genres
 - 61 Cara of "Fame"
 - 65 Eye: Sp.
 - 66 Part of a boot
 - 67 Prefix with -therm
 - 69 River spanned by the Pont Neuf
 - 70 Member of the genus Viperia
 - 72 Magazine founder Eric
 - 73 Members of la familia
 - 76 Own, so to speak
 - 77 Redbox offerings
 - 78 Be in harmony
 - 79 Serengeti roamer
 - 80 Country music's Colter
 - 82 "Truly"
 - 83 Daughter of Tantalus
 - 86 Cold War land: Abbr.
 - 87 Mediterranean land: Abbr.
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 - 91 Son of Sir Lancelot
 - 92 Large sea snails
 - 94 Bit of attire for Roy Rogers
 - 96 Forum greeting
 - 97 Quick signature: Abbr.
 - 98 Rule
 - 99 San Diego State athlete
 - 102 Coasters, e.g.
 - 103 Online shoppers' destination
 - 104 Sip
 - 105 Slightly off
 - 106 Football Hall-of-Famer Turkenton
 - 107 Cold War side
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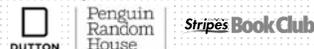
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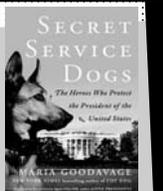
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GADGETS & CHARTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Greg's one of those guys, he's (an artist) at the top of everyone's wish list. He and Scott have done probably my favorite DC (Comics) runs of the last 20 years, probably since 'Kingdom Come,'" Millar said of "Batman," and he told Capullo that when he had time, he would like to work together. Because I was a fan, I kind of didn't want 'Batman' to end. But



IMAGE COMICS-MILLARWORLD
The Washington Post

the other side of my brain was like, 'Wouldn't it be lovely to (work) with Greg Capullo?'

Capullo easily agreed to a collaboration, knowing Millar's penchant for creating comic-book worlds that make it to the movie screen ("Wanted," "Kick-Ass," "Kick-Ass 2," "Kingsman: The Secret Service"). "I never even bothered to ask what the story was about before agreeing to team up," Capullo joked.

"When drawing 'Batman,'" Capullo had to adhere to approved designs and color schemes, whereas in "Reborn," he and Millar are the authority on all things visual.

"There's a great joy in creating your own universe. It's yours," Capullo said. "No one can tell you if it's right or wrong, only if they like it or not. It's like being a little kid."

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

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

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

— David Betancourt
The Washington Post

GADGET WATCH

Bright idea: Light socket charges devices

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

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

With any lamp that uses a standard-sized lightbulb, screw in the LampChamp and screw the lightbulb into the LampChamp. The USB port will always be powered for charging your devices; lightbulbs up to 60W can be used. The Lamp Champ is great for any room at home, in dorms or even a great travel accessory for road warriors.

Online: olenstechnology.com; \$19.99 each or \$29.99 for a 2-pack

Pelican describes itself as a company that creates the toughest and most dependable products on the market. I've used a ridiculous amount of their storage cases, and I can tell you what they say is absolutely true.

Now they have added a line of Traveler Series Tumblers in 22- and 32-ounce sizes. Each is made with an ergonomic high-polished steel base and is auto- and boat cup holder-friendly. The steel is 18/8 BPA-free stainless, which keeps cold drinks cold and hot drinks hot.

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

Online: Pelican.com; \$20.61 for the 22-ounce cup and \$36.11 for 32-ounce cup, both available in multiple colors.

The Accell Powramid might look big and bulky for a power strip, but it's actually a space saver. The rounded base (5.75 inches round and 3.5 inches high) has six grounded AC outlet ports, spaced apart and angled to allow it to be adapter friendly for bulky power supplies.

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

A six-foot grounded power cord is attached allowing the base to be positioned where needed. For safety, the Powramid is designed with



TNS photos

The USB Lamp Socket Charger turns any lamp into a USB charging station for multiple electronic devices.

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Online: accellables.com; \$34.99 in choices of black or white



The Accell Powramid Power Center and Surge Protector is ideal for wherever you need a bunch of outlets.

ITUNES MUSIC

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

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

— Compiled by AP

SPOTIFY MUSIC

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

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

— Compiled by AP

ITUNES MOVIES

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

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

— Compiled by AP

VIDEO GAMES

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

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

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APPS

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

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

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Wells Fargo feels scandal aftershocks

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's going to get worse for Wells Fargo before it gets better.

In the wake of the biggest scandal in the bank's 164-year history, distrustful customers are not opening as many checking accounts or applying for credit cards, and branch visits and meetings between customers and bankers are down, too.

Wells Fargo has also been hit with lawsuits from customers, employees and shareholders. There are calls from politicians for fraud charges against the bank. Wells Fargo almost surely faces settlements and fines beyond the \$185 million it will pay regulators.

Or, as Wells Fargo executives put it to Wall Street analysts, the bank's legal expenses are likely to be "lumpy."

Wells Fargo executives, including newly appointed CEO T. Sloan, are having trouble quantifying what the long-term effect

on the bottom line will be.

Investors expect Wells Fargo to walk away from this crisis mostly intact, but it's apparent the bank's recovery will be arduous.

For now, "our immediate priority is restoring trust in Wells Fargo," Sloan said in a conference call with investors Friday.

The San Francisco-based bank is engulfed in a crisis that started in mid-September when it reached a settlement over allegations its employees opened up to 2 million bank and credit card accounts without customers' authorization in order to meet sales goals.

Under pressure from politicians and investors, CEO John Stumpf abruptly retired on Wednesday.

On Friday, Wells Fargo reported third-quarter earnings of \$5.6 billion, down from \$5.8 billion a year earlier. That is not a good measure of the effects of the scandal, which didn't break until the quarter was nearly over.

But at Wells Fargo's 6,000 U.S. branches, there are signs customers are backing away, even though

the bank says it clamped down on the abuses over a year ago.

Wells Fargo reported a drop in what it calls banker and teller "interactions" in September from both a year ago and from August. Also, consumer checking account openings dropped 25 percent in September from a year earlier and 30 percent from August. Consumer applications for Wells Fargo credit cards also fell sharply in September.

In addition, referrals for mortgages from its retail branches were down 24 percent from August. Wells Fargo is the nation's biggest mortgage lender.

What all of this could mean for Wells Fargo's balance sheet is difficult to quantify.

"We are beginning to try to calculate whether there will be a trend at all," Wells Fargo CFO John Shrewsbury said. "The income implications for us, if at all, are down the road."

To help recover from the scandal, Wells Fargo has announced a series of changes in how it deals

with customers. Every customer will get an email after an account is opened to confirm the person opened it, and electronic signatures will be required on all new checking, savings and credit card account applications.

The bank is also eliminating sales goals for its employees and announced a new "mystery shopper" program in which people will go undercover as customers to make sure employees are doing their jobs right.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 17)	\$1.1308
Dollar buys (Oct. 17)	€0.8843
British pound (Oct. 17)	\$1.25
Japanese yen (Oct. 17)	101.00
South Korean won (Oct. 17)	1,103.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3768
British pound	\$1.2186
Canada (Dollar)	1.3125
China (Yuan)	6.7284
Denmark (Krone)	6.7754
Egypt (Pound)	8.8226
Euro	\$1.0983/9,105
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7582
Hungary (Forint)	278.50
Israel (Sheqel)	8.1811
Japan (Yen)	104.18
Kuwait (Dinar)	3.3027
Norway (Krone)	8.2187
Philippines (Peso)	48.39
Poland (Zloty)	3.92
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7514
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3899
South Korea (Won)	1,134.94
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9900
Thailand (Baht)	35.35
Turkey (New Lira)	3,0858

MARKET WATCH

Oct. 14, 2016

Dow Jones Industrials **39.44**
18,138.38

Nasdaq composite **0.83**
5,214.16

Standard & Poor's 500 **0.43**
2,132.98

Russell 2000 **-3.34**
1,212.41

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.50
90-day T-bill	0.46
3-month bill	0.36
6-month bill	0.29
1-year bill	0.26
2-year bill	0.26
3-year bill	0.26
5-year bill	0.26
10-year bill	0.26
30-year bond	2.46

WEATHER OUTLOOK

SUNDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



SUNDAY IN EUROPE



MONDAY IN THE PACIFIC



Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	81/61	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	76/61	City	Louisville	85/63	Pcldy	Pocatello	57/47	Rain	Sioux City	79/50	City
Ablene, Texas	89/67	Cd	Cheyenne	74/46	Pcldy	Fresno	72/62	City	Lubbock	92/59	Pcldy	Portland, Maine	65/39	Pcldy	Sioux Falls	76/47	City	
Akron, Ohio	75/59	City	Chicago	73/64	City	Goodland	90/47	City	Macoon	84/57	Pcldy	Portland, Ore.	58/54	Rain	South Bend	73/62	Rain	
Albany, N.Y.	69/44	City	Cincinnati	89/60	Pcldy	Grand Junction	68/58	City	Madison	72/60	City	Providence	68/43	City	Spokane	55/43	Rain	
Albuquerque	81/51	City	Cleveland	76/62	City	Grand Rapids	70/62	City	Medford	57/51	Rain	Pueblo	87/43	City	Springfield, Ill.	83/65	City	
Allentown, Pa.	70/43	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	84/47	City	Great Falls	58/45	City	Memphis	86/65	City	Raleigh-Durham	76/49	City	Springfield, Mo.	84/64	Pcldy	
Amarillo	94/56	City	Columbia, S.C.	78/55	Pcldy	Green Bay	68/58	City	Miami Beach	83/76	Rain	Rapid City	78/46	City	Syracuse	68/50	Rain	
Anchorage	39/25	City	Columbia, Ga.	85/62	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	75/48	City	Midland-Odessa	92/65	City	Roanoke	63/52	Rain	Tallahassee	87/67	City	
Ashville	73/53	Pcldy	Columbus, Ohio	80/60	City	Harrisburg	71/46	City	Milwaukee	70/62	City	Richmond	74/49	Pcldy	Tampa	85/72	City	
Atlanta	80/60	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	68/55	Pcldy	Hartford-Spfd	59/43	City	Missoula	56/42	Rain	Rochester	73/59	Rain	Toledo	75/67	City	
Atlantic City	71/45	City	Corpus Christi	93/74	City	Helena	59/43	City	Missoula	56/42	Rain	Rochester	73/59	Rain	Topeka	85/65	City	
Bakersfield	92/60	City	Dallas-Ft Worth	93/71	Pcldy	Honolulu	74/61	City	Mobile	74/61	City	Rockford	75/63	City	Tulsa	87/69	City	
Baltimore	70/50	Pcldy	Dayton	79/60	City	Houston	90/71	Pcldy	Montgomery	87/65	City	San Francisco	68/61	City	Tulsa	87/69	City	
Baton Rouge	87/67	City	Daytona Beach	83/72	Pcldy	Huntsville	83/61	City	Nashville	84/62	Pcldy	St Louis	85/67	City	Tupelo	85/62	City	
Bilings	68/49	City	Denver	83/50	Pcldy	Indianapolis	80/62	City	New Orleans	84/71	Pcldy	St. Petersburg	83/74	City	Waco	74/58	City	
Birmingham	85/64	City	Des Moines	80/60	City	Jackson, Miss.	88/63	Pcldy	New York City	71/51	Pcldy	St. Thomas	90/78	City	Wilmington, Del.	72/50	City	
Bismarck	71/44	City	Detroit	73/62	Rain	Jacksonville	81/66	City	Newark	72/50	Pcldy	Salem, Ore.	57/53	City	W. Palm Beach	82/77	Rain	
Boise	61/50	City	Duluth	63/60	Pcldy	Juneau	43/32	City	Norfolk, Va.	73/54	Pcldy	Salt Lake City	67/57	City	Wichita	86/65	City	
Boston	68/47	Pcldy	El Paso	90/62	City	Kansas City	84/66	Pcldy	North Platte	84/56	Pcldy	San Antonio	92/66	City	Wichita Falls	90/66	City	
Bridgeport	68/45	Pcldy	Elkins	75/50	Pcldy	Key West	86/78	City	Oklahoma City	87/66	City	San Antonio	90/71	City	Wilkes-Barre	69/45	City	
Brownsville	94/73	City	Erie	72/63	Rain	Knoxville	79/58	City	Omaha	79/57	City	San Diego	71/64	City	Wilmington, Del.	72/47	City	
Buffalo	73/62	Rain	Eugene	57/53	City	Lake Charles	87/71	Pcldy	Orlando	83/71	City	San Francisco	68/61	Rain	Yakima	63/44	City	
Burlington, Vt.	61/50	Rain	Evansville	83/61	City	Lansing	80/62	City	Orlando	83/71	City	San Jose	69/58	City	Youngstown	74/58	City	
Caribou, Maine	59/35	City	Fairbanks	32/11	Pcldy	Las Vegas	86/69	City	Pendleton	68/69	City	Santa Fe	79/44	City				
Casper	69/45	City	Fargo	66/44	City	Lexington	81/62	Pcldy	Peoria	79/64	City	Seattle	58/51	Rain				
Charleston, S.C.	78/59	Pcldy	Flagstaff	68/39	City	Lincoln	79/53	City	Philadelphia	73/68	Pcldy	Savannah	79/61	City				
Charleston, W.Va.	80/56	City	Flint	70/63	Rain	Little Rock	86/64	City	Phoenix	93/67	City	Seattle	58/51	Rain				
Charlotte, N.C.	75/53	Pcldy	Fort Smith	87/67	Pcldy	Los Angeles	71/64	Pcldy	Pittsburgh	75/55	City	Shreveport	89/68	Pcldy				

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NBA/SPORTS BRIEFS

Source: Cavaliers, Smith agree to four-year deal

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James, Kevin Love and the rest of the Cleveland Cavaliers spent the last month lobbying for their friend and teammate J.R. Smith to get rewarded for his role in their championship run last season.

Eleven days before they begin their title defense, Smith finally got the deal he wanted.

The shooting guard announced on Friday night that he has agreed to terms with the Cavs. A person with knowledge of the contract told The Associated Press it's for four years and \$57 million. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the package has not been signed.

"We are extremely happy and proud to say we have agreed to terms to come back to the Cleveland Cavaliers, AKA the champs. AKA my brothers," Smith announced in a video posted on Uninterrupted.com.

The 31-year-old Smith was a major contributor last season when the Cavs rallied in the NBA Finals to beat Golden State. He averaged 12.4 points and shot 40 percent on three-pointers in 77 games, using his shooting and defense to play a crucial role in

helping the Cavs become the first team to overcome a 3-1 deficit in the Finals.

He hit two big three-pointers in Game 7 to help the Cavs come back from an eight-point deficit and deliver Cleveland its first sports championship in more than 50 years.

As important, the wild child has played with a maturity and dependability since teaming up with James that simply wasn't there for much of his career. There have not been the off-court distractions in Cleveland that plagued Smith at other stops, with James calling him "a model citizen" earlier in the preseason.

James didn't hide his eagerness to see the Cavaliers lock Smith up and give him a shooting guard who can stretch the floor and play strong defense. The superstar said two weeks ago that the Cavaliers "just need to get it done."

Smith's deal, which was first reported by ESPN, guarantees him more than \$45 million in the first three years of the deal, the \$15 million per season he was looking for when negotiations opened this summer. If he stays for four seasons, he will get \$37 million.

"It's been a long road. I appreciate everyone sticking with us through this rough patch of time,"

Smith said on the video. "I know the holdout and everything has been long and tedious for everybody. But it's extremely huge for us and we're happy to be a part of the Cleveland family."

The process played out similarly to Tristan Thompson, who is also represented by Klutch Sports, last year. Thompson stuck to his demands all the way until Oct. 22 before agreeing to a five-year, \$82 million contract. The patient approach has become a hallmark of Klutch, led by James' longtime friend Rich Paul and with the contract terms negotiated by Mark Termini.

In 2014, Klutch client Eric Bledsoe went through months of negotiations with the Phoenix Suns before signing a five-year, \$70 million deal in late September that was the largest for a restricted free agent that offseason.

The Cavaliers were playing a preseason game in Chicago on Friday night, though James, Love, Kyrie Irving and most of the team's regulars did not make the trip. Smith will have one preseason game to get back into the swing of things on Tuesday against Washington in Columbus, Ohio. Cleveland opens the regular season at home against the New York Knicks on Oct. 25.



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

A person with direct knowledge of the negotiations says free agent guard J.R. Smith has agreed to a contract offer to return to the defending NBA champion Cavaliers.

Briefly

Sparks rout Lynx to move within game of WNBA title

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Candace Parker watched video of herself in every game the Sparks played against Minnesota this season.

She didn't like what she saw. Parker brought a different mentality into Game 3 of the WNBA Finals, leading an aggressive charge from the opening tip in the Sparks' 92-75 victory Friday night that put the franchise on the brink of its first championship since 2002.

"That was a product of me being non-existent in every game we played Minnesota this year," Parker said.

She scored 24 points, Nneka Ogumike added 21 and the Sparks took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series.

"We've worked too hard to get to this point and just be there," Parker said. "We had a game plan of just going to the basket and being aggressive."

The Sparks can close out the Lynx with a victory in Game 4 on Sunday.

With their former and current league MVPs leading the way, the Sparks dominated inside. Parker and Ogumike helped Los Angeles to a 52-32 advantage in the



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Los Angeles Sparks forward Candace Parker, left, shoots a layup during the first half of Game 3 of the WNBA Finals on Friday in Los Angeles.

paint.

Parker and Ogumike had nine rebounds each, helping the Sparks to a 29-24 edge on the boards.

Kenseth leads at Kansas qualifying

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Joe Gibbs Racing made another big statement in qualifying at Kansas Speedway on Friday.

The dominant Sprint Cup team this season, JGR swept the top three spots for the second race in the round of 12 of the Chase. Matt Kenseth will start on the pole after his lap of 192.089 mph, Kyle Busch will start alongside him and Carl Edwards will start right behind them in third.

Throw in Martin Truex Jr., whose Furniture Row team has an alliance with the Gibbs boys, and there will be quite a Toyota presence leading the field to the green flag Sunday.

Most of the Chase contenders were in the mix in the final round of qualifying. Joey Logano will try to win the Kansas race for the third straight time for the sixth spot, while Denny Hamlin gave JGR another strong qualifying effort with seventh. Brad Keselowski will start eighth. Kevin Harvick will start 11th and Austin Dillon will roll off in 12th.

In other auto racing news: ■ NASCAR is unveiling its newest package for next season, changes designed to reduce downforce and give drivers more control of the race.

Vice president of competition Scott Miller said the package is similar to one Sprint Cup drivers ran at Michigan, just with a rear spoiler that will be reduced in height.

NHL



MARK ZALESKI/AP

Predators goalie Pekka Rinne, left, covers up the puck after a shot by Blackhawks center Artem Anisimov during the third period of Friday's game in Nashville, Tenn. The Predators won 3-2.

Roundup

Power play goals push Nashville past Chicago

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — P.K. Subban gave a glimpse in his regular-season debut of just how valuable he might be to the Nashville Predators.

Not only did the defenseman acquired in the offseason score the first goal of the season, he even arranged the order of the postgame interviews. Subban sent Ryan Johansen with his three assists to speak in front of reporters and TV cameras as followed by defensive partner Roman Josi. The defenseman finally stepped forward last to take questions himself after helping the Predators open the season by beating the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 on Friday night.

"I wanted to get my feet under me, play hard and play physical and just try to do whatever the coaching staff asked me to do," said Subban, who was taken off the ice on a stretcher March 10 and didn't play another game last season.

Mike Fisher redirected Josi's shot late in the second period for the game-winning power-play goal as the Predators got all three goals with the man advantage. Josi had a power-play goal.

Predators goaltender Pekka Rinne stopped a flurry of shots with Chicago on the man advantage over the final 1:46 to preserve the win. He stopped 12 of 13 shots in the third to help Nash-

ville improve to 4-1-1 over its last six season openers.

"It was a great win I mean, and we had to work for it till the end, a full 60 minutes," Rinne said. "I mean it was a great team win and what a great way to start the season and for our fans, too."

Marcus Kruger and Niklas Hjalmarsson scored for Chicago, which has lost its first two games this season playing with six rookies in the lineup.

The Blackhawks have allowed six power-play goals in their first two games.

"Across the board we need to be better," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said. "We need to be better with the puck and the discipline as well. We certainly had some opportunities to generate more."

Chicago won the season series between the Central Division rivals the past two seasons, including a 3-2 edge last season while finishing third in the Western Conference. Nashville finished fourth in the division and seventh in the West before beating Anaheim in seven games and losing to San Jose in another seven-game series.

But the Predators made a big move June 29, swapping captain Shea Weber to Montreal for another All-Star defenseman in Subban, who is known for his flair.

Oilers 5, Flames 3: Connor McDavid had a goal and two assists for his second straight

three-point game to lead visiting Edmonton past Calgary.

Leon Draisaitl had two goals and Jordan Eberle and Mark Letestu also scored to help the Oilers complete a sweep of the teams' season-opening home-and-home series. Cam Talbot finished with 32 saves.

Sean Monahan and Michael Frolk scored for the Flames, who fell to 0-5-1 in their last six home openers. Brian Elliott stopped 24 shots.

After scoring his third goal of the season in the first period, McDavid helped set up Eberle's tying goal in the second and Draisaitl's go-ahead score early in the third.

Flyers 4, Kings 2: Boyd Gordon and Sean Couturier scored 48 seconds apart to kick off Philadelphia's four-goal second period against Los Angeles.

Couturier got two goals, Mark Streit also scored and Michael Neuvirth made 23 saves as the Flyers took a 4-0 lead while winning their season opener for the first time since 2011.

Drew Doughty and Brayden McNabb scored in the home opener for the Kings, whose 50th anniversary season is off to an 0-2 start.

Jeff Zatkoff made his home debut with 26 saves in his first game as the Kings' presumptive starter in the absence of Jonathan Quick. The Vezina Trophy finalist is out for several weeks with a groin injury.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		Metropolitan Division				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	1	1	0	0	4	5
Montreal	1	1	0	0	2	4
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	0	2	4
Florida	1	1	0	0	2	4
Ottawa	1	0	0	1	1	4
Toronto	1	0	0	1	1	4
Detroit	1	0	1	0	0	4
Buffalo	1	0	1	0	0	4

N.Y. Rangers	1	0	0	0	2	5
Philadelphia	1	0	0	0	2	4
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	0	2	4
Carolina	1	0	0	1	1	4
New Jersey	1	0	0	1	1	4
Washington	1	0	1	0	0	3
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	1	0	0	3
Columbus	1	0	1	0	0	3

Western Conference

Central Division		Pacific Division				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	4	8
Dallas	1	1	0	0	2	4
Nashville	1	1	0	0	2	2
Winnipeg	1	0	0	0	0	2
Colorado	1	0	0	0	0	2
Minnesota	1	0	1	0	0	2
Chicago	2	0	2	0	0	4

Edmonton	2	1	0	0	4	12
San Jose	1	1	0	0	2	2
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anaheim	1	0	1	0	0	2
Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	0	2
Calgary	2	0	2	0	0	7
Chicago	2	0	2	0	0	12

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

Friday's games

Nashville 3, Chicago 2
Edmonton 5, Calgary 3
Philadelphia 4, Los Angeles 2

Saturday's games

Detroit at Florida
Boston at Toronto
San Jose at Columbus
Winnipeg at Minnesota
New Jersey at Tampa Bay
Montreal at Ottawa
N.Y. Islanders at Washington
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis
Nashville at Chicago
Dallas at Colorado
Philadelphia at Arizona
Calgary at Vancouver

Sunday's games

Anaheim at N.Y. Islanders
Buffalo at Edmonton
Carolina at Vancouver
Monday's games
Colorado at Pittsburgh
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers
Ottawa at Detroit
Boston at Winnipeg

Friday

Predators 3, Blackhawks 2

Chicago 2 0 0-2
Nashville 1 1 0-3
First Period—1, Chicago, 2, Kruger (Hartman, Hossa), 2:39. 2, Nashville, Subban 1 (Johansen, Forsberg), 7:46. 3, Chicago, Hjalmarsson 1 (Panik, Keith), 9:51. 4, Nashville, Josi 1 (Fisher, Johansen), 16:33.

Second Period—5, Nashville, Fisher 1 (Josi, Johansen), 15:56.

Third Period—None.

Shots on Goal—Chicago 11-10-6-27. Nashville 5-6-13-24.

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0 of 4; Nashville 3 of 6.

Goals—Chicago, Crawford 0-2-0 (27 shots-24 saves). Nashville, Rinne 1-0-0 (24-22).

A—17,256 (17,113), T—2:34.

Oilers 5, Flames 3

Edmonton 2 1 1 3-5
Calgary 2 0 1-3

First Period—1, Calgary, Monahan 1 (Gaudreau, Engelland), 1:22. 2, Edmonton, McDavid 3 (Russell, Eberle), 7:45. 3, Calgary, Frolk 2 (Backlund), 11:38.

Second Period—4, Edmonton, Draisaitl 2 (Draisaitl, McDavid), 5:25.

Third Period—5, Edmonton, Draisaitl 1 (Lucic, McDavid), 1:28. 6, Edmonton, Letestu 1, 6:17. 7, Calgary, Jokipia 1 (Versteeg), 12:16. 8, Edmonton, Draisaitl 2 (Lucic, Nurse), 18:40.

Shots on Goal—Edmonton 24-3-8-35. Calgary 12-10-6-28.

Power-play opportunities—Edmonton 2 of 4; Calgary 0 of 5.

Goals—Edmonton, Talbot 2-0-6 (35 shots-32 saves). Calgary, Elliott 0-2-0 (28-24).

A—19,289 (19,289), T—2:28.

Flyers 4, Kings 2

Philadelphia 0 4 0-4
Los Angeles 0 1 1-2

Second Period—1, Philadelphia, Gordon 1 (Manning, Cousins), 3:55. 2, Philadelphia, Couturier 1 (Konecny, Gostisbeher), 4:42. 3, Philadelphia, Couturier 2 (Voracek, Konecny), 12:04. 4, Philadelphia, Streit 1 (Provoker, Cousins), 18:03.

Los Angeles, Doughty 1 (Kopitar), 18:52.

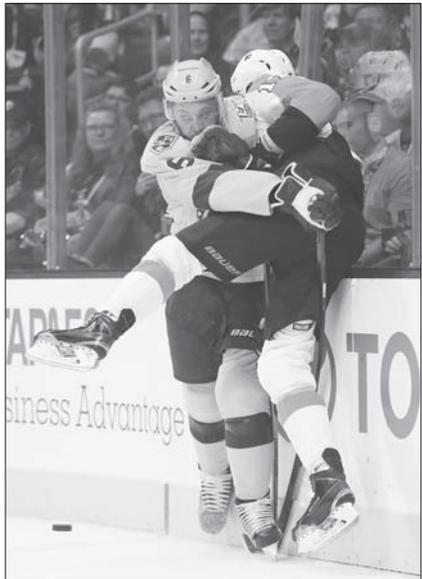
Third Period—6, Los Angeles, McNabb 1 (King, Martinez), 3:01.

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 10-9-6-25. Los Angeles 4-21-5-30.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 2; Los Angeles 0 of 2.

Goals—Philadelphia, Neuvirth 1-0-0 (25 shots-23 saves). Los Angeles, Zatkoff 0-2-0 (30-26).

A—16,453 (18,118), T—2:34.



JAC C. HONG/AP

The Kings' Jake Muzzini, left, checks the Flyers' Wayne Simmonds during the first period of Friday's game in Los Angeles.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Division Series
(Best-of-five)

American League
Toronto 3, Texas 0
Toronto 10, Texas 1
Toronto 5, Texas 3
Toronto 7, Texas 6, 10 innings
Cleveland 3, Boston 0
Cleveland 5, Boston 4
Cleveland 6, Boston 0
Cleveland 4, Boston 3

National League
Chicago 3, San Francisco 1
Chicago 1, San Francisco 0
Chicago 2, San Francisco 2
San Francisco 6, Chicago 5, 13 innings
Chicago 6, San Francisco 5
Los Angeles 3, Washington 2
Los Angeles 4, Washington 3
Washington 5, Los Angeles 2
Washington 8, at Los Angeles 3
Los Angeles 5, Washington 5
Los Angeles 4, Washington 3

League Championship Series
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

American League
Cleveland 1, Toronto 0
Friday: Cleveland 2, Toronto 0
Saturday: at Cleveland
Monday, Oct. 17: at Toronto
Tuesday, Oct. 18: at Toronto
x-Wednesday, Oct. 19: at Toronto
x-Friday, Oct. 21: at Cleveland
x-Saturday, Oct. 22: at Cleveland

National League
Chicago vs. Los Angeles
Saturday: at Chicago
Sunday: at Chicago
Tuesday, Oct. 18: at Los Angeles
Wednesday, Oct. 19: at Los Angeles
x-Thursday, Oct. 20: at Los Angeles
x-Saturday, Oct. 22: at Chicago
x-Sunday, Oct. 23: at Chicago

Friday
Indians 2, Blue Jays 0

Toronto		Cleveland	
ab	r	h	bi
Carrera lf	3	0	0
M.Upton ph-1f	1	0	0
Dillon ss	4	0	2
Encrncn lb	4	0	2
Bulista rf	3	0	0
Ru.Mrcc c	0	0	0
Tlwtzki ss	4	0	1
Sanders dh	4	0	2
Pillar cf	3	0	0
Travis 2b	2	0	0
Gons 2b	0	0	0
Barne pp-2b1	0	0	0
Totals	13	0	0

Cleveland		Toronto	
ab	r	h	bi
C.Sntna dh	4	0	1
Kipnis 2b	3	1	0
Lindor ss	4	1	2
Napoli 1b	3	0	0
Jose.Rm 3b	3	0	0
Cisnilif cf	3	0	0
Crisp lf	1	0	0
Ra.Davin if	0	0	0
Naguin cf	3	0	0
Milne of	0	0	0
R.Perez c	2	0	0
Totals	27	2	0

DP—Toronto 1, Cleveland 1, LOB—Toronto 8, Cleveland 4, 2B—Encarnacion 1, RF—Lindor (2), S—Crisp 2 (3).

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Toronto		Cleveland	
Estrada L-1	8	6	2
Kluber W-0	6 1/2	6	0
Miller H-2	1 1/2	0	0
Allen S-3 1/3	1 1/3	0	0

T—244, A—37,727 (38,000).

Celebration
Oct. 25 — World Series starts, city of AL champion.
November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.
November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.
Nov. 7-10 — General managers' meeting, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Nov. 16-17 — Owners meetings, Chicago.
Dec. 1 — Collective bargaining agreement between MLB and players' association expires.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

A fan yells before Game 1 of baseball's American League Championship Series between the Indians and the Blue Jays on Friday in Cleveland.

Jays' sluggers come up empty

No timely hits with runners in scoring position

By MITCH STACY
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — All those big sluggers and not one timely hit. For the Toronto Blue Jays and their power-packed lineup, the first game of the AL Championship Series was about wasted opportunities. The Blue Jays had runners in scoring position in each of the first four innings but left them there as Cleveland Indians ace Corey Kluber worked out of the jams. Toronto finished 0-for-5 in those situations and stranded eight in all during a 2-0 loss Friday night. Francisco Lindor's two-run homer in the sixth was the difference as the Blue Jays lost for the first time in five games this postseason.

Toronto squandered a six-hitter from Marco Estrada — the team's first complete game all year. The Blue Jays will try to even the best-of-seven series Saturday when 20-game winner J.A. Happ starts against Josh Tomlin. Toronto led all playoff teams by hitting .478 with runners in scoring position during the Division Series, after lacking that sort of production in the regular season. The Blue Jays batted .249 with RISP this year, which ranked 24th in the majors. Over the final eight regular-season games, the Blue Jays were 13-for-66 (.197) with one double in those situations. They couldn't



NATHAN DENETTE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

The Blue Jays' Josh Donaldson tosses his bat Friday after popping out against the Indians during the third inning of Game 1 of the baseball American League Championship Series in Cleveland.

move runners past second base in Friday, either, stranding six in the first four innings. That's better opportunity came in the first inning when Josh Donaldson singled with one out and went to third on a double by Edwin Encarnacion. Kluber then struck out Jose Bautista and got Russell Martin to ground weakly to first. In the second, Devon Travis grounded into an inning-ending double play with two on. Martin whiffed to end a threat with two on in the third.

"You always have your work out for you when Kluber is out there," Martin said. "Even with guys in scoring position, if he makes his pitches he's able to strike anybody out. Obviously we had our chances, we just didn't come through." Toronto also put runners on in the fourth, sixth and eighth but couldn't get anybody past second base. In the eighth, reliever Andrew Miller gave up a single to Donaldson but then struck out the heart of the Blue Jays' order: Encarnacion, Bautista and Martin.

"I made some mistakes early on, and they were able to take advantage of them with base hits," Kluber said. "But it's really trying to stick with the same approach — get ahead of them and put them in defensive counts, so they're not key-holing one pitch." Kluber struck out six while scattering six hits over 6 1/2 innings. Cody Allen pitched the ninth for a save. Kluber is 2-0 this postseason with 13 strikeouts in 13 1/2 shutout innings.

Blank: Cleveland gets first ALCS victory since 2007

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save with a perfect ninth as the Indians extended their longest postseason winning streak since 1920. The Blue Jays wasted some early scoring chances — they had six runners in the first three innings — against Kluber and their frustration only grew as the night went on. Toronto slugger Jose Bautista struck out three times and Edwin Encarnacion lost his cool when he was fanned in the eighth, jawing at plate umpire Laz Diaz. "It wasn't like we faced the average Joe out there," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said of Kluber. "He's one of the elite pitchers in the game, as is Miller, as is Allen. We got some guys on base early. We couldn't get that big hit." After getting their first ALCS win since 2007, the Indians tried to take a 2-0 lead Saturday with Josh Tomlin facing Toronto's 20-game winner, J.A. Happ. Tomlin



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Blue Jays' Jose Bautista reacts after striking out during the first inning of Game 1 of the American League Championship Series on Friday in Cleveland.

pinkie while repairing a drone. Kluber kept flying in the postseason. The right-hander has not allowed a run in 13 1/2 innings this October and he kept the Blue Jays inside Progressive Field after they tied off against the Texas Rangers in the Division Series. Estrada carried a four-hit shut-out into the sixth before walking Jason Kipnis with one out. Lindor was in an 0-2 hole before the shortstop, who could become a household name before this series ends, drove his homer over the wall in right-center and ran like Usain Bolt wearing a Chief Wahoo cap. "I thought (Kevin) Pillar was going to catch it," Lindor said. "As soon as it went out, I put my hands out. I looked at the dugout and everybody was going insane." Estrada allowed six hits in Toronto's first complete game all year, but made one costly mistake. "I was trying to bounce it, to be

honest with you," Estrada said. "Good hitters are going to hit it out and he's a good hitter." Kluber dodged some early trouble and held the Blue Jays, who hit eight home runs and scored 22 times in their ALDS sweep of Texas, to six hits in the first six innings. The Indians needed every out they could get from Kluber, who shut out Boston for seven innings in his postseason debut 10 days after he injured a quadriceps in a start against Detroit. The 2014 AL Cy Young Award winner, who will certainly get votes this season after winning 18 games, has been the only dependable starter all season for Cleveland, which lost Carlos Carrasco and Danny Salazar to injuries in September and is now dealing with Bauer's bizarre mishap. "I laughed when I heard," Kipnis said. "I don't care, as long as he can pitch for us. It's not as funny if he can't pitch. If he can, (I'll tell him), 'You're an idiot, but go get some outs for us now.'"

FOOTBALL



SHANE KEYSER, KANSAS CITY STAR/TNS

Steelers outside linebacker Arthur Moats (55) stops Chiefs running back Spencer Ware (32) from making a cut on Oct. 2. Moats, who went to James Madison, is one of a growing number of pros proving that quality teams can be built with athletes who didn't play major-college football.

'The NFL will find you'

Growing number of players prove major-college experience not required

By **RAY FITTIPALDO**
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

There is a saying prospects from the lower levels of college football cling to every winter in the run-up to the NFL Draft: "If you're good enough to play in the NFL, the NFL will find you."

The Steelers were at the forefront of the movement to bring small-college players into the league in the early 1970s when legendary scout Bill Nunn searched the small black universities for talented players and helped build the Steelers' dynasty.

Nunn found Hall of Famers John Stallworth and Mel Blount at Alabama A&M and Southern. He found L.C. Greenwood at Arkansas AM&N and Donnie Shell at South Carolina State. All four were four-time Super Bowl champions on the Super '70s Steelers.

More followed over the years through different coaches and different generations of scouts in the front office. Eric Green went to Liberty College, Earl Holmes went to Florida A&M and Aaron Smith attended Division II Northern Colorado.

With head coach Mike Tomlin, a graduate of William & Mary College, and a front office stocked with scouts with FCS or Division II and Division III backgrounds, the Steelers still adhere to the idea that they can build quality football teams with select players that didn't play major-college football. Their roster has five players from the FCS level of NCAA football, formerly known as Division I-AA.

Three of them were in the starting lineup last Sunday when the Steelers beat

the Chiefs, 43-14, at Heinz Field. Javon Hargrave of South Carolina State was the starting nose tackle, Arthur Moats of James Madison started at right outside linebacker and Jordan Dangerfield of Towson started at strong safety.

"We love our 1-AA crew," Moats said. "Most guys doubt us. But we say look at us. We're out here balling. We take pride in that. We have some players at that level as well."

Quite a few, actually. NFL rosters will always be dominated by players from FBS schools, but FCS schools are producing more players, including top draft picks, every year.

Eagles rookie quarterback Carson Wentz, who threw for 300 yards against the Steelers two weeks ago, played at North Dakota State. The opposing quarterback for the Jets at Heinz Field on Sunday is

Ryan Fitzpatrick, who played at Harvard. Wentz and Fitzpatrick are not exceptions to the rule. Wentz is one of six North Dakota State players in the NFL this season; Fitzpatrick one of five players from Harvard.

And while the Steelers used to have a leg up on scouting the smaller schools four decades ago, every other team in the NFL has caught on by now. The Jets lead the NFL with 11 players on their roster from FCS schools. Buffalo, Arizona, Indianapolis, Detroit and the New York Giants have seven apiece.

"One of the big things is they all have better offseason programs now and they're recruiting smarter," said Gil Brandt, the former vice president of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys. "They're going farther to get players. The Big Sky Conference is going to California and Texas to get players. And I think the high schools are developing better players. They're playing that 7-on-7 all year long. We're getting better skill players. Every college program is getting better players now because they're being developed better in high school."

Choosing FCS over FBS

Dangerfield played high school football in the talent-rich state of Florida at Royal Palm Beach, but his dream of playing for one of the major state universities never came to fruition. The University of Miami, Florida and Florida State did not recruit him. His first FBS scholarship offer came from Florida International, and their head coach rescinded it when Dangerfield did not commit on his timetable.

A few other FBS offers trickled in, from as far away as the University of Massachusetts, but they all wanted Dangerfield to delay his college career and sit out his



Don Wright/AP

Jets quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick is among a current group of NFL players who came from an FCS school (Harvard).

freshman season.

"I just wanted to go somewhere where I could play right away and get into it," Dangerfield said.

So Dangerfield committed to Hofstra and spent his freshman season in the FCS Colonial Athletic Association. When Hofstra disbanded its football program after his freshman season he transferred to Towson, which also competes in the CAA, and started three years for the Tigers.

Many talented players get lost on overstocked rosters at FBS schools, but Dangerfield is among a group of players in the NFL that opted for early playing time at an FCS school over the glamour of playing at a higher level.

"It helped a lot," Dangerfield said of seeing the field early as a college player. "Everyone wants to go Division I-A, but at the

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Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin

Don Wright/AP



FOOTBALL

Find: FCS schools let players shine

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same time there is great talent at the D-1-AA level, as you can see. We're all around the league. You have to trust the process and make the most of the opportunity when it comes."

Moats has a similar story to tell. When he was a senior at Churchill High School in Portsmouth, Va., he received scholarship offers from a few smaller FBS schools in Conference USA and the Mid-American Conference. But at the urging of his parents he decided on James Madison, another CAA school that coupled a strong football program with a strong academic rating.

"I had offers to 1-A schools," Moats said. "I just didn't want to go to a smaller MAC school or a Conference USA school. If I wasn't going to play in the ACC or the Big Ten, I didn't want to do it. I'd rather go 1-AA where I can excel and play right away rather than go to a school where they lose a lot. That was my biggest thing. I wanted to win."

"At JMU, when I signed, they had just won the national championship. They played in big playoff games. They were on ESPN. I was going to get some TV games. And then I went to their practices and saw NFL scouts there. I said if I do what I'm supposed to do, I'll get drafted. The NFL will find me."

The NFL did find Moats. The Bills selected him in the sixth round of the 2010 draft, and he played four seasons for them before signing with the Steelers as a free agent in 2014.

One other notable Steelers employee made the same decision as Moats and Dangerfield a generation ago. Tomlin had scholarship offers from smaller FBS schools, but he chose William & Mary instead. Tomlin never made it to the NFL as a player, but he's in his 10th season as Steelers' head coach.

"When I was in high school and got that first offer from Kent State and then Akron, I thought that was cool," Moats said. "But my parents said, 'Hey, you don't have to go to these schools. Go to a school that you will really enjoy,



PAUL SANCTA/AP

Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz passes during the first half. Wentz, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2016 draft, is one of six players in the league who played at North Dakota State University.

‘Go to a school that you will really enjoy, where you’ll get a great education, where you’ll enjoy your playing experience. And then from there, the NFL will find you.’

Arthur Moats

Steelers linebacker who played for FCS school James Madison

where you'll get a great education, where you'll enjoy your playing experience. And then from there, the NFL will find you."

"Some people go 1-A just to say they went 1-A. But if you to a 1-A and only win one game a year, what's the point of doing that? At JMU, I was winning 10 or 11 games a year and playing in big games and I still had a chance to go to the league."

Academic casualties

Many players that end up playing at FCS schools are talented enough to play at FBS schools, but they don't have the test scores or grades and get turned away by admissions offices.

That's how reserve linebacker L.J. Fort ended up at Northern Iowa. Fort, who grew up in Missouri and was the state's player of the year at the 5-A level as a senior, was recruited by Big 12 schools, but those schools backed away due to academic issues.

Hargrave had a similar experience at his high school in North Carolina. He was among the top players in the state as well, but FBS coaches did not offer him the chance to prove he could make the grade academically in college.

"It was a bunch to do with eligibility," Hargrave said. "I guess a lot of people didn't want to take a

chance on me. I'm happy with my situation because I still reached the goals that I wanted to reach. I'm real proud of that and I have no regrets about that."

Like Dangerfield and Moats, Hargrave played early. He was so good in his first season at South Carolina State that he was named a freshman All-American. After registering 29½ sacks as a junior and senior he was on the NFL radar and received invitations to the NFL scouting combine, the East-West Shrine game and the Senior Bowl. The Steelers selected him in the third round of the draft in the spring.

Hargrave is one of the fortunate FCS players to receive invitations to the combine and postseason all-star games. Many like Dangerfield and Fort face uphill climbs to make it in the NFL. Dangerfield was an undrafted free agent who signed with Buffalo in 2013. After the Bills cut him he spent the rest of that fall and winter out of football. He worked out in Palm Beach twice a day, four times a week waiting for his next opportunity.

That opportunity came when the Steelers signed him to a futures contract in January of 2014. He was cut at the end of training camp that summer and again last summer, but he was added to the practice squad both years. This summer he finally earned a coveted roster spot.

Fort was an undrafted free agent and made the Browns' 53-man roster as a rookie, but he could not make a roster or a practice squad in 2013 and spent time on the practice squads of the Bengals and Seahawks in 2014 and the Steelers last season before making the 53-man roster this season.

Both players had some advice for aspiring players that play at FCS schools now.

"If you have a dream, chase it," Dangerfield said. "It might not happen the way you want it to happen. But stay positive throughout the process and trust the process."

Added Fort: "If you can ball, it's not where you come from. They'll find you."

No. 7 Louisville holds off Duke

By GARY B. GRAVES
Associated Press

ville more than it expected.

Poll implications

The Cardinals might lose some position after escaping with a close win despite being 35-point favorites. Petrino chose to focus on the bottom line and said, "our objective is to go win, keep ourselves in (playoff consideration), and I think we did that. We've just got to play better."

The takeaway

Duke: The Blue Devils weren't intimidated by Jackson or the Cardinals. Jones was 14-for-21 passing for 129 yards, including a 51-yarder. Jela Duncan returned from a leg injury to rush for 44 yards on 12 carries. But they managed just two scoring drives despite controlling the clock and committed a costly penalty that could have provided one last shot to win.

Louisville: The Cardinals never trailed and outgained Duke 469-239 but never seemed in full control. Two chances to gain breathing room in the third quarter ended with Brandon Radcliffe fumbling on one possession and O'Hara's missing from 42 yards on the next.

"We lost our focus," Jackson said. "We were driving the ball, hit a hump. (We'll) watch film and get everything fixed. We were down there several times; we've got to get it right."

Jackson seemed off on some throws but offset that with his speed and nifty footwork on several key fourth-quarter runs including their final drive. He completed 13 of 26 passes for 181 yards and rushed 21 times for 144. He is responsible for 30 touchdowns, 15 each passing and rushing.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville's lopsided victories had raised expectations so high for the No. 7 Cardinals that a close victory seemed unlikely against an outmatched opponent.

But a second straight defeat looked possible against Duke Friday night until a late penalty by the Blue Devils allowed quarterback Lamar Jackson to seal a shaky win for the Cardinals.

Jackson provided a cushion with a 2-yard touchdown run with 1:32 remaining and Louisville held off Duke 24-14, and the outcome was all that mattered to the Cardinals.

"We didn't blow them out, but we did win the game," said Louisville coach Bobby Petrino, whose team had averaged a nation-leading 58 points coming in.

The Cardinals caught a break after Evan O'Hara's 46-yard field goal missed wide left as Duke's Breon Borders was called for roughing the kicker. The penalty moved the ball to the 14 and Jackson did the rest with a 12-yard run followed by the short score that Louisville (5-1, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) sorely needed.

"I wasn't going to let my team down," the Heisman Trophy contender said. "We were going down there to score."

Jackson accounted for 325 yards of offense and two touchdowns, hitting Jaylen Smith with a 5-yard scoring pass on the opening drive. Jeremy Smith added an 80-yard TD run in the third quarter, and O'Hara kicked a 22-yard field goal as the Cardinals came off the bye and earned the program's 500th victory.

Duke (3-4, 0-3) remained winless in ACC play but gave Louis-



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Duke quarterback Daniel Jones, left, is sacked by James Hearn, bottom, and Drew Bailey during the second half of Friday's game in Louisville, Ky. No. 7 Louisville won 24-14.



MIKE MCCANN/AP

The Panthers' Brandon Wegher (32) is tackled by the Steelers' Jordan Dangerfield, who played for FCS school Towson.

NFL

Vegas stadium deal approved

Raiders one step closer to new home

By MICHELLE RINDELS
Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Nevada took a giant step closer to becoming home of the Raider Nation on Friday, after state lawmakers narrowly approved a hotel tax increase that would put \$750 million in public money toward an NFL stadium partly funded by billionaire casino mogul Sheldon Adelson.

A cadre of lobbyists for the project strained over the past week to overcome conservative anxiety over a tax increase and liberal objections to subsidizing one of the world's richest men, eventually securing the bare minimum number of Assembly votes to hit the required two-thirds majority. Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval, who views the \$1.9 billion stadium as a way to ensure Las Vegas' continued dominance in tourism, is expected to sign the deal Monday in Las Vegas.

Raiders owner Mark Davis praised Sandoval and lawmakers in a statement.

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remely hard to develop and approve this tremendous stadium project that will serve as a proud new home for the entire Raider Nation," he said.

But it's far from settled that Oakland's team will move to Las Vegas, a city that's only now ending its drought of professional sports after landing an NHL expansion team over the summer.

Oakland still holds out hope that it can keep the Raiders from leaving them a second time, and a relocation needs the blessing of three-fourths of NFL team owners — a conservative bunch that's historically shunned Las Vegas because of its legalized sports betting.

Still, proponents who envision Raiders games in Sin City by 2020 will have a persuasive bargaining chip to show when NFL owners meet next week: The prospect of a sparkling, 65,000-seat domed venue close to the Las Vegas Strip, backed by \$650 million from Adelson, \$500 million from

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Raiders owner

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JOHN LOCHER/AP

Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis, center, meets with Raiders fans in April after speaking at a meeting of the Southern Nevada Tourism Infrastructure Committee in Las Vegas. Nevada took a step toward becoming home of the Raider Nation on Friday, after state lawmakers narrowly approved a hotel tax increase that would put \$750 million in public money toward an NFL stadium.

the Raiders and the NFL and a \$750 million public investment.

"It's exciting," said Andy Abuboud, chief lobbyist for casino mogul Adelson's Las Vegas Sands, after the financing deal passed its toughest vote on Friday. "But this is really about jobs, and I think at the end of the day people saw this as a fantastic economic stimulus package."

Sandoval called lawmakers into a rare special session to consider the deal, which raises a 12 percent hotel tax in the Las Vegas area by up to 1.4 percentage points to fund the stadium and a convention center expansion. Casino industry heavy-hitters from Wynn Resorts, MGM Resorts and Caesars

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toward a stadium instead of bolstering Nevada's bottom-ranking public education system and mental health services.

"We are funding luxury items before we're taking care of our needs," said Democratic Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, who opposed the deal. "I don't let that happen in my home and I'm not going to let it happen... in this house."

The public contribution will be larger in raw dollars than for any other NFL stadium, although the public's share of the costs — 39 percent — is smaller than for stadiums in cities of a similar size, such as Indianapolis, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Bengals' QB Dalton getting sacked at alarming rate

By JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Bengals passed it off as an opening-game aberration when Andy Dalton was sacked a career-high seven times in a win over the Jets. It turned out to be the start of a trend.

Dalton has been sacked 17 times in five games, tied for second most in the NFL. Indianapolis has allowed 20 sacks.

Dalton has been sacked once every 12 pass attempts this season, which would be the worst rate of his career if it holds for a season. He was sacked a career-high 46 times in his second season of 2012. His best showing was 2014, when he went nearly 24 attempts between sacks.

Dalton was at 20 sacks last season before breaking his right thumb against Pittsburgh in the 13th game. He's three sacks away from matching that total.

What's surprising is that the line is virtually intact from last season and has been generally healthy. The only switch is Cedric Ogbuehi, a first-round draft pick in 2015, taking over at right tackle for Andre Smith, who went to Minnesota. Even when he's not getting sacked, Dalton has been under steady pressure.

"I've got to get the ball out of my hands quicker," said Dalton, who leads the AFC with 1,503 yards passing. "There are a



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

The Cincinnati Bengals were one of the best teams at protecting the quarterback the last few years. During a 2-3 start, they've been among the worst, with Andy Dalton (14) under constant pressure.

lot of things that we could do to fix it up. There's an importance on it, and we know that."

The Cowboys got consistent pressure on

Dalton last Sunday without blitzing much during a 28-14 win, which was surprising given the depth of experience on the offensive line. The Bengals fell to 2-3 for the

first time in six years, and the sacks are one of the most glaring issues.

"You've seen teams win Super Bowls with makeshift offensive lines and figure out ways to get it done," left tackle Andrew Whitworth said. "The reality is it's not just us, but we're a big component of it."

The Cowboys scored touchdowns on their first three drives and went after Dalton in the second half, knowing he'd have to throw after Cincinnati fell behind 28-0. Dalton was sacked three times in the second half.

"Inevitably, if you are down 20-something points and throwing it every play, people are going to beat the offensive line up because they are giving up sacks in the fourth quarter," Whitworth said. "And all of a sudden it's their fault they lost the game. That's not the truth."

Ogbuehi had a particularly tough time Sunday against the Cowboys' pass rush.

"It's his first year actually playing and starting," Whitworth said. "He's going to have ups and downs."

The Bengals have a tough challenge against the Patriots (4-1) in New England, where Cincinnati hasn't won since 1986. When the Bengals played there in 2014, they got drubbed 43-17 as the Patriots held the Bengals to 0-for-7 on third-down conversions.



GAMEDAY

WEEK 6

TELEVISED GAMES

Marquee matchup

Dallas Cowboys (4-1) at Green Bay Packers (3-1)

AFN-Sports2, 10:25 p.m. Sunday Central European Time

SERIES RECORD: Packers lead 17-16.
LAST MEETING: Packers beat Cowboys 28-7, Dec. 13, 2015.

LAST WEEK: Cowboys beat Bengals 28-14; Packers beat Giants 23-16.
COWBOYS OFFENSE: OVERALL (2), RUSH (1), PASS (21).

COWBOYS DEFENSE: OVERALL (16), RUSH (11), PASS (19).
PACKERS OFFENSE: OVERALL (25), RUSH (12), PASS (27).

PACKERS DEFENSE: OVERALL (9), RUSH (1), PASS (24).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES: Cowboys 4-11 on road against Packers, including playoffs. ... Cowboys seeking fifth straight win. ... Rookies QB Dak Prescott (1,239 yards passing) and RB Ezekiel Elliott (546 yards rushing) first duo to go over 1,000 in air and 500 on ground in first five games of season. ... Prescott has attempted 155 passes without interception, second only behind New England's Tom Brady (162) for QB starting NFL career, and most by rookie. ... Offense

ranks second behind Philadelphia in average time of possession (33:49). ... Defense hasn't allowed 100-yard rusher or 100-yard receiver in first five games, longest streak since going first six games in 2011. ... Cowboys first in league in third-down efficiency (50 percent), while Packers rank third (48.2 percent). ... Packers have outscored Cowboys 90-21 in last three regular-season game between teams at Lambeau Field. ... QB Aaron Rodgers has seven touchdowns and 100.8 rating in five career games vs. Cowboys. ... Rodgers stands 31st in completion percentage (56.1 percent), more than eight points less than career average of 64.8. ... RB

Eddie Lacy ranks fourth in league averaging 5.46 yards per carry. ... WR Jordy Nelson has five receiving TDs in first four games. ... League-best run defense holding opponents to 42.8 yards rushing per game. ... LB Nick Perry has three sacks in past two home games. ... LB Clay Matthews has one sack in all three games he has played this season. ... Fantasy Tip: Lacy left last week with left ankle injury. Backup RB James Starks averaging just 1.9 yards per carry in 24 attempts in limited time this season.

— Associated Press



Los Angeles Rams (3-2) at Detroit Lions (2-3)

AFN-Sports
7 p.m. Sunday

Central European Time

Series: Rams lead 43-40-1.

Last meeting: Rams beat Lions 21-14, Dec. 13, 2015.

Notes: Rams RB Todd Gurley averaged career-high 8.75 yards per carry, running 16 times for 140 yards and two TDs in last year's win over Lions in St. Louis. ... Lions snapped three-game skid last week with win over previously undefeated Philadelphia. ... Detroit QB Matthew Stafford threw three TDs last week for third time this season.



Philadelphia Eagles (3-1) at Washington Redskins (3-2)

AFN-Sports2
7 p.m. Sunday

Central European Time

Series: Redskins lead 84-73-5.

Last meeting: Redskins beat Eagles 38-24, Dec. 26, 2015.

Notes: Redskins have won past three meetings, haven't won four consecutive vs. Eagles since 1985-87. ... Eagles QB Carson Wentz has seven TD passes, two away from breaking Donovan McNabb's team record for rookies. ... Redskins QB Kirk Cousins threw for 365 yards and four TDs last meeting. ... LB Will Compton leads Redskins with 45 tackles.



Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott

JOSE YAU, WACO TRIBUNE HERALD/AP

Game capsules compiled from Associated Press



Atlanta Falcons (4-1) at Seattle Seahawks (3-1)

AFN-Sports
10:25 p.m. Sunday

Central European Time

Series: Seahawks lead 9-6.

Last meeting: Seahawks beat Falcons 33-10, Nov. 10, 2013.

Notes: Matchup of Falcons' No. 1 ranked offense and Seahawks' No. 1 ranked defense. ... Falcons lead NFL with 25 plays of 20 yards or more. ... Seahawks 3-3 following bye under coach Pete Carroll. ... QB Russell Wilson had career-high 385 yards passing vs. Falcons in 2012 playoffs. ... In last start TDs, throw for 309 yards, three TDs, no interceptions.



Indianapolis Colts (2-3) at Houston Texans (3-2)

AFN-Sports2
2:20 a.m. Monday

Central European Time

Series: Colts lead 23-5.

Last meeting: Texans beat Colts 16-10, Dec. 20, 2015.

Notes: Tennessee QB Andrew Luck threw for 370 yards and three TDs in last game against Houston. ... RB Frank Gore had 98 yards rushing and TD in last game against Houston. ... Houston QB Brock Osweiler has thrown six touchdowns with seven interceptions this season. He is 3-0 at home. ... WR Jaelen Strong has three TDs in two career games vs. Colts.

Also on AFN:
New York Jets (1-4) at Arizona Cardinals (2-3), AFN-Sports2, 2:15 a.m. Tuesday Central European Time

EXPANDED STANDINGS

American Conference

	W	L	T	East			AFC	NFC	Div
				Pct	PF	PA			
New England	4	1	0	.800	114	74	2-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	117	87	1-1-0	2-1-0	1-2-0
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	92	136	0-2-0	1-2-0	1-3-0
Miami	1	4	0	.200	88	119	1-1-0	0-3-0	1-3-0
South									
Houston	3	2	0	.600	82	104	3-0-0	0-2-0	2-1-0
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	92	101	0-2-0	2-1-0	1-2-0
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	137	148	2-1-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	84	111	1-2-0	0-1-0	1-2-0
North									
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	139	93	3-0-0	1-1-0	3-0-0
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	94	88	1-2-0	2-0-0	3-1-0
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	92	110	1-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0
Cleveland	0	5	0	.000	87	148	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-3-0
West									
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	142	137	1-1-0	3-0-0	3-0-0
Denver	4	2	0	.667	140	108	2-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	83	92	0-2-0	0-2-0	2-2-0
San Diego	2	4	0	.333	173	155	2-1-0	0-3-0	2-3-0

National Conference

	W	L	T	East			Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
				Pct	PF	PA					
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	129	91	2-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	115	51	2-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	0-0-0
Washington	3	2	0	.600	115	122	1-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	89	108	1-1-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
South											
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	175	140	1-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	2-1-0
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	94	142	0-2-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	2-0-0
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	114	130	0-2-0	1-1-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	123	135	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-3-0	0-1-0	0-2-0
North											
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	119	63	3-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	98	83	2-0-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	119	125	1-1-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	0-2-0
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	85	126	1-1-0	0-3-0	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-0-0
West											
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	79	54	2-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Los Angeles	3	2	0	.600	82	106	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	0-1-0	2-1-0
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	125	101	1-2-0	1-1-0	3-1-0	0-2-0	1-1-0
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	111	140	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	1-2-0

REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Cincinnati at New England
Pittsburgh at Miami
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants
Carolina at Chicago
Carolina at New Orleans
San Francisco at Buffalo
Cleveland at Tennessee
New Orleans at Oakland
Open: Tampa Bay, Minnesota

NEXT WEEK

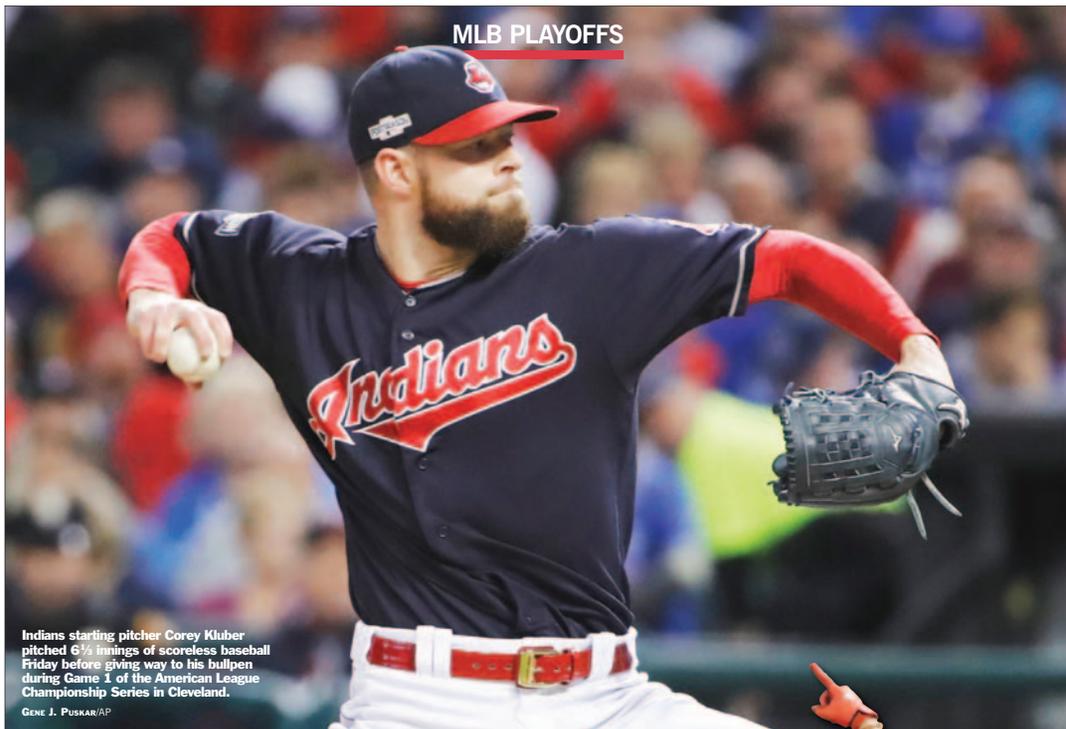
N.Y. Jets at Arizona
Thursday, Oct. 20
Chicago at Oakland
Sunday, Oct. 23
N.Y. Giants at Los Angeles
Minnesota at Philadelphia
Tampa Bay at San Francisco
Oakland at Jacksonville
Baltimore at N.Y. Jets
Washington at Detroit
Indianapolis at Tennessee
New Orleans at Kansas City
Cleveland at Cincinnati
New Orleans at San Francisco
San Diego at Atlanta
New England at Pittsburgh
Seattle at Arizona
Open: Dallas, Carolina
Monday, Oct. 24
Houston at Denver

SPORTS



Too close for comfort
No. 7 Louisville returns from bye,
barely beats Duke » **Football, Page 29**

MLB PLAYOFFS



Indians starting pitcher Corey Kluber pitched 6½ innings of scoreless baseball Friday before giving way to his bullpen during Game 1 of the American League Championship Series in Cleveland.

GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Indians blank Blue Jays

Kluber, Lindor help Cleveland win Game 1 of ALCS

Indians shortstop
Francisco Lindor

GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — When the ball disappeared over the outfield wall, Francisco Lindor raised his right fist and took off.

Smiling with every stride, Cleveland's superstar-in-the-making shortstop sprinted around the bases like he was being chased.

He and the Indians aren't slowing down for anything this October.

Lindor hit a two-run homer in the sixth

inning and Corey Kluber silenced Toronto's booming bats, giving the Indians a 2-0 win over the Blue Jays in Game 1 of the AL Championship Series on Friday night.

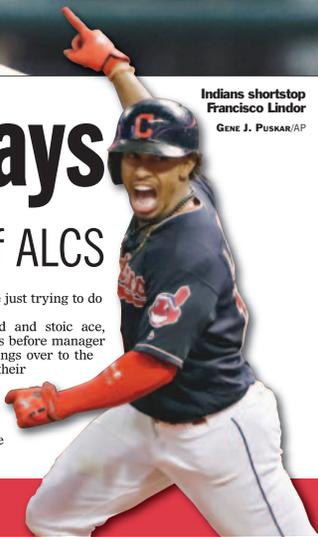
Lindor connected on an 0-2 changeup from Marco Estrada and tore around the basepaths as the bend-but-don't-break Indians won their fourth straight playoff game in this most unexpected season.

"I believe in my team. I believe in what we have," said Lindor, the talented 22-year-old who plays as if he's been part of postseason

games for a decade. "We're just trying to do our thing."

Kluber, Cleveland's solid and stoic ace, pitched 6½ spotless innings before manager Terry Francona turned things over to the Indians' best weapon — their bullpen. Andrew Miller made the Blue Jays look silly, striking out five of the six batters he faced, and closer Cody Allen got the

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Three power-play goals lift Nashville over Chicago

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Smith signs four-year, \$57 million deal with Cavs

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