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## Growing bombshell

Pentagon review: Hundreds of troops report potential chemical weapons exposure

By JON HARPER  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — A review ordered by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel has found that 734 U.S. troops who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan reported potential exposure to chemical warfare agents, according to the Pentagon.

The probe was launched after The New York Times reported last month that while American servicemembers found no evidence of an active program to produce weapons of mass destruction, many were exposed to degraded chemical weapons from the 1980s while serving in Iraq between 2004 and 2010. Iraq had a robust chemical weapons program during the 1980s and used them against Iranian troops as well as Iraqi Kurds.

The Times initially reported that 17 servicemembers had been exposed to sarin or sulfur mustard agent that had been hidden or used in makeshift bombs by insurgents.

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Artillery shells found during a patrol are stacked at a cache site northwest of Baghdad, Iraq, in 2005.

Courtesy of the U.S. Army

## Taking credit for killing bin Laden sparks debate

By KEN DILANIAN  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Some special operations servicemembers and veterans are unhappy that one of their own has taken credit publicly for killing Osama bin Laden. Others say they have gotten used to the idea that their brethren might break the code of silence and seek to profit from their deeds.

That internal debate gained intensity this week when retired Navy SEAL Robert

O'Neill acknowledged that he had fired two rounds into the forehead of the al-Qaida leader during the 2011 raid on his secret compound in Pakistan. O'Neill says more and more people were becoming aware of his role and that his name was bound to become public anyway.

O'Neill had recounted his version of the bin Laden raid in February 2013 to Esquire magazine, which identified him only as "the shooter." In a story Thursday, The Washington Post identified him by name as he described shooting the leader of the

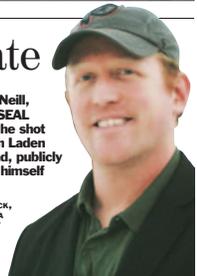
terrorist group behind the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

One current and one former SEAL confirmed to The Associated Press that O'Neill was long known to have killed bin Laden. Defense Department officials confirmed that O'Neill was a member of SEAL Team 6 and was part of the raid, but they said they could not confirm who fired the fatal shot, noting that other SEALs on the mission also fired at bin Laden.

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**Robert O'Neill, a retired SEAL, who says he shot Osama bin Laden in the head, publicly identified himself Thursday.**

WALTER HINCK, THE MONTANA STANDARD/AP



# QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Making this snake use up energy by swallowing this fool and possibly regurgitating him would have left the poor animal exhausted.”

—Delcianna Winders, of PETA, on the planned cable program in which a naturalist attempts to get swallowed by an anaconda

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# MILITARY

# Military Ebola unit opens in Liberia

By JOHN VANDIVER Stars and Stripes

A new military-constructed Ebola treatment center designed to care for health workers will open Saturday in Liberia, marking a key step forward in a U.S. Africa Command-led campaign to build a series of treatment facilities in the country.

The Monrovia Medical Unit, otherwise known as MMU, is about 30 miles outside of Liberia's capital of Monrovia. It should serve to reassure the doctors and nurses treating Ebola patients that they will be taken care of if they become ill while working in West Africa, said Navy Lt. Shane Deckert, the MMU facility engineer, in a news release.

The 25-bed facility — the only facility of its kind in the Ebola fight — was constructed by a team of Navy Seabees, soldiers and airmen and will be operated by personnel from the U.S. Public Health Service, according to Lt. Col. Lee Hicks, the Joint Forces Command-United Assistance engineer.

“If an aide worker gets sick, they bring them to the MMU to get taken care of by the U.S. Public Health Service,” Hicks said in a release.

The MMU compound is divided into low- and high-risk zones. Because of the contagious nature of the disease, which is transmitted through contact with bodily fluids, the two sections do not connect in any way. The facility includes 12 tents, eight of which will function as three patient wards.

The MMU is different from the 17 Ebola treatment units that are being constructed throughout Liberia in that it will be used to care only for health workers.

The center opening Saturday for medical staff took roughly 30 days to build, according to Capt. R. Carter Langston, a spokesman for the military mission in Liberia.

Meanwhile, the 17 Ebola treatment facilities being built by the U.S. military in partnership with Liberian forces are still in the works. Ten are under active construction, with one expected to open next week and two others later this month.

“The others are following in line,” Langston said.

The completion of the MMU comes as new Ebola cases are on the decline in Liberia — in recent



NATHAN HOSKINS/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

The Monrovia Medical Unit, an Ebola treatment unit in Liberia, cares for medical workers who become infected with the virus.

weeks there has been a dramatic drop in new infections.

The trend has given hope, but U.S. military officials have said they are pressing ahead with a plan to construct 17 Ebola treatment facilities. Because the disease can make sudden and unexpected spikes, it's not yet clear

whether the downward trend is the beginning of the end for Ebola in Liberia, where some 4,500 people have died since the start of the epidemic.

Meanwhile, there are signs that conditions are worsening in other affected areas, such as Sierra Leone, where there has been a

rise in infections.

The top U.S. officer on Thursday said he expected the military's Ebola effort to last 18 months.

“It is a four-year mission? Probably not. But I bet it's every bit of 18 months, which would be three rotations of six-month deployments,” Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told an audience at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs.

While there has been progress in Liberia, “Sierra Leone is not trending favorably, and nor is Guinea,” Dempsey said.

There are nearly 2,000 Defense Department personnel deployed to the region — 1,759 in Liberia and 175 in Senegal — to support Operation United Assistance. The number of military personnel could increase to as many as 4,000.

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# Worst-ever epidemic by the numbers

By MARIA CHENG The Associated Press

LONDON — As the biggest-ever outbreak of Ebola continues to ravage West Africa, here are a few key numbers to get a handle on the epidemic:

**13,042 and 4,818**

According to an update this week from the World Health Organization, there have been 13,042 Ebola cases and 4,818 deaths since the first child died of the virus in December — but those figures include all probable, suspected and confirmed cases and are subject to change as more information becomes available. The numbers have actually dropped slightly in the past week because numbers fluctuate as more data becomes available, and as probable and suspected cases are either discarded or confirmed.

“We are definitely getting a delayed picture of the outbreak,” said Sebastian Funk, a lecturer in infectious diseases at the London School of Hy-

giene and Tropical Medicine.

**4,707**

According to WHO, 4,707 beds are needed across West Africa in Ebola treatment clinics; at the moment, just 22 percent of the necessary number are operational. The agency estimates a further 2,685 beds are needed for basic Ebola clinics where minimal treatment is provided and people are mostly isolated while waiting for test results. At the moment, just 4 percent of beds in these community clinics are available.

**546**

WHO reports that 546 health workers have been infected with Ebola, 310 of whom have died. Since Ebola is spread via contact with the bodily fluids of a patient, health workers are at high risk of catching the disease.

**Eight**

There are now eight coun-

tries that have reported Ebola detected on their soil: Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Spain and the U.S. Other countries like Britain, France and Germany have taken in people sickened by the deadly virus in West Africa but they have not reported any spread of the virus there.

**Four**

There have been four cases of Ebola in the U.S. and a single death — Thomas Eric Duncan, the Liberian man who was the first person diagnosed with Ebola in the country, who later died at a Dallas hospital.

**One**

There is one remaining American hospitalized with Ebola, Dr. Craig Spencer in New York, a physician who worked for Doctors Without Borders in Guinea. He continues to show improvement, remains in isolation and is in stable condition.

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## WAR/MILITARY

# Back in the USA

## Families welcome last large Marine unit sent to Afghanistan

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — After handing over control of the Camp Leatherneck-Camp Bastion compound in Helmand province to Afghan forces, the Marines of Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan — the last large unit of Marines expected to deploy to Afghanistan — have come home.

Carla Mitchell said she and her two children had been getting ready for her husband's return for nearly a week. This was not Maj. Raymond Mitchell's first deployment, but it was his first to Afghanistan, she said, which made it a little more difficult, knowing he was in harm's way.

Seth Robb, a former infantry Marine who deployed to Nawa in 2009, sat under a red canopy holding flowers as he waited for his wife.

Sgt. Andrea Robb, who worked in supply, said she enjoyed the deployment — despite eating only MREs the past few days — but had a “big mission,” sending back all of the Army equipment that the Marine Corps had borrowed.

MEB-A took control of Regional Command-Southwest in a short, snowy ceremony in February. Army Maj. Gen. Mark Milley, then commander of International Security Assistance Force-Joint Command and deputy commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan, praised the outgoing North Carolina-based Marines for the progress they made reducing violence and making it the “most disciplined regional command in Afghanistan, by far,” but warned Gen. Daniel Yoo that the fight wasn't over.

This year was to be “the most decisive period in the entire war,” Milley said, when ISAF would deliver “a mortal death blow to the enemies of Afghanistan.”

Two weeks later, in an interview with Stars and Stripes in his office at Leatherneck, Yoo, the commander of MEB-A and Regional Command Southwest, said he was “very cautiously optimistic,” about the Afghan forces' ability to sustain themselves after the Marines left.

“They know how to fight. It's the planning, it's making sure they can project forward and deal with whatever resources they're given,” Yoo said. “Right now, [the challenge] seems to be sustainment.”

Thursday, standing in a hot parking lot in front of a Humvee and the Marine Corps flag, Yoo told the Marines and their families that they had accomplished



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER HLAD/Stars and Stripes

**First Lt. Skye Martin poses for a photo with her parents, Cam and Susi Martin, on Thursday at Camp Pendleton, Calif., after returning from a deployment to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.**

their mission.

“We saw a lot of transition during our time frame there, and ... I am optimistic [Afghan forces] will continue to provide security for their nation. They have the capacity, the capability,” he said. “Your Marines performed extraordinarily well there.”

During this deployment, the Marines left Delaram, Nimroz province and Sangin, and closed or transferred all remaining bases in RC-Southwest to Afghan forces.

Not long after the Marines left Sangin, the Taliban launched a blistering attack, and while Afghan and coalition officials insist the Afghan security forces were able to hold and reclaim their ground, the toll the enemy took is undeniable.

On Wednesday, the commander of ISAF Joint Command, Army Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, said in a news conference via satellite from Afghanistan that the ANSF had lost 4,634 troops this year, compared to the 2,346 troops the U.S. has lost in Afghanistan since 2001.

“Those numbers are not sustainable in the long term,” Anderson said.

Despite the uncertainty ahead, Yoo said he believes MEB-A “had an impact, there's no doubt about



**Sgt. Andrea Robb and her husband, Seth, kiss Thursday afternoon after the end of her 11-month tour in Afghanistan with Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan.**

it ... we came in there with our coalition partners, we secured the area and we transitioned it. And that was our goal.”

“What the Afghans do with it is really up to them. They've got to want it more than us, and based on my observations, I think they do.”

Winter is a less kinetic time in Afghanistan, but also a chance for both the insurgency and the Afghan forces to rest and get ready for the spring, he said.

“I think the next 90 days [are]

critical because they'll be seating the government, which means there's going to be change,” he said, which means risk.

“The corruption is still a problem, the poppy is still an issue, but there are a lot of issues we have in the United States ... and they're going to have to decide how they're going to deal with them from a governance perspective and an Afghan perspective,” Yoo said.

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## Afghanistan casualties up as it leads Taliban fight

By LYNNE O'DONNELL  
The Associated Press

HERAT, Afghanistan — The head of NATO said Friday that Afghan security forces are dying in record numbers because they have assumed a leading role in the fight against Taliban insurgents as foreign forces shift from combat to training and support.

Figures this week show that more Afghan security forces — army and police — have been killed fighting so far this year than in all of last year, with the casualty rate up 6.5 percent. This year 4,634 have been killed in action, compared to 4,350 in 2013.

By comparison, some 3,500 foreign forces, including at least 2,350 American soldiers, have been killed since the war began in 2001.

“The increase in casualties against the Afghan forces reflects that they are now in the lead,” said NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, who is visiting Afghanistan.

NATO is set to conclude its combat mission in Afghanistan by the end of the year, more than 13 years after the U.S.-led invasion that toppled the Taliban following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Some 12,000 U.S. and NATO troops will remain in a training and support capacity.

Stoltenberg is making his first visit to Afghanistan since taking over as the head of the alliance on Oct. 1.

He met with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Thursday and on Friday flew to the eastern city of Herat to honor fallen troops at the Italian base, Camp Arena. Italy has lost 53 soldiers in Afghanistan.

Afghan forces, he said, “have already been in the lead and have had the main responsibility already for almost a year.”

So what we are doing next year is in a way to confirm and implement what has been in large parts of Afghanistan the reality already.

And that's also why we have seen increasing numbers of casualties,” he said.

“Of course we will, together with Afghans, review the structure and composition of the Afghan national security forces and do what we can to help them reduce the numbers of casualties.”

NATO will provide \$4.1 billion in annual funding to the Afghan defense forces, enabling them to “pay salaries, buy equipment, conduct training, all this aiming at both making them more capable, but of course reducing the number of casualties,” Stoltenberg said.

## MILITARY

# 'The Shooter' describes bin Laden raid

By JOB WARRICK

The Washington Post

In 15 years of dangerous missions—from midnight raids on al-Qaida safe houses in Iraq to battling Somali pirates from the deck of a heaving Navy ship on the high seas—there had never been one so shoddy by dread. As Robert James O'Neill contemplated his jump from a helicopter into Osama bin Laden's private garden, he was positive it would be his last.

"I didn't think I would survive," the former Navy SEAL said.

O'Neill, one of dozens of U.S. special operators to storm bin Laden's hideout on May 2, 2011, said he mentally prepared himself to face death from heavily armed gunmen or from the elaborate booby traps that would surely line the approaches to the al-Qaida leader's inner sanctum. What he never expected was that he would secure a place in history that night as the man who fired the bullet that ended bin Laden's life.

O'Neill confirmed to The Washington Post that he was the unnamed SEAL who was first to tumble through the doorway of bin Laden's bedroom that night, taking aim at the terrorist leader as he stood in darkness behind his youngest wife. In an account later confirmed by a SEAL at the Montana native described firing the round that hit bin Laden squarely in the forehead, killing him instantly.

More than three years after the events, O'Neill agreed to discuss his role publicly for the first time, detailing in unprecedented detail his twin role to capture or kill the man behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

O'Neill's involvement in the 2011 bin Laden raid capped a career that had already been extraordinary, by any measure. Tall and athletic, with boyish features and reddish-blond hair, O'Neill became a SEAL in 1996 at age 20 and was eventually promoted to elite SEAL Team 6.

He eventually received 24 different honors and commendations, many of them earned



JIN LEE, COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM/AP

**The fatigue shirt worn by Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill during the mission to capture Osama bin Laden is displayed in a case at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York.**

for multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, as the leader of missions to capture or kill suspected al-Qaida-affiliated insurgents.

Between tours, his team was pressed into service for rescue missions in far-flung corners of the world. O'Neill was among the SEALs who assisted in the 2009 rescue of merchant marine Capt. Richard Phillips from pirates off the coast of Somalia, an operation depicted in the 2013 movie "Captain Phillips."

O'Neill's experiences during the bin

**'In that second, I shot him, two times in the forehead. Bap! Bap! ... He crumbled to the floor in front of his bed, and I hit him again.'**

Robert James O'Neill  
former Navy SEAL



Laden raid were first described last year to journalist Phil Bronstein for Esquire magazine article that, by agreement, referred to him only as "the shooter." In the piece, he described advancing through bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, with five other SEALs, eventually reaching the third floor, where bin Laden lived with his wives.

As other team members peeled off to search different rooms, O'Neill found himself in the No. 2 position, behind the point man, for the assault on bin Laden's bedroom. When bin Laden briefly appeared at the door, the SEAL at the front of the line fired a shot that apparently missed.

"I rolled past him into the room, just inside the doorway," O'Neill recalled. "There was bin Laden, standing there. He had his hands on a woman's shoulders pushing her ahead."

Though the room was dark, O'Neill could clearly see bin Laden's features through his night-vision scope.

"He looked confused," O'Neill was quoted in the Esquire magazine article. "He was way taller than I was expecting. He had a cap on and didn't appear to be hit."

Bin Laden was "standing and moving," thrusting one of his wives in front of him as if to use her as a shield. "In that second, I shot him, two times in the forehead," he said. "Bap! Bap! The second time as he is going down. He crumbled to the floor in front of his bed, and I hit him again."

O'Neill told the Post that it was clear bin Laden had died instantly, his skull split by the first bullet. "I watched him take his last

breaths," he said.

He dismissed any talk of heroism, describing his actions as "muscle memory," the result of continuous, repetitive training, including countless rehearsals of the Abbottabad raid using full-scale models. He described the "heroic" actions of other SEALs, including those of the point man, who tackled two women in the bedroom to create the diversion that allowed O'Neill to get off his shots.

O'Neill said the SEALs had little time to contemplate the magnitude of the evening's events. After taking photographs and squeezing bin Laden's frame into a body bag, they scrambled to collect computer drives and other obvious sources of intelligence.

Then they moved bin Laden's wives and children away from the house before boarding their helicopter for a sprint across the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, just ahead of approaching Pakistani fighter planes.

Hours later, O'Neill was back at an American military base in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, eating a breakfast sandwich while bin Laden's remains lay in an adjacent room. Just then, President Barack Obama appeared on a television screen.

"The United States has conducted an operation that killed Osama bin Laden, the leader of al-Qaida and a terrorist who's responsible for the murder of thousands of innocent men, women and children," Obama said.

O'Neill said he glanced up at the screen and then at bin Laden's body bag, and then finished his sandwich.

## Debate: Former commander says active-duty SEALs 'pretty much very disappointed'

### FROM FRONT PAGE

If O'Neill discloses classified information during the interviews he could be subject to an investigation or action by the Justice Department officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter by any name.

O'Neill told the Post that shots also were fired by two other SEAL team members, including SEAL 10, Bissonnette, who described the raid somewhat differently in his book "No Easy Day."

The actions of both O'Neill and Bissonnette have drawn scorn from some of their colleagues. In an Oct. 10 open letter, Rep. Jim Brian Losey, who commands the Naval Special Warfare Group, and

Force Master Chief Michael Magaraci, the top noncommissioned officer of the group, urged SEALs to lower their public profile. Their comments were widely perceived as being aimed at O'Neill and Bissonnette.

"At Naval Special Warfare's core is the SEAL ethos," the letter says. "A critical tenant of our ethos is 'I do not advertise the nature of my work, nor seek recognition for my actions.'"

The letter added, "We do not abide willful or selfish disregard for our core values in return for public notoriety or financial gain."

Debra Burlingame, whose brother, Charles Burlingame, was the pilot of the hijacked plane that crashed into the Pentagon, attend-

ed the 9/11 museum ceremony. She said O'Neill, whose name was not divulged at the event, offered the families clarity on conflicting information they had received about the raid.

She said she didn't have an opinion about whether SEALs should disclose information about their deeds. "Whatever that (SEALs') ethos is is between the SEALs," she said. "The 9/11 families are the beneficiaries of any rules he might have broken or whatever lines he might have crossed."

"He went through the mission in ... great detail. All that information was very helpful to me because this is a figure in a terror organization that has loomed large in our lives," she said, adding that

she listened to him so intently that the 9/11 commemorative coin she was clasping tightly in her hand left a bruise.

Rick Woolard, a former SEAL team commander who previously urged his comrades to avoid discussing recent operations, said active-duty SEALs are "pretty much very disappointed, and I'd have to say angry, with guys who have used the deeds and those of their companions for personal gain."

"No Easy Day" was published in 2012 under the pseudonym Mark Owen. Bissonnette recounted on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" program that he sent a text to the commander of SEAL Team 6 after its publication. He said the commander replied, "Delete me."

At the same time, Woolard said,

there is frustration among some special operations soldiers that senior government officials have left office and written memoirs re-evaluating and profiting from actions involving troops who are sworn to secrecy. However, one active-duty SEAL officer, who declined to be quoted by name because he had no permission to speak publicly, said some SEALs had grown accustomed to some of their members seeking to profit from their connections to the elite group upon retirement.

Senior Pentagon and CIA officials cooperated extensively with the makers of "Zero Dark Thirty," a film that depicted both the CIA's months-long hunt for bin Laden and the SEALs raid that killed him in Pakistan.

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MILITARY

# Chemical: DOD now offering medical assessments

FROM FRONT PAGE

On Thursday, the newspaper reported that 629 U.S. servicemembers told military medical personnel that they believe they were exposed to chemical warfare agents while serving in Iraq. The troops made the claims in a post-deployment health assessment that servicemembers fill out at the end of their combat tours, according to the Times.

Some additional number of troops have reported that they believe they were exposed to such agents in Afghanistan.

Secretary Hagel ordered the department to examine the medical records for all servicemembers assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units where exposures were reported to have occurred, as well as the Post-Deployment Health Assessment data for all servicemembers who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. The review has determined thus far that 734 troops self-reported potential exposure. The actual extent of that exposure is not yet clear," Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said in a statement late Thursday.

Col. Jerome Buller, a spokesman for the Army surgeon general, told the Times that people who self-reported would have received medical consultation at the ends of their combat tours.

Pentagon officials did not immediately pro-

vide details about the consultations nor how health data was used after they were requested by Stars and Stripes.

The Defense Department is now offering more medical assessments.

"All current servicemembers identified through this process, who may have been exposed to chemical warfare agents, will be afforded DOD medical evaluations as appropriate, or at their request, to determine their actual level of exposure and identify adverse health impacts," Kirby said.

He pledged that the Pentagon will work with the VA to try to help former servicemembers who may have been exposed.

"If the servicemember has separated from the service, DOD will provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with all necessary information and documentation to verify exposure to ensure these veterans are afforded the appropriate services and disability benefits that may be available to them through the VA," he said.

Veterans who believe they were exposed can also call a Pentagon hotline at 1-800-497-6261 to report their concerns.

The Army's Public Health Command is reviewing all of the self-reported cases, according to DOD.

The Times reported that it was not clear why the military did not compile the data



MICHAEL PFARR/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**Mortar rounds and other explosive ordnance are displayed in February 2006 in near Hawija, Iraq.**

sooner, follow up with veterans who reported ill health effects, nor inform troops and VA officials about the risks of exposure.

The Times also reported that some troops were ignored or ordered not to further discuss their chemical-related health concerns after they initially reported them.

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# Air Force: F-16 pilot's remains located

The Associated Press

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Air Force officials say they have recovered the remains of an F-16 fighter jet pilot from the Gulf of Mexico after a crash earlier in the day.

A news release Thursday night from Tyndall Air Force Base says efforts will now shift to collecting evidence to determine the cause of the accident.

The base says the airman won't be immediately identified, pending notification of family. No further details were immediately available.

An earlier statement said the jet was on a routine training mission over the Gulf on Thursday morning when the base in the Florida Panhandle lost contact with the pilot.

# Ariz. Guard helo crew suspended for candy drop

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — An unauthorized airdrop of Halloween treats has landed four Arizona National Guard members under investigation.

According to a statement from the Arizona Guard, the four crew members of the 2nd Battalion, 285th Aviation Regiment flew over an upscale Phoenix neighborhood on Oct. 28 and threw candy from their UH-60 Black

Hawk helicopter, the Army Times reported.

The aircraft had taken off from Papago Military Reservation and was headed for a training mission on the north side of Phoenix when it flew over the Arcadia neighborhood in central Phoenix and dropped candy onto a Halloween party.

Residents said the helicopter hovered about 50 feet above the neighborhood for several minutes, prompting curious and

worried neighbors to theorize on social media about what it was doing, the Arizona Republic reported. Some even feared a drug drop was in progress.

The four aviators, who have not been identified, have been suspended from flying while the

investigation proceeds, the Army Times reported.

A statement from the Arizona Guard's land component commander said using military helicopters to spice up parties is forbidden.

"The incident was not sanc-

tioned by the Arizona National Guard and will be investigated further to ensure it does not occur again," said Army Brig. Gen. William Hall. "The Arizona National Guard will not authorize nor condone the use of military aircraft or equipment for personal use."

# DOD, NCAA join for \$4M research effort for preventing brain injuries

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — As part of an ongoing study into the effects of concussions on servicemembers and college athletes, the Department of Defense and NCAA have launched a \$4 million initiative seeking to enhance efforts to prevent traumatic brain injuries.

The program will provide grants of up to \$400,000 for research into improving understanding within the military and college athletic programs about the impact of concussions. Grants of up to \$100,000 will fund efforts to create educational materials to spread awareness of concussions.

DOD and NCAA officials announced the campaign Thursday and unveiled a website, www.mindmatterschallenge.org, where grant proposals can be submitted.

The initiative is part of a three-year, \$30 million study that the DOD and NCAA launched earlier

this year to examine the impact and lower the incidence of mild traumatic brain injuries.

Some 37,000 student-athletes will take part in the survey, which comes as college and pro sports leagues face mounting criticism for moving too slowly to address concerns over concussions.

The NCAA has agreed to a \$75 million settlement in a lawsuit brought by two dozen former college football players who claim that they suffer from lingering symptoms of concussions suffered during their playing days. A federal judge is reviewing the settlement terms.

Traumatic brain injuries have been dubbed the "signature injury" of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. An estimated 400,000 servicemembers have suffered brain injuries since U.S. troops invaded Afghanistan in 2001.

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## MILITARY

# 'A medal for the country and nation'

## Union Army soldier honored 151 years after Battle of Gettysburg for 'courage under fire'

By C.J. LIN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Dismembered horses. Hundreds of Confederate dead and dying all around. It was the last day at ground zero of the grueling Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania, and it was there that 1st Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing spent his last moments alive.

Now, 151 years later, Cushing has been awarded the Medal of Honor for his feats that helped the Union Army repel the Confederate assault known as Pickett's Charge on July 3, 1863.

"Sometimes, even the most extraordinary stories can get lost in the passage of time," said President Barack Obama before presenting the medal to Helen Loring Ensign, 85, Cushing's first cousin two generations removed. "And so this medal is a reminder that no matter how long it takes, it is never too late to do the right thing."

"Lon" Cushing, commander of Battery A of the 4th United States Artillery, 2nd Corps, Army of the Potomac, had been shot in the stomach and shoulder. He had burned his thumb to the bone covering the vent of a gun. He and his battery were right where Confederate Maj. Gen. George Pickett was trying break through the Union line.

Within a few hours, all of Cushing's officers had been killed. Two of his six cannons were disabled. Refusing pleas to get treatment and telling his first sergeant that he'd "fight it out or die in the attempt," Cushing moved one of the last cannons close to the more than 10,000 Confederate soldiers advancing through the smoke-filled battlefield and continued firing.

"The most dangerous place to be in the Battle of Gettysburg on Cemetery Ridge was being there with Cushing's battery. That area



Helen Loring Ensign accepts the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama on behalf of 1st Lt. Alonzo Cushing's family at a White House ceremony on Thursday.

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was just like a slaughterhouse," said Mark Bradley, a historian for the U.S. Army Center of Military History. "This is not a sight for the faint-hearted."

Bradley and members of the Cushing family spoke with media Wednesday at a hotel near the Pentagon.

For Bradley, Cushing's bravery was evident in his decision to command a battery, often the main target of the enemy.

"He was a staff officer, and he could've remained a staff officer for the rest of the war, and maybe he could've gone up to higher

command of the infantry," Bradley said. "But he chose to remain in command of the battery, which I believe indicates that he thought he could contribute the most to the Union war effort by doing so, by putting his life in jeopardy each time a battle was fought rather than being safe behind the lines. That resulted in his death."

It's something Cushing's family, no matter how far removed, has always kept in mind. His name has been passed down from generation to generation in a family whose members have served in conflicts dating back to the Revolu-

tionary War.

"From Bull Run to Antietam, from Chancellorsville to Fredericksburg, Lon fought bravely and developed a reputation for his cool, his competence and his courage under fire," Obama said.

The battle was considered the turning point of the Civil War; the Confederates never mounted a major offensive after that.

Cushing was among the thousands of soldiers who gave their "last full measure of devotion," Obama said. "His story is part of our larger American story — one that continues today. The spirit, the courage, the determination that he demonstrated lives on in our brave men and women in uniform who this very day are serving and making sure that they are defending the freedoms that Alonzo helped to preserve."

Cushing will again be honored later this month when the USS Gettysburg dedicates its officer dining hall as the "Cushing Wardroom," Obama said.

About 20 family members attended the Thursday ceremony at the White House. They were joined by Margaret Zerwekh, who is not related but lived on property in Wisconsin that was originally the Cushing family farmhouse. It was Zerwekh, 93, the granddaughter of a Union soldier, who took an interest in Cushing's history and campaigned for three decades to have him awarded the medal.

The family plans to loan the medal to places of significance to Cushing, including West Point, his alma mater and burial place; Delafield, Wis., where he was born; and Fredonia, N.Y., where he grew up.

"We feel that this is very much a medal for the country and the nation," said Jessica Loring, Cushing's first cousin three generations removed. "The idea is it should not sit on somebody's



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Cushing will again be honored later this month when the USS Gettysburg dedicates its officer dining area as the "Cushing Wardroom."

mantelpiece and just stay there. It needs to be shown so that people today can understand the price of making our country free and the sacrifice it takes. We want to bring Alonzo to life in what he did for his nation."

The award took several acts of Congress to make a reality. Originally, officers could not be awarded the Medal of Honor. Even after that rule was changed, the medal still could not be awarded to anyone whose actions took place more than five years prior without an act of Congress. Cushing's medal was approved last December as part of the National Defense Authorization Act.

"He was recognized at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg as being a hero," Loring said. "And he is now being recognized 151 years later. We've all kept him in our hearts and family and known about him, but he's now getting the national recognition he deserves."

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# Army launches campaign to encourage lithium battery use

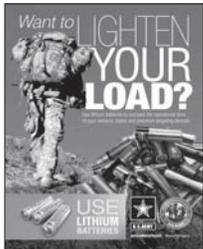
By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

Next time the TV remote batteries run down, consider the advice that the Army is offering soldiers.

The organization responsible for fielding battery-powered devices such as night-vision goggles and thermal weapon sights. Program Executive Office Soldier, has launched a campaign to encourage the use of L91 lithium batteries.

Joe Pearson, a logistics director at PEO-Soldier, said troops can trim the load they carry, improve the performance of their equipment and save the government money by switching from cheaper alkaline batteries.

Advances in technology have led to more battery-powered gear for soldiers, but it's up to individual Army units to decide which batteries they buy, Pearson said.



When PEO-Soldier staff surveyed soldiers and observed units in the field, they discovered that many of the batteries used were alkalines, he said.

"Most of the batteries being used are not the best quality," Pearson said.

Soldiers might think they're getting a better deal, since a AA alkaline battery typically costs 60 cents to \$1, compared with \$1.40 to \$2.50 for a lithium battery, he said.

However, three alkaline batteries are needed to get the run time of one lithium battery, according to Master Sgt. Reiko Carter, a fielding operations noncommissioned officer at PEO-Soldier.

The Army also discourages the use of rechargeable batteries, other than in training, because they might not hold a full charge, and chargers can add weight to a soldier's load, Carter said.

Staff Sgt. José Salcedo III, a member of 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, said he carried two dozen or more alkaline batteries to power his gear during patrols in Ghazni province, Afghanistan, in 2012.

Salcedo said a thermal weap-

ons sight — which can help identify enemy combatants at great distance — is one of a modern infantryman's best tools. So reliable batteries can mean the difference between life and death on the battlefield.

The Army calibrates its devices to work with lithium batteries, which perform better in cold weather and weigh only about

two-thirds as much as alkalines, officials said.

The weight saved by choosing lithium batteries over alkaline is probably a matter of ounces, but it's much appreciated, Salcedo said, adding that troops carry on patrol.

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

# Obama writes to supreme leader of Iran

By MATTHEW LEE AND JULIE PACE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a rare outreach to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, President Barack Obama has written a letter about the fight against Islamic State militants, a common enemy in Syria and Iraq, according to diplomatic sources.

The U.S. and Iran are each engaged in military efforts to degrade the Islamic State group, essentially putting the longtime foes on the same side in the campaign against the extremists. However, the Obama administra-

tion has repeatedly insisted that it is not coordinating and will not coordinate its military actions with Iran, though officials from both countries have discussed the matter more broadly.

Obama's letter to Iran's powerful religious leader comes against the backdrop of the looming Nov. 24 deadline in nuclear negotiations between the U.S. and Iran, as well as five other world powers. While Obama has previously sent letters to Khamenei, any communication between the two men has been extremely rare.

The Wall Street Journal, which first reported that Obama had sent the letter, said it described a

shared interest between the U.S. and Iran in fighting the IS and stressed that any cooperation on that would be largely contingent on Iran agreeing to the nuclear deal. However, while not confirming or denying the existence of the letter, administration officials said there were still no plans to cooperate or coordinate with Iran against the militants.

"The United States will not cooperate militarily with Iran in that effort," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said. "We won't share intelligence with them."

Diplomatic sources separately confirmed the existence of the letter to The Associated Press.

They did so only on the condition of anonymity to publicly discuss Obama's outreach.

Obama authorized a U.S.-led air campaign against Islamic State fighters in Iraq in August and expanded the mission the following month to neighboring Syria. The U.S. is taking action alongside several other nations, including a handful of regional partners.

Iran is not part of the U.S. coalition, but it has also been fighting the IS on the ground. However, Iran's interests in pursuing the Islamic State's defeat differ from those of the Obama administration. Iran is a staunch

supporter of Syrian President Bashar Assad, who is a target of the militants and is opposed by the U.S.

Two chief critics of Obama's foreign policy, GOP Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, called it "outrageous" that Obama would seek to enlist Iran in its fight against the IS given Iran's support for Assad and Shia extremists throughout the region.

"The consequences of this ill-conceived bargain would destroy the Syrians' last, best chance to live in freedom from the brutal Assad regime," the two senators said in a joint statement.



VADIM GRINDA/AP

## Fighting rages in Kobani

A missile is fired Thursday from an Islamic State position in Kobani, Syria, seen from a hilltop outside Suruc on the Turkey-Syria border. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, have been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group and are being defended by Kurdish fighters.

## US: Bomb-maker targeted in Syria strike

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — American aircraft bombed al-Qaida-linked militants in Syria on Thursday, and activists said another radical rebel group also was hit — an apparent expansion of the aerial campaign against the Islamic State group to target other extremists deemed a threat to the West.

Initial reports indicated a French militant the U.S. says was a top bomb-maker was hit and

possibly killed in the attack.

A senior U.S. official said one of the targets was a French militant and bomb-maker, David Drugeon. The official said the U.S. is still assessing the results of the strikes, but believes they were successful and that it appears Drugeon was hit. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Gen. Lloyd Austin, the Central Command official in charge of

U.S. military operations throughout the Middle East, said at a Washington forum that he would not discuss results of the strikes until they had been more fully studied. He suggested, however, that Drugeon was targeted and may have been hit.

"He is clearly one of the leadership elements and one of the most dangerous elements in that organization," Austin said. "And so any time we can take their leadership out, it's a good thing."

## Interpol: Jihadis using cruise ships to reach war zones in Mideast

By JAMEY KEATEN  
The Associated Press

MONACO — Would-be jihadist fighters are increasingly booking tickets on cruise ships to join extremists in battle zones in Syria and Iraq, hoping to bypass stepped-up efforts to thwart them in neighboring Turkey, Interpol officials have told The Associated Press.

This is one of the reasons why the international police body is preparing to expand a pilot program known as I-Checkit, under which airlines bounce passenger information off Interpol's databases — in hopes that one day the system could expand to include cruise operators, banks, hotels and other private-sector partners.

Turkey, with its long and open-porous border with Syria, has been a major thoroughfare for many of the thousands of foreign fighters seeking to join extremists like the Islamic State group, which has captured territory across Iraq and Syria.

Speaking in Monaco, where Interpol is holding its general assembly this week, outgoing chief Ronald Noble confirmed that Turkey was a destination, but declined to identify any others. He also refused to indicate how many people might be involved, but called on countries to step up screening at all transportation hubs — "airports and, more and more, cruise lines."

Turkish authorities say they have set up teams to nab suspected foreign fighters in airports and bus stations, and have deported hundreds in recent months.

Pierre St. Hilaire, director of counterterrorism at Interpol, suggested that the Turkish crackdown has shown results in recent months, and so some would-be jihadis are making alternative travel plans.

"Because they know the airports are monitored more closely now, there's a use of cruise ships to travel to those areas," he told the AP on Thursday. "There is evidence that the individuals, especially in Europe, are traveling mostly to Izmit and other places to engage in this type of activity," he said, referring to a Turkish coastal town.

The phenomenon is relatively new, within the past three months or so, said other Interpol officials.

"Originally, our concern about people on cruise ships — dangerous people on cruise ships — really focused on the classic sort of rapist, burglar, or violent criminal," Noble said.

"But as we've gathered data, we've realized that there are more and more reports that people are using cruise ships in order to get to launch pads, if you will — sort of closer to the conflict zones — of Syria and Iraq."

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# President, GOP leaders test will for compromise

By STEVEN R. HURST  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and congressional leaders sat down for lunch at the White House on Friday to search for ways to cooperate and try to break Washington's gridlock when Republicans take control of both chambers in the next Congress.

The midterm election earlier this week produced a stunning rebuke to Obama and his Democrats, with Republicans snatching control of the Senate and widening their dominance in the House of Representatives.

The new configuration leaves Obama and the Republicans with the choice of finding points of compromise — on issues such as overhauling the tax code and immigration reform — or to continue acting on the ideological gulf that has split the nation's political elite. Obama's only defense, if compromise cannot be found, would be his presidential veto power over legislation when it hits his desk. The Republicans, while in power in both houses, do not have a sufficiently large majority to override a presidential veto.

Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress could temper their partisanship as they look forward to the next election that will include choosing a new president. One of the big messages voters delivered this year was disgust with the government's inability to act.

Republicans have said that they must show the American pub-

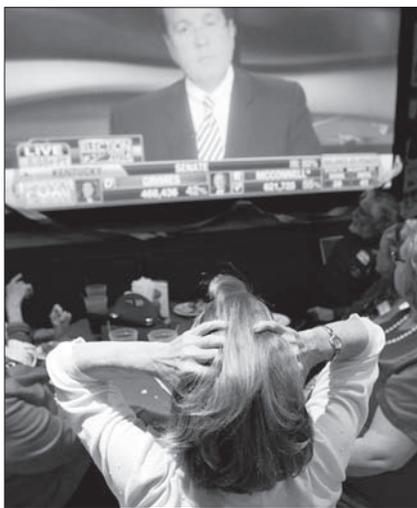
lic they can use their new powers to govern, not just oppose the president.

Republicans took over at least seven seats in the 100-member Senate on Tuesday, more than enough to grab the majority next year. With three Senate races still uncalled, the Republicans could win more seats for a majority. In the House, the Republican dominance increased to levels not seen since shortly after the end of World War II.

Sitting down for lunch with the president are 16 top-ranking lawmakers. They will be looking at a way forward on unfinished business that must be wrapped up before the end of this year's session. But even more important will be the atmospherics that could set the tone for the next Congress is sworn in after the New Year.

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, of Nevada, Obama's fail-safe for his first six years in office, is about to lose his grip on the upper chamber. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, is riding a wave of electoral success into the top job. Republican House Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio, is carrying himself with renewed confidence after padding his majority. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, of California, presides over a diminished minority.

In the hours after voters delivered their verdict, both Obama and McConnell voiced optimism about the potential to find common ground, despite the rancor



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Republican Party supporter Marti Miller, center, reacts as the early numbers are reported on a tightly contested Senate race in Kentucky during a GOP election night watch party at Patrick's in East Memphis, Tenn.

and wide ideological gulf that has undermined such cooperation in the past.

"I'm sure there will be plenty of things for us to disagree about," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Thursday. "But if there's an opportunity for us to find some common ground, let's make sure that our differences don't get in the way of us being able to make some progress for the American people."

But bipartisan aspirations for compromise were quickly tempered. Many of the thorny issues that divided Democrats and Republicans before the election began to rise to the surface yet again now that Republicans are able to push legislation through both chambers

and to Obama's desk unimpeded by Senate Democrats.

For example, Boehner, in his first news conference after the elections, warned Obama on Thursday that following through with his plans to take sweeping executive action on immigration would be like playing with matches.

"He's going to burn himself if he continues to go down this path," Boehner said.

While Obama will be hobbled in the final two years of his presidency, McConnell and Boehner will find compromise very difficult because of the ultra-conservative tea party Republicans who remain determined to do little other than stymie the president's agenda.

# 20,000 still await furlough resolution

By LISA REIN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A year ago, an obscure judicial agency in the federal bureaucracy charged with deciding whether employees have been treated fairly began wading through a new docket of 32,759 cases. That's the number of federal workers who believe they were unjustly furloughed for up to a week after Congress let \$80 billion in automatic budget cuts take effect.

As of Wednesday, the Merit Systems Protection Board has heard the appeals of 12,032 of those employees, who petitioned for back pay after their agencies sent them home. If that pace continues, it will take more than a year before the appeal docket is clear, employees know if they'll recover their lost salary and the board returns to normal.

Most federal offices and members of Congress long ago moved on from the spending cuts known as sequestration that Congress forced on the government starting in March 2013. The Obama administration and Democrats claimed the cuts would hamper the operations of the agencies and the wider economy. Republicans called those claims scare tactics.

But sequestration's wake is still rippling for about 20,000 federal employees who are waiting for their day in court. And the little agency hearing their cases is still slogging through, one appeal at a time.

"Our agency has broken all sorts of records we never expected," said Susan Tsui Grudmann, chairman of the merit systems board. The agency has about 55 administrative judges hearing furlough appeals at its District of Columbia headquarters and eight regional offices from Crystal City, Va., to San Francisco.

What makes the plodding pace of the process worthy of a Kafka novel is this: The likely outcome of the rest of the appeals is predictable. Administrative judges have reversed the furloughs in just 44 cases, affirming agency decisions in all the others. With a few exceptions, agencies are furloughed employees entitled to due process: a hearing in person, by video conference, with the plaintiff present or not.

But federal civil service rules guarantee every employee, once an agency official issues multiple furlough orders, for example, a judge reviews them together. In cases where employees claim they were treated unfairly because colleagues in their office were exempted from furloughs, a judge hears the claims one by one.

# Unemployment drops, jobs added in Oct.

By JIM PUZZANGHERA  
Los Angeles Times

The economy posted another solid, though somewhat disappointing, month of job growth in October, adding 214,000 net new positions while the unemployment rate fell to a post-Great Recession low of 5.8 percent, the Labor Department said Friday.

October's job gains were down from the previous month's upwardly revised figure of 256,000 and below economists' expectations.

But the Labor Department said job growth was slightly stronger in August and September than originally estimated, with 31,000 more positions added.

Those revisions pushed August's figure to 203,000, meaning the best streak of job creation since the 1990s did not end in the summer, as was originally thought.

With October's solid growth, the economy now has added more than 200,000 jobs for nine straight months. That's the best performance since a 19-month streak from 1993-95.

Job creation has averaged 222,000 so far this year.

The unemployment rate fell 0.1 percentage point to 5.8 percent, the lowest since July 2008. The drop came as the labor force participation rate ticked up to 62.8 percent, still historically low.

Wage growth picked up slightly, with average hourly earnings rising 3 cents to \$24.57 in October after being flat the previous month.

Overall, wages were up 2 percent for the 12 months ended in October. That was above the 1.7 percent inflation rate.

Economists had expected the report to show the economy added 240,000 net new jobs last month

and the unemployment rate to hold steady at 5.9 percent.

Federal Reserve officials are watching the labor market closely as they try to determine when to start raising their benchmark short-term interest rate.

The Fed stopped the controversial bond-buying program it began during the 2008 financial crisis and had run off and on for most of the last six years.

The latest round was started in September 2012 and was designed to push down long-term interest rates to help lower the unemployment rate, which was 8.1 percent at the time.

# Lynch emerges as lead attorney general choice

WASHINGTON — U.S. attorney Loretta Lynch has emerged as the leading choice to be the next U.S. attorney general, but President Barack Obama does not plan to make a nomination until after a trip to Asia next week.

If selected, she would be the first black female attorney general. Florida's Janet Reno was the first woman attorney general.

People with knowledge of his plans say Obama has wavered against pushing for confirmation now and instead will leave it up to the Republican-controlled Senate next year.

The White House would not comment on whom Obama plans to name. But the people with knowledge of his thinking say Lynch, the U.S. attorney for Eastern New York, has risen to the top of his list in the past couple of weeks.

NATION



STEVEN M. FALK, PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS/AP

Abduction victim Carlesha Freeland-Gaither, second from left, is escorted from Howard County General Hospital in Columbia, Md., early Thursday morning by Philadelphia Detectives James Sloan, left, and John Gelebrer partially obscured.

# Man charged in abductions in Philadelphia, Virginia

By MICHAEL R. SISAK AND LARRY O'DELL  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The man accused of grabbing a Philadelphia woman off the street this week and taking her to Maryland has a history of violence, choking his ex-wife a decade ago and abducting a 16-year-old Virginia girl just last month with the intention of killing her, authorities say.

But neither of Delvin Barnes' most recent victims submitted meekly, police said.

The teenager managed to escape as Barnes was digging her intended grave. A month later, Philadelphia resident Carlesha Freeland-Gaither, 22, fought her attacker even while bound — and left a breadcrumb for police in the form of her cellphone.

"She's really a very, very strong young woman and just very, very lucky to have survived this," Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey told The Associated Press on Thursday, a day after federal agents rescued Freeland-

Gaither and arrested her suspected abductor.

Barnes, 37, was charged federally with kidnaping. Court documents filed Thursday night said Barnes confessed and told authorities he didn't know the victim, whose abduction Sunday night was captured on surveillance video seen nationwide.

Agents with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found Barnes' vehicle — its rear window kicked out by Freeland-Gaither — on a road in Jessup, Md., with Barnes and the kidnapped woman lying next to each other in the backseat. After her rescue, she was taken to a hospital but was soon reunited with her mother and other family members, who took her home to Philadelphia.



Barnes

"Obviously, she's got a long recovery period. The psychological trauma is really something that you can't measure," Ramsey said. "It's going to take time for those wounds to heal, if ever. But she's home, that's the main thing."

Barnes was released a year ago after serving eight years in prison for a 2005 assault on his estranged wife and her family in Philadelphia. Barnes beat and choked her, punched her mother in the face and hit her father in the head with a glass bowl, court records show.

At the time of his arrest in the kidnaping case, Barnes was wanted in connection with the abduction of a 16-year-old Richmond girl who authorities say was hit in the head with a shovel, stuffed into the trunk of a car and taken to a weathered mobile home 30 miles southeast of Richmond. There, Barnes ordered the teen to take off her clothes, set them on fire and doused her in bleach and gasoline, said sheriff's Capt. Jayson Crawley of Charles City County, Va.

# Gay marriage on way back to Supreme Court

By DAN SEWELL  
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A month after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to rule on gay marriage, the issue is headed its way again.

A federal appeals court Thursday halted a stunning run of rulings supporting same-sex marriage by the U.S. courts that are the last line for appeals just below the Supreme Court. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel instead upheld laws against the practice in four states — Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Attorneys for gay plaintiffs say they will ask the Supreme Court to hear their arguments, and the split created Thursday among the federal appeals courts makes it more likely they will agree to do so this time.

One month ago Thursday, the Supreme Court turned away appeals from five states seeking to uphold their same-sex marriage bans. That action had the effect of further expanding gay marriage.

The gay-rights movement celebrated the action, part of a remarkably rapid string of victories during the past few months that

have now made same-sex marriage legal in at least 30 states. It followed more than 20 court victories for supporters of same-sex marriage since the Supreme Court struck down part of the Clinton-era federal Defense of Marriage Act last year.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg had explained in a September speech in Minnesota that the lack of a split in the appeals courts made Supreme Court review of the issue unnecessary. But she said "there will be some urgency" if the 6th Circuit allowed same-sex marriage bans to stand.

The 6th Circuit panel, in its 2-1 ruling, said changing the definition of marriage should be done through the political process, not by judges and lawyers.

"Surely the people should receive some deference in deciding when the time is ripe to move from one picture of marriage to another," wrote Circuit Judge Jeffrey Sutton, writing for himself and a fellow George W. Bush appointee.

The dissenting judge suggested that Sutton and Judge Deborah Cook might have wanted to push the issue on to the high court.

# Intense storm headed to Aleutian Islands

By RACHEL D'ORO  
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — An explosive storm surpassing the intensity of 2012's Superstorm Sandy is expected to reach Alaska's western Aleutian Islands during the weekend and to bring unusually frigid temperatures to much of the U.S. next week, weather forecasters said Thursday.

What remains of Typhoon Nuri is moving northeast from off the Japanese coast and is mixing with cold air and the jet stream, which will give it the power to produce hurricane-force winds and waves

50 feet high. It could arrive late Friday or Saturday before weakening in the Bering Sea, the National Weather Service said.

The storm potentially could be one of the most intense ever to hit the North Pacific, weather service forecaster Brian Hurley said. The U.S. Coast Guard and Alaska state emergency responders were keeping a close eye on its strength.

The system is expected to push cold air into much of the lower 48 states next week, forecaster Bob Travençolo said. By the weekend, high temperatures in Minneapolis will only reach the upper 20s

Fahrenheit, and the mid-30s are expected in Chicago — more than 15 degrees below normal.

Snow also is coming to areas including the northern Rockies and northern Plains.

While Sandy caused destruction along the East Coast, Nuri's target in the north is a sparsely populated region with a few small communities that are accustomed to severe weather.

In fact, 69 mph wind gusts blew in last week in the western Aleutian town of Adak, a former Naval Air Station east of Nuri's direct route that retains its military appearance.



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NATION

# U.S. diplomat probed by feds

By ANNE GEARAN  
AND ADAM GOLDMAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A veteran State Department diplomat and longtime Pakistan expert is under federal investigation as part of a counterintelligence probe and has had her security clearances withdrawn, according to U.S. officials. The FBI searched the Washington home of Robin Raphael last month, and her State Department office was also examined and sealed, officials said. Raphael, a fixture in Washington's diplomatic and think-tank circles, was placed on administrative leave last month, and her contract with the State Department was allowed to expire this week.

Two U.S. officials described the investigation as a counterintelligence matter, which typically involves allegations of spying on behalf of foreign governments. The exact nature of the investigation involving Raphael remains unclear. She has not been charged.

A spokesman for Raphael said she was cooperating with investigators but has not been told the "scope or nature or that she is the target" of any probe.

U.S. officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing. Spokesmen with the FBI and the Justice Department's National Security Division declined to comment.

Details of federal counterintelligence investigations are typically very closely held and can span years. Although Raphael has spent

much of her career on Pakistan issues, it was unknown whether the investigation, being run by the FBI's Washington Field Office, was related to her work with that country.

"We are aware of this law enforcement matter," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said. "The State Department has been cooperating with our law enforcement colleagues."

The State Department would not comment on Raphael's current employment status or security clearances. "Appropriate steps have been taken in that regard," Psaki said. "I don't have further details to share with you at this time."

Raphael did not respond to attempts to reach her by phone and email. Her daughter also declined to comment, instead referring questions to a family spokesman.

The spokesman, Andrew Rice, said her security clearances were put on hold last month and that she is no longer employed by the State Department. "She is aware and can confirm there is some kind of investigation," he said.

Rice declined to say whether Raphael had hired a lawyer and refused to answer questions about her whereabouts.

U.S. officials acknowledged that the FBI conducted a search at Raphael's home on Oct. 21 but would not provide details of the search. Agents removed bags and boxes from the home, but it is not clear what was seized there or at her office.



DARIN OSWALD, THE IDAHO STATESMAN/AP

An Idaho National Guard helicopter lifts off from a site where another Guard helicopter was reported to have crashed south of Gowen Field in Boise on Thursday.

## 2 die in Idaho Guard helo crash

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The Army National Guard says two chief warrant officers from Idaho were killed when their Apache helicopter crashed during a training mission near the airport in Boise.

Stien P. Gearhart, 50, and Jon L. Hartway, 43, were the only two people aboard the aircraft. Both soldiers were assigned to Gowen Field in Boise. Gearhart lived in Meridian and Hartway lived in Kuna.

National Guard spokesman Col.

Tim Marsano said the men's families have requested privacy. The cause of the crash will be investigated by the U.S. Department of Defense.

The helicopter crashed about 7 p.m. Thursday about two miles south base near Boise International Airport, Marsano said. It wasn't immediately clear whether the pilots were heading to or returning from a mission, he said.

Marsano said he didn't know whether any communication was heard from the helicopter prior to

the crash. There was no fire, he said.

The Idaho Army National Guard had 16 Apache helicopters at its Gowen Field training base.

"The men and women of the Idaho National Guard are united in grief at the loss of two of our brothers in arms, who gave their lives while training to defend our nation," Maj. Gen. Gary Saylor, commander of the Idaho National Guard, said in a statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are with their families."

## PETA calls for Discovery not to air snake show

By DAVID BAUDER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An animal rights group on Thursday asked the Discovery Channel not to air "Eaten Alive," a show planned for next month in which a naturalist attempts to get swallowed by a giant snake.

Delciana Winters, the PETA Foundation's deputy general counsel, said that if Discovery's promo for the show is to be believed, an anaconda snake was tormented and suffered for the sake of ratings.

"Shame on this pseudo-wildlife expert for tormenting this animal, and shame on the Discovery Channel for giving him the incentive to do so," Winters said.

Discovery spokeswoman Laurie Goldberg refused to comment on PETA's request that the network, part of Discovery Communications Inc., not air the show. But she said the featured snake is

"alive and well."

Goldberg also wouldn't give any details about "Eaten Alive," set to air Dec. 7 as part of Discovery's "Mega Week," beyond a filmed promotion that appears on the network's website.

The promotion claims that filmmaker Paul Rosolie "enters the belly of an anaconda in a custom-built, snake-proof suit." The video shows a him walking near a snake in a spaceman-type outfit, supposedly designed to make him as appetizing as possible.

"You have to go in headfirst," the man explains.

The video doesn't show anyone actually being swallowed by the snake.

"Anacondas go days without eating and expend the energy needed to do so selectively," Winters said. "Making this snake use up energy by swallowing this fool and possibly regurgitating him would have left the poor animal exhausted."

## Lawyer: Canada should have let Afghan in

By CAROLYN THOMPSON  
The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Lawyers for one of three Afghan military officers facing deportation after sneaking away from a military training exercise in Massachusetts said he was improperly denied entry into Canada when he arrived at the border seeking refugee status.

Capt. Mohammmad Nasir Askarzada, 28, has an uncle in Montreal, the attorneys said, which should have made him exempt from a 10-year-old treaty under which he and the other officers apparently were turned away.

Refugee advocates say the case proves some of their worst fears about the 2004 Safe Third Country Agreement, which has dramatically decreased the flow of asylum seekers through the United States into Canada. They say the rules have been applied

unevenly and have left some non-criminal claimants, like the Afghan officers, behind bars in the United States and facing life-or-death removal proceedings.



Askarzada

"The rules are so complicated that even lawyers have to keep themselves updated on the changes," said Askarzada's Canadian attorney, Razmeen Joya, who is seeking a re-opening of the soldier's case.

The Safe Third Country Agreement between the United States and Canada requires people seeking asylum at Canada-U.S. land border crossings to apply in whichever country they arrive in first, with some exceptions.

Askarzada, Joya said, met one

of the exceptions by having a family member in Canada. But she said border agents failed to call the uncle to confirm the claim when he, along with Maj. Jan Mohammad Arash and Capt. Noorullah Aminyar, walked across the Rainbow Bridge from New York into Ontario on Sept. 22.

Canada Border Services Agency spokeswoman Esme Bailey said the agency does not comment on individual cases.

Askarzada, Arash and Aminyar were taken into custody by U.S. officers and have been held in a federal detention facility outside Buffalo while challenging U.S. efforts to deport them for visa violations. If found removable, they are expected to seek asylum in the United States. The soldiers say they have been threatened by the Taliban for training and fighting alongside U.S. soldiers and fear they will be killed if returned to Afghanistan.

## WORLD

# Ukraine accuses Russia of sending tanks

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine accused Russia on Friday of sending dozens of tanks and other heavy weapons into Ukraine's rebel-controlled eastern areas.

National Security and Defense Council spokesman Andriy Lysenko said at least 32 tanks, 16 artillery systems and 30 trucks loaded with fighters and ammunition had crossed into eastern

Ukraine from Russia.

He provided no specific evidence or timetable, and it wasn't immediately clear how his agency had obtained the information since parts of Ukraine's eastern border with Russia have been under rebel control since August.

Ukraine and the West have continuously accused Moscow of fueling a pro-Russian rebellion in eastern Ukraine with troops and weapons, the accusations that Russia has denied.

Russia's Defense Ministry had no immediate comment on Lysenko's statement but earlier Friday it again rejected Western allegations that Moscow was deploying more troops near the border.

Russia's relations with the West have plunged to the lowest point since the Cold War over Moscow's annexation of Crimea and its support for the insurgency in the east. The United States and Russia have slapped sanctions on Moscow, one of the reasons the

Russian ruble has plunged over 40 percent this year.

Despite a cease-fire signed two months ago, Ukrainian troops and separatist rebels are still fighting near the airport of the main rebel-held city of Donetsk and a few other areas.

Ukraine's president has ordered the military to beef up troops on the front line to prevent further losses of territory to the rebels.

Tensions rose further after the

rebels held an election Sunday that Ukraine and the West denounced as a violation of the Sept. 5 truce. Russia welcomed the vote but in carefully chosen language. Russian President Vladimir Putin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov, emphasized Friday that Moscow's statement saying it "respects" the rebel vote doesn't amount to its recognition.

Ushakov added that Russia wants peace talks to continue.



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

## Balloon border

People walk Friday in Berlin behind luminous, white balloons along the former route of the Berlin Wall. They are part of the project "Lichtgrenze 2014" (Light Border 2014) on occasion of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989.

## Thousands rally against US in Yemen

The Associated Press

ADEN, Yemen — Thousands of supporters of Yemen's ousted president and Shiite rebels who have overrun the country's capital are rallying in Sanaa, denouncing what they claim to be American "interference" in Yemen's affairs.

The demonstration comes in the countdown to a Friday night deadline at the U.N. Security Council for member states to raise objections to imposing sanctions on Yemen's ex-President Ali Abdullah Saleh and two key Shiite Houthi rebel figures.

The three are blamed for or-

chestrating Yemen's current unrest. All 15 Security Council members must approve sanctions for them to take effect.

The protesters in Sanaa — in much smaller numbers than usual — carried posters urging the U.S. ambassador to get out of the country.

## Israeli PM blames militants for growing tension in Jerusalem

By PETER ENAV  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's prime minister blamed "militant Islamic incitement" for growing tensions in Jerusalem, especially at a contested holy site that was ringed Friday by hundreds of Israeli riot police as about 15,000 Muslims performed weekly prayers there.

Prayers ended peacefully, though clashes erupted again later in the day between Palestinian stone-throwers and Israeli troops in an Arab neighborhood of Jerusalem and at the main Israeli checkpoint on the outskirts of the city.

Tensions have been rising in recent weeks over the Jerusalem shrine, known to Muslims as Haram as-Sharif, or Noble Sanctuary, and to Jews as the Temple Mount.

The complex, the third-holiest site in Islam, houses the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the gold-topped Dome of the Rock. Jews also revere it as the location of their biblical temples and consider it the most sacred location in their faith.

Since Israel captured the sacred plateau, along with the rest of east Jerusalem, from Jordan in 1967, Jewish worshippers have been allowed to visit — but not to pray — at the site. The area is run by Muslim authorities under Jordanian custody.

In the past few months, several senior members of Israeli Prime

minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition, including Housing Minister Uri Ariel and Deputy Parliament Speaker Moshe Feiglin, have called for a greater Jewish presence and the right to prayer on the mount.

At the same time, the number of Jewish visitors to the site has increased over the years, raising fears among Muslims that this is part of a gradual Jewish takeover.

On Friday, 1,300 Israeli riot police fanned out around the mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City, sealing off access roads to enforce a government decision to bar Muslim men under the age of 35 from praying there. The age limit varies from Friday to Friday.

Riot police manned metal barricades, checking identity papers and directing pedestrians.

At one checkpoint in the Wadi Joz area, just outside the Old City, some 500 young Palestinians who were denied entry to the mosque compound because of their age performed prayers on a street, kneeling on carpets spread on the asphalt. They were faced by a row of riot police in black uniforms and helmets, as well as several officers on horseback.

"We are steadfast here," said one of the worshippers, who only identified himself by his first name, Raed, for fear of Israeli repercussions. "We pray here despite the Israeli restraints."

## No baby boom seen from easing of China's 1-child policy

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Despite earlier estimates that new exemptions to China's one-child policy would add up to 2 million extra births per year, only 700,000 newly qualified couples applied to have second children this year, a Chinese official said.

Zhao Yampel, a senior official at the National Health and Family Planning Commission, told reporters at a briefing this week

that although this year's number is lower than expected, it is too early to conclude what effect the new policy will have in coming years on China's fertility rate, which is now at 1.5 to 1.6 births per woman.

Last year, China eased its one-child policy to allow couples in which one partner has no siblings to have two children.

Couples in which both partners have no siblings and rural families whose firstborn children are

girls already have been allowed to have second children for many years.

Demographers said last year that the easing was so incremental that a baby boom would be unlikely. They also noted that Chinese young people no longer wish for big families, and, even when they can, have opted not to have a second child.

The lower-than-expected number of applications for a second child has some critics arguing

for the abolition of China's strict family planning policies, which have limited most urban families to only one child. They say China's low birth rate will cause the country to age quickly and hurt its economic viability.

Zhao said the number was low partly because some provinces did not implement rules until the middle of 2014 to allow newly qualified couples to apply to have a second baby.

"Because of concerns over

child-bearing and child-raising costs, or other career-related considerations, many young couples are not in a hurry to have children," Zhao said. "As far as birthing is concerned, the policy has a time lag. It would be at least until the second year or the third year before we can tell if the overall birthing level would see any major change."

Zhao said there is no timetable to abolish the one-child policy.

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## OPINION

## Fair minimum pay, without politics

By CHARLES LANE  
 The Washington Post

Of all the instruments government might employ to fight income inequality and reward work, the federal minimum wage, currently \$7.25 per hour, is one of the bluntest.

Congress sets it based on nothing but politics. It works as a tax on business, whose benefits often accrue to middle-class teenagers, and whose sets of fewer jobs and higher prices — are partly borne by needier intended beneficiaries.

For all that, the minimum wage is popular, very popular, as voters in four red states proved once again Tuesday. Nebraskans approved a ballot measure to raise that state's minimum wage to \$8 an hour next year and \$9 in 2016; South Dakotans voted to raise it to \$8.50 next year. Arkansas voters approved a gradual increase to \$8.50 by 2017. And Alaskans agreed to raise it to \$9.75 by 2016.

In Illinois, the one blue state to consider the issue, voters opted for \$10 an hour starting next year, albeit in a nonbinding referendum.

Consequently, a majority of states, containing more than half of the working-age population, have or soon will have minimum wages higher than the federal minimum.

Republican politicians, and free-market pundits like me, can complain forever about this, but the minimum wage is here to stay. All we're accomplishing is to help fuel the controversy and thus to ensure that, whatever the minimum wage is, it will be determined the worst possible way: politically.

Minimum-wage critics need to pursue a second-best solution, which is to link the federal rate to relatively objective eco-

nomeric criteria and remove it from partisan conflict.

The first step would be to set a benchmark for the minimum wage based on its historical relationship to some relevant indicator. For example, since the federal government first established a definition of poverty in 1959, the average income for a full-time worker earning the minimum wage has been two-thirds of the poverty line for a family of four, an amount that nowadays is about \$16,000 a year, or \$8 an hour — 75 cents more than the current rate.

Alternatively, the real value of the minimum wage has oscillated around 45 percent of the average private-sector wage since its inception in 1938. That would translate to about \$9 per hour today.

So let's combine and suggest \$8.50, which would amount to an immediate \$1.25-per-hour increase for minimum-wage workers in roughly half of the country.

Second, Congress could index the minimum wage to inflation, as 15 states now do, and finally, it could beef up the earned-income tax credit, a successful wage subsidy for low-income workers.

What you have just read is the outline of a grand bargain on the minimum wage. The GOP would let Democrats have at least some of the increase they have demanded for years. In return, the GOP gets political peace, because future increases would be automatic, not the subject of wrangling in Congress.

The model is the bill that Michigan's pragmatic Republican legislature passed and its pragmatic Republican governor, Rick Snyder signed this year. It would increase that state's minimum wage to \$9.25 by 2018 and indexed it to inflation, thus heading off a referendum to raise it to

\$10.10 that unions were threatening to put on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Leading members of both parties are already on record in favor of increasing the minimum wage to some \$15 for single adults, so that part of the bargain would be a win for both sides.

Who could possibly object? Democrats might complain that this deal gives them less than the \$10.10 per hour President Barack Obama has advocated, and far less than the economically risky \$15 that labor activists are demanding. Still, it's a significant raise — and, what's more, it would be impervious to the ravages of inflation. I'd certainly like to see Obama explain a veto if the alternative is no raise at all.

Low-wage service industries and their allies on Capitol Hill might stir that indexing the minimum wage creates permanent increases in their labor costs — and thus a strong incentive to permanently replace workers with machines. Perhaps, but surely most businesses would prefer a predictable federal minimum wage to one that fluctuates with the price tag.

I repeat: The main benefit of this grand bargain would be to end the pernicious tradition, dating to the New Deal, according to which it takes an act of Congress to increase the federal minimum wage. Let states tinker if they must; at least that level of government is closer to local market conditions. Meanwhile, national politics would be burdened by one less source of partisan conflict.

A grand bargain on the minimum wage would be pretty good for Democrats, very good for Republicans and even better for the country. Let's see if the new majority party in Congress is smart enough to make it happen.

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## Gridlock leads voters away from Washington

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Here's the big news from Tuesday's election: Faced with gridlock in Washington, more and more voters are turning to states and municipalities to do the work that the nation's capital seems increasingly unable to do.

Let me give you one example: Voters in four states — all of them won by Mitt Romney in the 2012 presidential race — passed ballot measures increasing their state's minimum wage. In those states, many local Republicans favored the increases, even as Republicans in Washington have refused to take up the issue. I would have preferred to see Congress pass an expanded earned income tax credit, but the more effective way of increasing real incomes for low-wage workers. But after it did nothing, voters decided to take matters into their own hands. Waiting for Washington is like a Samuel Beckett play without any of the intrigue or humor — just absurdity. And voters are not even going to wait.

I share their frustration, and as a strong believer in the idea that cities and states are the laboratories of democracy, I share their determination to act. This fall, I supported state-level efforts on several ballot measures designed to bypass Washington on three major issues that are hurting the country: gun violence, obesity and political polarization.

So how did we do?

In Washington state, Everytown for Gun Safety, an organization I helped found, worked with local advocates to pass a ballot measure requiring a background check for all gun sales, a step 16 states have al-

ready taken. In those states, the rates of gun trafficking and gun suicides are half of what they are in states that don't require universal background checks. The majority of Americans support this commonsense step, but the gun lobby has fought it tooth-and-nail — both in Congress and in states.

The gun lobby, however, has an easier time scaring members of Congress than it does scaring voters. In Washington, we worked hard to get out the facts and to bring voters to the polls. The measure passed with 60 percent of the vote, and the state will be safer for it.

In Berkeley, Calif., I backed local efforts to pass a one cent per ounce tax on sugary beverages. Economists will tell you that if you want less of something, tax it. Hence high taxes on cigarettes. Sugary drinks are a leading contributor to obesity, which contributes to millions of deaths — and untold suffering — every year. Taxing sugary drinks, in addition to reducing consumption, will lead the beverage industry to produce more products that are low in sugar.

The soda industry has successfully fought off tax efforts in many states, but voters in the United States, and although it spent heavily to defeat the measure, voters weren't fooled: 75 percent endorsed the measure. If it works, we should expect other cities and states to follow.

Of course, you can't win them all. I backed efforts in Oregon to switch from a system of closed party primaries — where only party members may vote — to an open "top two" system. Part of the purpose of a top two primary, which voters in California and Washington have adopted, is to push candidates toward the center by forcing them to compete for independent vot-

ers — not just party loyalists. The partisan primary process, in which candidates race to the extreme left or extreme right, is a big reason Washington, D.C., is so dysfunctional. Unfortunately, the political parties weren't too happy with this measure and succeeded in bringing it down.

The hunger for more cooperation in our politics, as expressed through these measures, also came through in governor's races. Americans elected — and I supported — centrist candidates who promised to work across party lines to effect genuine change in their states. In Rhode Island, Democrat Gina Raimondo won the statehouse after leading one of the most comprehensive pension reform efforts in the country. In deep blue Massachusetts, voters elected a Republican governor, Charlie Baker, who pledged to work with Democrats on education, guns and economic development. In Connecticut, voters re-elected Democratic Gov. Dan Malloy, who has angered teachers unions; in Michigan, they returned Republican Rick Snyder, who has been a leader on immigration reform.

The story on Tuesday wasn't just that Republicans won back the Senate or that President Barack Obama lost. It was that Americans made clear they are hungry for bipartisan problem-solving and that they're focusing on those places where it can actually happen.

So what does the center begin forging compromises with Republicans. We can't give up on Washington — there is no substitute for national action on many issues — but we can't afford to wait for it, either.

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## OPINION

## Automakers caught not breaking EPA rules

By EDWARD NIEDERMEYER  
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Attorney General Eric Holder rained magisterial judgment this week on Hyundai Motor and Kia Motors, which the U.S. government claimed had overstated their cars' fuel economy on the vehicles' window stickers. He said the government's \$350 million settlement with the South Korean automakers "will send an important message to automakers around the world that they must comply with the law." Holder emphasized the importance of a level playing field in fuel-economy testing, slamming Hyundai and Kia for "systemic" and "egregious" discrepancies in their efficiency ratings.

The record fine and public tongue-lashing may have grabbed the headlines, but the situation Holder and Co. seek to address is nowhere near as simple as they would have it appear. Hyundai and Kia — which share engines, model platforms and a chairman — acknowledged an actual breach of Environmental Protection Agency rules in the settlement; the automakers are just two of several to fall afoul of the EPA's vague and abuse-prone efficiency-testing protocols in recent years. Beneath Holder's unequivocal rhetoric lies a regulatory morass that says far more about the U.S. fuel-efficiency testing regime than about automakers themselves.

EPA officials couldn't help but mitigate their chastisement of Hyundai and Kia, acknowledging that wider problems exist in their fuel-efficiency testing standards. Also, the automakers' overstatement of miles-per-gallon ratings was simply the most visible example of issues that have ensnared Mercedes-Benz, Mini and Ford in recent years. All three have had to rescind official MPG ratings for a variety of products, and several have faced consumer civil suits as a result. But only Hyundai and Kia have been singled out for public denouncement. The government's claim that the automakers were outliers — and



Attorney General Eric Holder listens as Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy discusses a \$100 million penalty assessed to Hyundai Motor Co. and Kia Motors Co. for overstating vehicle fuel standards.

EVAN VUCCI/AP

that their failures were more "systemic" than their competitors' — is hardly enough to overcome the fact that it couldn't force them to acknowledge any actual breach of the law.

In fact, scrutinizing the alleged misdeeds reveals how vague the line is between a sales-boosting fuel-efficiency score and the ignominy the automakers now find heaped upon them. Government lawyers argue that Hyundai and Kia used the best data from their efficiency tests, performed the tests in ideal simulated weather conditions, and used the wrong-size tires. Hyundai's response: While admitting that it had allowed a "data processing error related to the coastdown testing method," the automaker argued in a statement that its "process for testing the fuel economy of our vehicles was — and is — consistent with government regulations and guidance, which have always afforded broad latitude

to vehicle manufacturers in determining test conditions."

This "broad latitude" is the fundamental problem with the U.S. fuel-economy testing scheme; that automakers exploit it is neither surprising nor new. Few people outside the industry realize that the tests are not performed by the EPA itself but by automakers, let alone that the standards for such testing are so vague.

The EPA currently only spot-checks "about 10-15 percent" of vehicles each year, giving automakers even more leeway to create "official" MPG numbers that may be nearly impossible to achieve in the real world. Far from the clearly defined "even playing field" Holder says the Hyundai-Kia settlement upholds, the EPA's fuel-economy testing standards allow automakers to test under varied conditions and post the numbers they think they can get away with, while the agency only veri-

fies a limited number of "official numbers" each year. Rather than creating a clearly defined and universally applicable regime, the EPA and the Justice Department are stuck trying to patrol an unmarked border between reasonable variance and outright cheating.

This might be a reasonable strategy if the EPA's standards consistently delivered MPG ratings that reflect real-world driving, but the ratings simply don't do that. Consumer Reports has shown that 55 percent of hybrid vehicles fall short of their EPA ratings by 10 percent or more in independent testing, while 28 percent of cars with turbocharged engines have the same problem. The EPA itself acknowledged this shortcoming earlier this year, when it proposed "in-use auditing" — testing vehicles on the road — to verify window-sticker numbers as part of its broader effort to bring its test results closer in line with real-world efficiency.

Fuel-economy ratings are a tool for consumers, and the fact that the EPA acknowledges that its tests fail to reflect the numbers consumers are likely to see on window stickers is the deep Keananda. Rather than shaming Hyundai and Kia for exploiting "latitude" in their testing standards, the EPA should work to eliminate that latitude as part of a wider effort to make its ratings reflect real-world use. In addition to tightening test-condition standards, the EPA should consider verifying a higher percentage of tests, creating a strong in-use auditing regime, and even ditching the nonlinear miles-per-gallon measurement for the stronger gallons-per-mile (or liters per 100 kilometers, as is used in Europe).

After all, creating a fair and representative efficiency-testing regime is a task on which automakers and the government must work together — and for which consumers, not the attorney general, should be the ultimate judges of success or failure.

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## Democracy is a winding road, but it's worth the trip

By WILLIAM C. HUBBARD

When the Berlin Wall fell on Nov. 9, 1989 — 25 years ago — liberal democracy appeared triumphant over authoritarianism, and the West poured resources into Eastern Europe to speed what seemed an inevitable process toward democratization and the development of market economies.

The road to reform was difficult, with such major obstacles along the way as the Balkan conflicts. For the most part, though, progress remained the pervasive narrative, marked not only by successive states joining NATO, the Council of Europe and the European Union, but also by the promising color revolutions in Georgia, Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan. Democracy also started to gain a foothold in other regions, from Brazil to Indonesia, and the Arab Spring brought hope that the Middle East would follow suit.

The American Bar Association proudly joined these reform efforts, launching its Rule of Law Initiative and marshaling scores of volunteer lawyers to advise on new laws and constitutions in Eastern and central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Today, however, as democratic progress

is tested by Russia's rollback of hard-won freedoms and as conflicts flare up from Donetsk to Damascus, the world's 25-year democratization effort is under siege. Critics question what impact the assistance has had and whether it was folly in the first place. Policymakers divert resources to the urgent challenges posed by the Islamic State and the Ebola epidemic, which seem to demand military and medical responses rather than governance interventions. Reflecting the mounting democratization fatigue, the United States Agency for International Development's funding for efforts to promote democracy, human rights and good governance has plummeted 38 percent in the past five years.

Syndicated columnist Richard Cohen has argued that the "charming" U.S. belief in democracy and our efforts to promote it abroad have "landed us in no end of trouble." A better approach, he urges, is a "realist's vigilant cynicism," or an appreciation that what works for us may not work for others and that in many parts of the world, democratization risks unleashing forces we do not like and cannot control.

The Nov. 9 anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall demands sober reflection about our democratization efforts — what works, what doesn't and why. In democratization assistance, as in all other en-

deavors, we can always get smarter. And indeed, we have seen the assistance community respond to its critics by developing more effective strategies that emphasize bottom-up approaches, local buy-in and sustainability of reforms. We need to continue to evolve in our approach, to better understand the drivers of reform and the role that international assistance can play.

That said, let's not confuse fatalism with realism. Just because something is hard and may take a long time doesn't mean it's not worth doing, nor does it mean that the efforts of individual reformers are not critical and worth supporting. Any student of the United States' own slow and uneven democratic evolution can appreciate that perspective.

A clear-eyed realist knows that bringing about democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights is both a long-term endeavor and profoundly in our interests. A full 225 years after our Bill of Rights was adopted, our work to secure these principles in the United States is far from done. On issues ranging from domestic violence to excessive police practices, we need only read recent headlines to know that persistent challenges remain.

Reformers the world over are at different places on the same arduous path, and they need and deserve our support and

assistance, not because it satisfies some American fantasy about a well-ordered world but because good governance is also the key to solving other contemporary challenges. Health threats such as Ebola get the upper hand where governmental structures needed to respond are weak.

Destructive terrorist forces such as the Islamic State draw recruits from among those disenfranchised by authoritarian regimes, and they thrive in ungoverned spaces. Resurgent autocrats are emboldened when civil society is weak and the international community is conflicted about its democratization agenda.

In recognition of this reality then, let us mark the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with a true realist's tale, and recommit to steadfast support for others traveling on the long but worthwhile path to democratic freedom. Rather than a "realist's vigilant cynicism" concerning democratization, what's needed is a "realist's vigilance" in pursuit of democracy and the rule of law.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Woman loses wedding ring in Halloween candy

**AZ** MESA — An Arizona woman says she accidentally gave away her wedding ring with Halloween candy.

Mesa resident Brooklin Yazzie said she placed her wedding ring into a candy jar while helping her daughters carve pumpkins, and when Halloween night became hectic, she absentmindedly dumped the contents of the jar into the candy bag.

She said there were also plastic rings inside the candy bag.

Yazzie said the ring isn't worth much money, but has sentimental value to her.

## Firm denies man lost job over nude photos

**CT** HARTFORD — A company that helps businesses handle personnel issues denies it forced one if its employees out of his job after it was discovered he had posed nude in Playgirl magazine.

Daniel Sawka filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in May 2013 against Roseland, N.J.-based ADP Inc. alleging sexual harassment. The company responded in a court filing Monday.

Sawka, 49, worked as a regional sales manager for ADP, which offers workforce management services for other companies and says it has more than 610,000 clients around the world.

Sawka alleges he was subjected to constant jokes and ridicule at work after a woman in his office discovered he had posed nude in the early 1990s in a lumberjack-themed spread for Playgirl.

## Bad first date: Woman takes man's wallet

**OR** WILSONVILLE — Oregon police agree it was a bad first date.

They said a 23-year-old man met a woman for the first time in person Monday night after they talked online. She popped into his vehicle at a drive-through restaurant in Wilsonville, south of Portland, and suggested he buy her a milkshake.

Sgt. Dan Kraus said the man got two \$1 bills in his change and put them into his wallet, which he left on the center console. Kraus said the woman grabbed the wallet, got out of the car and ran off.

The man called 911 and provided the woman's cellphone number. Officers called her to arrange a meeting at the same restaurant.

They arrested her early Tuesday and recovered the wallet — with the two \$1 bills still inside.

## Record 52 elk taken during hunting seasons

**AR** JASPER — The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission reported a record 52 elk were harvested by hunters during Arkansas' recent elk seasons.

Elk program coordinator Wes Wright said the elk were taken during two five-day seasons in October and breaks the record of 44 elk harvested in 2012.

## THE CENSUS

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The total weight in pounds lost by Detroit-area newlyweds Crysta Danaher, 34, and Bill Anderson, 44. They met at a support group in 2009 after each had bariatric weight-loss surgery at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. Anderson has gone from 459 pounds to about 250 pounds and Danaher has lost about 180 pounds.



TARIQ ZEHAWI, THE (WOODLAND PARK, N.J.) RECORD/AP

## A no-good, very bad day

A driver stands next to her car Wednesday after driving off the road and taking out a light pole in Clifton, N.J. She was not injured, but the pole was closed in both directions until authorities could safely remove the pole.

The commission said 22 elk were taken on public land, including the Buffalo National River; Gene Rush Wildlife Management Area; Richland Valley Conservation Area; and Bearcat Hollow Wildlife Management Area. The remaining 30 elk were taken by hunters on private land under the commission's elk management assistance program.

Eighteen of the elk were bulls and 34 were cows.

## Case of the missing dinosaur head solved

**CO** DURANGO — An artifactually crafted dinosaur head that mysteriously appeared on a city sculpture only to mysteriously disappear days later is now in police custody.

The Durango Herald reported the head appeared on the outdoor sculpture Oct. 31 and was removed Monday.

Durango Police Department spokesman Lt. Ray Shupe said a group of teens stole the dinosaur head from atop the Arc of History — a span of stone slabs impaled on a long steel rod.

It has been the target of much public ridicule since its installation earlier this year at an intersection.

Durango artist Scott Dye said whoever made the dinosaur head appeared to be sophisticated because it matched the sculpture's proportions.

## 'Gunshot wound' was actually a callus

**MI** MUSKEGON HEIGHTS — A police chief in western Michigan said he wants to know why a woman with only a callus on her foot ended up reporting it as a possible gunshot wound.

Muskegon Heights Police Chief Lynne Gill told The Muskegon Chronicle the woman's story didn't add up — and the result was a waste of police resources. He said it also was a waste of time and resources for the hospital where she was examined.

The 21-year-old woman from Fremont told police she was at an intersection late Saturday when she heard gunfire and immediately felt a burning sensation on

her foot. She told police she went right to the hospital, where the callus was found instead.

Gill said he plans to send the police report to the prosecutor's office for review. The woman could be charged with filing a false police report, which depending on the circumstances could be a felony or a misdemeanor charge. Her name wasn't released.

## Area may be expanded to help whales

**MA** PROVINCETOWN — The National Marines Fisheries Service is proposing to expand a restricted fishing area off of Massachusetts by 912 square miles to protect whales and marine mammals.

The service said the expansion will help prevent whales from getting entangled in fishing gear. The change would also delay the start date of a fishery closure in Massachusetts Bay from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1. The proposal includes an exemption designed to allow small-vessel fishermen to continue to fish with a small number of traps.

The service is soliciting public comment on its proposal until Nov. 21.

## Caught in the act: Cookie-dough caper

**KS** WICHITA — A 28-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of burglary after a Wichita woman found him eating cookie dough from her freezer.

The Wichita Eagle reported the woman, 52, came out of her bedroom shortly before 3:30 a.m. Thursday and found the stranger in her kitchen.

Wichita police spokesman Lt. James Espinoza said the man told police he thought he was at his aunt's house and was hungry.

Police said the man entered the home through an unlocked back door.

The woman was not hurt. The intruder, who hasn't been formally charged, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated burglary.

From wire reports

MOVIES

# McConaughey down to earth about role in 'Interstellar'

By RICK BENTLEY  
*The Fresno Bee*

**M**atthew McConaughey wasn't lured to working on "Interstellar" by its cosmic story of space exploration to save all humankind. It wasn't even that he would work with highly touted director Christopher Nolan or Oscar-winning actress Anne Hathaway.

He was drawn to the mega movie by the grounded nature of the role. "I've been playing a lot of anti-heroes lately and while they've been good to me, I was more interested in playing the everyman of this film. And if you are everyman, then you are nobody in particular," McConaughey says.

After his Oscar-winning role as the gaunt champion of the underdog in "Dallas Buyers Club" and his Emmy-nominated work as the emotionally scraggly police officer in "True Detective," the one thing that attracted McConaughey to "Interstellar" was that he would be a farmer — and single father — who must leave his normal life behind to become a reluctant hero.

That hero pilots a spaceship through an artificially created worm hole in search of a new planet humans can call home. It's a race against time as Earth is dying and because the young daughter he leaves behind will age far quicker than he will because of black hole variations on time.

McConaughey's slow Texas drawl, lanky features and dry sense of humor gave him the kind of Gary Cooper-like characteristics that Nolan wanted for the role. The director was happy McConaughey was drawn to the film's humanity and considers that the most important part of the film.

When the director read the first draft of the script, written by his brother Jonathan Nolan, what jumped out was the family relationship.

"We found that the more you explore the cosmic scale of things, the further out in the universe you went, the more the focus came down to who we are as a people," Nolan says.

McConaughey's connection to the family story comes naturally; he's the father of three. His being an actor and having to be away from home for long stretches isn't nearly as dramatic as what his "Interstellar" character faced. The actor points out that he's been lucky enough with his career that he can take his family with him when he's on the road.

But he could still understand the pain of separation. "It was apparent this was about a parent and his child. That's the aorta of the film emotionally. It's the common denominator that everyone can understand," McConaughey says.

Those connections became very important in a scene where McConaughey's character must react to a series of video messages from home. He was worried about shooting the powerful scene because of having just spent the weekend away from the set doing promotional work for "The Dallas Buyers Club."

McConaughey says the key to getting back into the role for that big moment was just to relax and not to try too hard. He was shown the pre-filmed video messages without a rehearsal and his initial reactions in the movie — what Nolan calls "manly man tears" — were from the first take of the scene.

"Interstellar" is the first film for McConaughey since he picked up the Oscar. Despite earning the highest honor the industry can give him, McConaughey is not taking any role lightly. He's more obsessed than ever with the idea that acting is such a fickle industry that any role can be the actor's last.

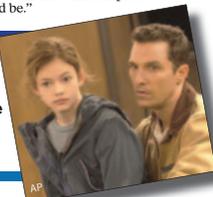
"The job that you are doing could be the last one. That's a way to go into it. With respect to what has happened in the last few years, I have more obsession about what I'm doing at this moment," McConaughey says. "It could be the last one. I hope it's not. But it could be."

As mankind's time on Earth comes to an end, a team of astronauts travel through a wormhole in search of a new home for humanity in "Interstellar," starring Matthew McConaughey.

JOEL RYAN, INVISION/AP



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## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS

## Too sick for the gym?

By GABRIELLA BOSTON

Special to The Washington Post

**Y**ou finally got into a good fitness routine and then bam — a head cold hits, you're sidelined and now you feel all your good work is in vain right before the calorie-laden holiday season.

Not so fast.

**Above-the-neck colds**

If the cold is just a head cold, you probably can continue working out, says Theo Hodge Jr., an internist and specialist in infectious diseases with Capital Medical Associates in Washington, D.C.

"Always listen to your body, but generally speaking, if you don't have any underlying issues, it's usually safe to exercise with a cold," says Hodge, adding that a quick check with a doctor is always a good idea.

(Underlying issues such as asthma or cardiac conditions require special considerations, Hodge says. With asthma, there is already shortness of breath that will be exacerbated by congestion, and in cardiac patients, medications such as decongestants can elevate the heart rate to dangerous levels.)

But even with the above-the-neck head cold, otherwise healthy people will want to modify their exercise by lowering the intensity and duration, says Greg McMillan, online running coach and owner of McMillanRunning.com.

"There is this interesting dichotomy. On the one hand, exercise helps boost the im-

mune system, but if you are trying to take your training to the next fitness level, that effort can actually suppress it."

In other words, when a head cold hits is not the time to do high-intensity drills (not that you would want to) but rather to keep your exercise in the light-to-moderate range, says Alyssa Morrison, a local endurance sports coach.

"The athletes I work with — especially if they are training for an Ironman competition — don't want to miss a single day of training," Morrison says. "So what I might tell them to do is to go for a recovery run or a light spin instead of intervals or surges."

Sometimes, Morrison says, the athlete will feel good during the light spin and start pushing harder.

"There is always that fine line," she says.

"Exercising and getting the blood flowing in your body can feel great. You might even feel less congested. But working too hard will make it worse."

McMillan says in his experience, taking it easy on "the front end" of a cold can save you two or three weeks down the line.

"Give your body a break," he suggests.

It's unclear exactly how much fitness you lose, says Ross Miller, associate professor in the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Maryland. But a long-distance runner is probably more affected than, say, a sprinter.

Aside from giving your own body a break by keeping it out of the gym, remember that you are also giving other people a break from your germs, Hodge points out.

## When it comes to exercising with a cold, experts say always listen to your body

"As long as you are sneezing and coughing, you are contagious," he says, and those symptoms can easily go on for seven to 11 days — the typical duration of a cold.

"The kind thing to do would be to stay home."

**Below-the-neck colds**

And then there are the big-kahuna colds, the ones that knock you out with extreme fatigue, body aches, chest congestion and/or fever. With those it's better to stay home, in bed, allowing the immune system to focus on getting well, Miller says.

"Any time you exercise with a fever you risk delaying the recovery," he says.

Or worse, you could get really, really sick.

"You've got a low-grade fever and you're short of breath, but you feel pretty good so you keep running hard," Hodge says.

"Four, five days in and you are way short of breath and you're coughing up green stuff. Next thing, you have pneumonia."

And now you are looking at being sick and sidelined for several weeks.

If that happens, remember to take it easy as you get back into exercise, Hodge says. "If you're out two weeks, I think you could expect to work back up for at least two weeks."

For example, if you are a runner training for a marathon, you would not want to start with a long run as your first run.

McMillan says the time off can be good for the body and the mind — especially the mind of a runner focused on a particular race.

"They might do better than they expected because they kind of got out of their own way," he says. "They adjusted their expectations and started enjoying it again."

## Keeping yourself and others fit and healthy

- Wash hands often, especially if you're the one with a cold
- Use hand sanitizers when hand-washing isn't available
- Wipe down equipment at the gym before and after use
- Stay away from the gym if you're sneezing and coughing
- If you have an above-the-neck cold, work out at light-to-moderate intensity

- and duration
- If you have a below-the-neck cold, stay home and rest
- Hydrate more than usual, particularly if you have a fever
- Stay away from people with colds
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Take zinc at early signs of a cold
- If you are unsure about whether you should exercise, ask a doctor



## LIFESTYLE

# G-forced

## Flying with Thunderbirds a thrill a minute for reporter

By CATY HIRST  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas  
I've been flying since I was two weeks old, but nothing prepared me for this.

"Are you ready to pull Gs?" asked my pilot, Maj. Tyler "Wolf" Ellison.

"Yes," I replied, lying.

With an oxygen mask strapped to my face that made me sound like Darth Vader, the roar of the engine in my ears, and a collection of levers, switches and gauges surrounding me in the cramped cockpit, I was about to experience the thrill of my life.

As part of a preview for the recent Fort Worth Alliance Air Show, I was chosen to fly in the back seat of an F-16 Fighting Falcon with the Air Force Thunderbirds.

I grew up with airplanes. My dad is a commercial airline pilot and owned a much cheaper and slower two-seater when I was a kid. And like the hundreds of other flights I had been on before, the F-16 lifted gently off the runway on a recent morning — a completely normal takeoff.

Then Ellison pivoted the plane into a steep vertical climb — and nothing felt normal again for the next hour.

The force of the climb slammed me into the seat, and the anti-G suit — a special suit that keeps blood from rushing to your toes during intense gravitational pulls — started to squeeze my abdomen and legs to keep me from blacking out.

In mere seconds, we were flying up through the clouds — "cloud chasing," as Ellison called it.

The glass of the canopy was so clean and the cockpit so small that I felt as if I could almost reach out and run my fingers through the white puffs.

We soon arrived at our playground, open airspace about 100 miles from Alliance Airport.

Nothing could have prepared me for the feeling of pulling Gs, not even the two hours of preflight safety briefings that I instantly forgot.

Ellison banked the plane to the left and the gravitational pull shot way up, from the 1 G we are used to on Earth — where I weigh 120 pounds — to about 4 Gs — where I weighed 480 pounds.

The force made it almost impossible to move, even to take a breath, which quickly became an issue. As part of the training that morning, I was instructed to take a deep breath right before he started the G-pulling maneuver.

I took mine too soon and panicked. "Am I going to have enough air?" I wondered frantically.

But in just a few seconds, the pressure settled back to normal, and I breathed a deep, appreciative breath of the 100 percent oxygen flowing through my mask.

And then we did it again, banking hard to the right.

This time, I was ready and took my breath at the right moment.

Still, the pressure was so intense that



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**Reporter Katy Hirst puts on her helmet before her flight with the Thunderbirds on Oct. 23 at Alliance Airport in Fort Worth, Texas. At right: The F-16 takes off and goes vertical during Hirst's hourlong flight.**

I couldn't lift my hands out of my lap and my head was stuck in one spot. All my focus was on keeping my muscles tight enough to stop the extraordinary forces of gravity from draining the blood from my head.

I did not want to pass out.

Though the plane and its crew can handle up to 9 Gs, we topped out at 7.3 Gs.

Then the fun started.

We rotated, rolled and turned.

We flew upside down and waved at the shadow of our plane below.

We looped — Ellison's favorite trick — and the plane flew vertical before falling backward until you could see the ground from the top of the cockpit. We rolled some more — my favorite trick — where the plane makes four complete continuous circles while flying horizontally.

And then, in what felt like minutes, my hour as a Thunderbird was done.

My weight returned to normal (thank God!), and I turned in my honorary patch and left the real Thunderbirds behind to prepare for the show.

Ellison, who has been flying the jets for 12 years, has also flown F-22s and F-15s. He got his call sign, Wolf, while on

a security detail for President George W. Bush.

The Thunderbirds, or Ambassadors in Blue, are a premier air show team that travels the U.S. to represent the Air Force and recruit new airmen. The Thunderbird team consists of 134 airmen — including pilots, maintenance and operations specialists, crew chiefs and even a doctor. They'll do 66 shows in 34 locations this year.

"The Thunderbirds have a very unique mission, because we go around the world, primarily around the United States, representing the world's greatest air force," Ellison said. "We are able to bring a tie between the civilian population and the military that most people don't get to experience."

It's certainly an experience I'll never forget.



VIDEO GAMES

# An open world with NO RULES

Parkour-inspired shooter 'Sunset Overdrive' delivers action, plenty of zombie-slaying fun

By BRIAN BOWERS  
Stars and Stripes

Overall grade: **B+**

I realized I might be playing a little too much "Sunset Overdrive" when I had to suppress the urge to jump onto my stairway banister and grind to the bottom.

As the hero of the open-world adventure, I could skim along electrical lines, grind atop guardrails, bounce off car roofs and — of course — blast mutants with a strange assortment of weapons. The antics just seemed natural after a few hours.

"Sunset Overdrive" delivers a lot of fun, but it also offers plenty of elements that we've seen before. It most closely resembles a combination of "Dead Rising" and "Infamous." You kill hordes of mutants/zombies while wielding bizarre weapons, just like "Dead Rising." And you have unusual powers that are similar to those used in "Infamous." And you explore a large urban world, like a half-dozen other games that have appeared in the past year or so.



It's tempting to say that "Overdrive" is simply Microsoft Games' attempt to give Xbox something comparable to "Infamous," which is available only on PlayStation. However, the game moves beyond clone status by offering its own interesting story and characters, as well as a hyper-active skater vibe and an offbeat sense of humor.

You start by creating a character. Unfortunately, the options are relatively limited. You have two male and two female body types to choose from, along with about 30 faces and 20 hairstyles, which isn't much when compared to many other games. You also start off with a limited selection of clothing and accessories, but you gain access to more as the game progresses.

One nice feature is the ability to change every aspect of your character's appearance by simply visiting the clothing vendor. So if you're tired of being a muscular dude with a shaved head and beard, you can switch to a svelte woman with a mohawk.

As the story opens, your job involves picking up trash at a special event that's launching a new energy drink called Overcharge Delirium XT. Unfortunately, the drink's maker, Fizzco, didn't do enough testing before unveiling the new product. The result is a concoction that turns people into mutants with an incredible meat streak.

At this point, your only mission is to learn the skills needed to stay alive. For some reason, you seem to be blessed with the world's most advanced parkour abilities. You can jump atop an object and bounce high into the air. You can bound onto a guardrail and grind like a skateboarder for blocks. You can sprint along vertical surfaces. And you can fall from a skyscraper and remain unscathed. As the game progresses, you can learn how to zip through the air for short distances or skate across a river as if it were covered by ice.

You will also upgrade your combat and parkour skills by creating "amps," which are concoctions made from such precious artifacts as toilet paper and smelly old sneakers.

The game's primary missions are woven into a story that's light but very engaging. The writers took the time to develop a world packed with interesting events, diverse activities and unusual people.

As a result, Sunset City is much richer than you'd expect.

Much of the game's flavor revolves around its nonplayer characters. These include several bands of survivors: a herd



of rich tech nerds; a scout troop that's been taken over by a mega-lomaniac; a band of live-action role-players who think they're in the Middle Ages; and a group of ninja-nurses who dress like cheerleaders and wear Day of the Dead face paint. Stereotypes abound, but the game also delivers plenty of quirky jobs in unexpected places.

These factions and the game's other non-player characters offer guests and issue challenges that range from the typical (gathering six Fizzco mascots to make an "amp") to the unusual (smashing mutants with a wrecking ball). The variety is very refreshing after slogging through games that continually repeat the same basic activities.

The game also provides a strange selection of weapons, including con-

trols are well designed and efficient. They're also pretty forgiving. As a result, it's easy — and fun — to jump, slide, bounce and shoot in quick succession.

The game receives a mature rating because of violence, gore and profanity. But unlike many games, you can turn off the gore and profanity.

I had a lot of fun playing "Sunset Overdrive" — almost as much as I had last year with "Dead Rising 3" and with "Saints Row IV," which offered a similar mix, and that's the game's weakness: It's arriving late to a party that's already pretty full.

Bottom line: B+ "Sunset Overdrive" might feel familiar, but there's still plenty of action and fun to be found.

Platform: Xbox One  
Online: [xbox.com/sunsetoverdrive](http://xbox.com/sunsetoverdrive)



traptions that shoot vinyl records, exploding teddy bears, acid, harpoons and bolts of electricity. The variety is necessary because you'll be fighting a wide range of mutants, as well as renegade humans and Fizzco security robots.

The game also offers a multiplayer mode known as "Chaos Squad." Up to eight players can participate in a series of brief missions that earn loot and experience that transfer into the campaign mode. These activities usually involve eradicating mutants, but also add a few twists and challenges to make things interesting — and more chaotic.

In keeping with the game's light mood, the graphics are bright — almost electric. And while there's no attempt to be hyper-realistic, there's plenty of depth, detail and texture.



Leap off buildings, run along walls and grind power lines and rails to destroy your zombie foes from every angle in "Sunset Overdrive." Collect and upgrade an arsenal of unconventional weapons that use items like fireworks, harpoons and acid to destroy your enemies in this third-person shooter.

Photos courtesy of Microsoft Studios

BOOKS



MARK VON HOLDEN, INVISION/AP

In his new memoir, "Possibilities," jazz musician Herbie Hancock describes his constantly evolving career: as a child prodigy playing classical music, a sideman in Miles Davis' legendary mid-1960s quintet, a bandleader, and beyond.

# Endless 'Possibilities'

Hancock shares life lessons in new memoir

By CHARLES J. GANS  
The Associated Press

**H**erbie Hancock doesn't begin or end his newly published memoir "Possibilities" by recalling any of the many highlights in his 50-plus-year career such as receiving the 2008 Album of the Year Grammy Award for "River: The Joni Letters."

Instead, the 74-year-old pianist bookends his life story by recalling a concert with Miles Davis' quintet nearly 50 years ago in Stockholm, Sweden, when he played what he thought was a wrong chord. The trumpeter quickly played some notes that made the chord sound right and unleashed a solo that took the song in a new direction.

That night the young pianist learned an important lesson.

"We all have a natural human tendency to take the safe route — to do the thing we know will work — rather than taking a chance," Hancock wrote. "But that's the antithesis of jazz, which is all about being in the present ... It's about trusting yourself to respond on the fly. If you can allow yourself to do that, you never stop exploring, you never stop learning, in music or life."

In "Possibilities," written with Lisa Dickey, Hancock describes his constantly evolving career: as a child prodigy playing classical music, a sideman in Davis' legendary mid-1960s quintet, and as a bandleader who went from far-out jazz-fusion with his Mwandishi band, to funk with the Headhunters, to hip-hop on the album "Future Shock" and beyond.

Hancock reveals for the first time in the book his crack cocaine addiction in the late '90s. He credits his family and his

Buddhist faith with helping him overcome "the biggest obstacle I ever faced."

Hancock spoke recently to The Associated Press by telephone from his Los Angeles home.

**What message are you trying to convey in 'Possibilities'?**

"The outlook toward having a life that's open to possibilities has worked for me even during my darkest hours. The reason that I write about my drug addiction is because I realized that I could possibly turn those dark days into something positive for others — to show that if I was able to overcome that, you can do it too. ... You have the power to create a life that is constantly moving forward and develop the courage to fight the daily battles against the negative part of yourself."

**In the book, you describe Miles Davis as your 'musical mentor.' How did he inspire you?**

"What I loved was that Miles told us that he paid us to work on things — not to just perfect something in our hotel room and play that just to get applause from the audience. He wanted us to constantly work on new things. He stimulated creativity. He could sense when we had gotten to some point where we had to break the rules in order to go outside the box."

**Another major influence cited in the book is Buddhism, which you began practicing in 1972. How has Buddhism influenced your approach to music and life?**

"One of the most important realizations I had through practicing Buddhism is that the core of my life is not being a musician, it's being a human being. Being a musician is one of the aspects of my life. I'm also a father, husband and a citizen. ... Coming from the perspective of me being

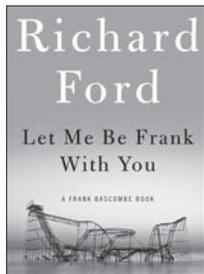


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WITH LISA DICKEY

a human being first is what opened up for me an exciting perspective of using music to show the great value of the diversity of cultures that exist in the world and how to incorporate different styles of music, combining forces to create something none of us could create alone.

**When you formed the Headhunters band in 1973, jazz purists accused you of selling out. What motivated you to create Headhunters?**

"When Sly Stone did 'Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin)' that became one of my favorites. Even though I had this avant-garde band, Mwandishi, I was listening to James Brown and Sly Stone. I was brought up on the South Side of Chicago, which is a blues town. I heard Muddy Waters when I was a kid. For me to do a record like 'Headhunters' is going back to my roots. I was tired of doing music that was untethered. I had this inner need at that point to do something that was earthier. I was taking a risk because I might not get a new audience and might alienate the one I already had, but I knew I had to be true to myself."



## Let Me Be Frank With You

Richard Ford

When the final novel in the Frank Bascombe trilogy was published in 2007, its author made it plain that a fourth book about the introspective sports-writer-turned-real estate broker wasn't even a remote possibility.

But now, seven years later, Richard Ford has resurrected his anti-hero in a collection of four loosely connected novellas in which Bascombe is 68-year-old retiree living in inland New Jersey with his wife, Sally.

In a stroke of luck, Frank had unloaded his multimillion-dollar oceanfront home before Hurricane Sandy devastated the Jersey shore, turning the property into rubble in as dramatic a fashion as the financial crisis had upended the economy.

Frank has entered life's final phase, "my end-of-days' time — known otherwise as retirement." He spends his remaining time ruminating about life and doing pretty much what he pleases.

Frank's relative contentment is shaken up by four encounters that shape the book: a strange meeting near the wreckage of his home with its unlucky buyer; a surprise visit to his current home by a black woman whose family lived there decades ago, prior to a horrendous tragedy that unfolded in the basement; Frank's pre-Christmas visit to deliver an orthopedic pillow to his Parkinson's-stricken ex-wife in assisted living; and a visit to a long-forgotten acquaintance who is dying of cancer.

Frank, who has been undergoing treatment for prostate cancer, shares concerns common to the elderly. Along with multiple aches and pains, he is reminded to pick up his feet when he walks so as to avoid "the gramps shuffle," that "final-journey approach signal." He deflects his orthopedist's suggestion about a test for his prospects of Alzheimer's disease because he doesn't know what he would do with the information. He also worries that getting on in age is causing his breath to reek.

Frank still has the same wary approach to life. He is prone to making inappropriate comments, but sometimes only thinks them and is able to stop himself in time. As always, Frank tends to overthink stuff, from New Jersey real estate values to opposition to President Obama, and it's those inner thoughts and the way our hero expresses them that make him such an engaging companion.

— Jerry Harkavy/AP

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Beef prices hurting fast-food chains

By Candice Choi  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK Rising beef prices might not mean the cost of a Whopper is going to skyrocket, but it could mean you'll be encouraged to order a chicken sandwich instead.

Beef prices have climbed in part because of rising demand overseas and droughts in recent years that have caused livestock producers to shrink their cattle herds. The average, year-to-date price for 81 percent lean ground beef is \$2.18 per pound, said Kevin Good, an analyst at CattleFax, a Colorado-based tracker of the beef industry. That's up 24 percent from a year ago.

The soaring prices have hurt fast-food restaurants that feature beef as the centerpiece of their menus: Burger King, Wendy's and McDonald's — the nation's three biggest burger chains — all say they're dealing with higher beef costs.

But fast-food chains, which

sometimes pass along additional costs to ingredients to customers, realize there's only so much people are willing to pay for a burger. So, they're taking other measures to help ease the pressure, such as slashing expenses elsewhere or trying to get people to order other things on their menus.

Arby's, a chain best known for its roast beef sandwiches, next week is rolling out a new line of steak sandwiches. But without providing details, CEO Paul Brown said the company is also looking for "more opportunities" to promote chicken, which on average accounts for about 10 percent of sales for the chain.

Alex Macedo, president of Burger King's North American region, also said earlier this year the company is pushing chicken more aggressively to offset rising beef costs. This summer, the chain said it brought back its "Chicken Fries," which are deep-fried pieces of chicken in the shape of french fries, after "con-

going guest outcries reached a point where they could no longer be ignored." The dish was introduced in 2005 and was taken off the menu in 2012.

Burger King's website is also currently promoting its Italian Original Chicken Sandwich, as well as a deal for 10 chicken nuggets for \$1.49.

Burger King is working with franchisees to reduce restaurant costs as well. Carrols Restaurant Group, Burger King's biggest U.S. franchisee, noted that its beef costs were up 32 percent in the latest quarter from a year ago.

Wendy's on Thursday also announced a plan to cut costs by \$30 million to offset challenges, which include rising beef costs. Spokesman Bob Bertini declined to specify how Wendy's is adjusting its marketing strategy to deal with rising beef costs.

To drive customer traffic in the U.S., McDonald's said it's working to keep prices down despite its rising costs for ingredients. To coun-

ter pressures, which include weak sales, McDonald's Chief Financial Officer Pete Bensen said the company is working with third-party experts to analyze its cost structure, including staffing levels.

That doesn't mean fast-food customers will be shielded from rising beef costs entirely. Chipotle raised prices nationally by about an average of 6 percent this past year, with the company citing higher costs for ingredients, including beef.

EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates             |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Euro costs (Nov. 10)       | \$1,2719 |
| Dollar buys (Nov. 10)      | €0.7862  |
| British pound (Nov. 10)    | \$1.62   |
| Japanese yen (Nov. 10)     | 112.00   |
| South Korean won (Nov. 10) | 1,064.00 |

| Commercial rates     |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Bahrain (Dinar)      | 0.3770          |
| British pound        | \$1.5844/0.6313 |
| Canada (dollar)      | 1.1351          |
| China (Yuan)         | 6.1279          |
| Denmark (Krone)      | 5.9844          |
| Egypt (Pound)        | 7.1506          |
| Euro                 | \$1.2433/0.8043 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar)   | 7.7528          |
| Hungary (Forint)     | 240.09          |
| Israel (Shekel)      | 3.7964          |
| Japan (Yen)          | 114.59          |
| Kuwait (Dinar)       | 0.2913          |
| Norway (Krone)       | 6.8473          |
| Philippines (Peso)   | 45.01           |
| Poland (Zloty)       | 3.40            |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal) | 3.7518          |
| Singapore (Dollar)   | 1.2925          |
| South Korea (Won)    | 1,087.12        |
| Switzerland (Franc)  | 0.9681          |
| Taiwan (Dollar)      | 32.79           |
| Turkey (New Lira)    | 1.2608          |

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

MARKET WATCH

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| Dow Jones Industrials | 69.94     |
|                       | 17,554.47 |
| Nasdaq composite      | 17.75     |
|                       | 4,638.47  |
| Standard & Poor's 500 | 7.64      |
|                       | 2,031.21  |
| Russell 2000          | 4.79      |
|                       | 1,171.86  |

INTEREST RATES

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|---------------------------|------|
| Prime rate                | 3.25 |
| 3-month bill              | 0.07 |
| Federal funds market rate | 0.09 |
| 3-month bill              | 0.02 |
| 30-year bond              | 3.10 |

WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



SATURDAY IN EUROPE



SUNDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

Saturday's US temperatures

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# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

**Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live**

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Storm and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

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2013 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Laura Rauch

2013 National Headline Awards – Second Place: News Series (Forever After: A Warrior Wounded; A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign – Honorable Mention  
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year – Honorable Mention  
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Breaking News Photography (Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism – Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headline Awards – First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism – George Polk Award for Military Reporting  
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2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)  
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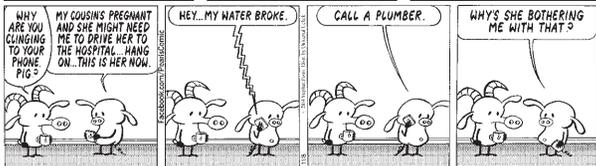
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## MLB/SPORTS BRIEFS

## Baseball notes

## Dodgers hire Zaidi as new GM

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers hired Farhan Zaidi as general manager and Josh Byrnes as senior vice president of baseball operations Thursday.

The moves are the first major ones under Andrew Friedman, who arrived in Los Angeles from Tampa Bay last month as the new president of baseball operations.

Zaidi joins the Dodgers as the 11th general manager in club history. The 37-year-old executive spent the last 10 years with Oakland, most recently serving as the club's assistant GM and director of baseball operations. Zaidi will focus on the major league club and player acquisitions.

Zaidi has an economics degree from MIT and a doctorate in economics from California-Berkeley. He replaces Ned Colletti, who is now a senior advisor to team president and CEO Stan Kasten.

Also:

■ The Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout, Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen and Washington's Ian Desmond have won their third straight Silver Slugger Awards.

■ Chicago White Sox rookie first baseman Jose Abreu and Houston second baseman Jose Altuve were among eight first-time winners announced Thursday by Louisville Slugger, which presents the annual honor following voting by major league managers and coaches for the top hitter in each league at every position.

■ Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre won for the fourth time and was joined on the AL team by White Sox shortstop Alexei Ramirez, Cleveland catcher Yan Gomes and Detroit designated hitter Victor Martinez. Trout joined Mike Piazza (1993-95) as the only players to win in each of their first three full big league seasons and was joined in the outfield by Toronto's Jose Bautista and Cleveland's Michael Brantley.

■ San Diego Padres shortstop Everth Cabrera was charged with resisting arrest after being stopped for suspicion of driving under the influence of marijuana. The San Diego county district attorney's office said Thursday that Cabrera faces a maximum penalty of one year in jail if convicted of the misdemeanor. The office also cited him for possession of marijuana in a car, a vehicle code infraction that carries a fine of \$100.

■ The California Highway Patrol arrested a driver on Sept. 30 on suspicion of driving under the influence of marijuana. Steve Walker, a spokesman for the district attorney's office, said prosecutors do not plan DUI charges.

■ Cabrera led the National League with 44 stolen bases in 2012. He batted .232 this year with three homers, 20 RBIs and 18 steals in 90 games.



RICK SCUTERI/AP

Toronto Maple Leafs right wing Carter Ashton (37) was suspended 20 games without pay by the NHL on Thursday after failing a drug test.

## Briefly

## Leafs' Ashton gets 20-game ban

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toronto Maple Leafs forward Carter Ashton was suspended for 20 games without pay by the NHL on Thursday after failing a drug test.

Ashton said in a statement released through the players' union that he inadvertently ingested clenbuterol, a prohibited substance, through an inhaler during an asthma attack at practice in late August. He said he used another athlete's inhaler twice and "incorrectly assumed that there were no problems" with the device.

Ashton added he wasn't seeking an "athletic advantage or to knowingly violate" the drug program. He said his team doctor has since diagnosed his exercise-induced asthma and he has been prescribed an inhaler.

"As a professional hockey player, I recognize that I am responsible for what I put into my body, and I will not appeal my suspension," Ashton said in the statement. "While I am extremely disappointed that I have let my teammates, our fans and the Maple Leafs organization down, I will work very hard during my suspension to stay in game shape so that I can help out the team when I am able to return."

The suspension will cost Ashton \$169,185. He failed to record a point in three games with the Maple Leafs this season.

Ashton is the third player suspended under the NHL/NHLPA policy, following Sean Hill in 2007 and Zenon Konopka in May.

## Ravens cornerback Smith lost for season

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Baltimore Ravens cornerback Jimmy Smith will miss the remainder of the season with a foot injury.

Smith hurt his left foot in the first quarter of a game against Cincinnati on Oct. 26. The injury was initially diagnosed as a sprain.

But coach John Harbaugh said an examination of the foot Thursday revealed the need for surgery. Harbaugh said, "Jimmy is finished for the season, but will be ready for our offseason program."

Smith started all eight games before the injury. He had one interception and 28 tackles.

Now in his fourth season, Smith started all 16 games last year for the first time.

In other NFL news:

■ If Adrian Peterson is allowed to return to the Minnesota Vikings this season, the reunion probably won't happen swiftly.

The NFL formally began a review of the star running back's case for potential punishment under the league's personal conduct policy, informing Peterson on Thursday that his status on paid leave from the Vikings will not change until completion of the process.

Peterson pleaded no contest in Texas on Tuesday to misdemeanor or reckless assault, down from a felony charge of child abuse for disciplining his 4-year-old son with a stick. He received what's essentially two years of probation, plus a \$4,000 fine and a requirement to complete parenting

classes and 80 hours of community service.

■ The Minneapolis Police Department is re-evaluating its escort policy for NFL teams, following the recent crash of buses carrying the Washington Redskins on their way to play the Minnesota Vikings.

Police spokesman John Elder said Thursday that the department will not be providing any escorts until the re-evaluation has been completed.

Two buses transporting players, coaches and team personnel from the Redskins collided on an interstate exit ramp a few blocks away from TCF Bank Stadium. The crash occurred when a squad car hit a guard rail in front of the buses. Injuries were minor, but running back Silas Redd was held out of the game due to back spasms.

■ A former New York Giants player facing a sex assault charge in New Jersey has been released on bail.

■ Luke Pettigout's attorney says the former offensive lineman was released from the Bergen County Jail on Thursday.

Pettigout was charged Tuesday with assault and sexual assault after an incident early that morning at his home in Woodcliff Lake. Local police say the assault was committed on a person Pettigout knows, but they haven't provided additional details.

Pettigout's attorney says his client denies the charges and is anxious to see his daughters. He says Pettigout has a court appearance tentatively scheduled for Nov. 19.

## Injured Hoosier progressing from injury

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Hoosiers coach Tom Crean says Devin Davis is continuing to progress from a traumatic brain injury.

The update came Thursday after Indiana beat Northwood 94-70 in its exhibition opener.

Davis was injured early Saturday morning when one of his teammates, freshman Emmitt Holt, ran into him with a car. According to the police report, Davis jumped in front of the car. The police said both players had been drinking though they are both under-age.

Crean says Davis, a sophomore, is undergoing physical and speech recovery. Crean also says Wednesday was a big day for Davis because he was able to take two walks in a Bloomington hospital.

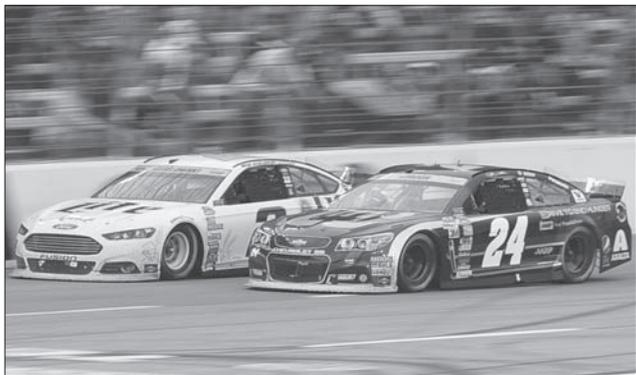
Crean said he and his players were planning to visit Davis after the game.

## Lee to miss Warriors' road trip with injury

OAKLAND, Calif. — David Lee will not travel with the Golden State Warriors when they play at Houston and Phoenix this weekend because of a strained left hamstring.

Lee was scheduled to have an MRI on his hamstring late Thursday afternoon. Warriors coach Steve Kerr says Lee will likely be sidelined beyond games at Houston on Saturday and Phoenix on Sunday as well.

# AUTO RACING



RALPH LAUER/AP

Jeff Gordon, right, and Brad Keselowski drive side by side during Sunday's Sprint Cup Series race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. Keselowski later spun Gordon and cut Gordon's tire.

# France says Keselowski's contact at Texas was fine

By JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR chairman Brian France, who for at least two years has pushed for racing to become more of a "contact sport," believes Brad Keselowski did nothing wrong in the way he raced Jeff Gordon in the closing laps of the win to a 29th-place finish and confronted Keselowski after the race in a scene that quickly escalated into a brawl between teams.

France felt Keselowski did exactly what NASCAR expects from drivers racing for a win. "He did exactly what I would expect any driver that has that much on the line to look at an opportunity, shoot a gap in what he did," France said on SiriusXM Radio. "It was unfortunate that they touched and that Gordon's tire got cut and all the things that happened for him. Very unfortunate. [But] late in the race, things are going to happen when guys are legitimately trying to win races or compete at a high level."

Both drivers are trying for one of four berths in the Nov. 16 championship finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. A win in any of the three races of the third round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship earns a driver an automatic berth into the finale, and both Gordon and Keselowski were racing for that spot.



RALPH LAUER/AP

Sporting a fat lip, Brad Keselowski speaks to reporters after Sunday's race at Texas. A brawl broke out between Keselowski's crew and Jeff Gordon's crew immediately after the race ended.

The win instead went to Jimmie Johnson, and the eight-driver Chase field heads into Sunday's race at Phoenix with all four spots at Homestead still up for grabs. As far back as 2012, when NASCAR was beginning a series of rule changes to improve the on-track product, France has pushed for drivers to let it all hang out when a win is on the line. "There aren't a whole lot of people who don't want to see more lead changes, or a photo finish, or slamming and banging coming out of the fourth turn," France said prior to speaking at the 2012 Beyond Sport's annual summit in London. "We are unabashed about wanting that. It's a contact sport and if you have a chance to win and are in second place on the last lap, would I expect there to be some contact if you have a faster car? Absolutely." But there are consequences

that come with delivering that action, which Keselowski learned following Sunday's race when he was left spitting blood following the pit road brawl. The situation was escalated when Kevin Harvick shoved Keselowski into a scrum of crew members, a push Harvick defended as his way of making Keselowski answer for his aggressive racing. Denny Hamlin has argued the gap Keselowski tried to squeeze through was not large enough for him to expect to clear Gordon without contact, and all drivers need to understand that will lead to confrontation. "If I was in that car and his shoes, I would have to know that I'm not going to make it through that hole without having contact of some sort," Hamlin said. "That's fine. But if it costs somebody a bad day, you're going to have to expect retaliation."

## Around the tracks

### NASCAR SPRINT CUP

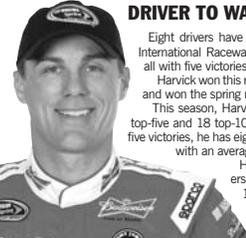
**This week:** Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500 at Avondale, Ariz.  
**Track:** Phoenix International Raceway (oval, 1.0 miles).  
**Race distance:** 312 miles, 312 laps.  
**TV:** AFN-Xtra, 9 p.m. Sunday, Central European Time.  
**Last year:** Kevin Harvick won the race for the second straight year for the last of his four 2013 victories.  
**Last week:** Jimmie Johnson won the Texas fall race for the third year in a row, winning a two-lap overtime sprint after Jeff Gordon spun.  
**Next race:** Ford EcoBoost 400, Nov. 16, Homestead-Miami Speedway, Homestead, Fla.  
**Online:** nascar.com

### POINTS STANDINGS

- Joey Logano .....4,072
- Denny Hamlin .....4,072
- Ryan Newman .....4,070
- Jeff Gordon .....4,060
- Matt Kenseth .....4,059
- Carl Edwards .....4,059
- Brad Keselowski .....4,055
- Kevin Harvick .....4,054
- Kyle Busch .....2,270
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. ....2,234
- Jimmie Johnson .....2,234
- AJ Allmendinger .....2,228
- Greg Biffle .....2,209
- Kurt Busch .....2,192
- Kasey Kahne .....2,179
- Aric Almirola .....2,144
- Kyle Larson .....1,018
- Jamie McMurray .....945
- Clint Bowyer .....939
- Austin Dillon .....933

### DRIVER TO WATCH

Eight drivers have won more than once at Phoenix International Raceway, and Kevin Harvick leads them all with five victories. Harvick won this race a year ago, then turned around and won the spring race at the track this year. This season, Harvick has won with 12 top-five and 18 top-10 finishes. At Phoenix, besides the five victories, he has eight top-five and 12 top-10 finishes, with an average finish of 11.8 in 23 races. He is also one of only two drivers who recorded a perfect rating of 150.0 (2006). Kurt Busch is the other (2005).



### NATIONWIDE SERIES

**This week:** DAV 200 at Avondale, Ariz.  
**Track:** Phoenix International Raceway (oval, 1.0 miles).  
**Race distance:** 200 miles, 200 laps.  
**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 7 a.m. Sunday, Central European Time.  
**Last year:** Kyle Busch raced to the last of his 12 2013 series victories.  
**Last week:** Busch won at Texas for his seventh victory of the year and record-extending 70th career win.  
**Next race:** Ford EcoBoost 300, Nov. 15, Homestead-Miami Speedway, Homestead, Fla.  
**Online:** nascar.com

**Track:** Autodromo Jose Carlos Pace (road course, 2,677 miles).  
**Race distance:** 190.08 miles, 71 laps.  
**Last year:** Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel won the season-ending race to tie Michael Schumacher's season victory record with 13 and Alberto Ascari's mark for consecutive wins of nine.  
**Last week:** Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the U.S. Grand Prix for his fifth straight victory and 10th of the year. Teammate Nico Rosberg was second.  
**Next race:** Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Nov. 23, Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.  
**Online:** formula1.com

### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

**This week:** Lucas Oil 150 at Avondale, Ariz.  
**Track:** Phoenix International Raceway (oval, 1.0 miles).  
**Race distance:** 150 miles, 150 laps.  
**Last year:** Erik Jones became the series' youngest winner at 17 years, 4 months. Cole Custer broke the record in September at New Hampshire, winning at 16 years, 7 months, 28 days.  
**Last week:** Kyle Busch won at Texas for his seventh victory in nine series starts this year. He has 42 victories in 124 career series starts.  
**Next race:** Ford EcoBoost 200, Nov. 14, Homestead-Miami Speedway, Homestead, Fla.  
**Online:** nascar.com

### NHRA HELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

**Next event:** Auto Club Finals, Nov. 13-16, Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, Pomona, Calif.  
**Last week:** Erica Enders-Stevens won in Las Vegas to reclaim the Pro Stock points lead with one event remaining. Enders-Stevens has five victories this year. Del Worsham topped the Funny Car field, Spencer Massey won in Top Fuel, and Andrew Hines in Pro Stock Motorcycle.  
**Online:** nhra.com

### OTHER RACES

**WORLD OF OUTLAWS:** World of Outlaws World Finals, Thursday-Saturday, The Dirt Track at Charlotte, Concord, N.C.  
**Online:** worldofoutlaws.com  
**U.S. AUTO RACING CLUB:** Sprint Car, Budweiser Oval Nationals, Thursday-Saturday, Peris Auto Speedway, Peris, Calif.  
**Online:** usacracing.com  
— The Associated Press

### FORMULA ONE

**This week:** Brazilian Grand Prix at Sao Paulo.

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Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division  |   |   |      |    |
|--------------------|---|---|------|----|
|                    | W | L | Pct  | GB |
| Toronto            | 4 | 1 | .800 | —  |
| Brooklyn           | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1½ |
| New York           | 2 | 2 | .400 | 2  |
| Boston             | 1 | 3 | .250 | 2½ |
| Philadelphia       | 1 | 4 | .200 | 4  |
| Southeast Division |   |   |      |    |
| Washington         | 4 | 1 | .800 | —  |
| Miami              | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1  |
| Charlotte          | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2  |
| Atlanta            | 1 | 2 | .333 | 2½ |
| Orlando            | 1 | 4 | .200 | 3  |
| Central Division   |   |   |      |    |
| Chicago            | 1 | 4 | .200 | —  |
| Milwaukee          | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2  |
| Cleveland          | 1 | 3 | .250 | 2½ |
| Detroit            | 1 | 3 | .250 | 2½ |
| Indiana            | 1 | 4 | .200 | 3  |

Western Conference

| Southwest Division |   |   |       |    |
|--------------------|---|---|-------|----|
|                    | W | L | Pct   | GB |
| Houston            | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | —  |
| Memphis            | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | ½  |
| Dallas             | 2 | 2 | .500  | 2½ |
| San Antonio        | 2 | 2 | .500  | 3  |
| New Orleans        | 2 | 2 | .500  | 3  |
| Northwest Division |   |   |       |    |
| Portland           | 3 | 2 | .600  | —  |
| Minnesota          | 2 | 2 | .500  | ½  |
| Utah               | 2 | 3 | .400  | 1  |
| Denver             | 1 | 3 | .250  | 1½ |
| Oklahoma City      | 1 | 4 | .200  | 2  |
| Pacific Division   |   |   |       |    |
| Golden State       | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | —  |
| Sacramento         | 4 | 1 | .800  | ½  |
| Phoenix            | 3 | 2 | .600  | 1½ |
| L.A. Clippers      | 2 | 2 | .500  | 2  |
| L.A. Lakers        | 0 | 5 | .000  | 4½ |

**Thursday's games**  
Houston 98, San Antonio 81  
Portland 106, Dallas 87

**Friday's games**  
Chicago at Philadelphia  
Minnesota at Orlando  
Atlanta at Charlotte  
Washington at Toronto  
Milwaukee at Detroit  
Indiana at Boston  
New York at Brooklyn  
Memphis at Oklahoma City  
Sacramento at Phoenix  
Dallas at Utah  
Cleveland at Denver

**Saturday games**  
Portland at L.A. Clippers  
New York at Atlanta  
Minnesota at Miami  
Golden State at Houston  
San Antonio at Memphis  
New Orleans at San Antonio

**Thursday**  
**Trail Blazers 108, Mavericks 87**

DALLAS — Parsons 5-13 1-11, Nowitzki 6-17 3-17, Chandler 0-2 4-4, Nelson 2-3 0-0, Ellis 13-22 1-4, Harris 2-7 3-7, B. Wright 2-5 0-0, Ariza 2-7 0-0, Barnes 3-8 2-8, Jefferson 1-5 1-3, Crowder 0-2 0-0, Smith 1-1 0-0, Villanueva 1-2 0-0  
2. Totals 33-90 16-16-87.  
Portland — Batum 2-8 2-8, Aldridge 10-16 0-1 2-0, Lopez 3-6 2-2 8, Lillard 6-13 5-18, Matthews 3-6 4-4 12, Blake 3-3 0-8, Kaman 0-6 0-1 12, Barton 0-3 0-0, McCollum 4-8 2-2 13, Robinson 1-2 1-2 3, Freeland 0-0 0-0 0, Leonard 1-1 0-0 3, D. Wright 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 40-77 16-19 108.

Dallas 24 26 18 19—87  
Portland 20 26 35 27—108  
Three-Point Goals—Dallas 5-23 (Nelson 2, Nowitzki 2-7, Aminu 1, Ellis 0-1, Jefferson 0-1, Villanueva 0-1, Harris 0-2, Barco 0-2, Parsons 0-3), Portland 13-30 (McCollum 3-4, Blake 2-4, Matthews 2-5, Batum 2-6, Leonard 1-1, D. Wright 1-2, Lillard 1-6, Barton 0-1, Aldridge 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Dallas 40 (Chandler, Nelson, Aminu, Parsons 4), Portland 57 (Batum 9), Assists—Dallas 14 (Harden 4), Portland 25 (Harden 7), Total Fouls—17, Portland 21, A.—19,44 (19,580).

**Rockets 98, Spurs 81**

SAN ANTONIO — Leonard 2-11 3-7, Bonner 2-4 0-0 9, Baynes 4-10 4-5 12, Parker 2-8 0-0 6, Green 1-3 4-4 10, Anderson 1-8 2-4, Ayres 2-7 2-2, Diaw 2-5 2-2, Joseph 1-1 0-0 18, Deye 3-13 0-0 6, Totals 31-93 19-81.

Houston — Ariza 2-10 2-2 7, Motiejunas 1-3 0-0 12, Harden 12-18 1-2 22, Canaan 5-10 0-0 12, Harden 8-15 3-6 20, Terry 4-5 4-16, Black 0-0 0-0, Pagan, Ikoikou 0-2 0-0 0, Daniels 3-7 0-0 8, Garcia 0-2 1-2 1, Capela 0-0 0-0 4, Johnson 1-2 1-2 2, Dorsey 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 47-72 20-38 98.

San Antonio 15 14 26 26—81  
Houston 18 27 36 17—98  
Three-Point Goals—San Antonio 2-0 (Bonner 1-3, Diaw 1-3, Joseph 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Leonard 0-2, Deye 0-3, Green 0-0), Houston 10-27 (Terry 4-16, Pagan, Ikoikou 0-2 0-0 0, Daniels 3-7 0-0 8, Garcia 0-2 1-2 1, Capela 0-0 0-0 4, Johnson 1-2 1-2 2, Dorsey 0-1 0-0 0), Total Fouls—Houston 18 (Harden 6), Total Fouls—San Antonio 24, Houston 20, Technicals—San Antonio 0, Houston 2, Offensive second, Houston defensive three second, A.—18,311 (18,023).

# Trail Blazers lock down Mavericks

## Forward Aldrich leads Portland's stingy defense

BY ANNE M. PETERSON  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — First, the Trail Blazers held LeBron James to just 11 points. Two nights later they held Dirk Nowitzki to 17.

And just like that, Portland is pointing to an improved defense for two key wins.

The latest was on Thursday night when Portland overwhelmed the Dallas Mavericks with a 35-18 third quarter en route to a 108-87 victory. LaMarcus Aldridge had 20 points before sitting down for the entire fourth.

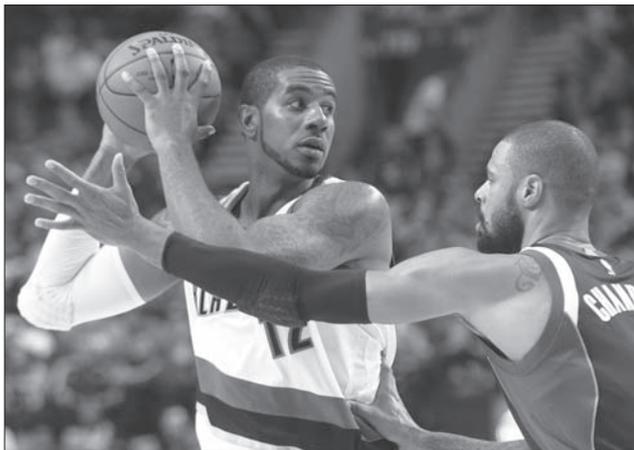
Damian Lillard finished with 18 points, including 10 over a stretch of just under six minutes in the fourth before he also took a seat.

Portland trailed 50-46 at the half before a decisive 18-4 run in the third quarter.

"I think the best part about it was that we won on both ends of the floor," Lillard said. "We defended really well in the first half, we just couldn't really get ourselves going like we would have liked to offensively. The second half, we put both ends together and that's why we were able to pull away."  
Dallas went into the game averaging nearly 112 points in its first four games of the season. Nowitzki was averaging nearly 21.

But Nowitzki said it was the Mavericks' defense that failed them against the Blazers.

"We couldn't get the stops we needed as the game turned into a walk-up-the-court game and that's not us," he said. "We've got to get



Don RYAN/AP

**Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge, left, looks to pass as Dallas center Tyson Chandler defends during the second half of Thursday's game in Portland, Ore. Aldridge led the Trail Blazers in scoring with 20 points as they beat the Mavericks 108-87.**

stops to get the ball moving."  
The game was delayed several minutes midway through the fourth quarter when a fan collapsed. The woman was rushed across the court by stretcher as a paramedic performed CPR. She was taken by ambulance to a local hospital, but there was no immediate information about her condition.

Nicolas Batum had eight points, nine rebounds and nine assists, but he too rested in the fourth quarter after the Blazers had built a sizable lead. Batum has

four career triple-doubles.  
The Trail Blazers were coming off a confidence-boosting 101-82 victory over the visiting Cleveland Cavaliers that snapped a brief two-game losing streak. Lillard broke out of a season-opening funk with 27 points, and Portland held James to just 11 points, his lowest total in 115 games.

Asked if he thought the team's defense was better this season, Blazers guard Wesley Matthews said: "I think it is. And I think it has to be."

The Mavericks lost their season opener at San Antonio but went on to win their next three, including a 118-113 victory over Boston on Monday.

"We've been doing a lot of good things but our defense has been inconsistent," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "We have to make a stand there. I have to look closely at what we're doing and make sure we're doing the right things and have the right guys in at the right times. We don't have a lot of time to sit around and mope."



PATRIC SCHNEIDER/AP

**Rockets center Dwight Howard shoots over San Antonio Spurs center Aaron Baynes on Thursday in Houston. Howard had 32 points and 16 rebounds in the Rockets' 98-81 win.**

# Howard dominates as Rockets topple Spurs

BY DARRELL LOVELL  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Heading into a game with the San Antonio Spurs, Houston Rockets coach Kevin McHale had his eye on a few matchups. A specific one that caught his eye was getting Dwight Howard in the post.

The plan worked.  
With San Antonio missing big bodies Tim Duncan, who was rested along with fellow veteran Manu Ginobili, and Tiago Splitter (right calf tightness), Howard dominated the interior from the opening tip, scoring 32 points and grabbing 16 rebounds in leading Houston to a 98-81 victory.

"We looked at some stuff (on tape) and we got him in the post," McHale said. "I thought (Howard) rolled hard and got some late in the rim. He was really devastating on those high passes. It's important that he gets in a rhythm and plays. It doesn't matter who is out there playing for them, he's got to play well for us."

The win runs Houston's record to a league best 6-0 while dropping San Antonio's mark to 2-2.

With no Duncan or Splitter inside, Howard had a decided advantage down low and exploited it from the beginning, feeding Howard at every turn. Whether on the pick-and-roll, at the elbow, or on alley-oop passes, Howard was the target and had a double-double — 20 points and 12 rebounds — by halftime as he exploited a vulnerable Spurs interior defense where Matt Bonner, Jeff Ayers and Aaron Baynes struggled to keep up.

"We are a sum-of-the-parts team," Popovich said. "We have to have all our parts to be at our best. We can't rely on one player. We have to do it as a group. If we have injuries, we need our full bench to continue to play at our best."

When Howard was not scoring inside, James Harden filled the stat sheet, adding 20 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Rockets. While he had his share of points, Harden was clear after the game about the advantage of having a forward inside.

"It's tough with the best big man in the league rolling down the paint," Harden said of Howard. "He's a lot of target, and you have shooters around him. It's tough to guard it."

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Stoudt, Scott lead No. 19 Clemson past Wake

BY JOEY MCCREARY  
The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Clemson found itself mired in a tight game against the one opponent it always seems to blow out.

"We just need one guy to make a play and get this thing rolling," offensive coordinator Chad Morris said.

Artavis Scott took care of that. The freshman receiver took a touch pass from Cole Stoudt 68 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 10:53 left, and that helped the No. 19 Tigers pull away to beat Wake Forest 34-20 on Thursday night.

Stoudt finished 27 of 42 for 282 yards with three touchdowns — two to Scott, one to Wayne Gallman — and Gallman added a late rushing score to help the Tigers (7-2, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference, No. 21 CFP) win their sixth straight.

"We've got three (games) left and we need to be our best in the month of November," coach Dabo Swinney said. "That's when good teams kind of separate from the pack."

John Wolford was 11 of 29 with two touchdown passes to Cam Serigne, covering 4 and 14 yards, for Wake Forest (2-7, 0-5).

Mike Weaver tied it twice with field goals, including a 31-yarder that made it 20-all with 11:08 left.

On Clemson's next play, Scott came in motion while Stoudt took



Clemson's Artavis Scott turns the corner on a long touchdown run against Wake Forest during the second half on Thursday in Winston-Salem, N.C. Scott had two touchdowns in the Tigers' 34-20 win.

CHUCK BURTON/AP

the snap and tapped it forward. The freshman caught it and weaved through the right side and into the end zone.

"It was so big just to get that monkey off our back," Scott said.

"I feel people have been nagging us, and it felt great to just go out there and get stuff done."

Clemson's No. 2-ranked defense forced a three-and-out and Gallman made it a two-score game for

the first time with his touchdown run with 6:36 left.

The Tigers outgained Wake Forest 427-119. The Demon Deacons, who have the worst rushing offense in the Bowl Subdivision,

managed just 7 yards on the ground — Wolford was sacked five times — while losing their fifth in a row.

"Every time we play an ACC-level defense, we just cannot run the ball," Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson said. "We just get overwhelmed up front."

Gallman rushed for 106 yards — his second straight 100-yard outing — and Scott had 122 yards receiving.

"You saw the explosiveness back in our offense that we hadn't had," Swinney said. "They're kind of growing up and blossoming right before our eyes."

Stoudt went the distance under center for the Tigers while injured freshman Deshaun Watson sat out his third straight game with a broken bone in his throwing hand.

Watson was in uniform and spent most of the night wearing an earpiece after Swinney said earlier in the week that he could play but probably wouldn't unless Clemson needed him.

Swinney said he approached Watson about possibly playing in the third quarter after Stoudt tweaked his left shoulder, and the freshman said he was ready before Stoudt "guttet it out."

The plan is for Watson to start next week against Georgia Tech.

"Our goal was to try to not play him if we could," Swinney said. "He'll be ready to go come Monday."

## Things to watch

## Big weekend for playoff hopefuls

BY STEVE MEGARGE  
The Associated Press

As college football's regular season heads into its stretch run, plenty of intriguing plotlines are developing each week.

Revenge motives. Playoff implications. Clashes of style. Matchups of two-way players.

Here are some of the top things to watch this week:

**1 Buckeyes' big chance:** No. 13 Ohio State continues to pay dearly for its early season home loss to Virginia Tech, which has gone 2-5 since. The price of that defeat is evident from the Buckeyes' No. 14 position in the College Football Playoff rankings.

Ohio State can make a statement to the selection committee — and earn a measure of revenge — when it travels to No. 7 Michigan State (No. 8 CFP). The Spartans beat Ohio State 34-24 in last year's Big Ten championship game to ruin the Buckeyes' national title hopes.

"After watching them on film, they're a great team," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said. "And they stand in the way of the Big Ten championship. They stood in the way last year, and we failed."

**2 Dueling defenses:** During a season in which so many big games have featured teams scoring in the 40s and 50s, Saturday's showdown between No. 4 Alabama (No. 5 CFP) and No. 14 LSU (No. 16 CFP) should offer a refreshing contrast.

Alabama has allowed just 14 points per game to rank second among all Football Bowl Subdivision teams in scoring defense. LSU ranks fourth at 15.9.

Both teams expect a physical game.

"They're definitely a physical bunch up front," Alabama defensive lineman Jonathan Allen said. "They play similar to our playing style. As a defense and defensive line, we look forward to that smashmouth football."

**3 Big 12 battle:** As expected, the Big 12's premier game of the season takes place this week.

The surprise is that the headline attraction isn't No. 10 Baylor (No. 12 CFP) at No. 16 Oklahoma (No. 15 CFP), though that game certainly carries plenty of weight. It's just that No. 9 Kansas State (No. 7 CFP) at No. 6 TCU (No. 6 CFP) is even bigger. Each team needs a win to boost its playoff hopes.

This clearly is the toughest remaining test for TCU, which visits Kansas and Texas and hosts Iowa State in its final three games. The road is much bumpier for Kansas State, which still must travel to No. 24 West Virginia (No. 23 CFP) and Baylor while also hosting Kansas.

**4 Critical injuries:** No. 8 Notre Dame (No. 10 CFP) and No. 12 Mississippi (No. 11 CFP) both suffered major losses last week, though the Irish actually won their game.

Notre Dame linebacker Joe Schmidt fractured and dislocated his left ankle in a 49-35 victory over Navy, so the Irish

must play the rest of the season without their leading tackler. Schmidt's injury likely forces freshman Nyles Morgan into a starting role Saturday at No. 11 Arizona State (No. 9 CFP).

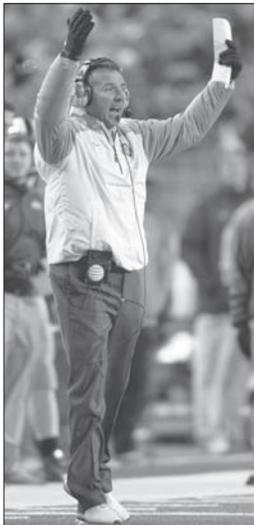
Mississippi wide receiver Laquon Treadwell broke his left fibula and dislocated an ankle while attempting to score a game-winning touchdown in a 35-31 loss to No. 3 Auburn (No. 3 CFP). Treadwell instead was tackled from behind and fumbled just before reaching the end zone.

Treadwell's injury comes one week after linebacker Denzel Nkemdiche broke a leg, knocking him out for the rest of the season.

**5 Two-way talents:** Two of the nation's top two-way players will be showcased when No. 18 UCLA (No. 18 CFP) visits Washington.

Washington's Shaq Thompson has scored six touchdowns — four on defense and two on offense. Thompson already was having a stellar season as a linebacker when injuries to Washington's running backs caused him to move over to offense. In his last two games, Thompson rushed for 98 yards against Arizona State and 174 yards against Colorado.

UCLA linebacker Myles Jack made 75 tackles and ran for seven touchdowns as a part-time running back last season. Although he has concentrated more on defense this year, Jack still has rushed for 71 yards on 11 carries while also producing 63 tackles.



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer will be looking for a measure of revenge when his Buckeyes travel to face Michigan State on Saturday. The Spartans beat Ohio State 34-24 in last year's Big Ten championship game to ruin the Buckeyes' national title hopes.

# College GameDay



JONATHAN BACHMAN/AP

## Player to watch

### Leonard Fournette RB|LSU

After a slow start to his freshman season, 6-foot-1, 230-pound running back Fournette has emerged as the Tigers' leading rusher, with 657 yards and seven touchdowns on 131 carries, including 293 yards and three TDs during LSU's current three-game winning streak.

Fournette faces a difficult challenge this week against the Crimson Tide's defense, which is giving up only 78 yards on the ground per game.

No. 4 Alabama at No. 14 LSU  
2 a.m. Sunday  
Central European Time



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Kansas State receiver Tyler Lockett, left, snags a pass in front of Oklahoma State's Kevin Peterson last week. Lockett and the No. 9 Wildcats travel to No. 6 TCU for a conference showdown Saturday. The game also has College Football Playoff ramifications, with the Horned Frogs sixth and the Wildcats 7th.

## SERVICE ACADEMIES



**Air Force** at UNLV  
Last week: Beat Army, 23-6  
Next game: vs. Nevada, Nov. 15



**Army** vs. Connecticut at Bronx, N.Y.  
Last week: Lost to Air Force, 23-6  
Next game: vs. Western Kentucky, Nov. 15



**Navy** does not play  
Last week: Lost to Notre Dame, 45-39  
Next game: vs. Georgia Southern, Nov. 15

## AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

### Thursday

No. 19 Clemson 34, Wake Forest 20

### Saturday

- No. 1 Mississippi State vs. UT-Martin
- No. 2 Florida State vs. Virginia
- No. 3 Auburn vs. Texas A&M
- No. 5 Alabama at No. 14 LSU
- No. 6 Oregon at No. 20 Utah
- No. 6 TCU vs. No. 9 Kansas State
- No. 7 Michigan State vs. No. 13 Ohio State
- No. 8 Notre Dame at No. 11 Arizona State
- No. 10 Baylor at No. 16 Oklahoma
- No. 12 Mississippi vs. Presbyterian
- No. 17 Georgia at Kentucky
- No. 18 UCLA at Washington
- No. 21 Arizona vs. Colorado
- No. 22 Duke at Syracuse
- No. 23 Marshall at Southern Miss.
- No. 24 West Virginia at Texas
- No. 25 Wisconsin at Purdue

## THE POWER CONFERENCES

| ACC               |   |     |   |
|-------------------|---|-----|---|
| Atlantic Division |   | All |   |
| Conf.             | W | L   | T |
| Florida St.       | 0 | 8   | 0 |
| Clemson           | 1 | 7   | 2 |
| Boston College    | 2 | 6   | 3 |
| NC State          | 0 | 4   | 4 |
| Louisville        | 4 | 3   | 3 |
| Syracuse          | 1 | 4   | 3 |
| Wake Forest       | 0 | 5   | 2 |
| Coastal Division  |   | All |   |
| Conf.             | W | L   | T |
| Duke              | 3 | 1   | 7 |
| Georgia Tech      | 4 | 2   | 7 |
| Miami             | 3 | 2   | 6 |
| North Carolina    | 2 | 3   | 4 |
| Pittsburgh        | 2 | 3   | 4 |
| Virginia          | 2 | 3   | 4 |
| Virginia Tech     | 1 | 4   | 5 |

| Big Ten      |   |     |   |
|--------------|---|-----|---|
| East         |   | All |   |
| Conf.        | W | L   | T |
| Michigan St. | 4 | 0   | 7 |
| Ohio St.     | 4 | 0   | 7 |
| Maryland     | 3 | 2   | 6 |
| Michigan     | 2 | 3   | 4 |
| Penn St.     | 2 | 4   | 4 |
| Rutgers      | 1 | 4   | 5 |
| Indiana      | 0 | 4   | 3 |
| West         |   | All |   |
| Conf.        | W | L   | T |
| Nebraska     | 4 | 1   | 8 |
| Minnesota    | 3 | 1   | 6 |
| Iowa         | 3 | 1   | 6 |
| Wisconsin    | 2 | 3   | 6 |
| Northwestern | 2 | 3   | 3 |
| Illinois     | 1 | 4   | 4 |
| Purdue       | 1 | 4   | 3 |

| Big 12        |   |     |   |
|---------------|---|-----|---|
| Conf.         |   | All |   |
| W             | L | T   | W |
| Kansas St.    | 5 | 0   | 5 |
| TCU           | 4 | 1   | 7 |
| Baylor        | 4 | 1   | 7 |
| West Virginia | 4 | 2   | 6 |
| Oklahoma      | 3 | 2   | 6 |
| Oklahoma St.  | 3 | 2   | 6 |
| Texas         | 3 | 3   | 4 |
| Texas Tech    | 1 | 4   | 4 |
| Iowa St.      | 0 | 5   | 2 |
| Kansas        | 0 | 5   | 2 |

| Pac-12         |   |     |   |
|----------------|---|-----|---|
| North          |   | All |   |
| Conf.          | W | L   | T |
| Oregon         | 5 | 1   | 8 |
| Stanford       | 3 | 3   | 5 |
| California     | 3 | 4   | 5 |
| Washington     | 2 | 3   | 6 |
| Oregon St.     | 1 | 4   | 4 |
| Washington St. | 1 | 4   | 2 |
| South          |   | All |   |
| Conf.          | W | L   | T |
| Arizona St.    | 5 | 1   | 1 |
| Southern Cal   | 5 | 2   | 6 |
| UCLA           | 4 | 2   | 7 |
| Arizona        | 3 | 2   | 6 |
| Utah           | 3 | 2   | 6 |
| Colorado       | 0 | 6   | 2 |

| SEC             |   |     |   |
|-----------------|---|-----|---|
| East            |   | All |   |
| Conf.           | W | L   | T |
| Missouri        | 5 | 1   | 7 |
| Georgia         | 4 | 2   | 4 |
| LSU             | 4 | 2   | 3 |
| Kentucky        | 2 | 4   | 5 |
| South Carolina  | 2 | 5   | 4 |
| Tennessee       | 1 | 4   | 5 |
| Vanderbilt      | 0 | 5   | 3 |
| West            |   | All |   |
| Conf.           | W | L   | T |
| Mississippi St. | 5 | 0   | 8 |
| Alabama         | 4 | 1   | 1 |
| Auburn          | 4 | 1   | 7 |
| Mississippi     | 4 | 2   | 7 |
| Arkansas        | 2 | 3   | 7 |
| Texas A&M       | 2 | 3   | 6 |
| Kansas          | 0 | 5   | 4 |

**Game of the week:** Louisville at Boston College. The matchup should help determine the Atlantic Division's third-best team. The Eagles' Tyler Murphy is the nation's top rusher among quarterbacks and should provide a test for a Cardinals defense that is the league's toughest against the rush.

**Inside the numbers:** North Carolina is home to the four worst rushing defenses in the conference. N.C. State has the best of the bunch, ranking 11th in the league and giving up an average of 171.1 yards. Rival North Carolina ranks last in the league, allowing nearly 220 yards rushing per game. Wake Forest (178.5) and Duke (214) are sandwiched between them.

**Player to watch:** Georgia Tech QB Justin Thomas. Thomas could put up some big numbers on N.C. State's leaky run defense. Thomas enters the season's final month 279 yards shy of becoming the school's second QB to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

**Game of the week:** No. 7 Michigan State vs. No. 13 Ohio State. Over Urban Meyer's more than 2½ years and 34 games as head coach, the Buckeyes have played only seven times against teams ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 — only one rated as high as No. 10. They're 5-2 heading into their only meeting against a ranked team so far this season. The winner has the inside track to a return to the Big Ten title game. The loser is eliminated from the national championship conversation.

**Inside the numbers:** With its victory last week Ohio State won its 20th consecutive conference game to tie the Big Ten record for longest conference winning streak set by the Buckeyes from 2005-07.

**Player to watch:** Penn State kicker Sam Ficken. He is the model of consistency two years after missing four field goals in one game. He's converted 17 of 19 field goals this season.

**Game of the week:** No. 9 Kansas State at No. 6 TCU. The game matching Horned Frogs coach Gary Patterson against his alma mater will have huge implications in the Big 12 race — and the College Football Playoff rankings. While K-State (7-1, 5-0) tops the league standings ahead of TCU (7-1, 4-1), the Frogs are sixth in the latest playoff rankings, a slot above the Wildcats.

**Inside the numbers:** Since opening the season with seven consecutive 100-yard games and being the first receiver in the nation over 1,000 yards, West Virginia senior Kevin White has only six catches for 55 yards the past two games.

**Player to watch:** Oklahoma WR Sterling Shepard. The junior leads the Big 12 with 119.6 yards receiving a game, and is only 43 yards shy of a 1,000-yard season. Shepard has accounted for 46 percent of the Sooners' receiving yards.

**Game of the week:** No. 8 Notre Dame at No. 11 Arizona State. With both teams entering the game with one loss, it essentially will be a playoff elimination game Saturday night. The Irish (7-1) have given up 30 or more points for three straight games, something they've done only a handful of times in 126 seasons, and are facing Arizona State (7-1), which is averaging 483.6 yards a game in total offense. That's 22nd in the nation, the highest ranked offense the Irish will face this season.

**Inside the numbers:** Utah falls last in the Pac-12 with an average of 175.2 yards passing per game, ranking the Utes 109th among FBS programs nationally. The team has 11 passing touchdowns this season, second to last in the conference.

**Player to watch:** Washington LB Shaq Thompson. The junior has scored four defensive touchdowns this season and rushing for 174 yards and one TD in a win at Colorado last week.

**Game of the week:** No. 4 Alabama at No. 14 LSU. Alabama will try to keep its playoff hopes alive against an LSU team that has won three straight games. Don't expect a lot of points in this game — Alabama ranks second and LSU is fourth among all Football Bowl Subdivision teams in scoring defense. Alabama has allowed 14 points per game, while LSU has yielded only 15.9 points per game.

**Inside the numbers:** LSU is 45-4 during Miles' tenure when one of its running backs rushes for at least 100 yards.

**Player to watch:** Ole Miss WR Vince Sanders. He takes over as the Rebels' lead receiver after Laqon Treadwell broke his left leg and dislocated his ankle last weekend. The 6-foot-1, 185-pound Sanders has been productive this season, with 33 catches for 536 yards and four touchdowns.

NFL

# Rice suspension hearing concludes

By Rob Maaddi  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Ray Rice and wife Janay testified Thursday on the final day of a hearing in the former Baltimore Ravens running back's appeal of his indefinite NFL suspension.

The arbitration hearing before a former federal judge will determine whether the NFL overstepped its authority in modifying Rice's two-game suspension, making it indefinite after video of the running back hitting his wife — then his fiancée — was released by TMZ.

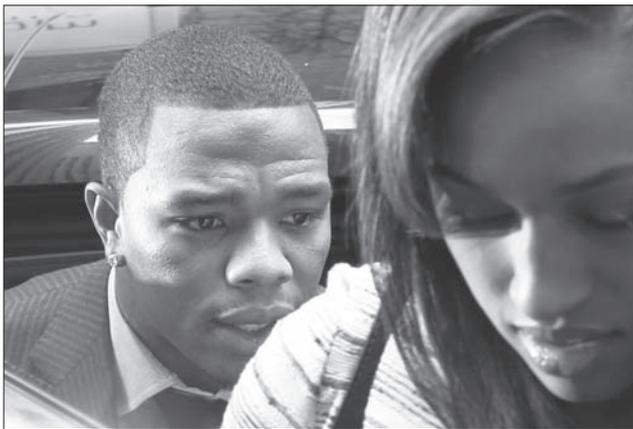
Rice and Janay Rice left the hearing separately about three hours apart after each testified at former U.S. District Judge Barbara S. Jones' office.

"I can trust it's a fair process," said Rice's attorney, Peter Ginsberg.

Two people familiar with the case said there's no timetable for Jones to make her decision, though one person said she has asked the sides to submit closing briefs next week.

Both spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the arbiter has told the sides not to discuss details of the private hearing.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell testified for more than two hours to start the appeal hearing Wednesday, according to one of the sources. Ray and Janay Rice attended the full hearing



Jason DeCROW/AP

Ray Rice, left, and wife Janay Palmer testified Thursday in Rice's appeal of his season-long suspension.

Wednesday.

League security chief Jeffrey Miller and Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome also testified in the hearing.

The NFL players' union said in a statement that the hearing was fair and thorough, and thanked NFL owners and officials for agreeing to use a neutral arbiter.

"The collectively bargained rights of all players must be vehemently preserved and we take that obligation seriously," the statement said. "This appeal, presided over by a neutral arbiter, which included a presentation of

all the relevant facts, witness testimony to the truth and cross examination, is the due process that every athlete deserves."

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy declined comment. "We continue to respect the confidentiality order set weeks ago," he said.

Rice was suspended indefinitely Sept. 8 for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Rice is seeking immediate reinstatement, though it's unlikely a team would sign him this season. Rice has also filed a separate wrongful termination grievance

against the Ravens.

Goodell originally suspended the running back for two games. The incident occurred inside an elevator at an Atlantic City casino in February, when Rice and Janay Rice were engaged. The couple married a month later.

The league considered the video made public after the initial suspension to be new evidence, giving Goodell the authority to amend Rice's punishment. But Rice's attorneys are arguing he should not be disciplined twice, citing the collective bargaining agreement.

## Scoreboard

### American Conference

|             | East |   |   |      |
|-------------|------|---|---|------|
|             | W    | L | T | Pct  |
| New England | 7    | 0 | 0 | .778 |
| Buffalo     | 5    | 3 | 0 | .625 |
| Milwaukee   | 4    | 4 | 0 | .500 |
| N.Y. Jets   | 1    | 8 | 0 | .111 |

|              | South |   |   |      |
|--------------|-------|---|---|------|
|              | W     | L | T | Pct  |
| Indianapolis | 6     | 0 | 0 | .667 |
| Houston      | 4     | 2 | 0 | .444 |
| Tennessee    | 4     | 2 | 0 | .250 |
| Jacksonville | 1     | 8 | 0 | .111 |

|            | North |   |   |      |
|------------|-------|---|---|------|
|            | W     | L | T | Pct  |
| Pittsburgh | 6     | 3 | 0 | .667 |
| Cleveland  | 6     | 3 | 0 | .667 |
| Cincinnati | 6     | 3 | 0 | .611 |
| Baltimore  | 5     | 4 | 0 | .556 |

|             | West |   |   |      |
|-------------|------|---|---|------|
|             | W    | L | T | Pct  |
| Denver      | 6    | 2 | 0 | .750 |
| Kansas City | 5    | 3 | 0 | .625 |
| San Diego   | 4    | 3 | 0 | .556 |
| Oakland     | 0    | 8 | 0 | .000 |

### National Conference

|              | East |   |   |      |
|--------------|------|---|---|------|
|              | W    | L | T | Pct  |
| Philadelphia | 4    | 0 | 0 | .750 |
| Dallas       | 6    | 3 | 0 | .667 |
| N.Y. Giants  | 5    | 0 | 0 | .375 |
| Washington   | 3    | 6 | 0 | .333 |

|             | South |   |   |      |
|-------------|-------|---|---|------|
|             | W     | L | T | Pct  |
| New Orleans | 4     | 0 | 0 | .500 |
| Carolina    | 3     | 1 | 0 | .289 |
| Atlanta     | 2     | 5 | 0 | .290 |
| Tampa Bay   | 1     | 0 | 0 | .125 |

|           | North |   |   |      |
|-----------|-------|---|---|------|
|           | W     | L | T | Pct  |
| Detroit   | 6     | 2 | 0 | .750 |
| Green Bay | 5     | 3 | 0 | .625 |
| Minnesota | 4     | 3 | 0 | .444 |
| Chicago   | 3     | 0 | 0 | .375 |

|               | West |   |   |      |
|---------------|------|---|---|------|
|               | W    | L | T | Pct  |
| Arizona       | 7    | 1 | 0 | .875 |
| Seattle       | 5    | 0 | 0 | .625 |
| San Francisco | 4    | 4 | 0 | .500 |
| St. Louis     | 0    | 8 | 0 | .375 |

### Thursday's game

**Sunday's games**  
Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 3  
San Francisco at Buffalo  
Miami at Detroit  
Tennessee at Baltimore  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay  
Dallas vs. Jacksonville at London  
Denver at Oakland  
N.Y. Giants at Seattle  
St. Louis at Arizona  
Chicago at Green Bay  
Oakland at Indianapolis, Minnesota, New England, San Diego, Washington

### Monday's game

Carolina at Philadelphia  
**Thursday, Nov. 13**  
Buffalo at Miami  
Minnesota at Chicago  
Seattle at Kansas City  
Cincinnati at New Orleans  
Denver at St. Louis  
Houston at Oakland  
Atlanta at Carolina  
Cleveland at Washington  
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants  
Oakland at San Diego  
Detroit at Arizona  
Philadelphia at Green Bay  
New England at Indianapolis  
**Open:** Baltimore, Dallas, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets  
**Monday, Nov. 17**  
Pittsburgh at Tennessee

### Thursday

|                             | Points | Yds | TDs |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|-----|
| <b>Browns 24, Bengals 3</b> | 7      | 10  | 0   |
| <b>Cincinnati</b>           | 3      | 0   | 0   |

| Player  | Points | Yds | TDs |
|---|--------|-----|-----|
| <b>Cle</b> — Tate 4 run (Gundiff kick), 10-40 | 4      | 40  | 1   |
| <b>Cin</b> — Fugle 45, C.F.B.                 | 4      | 18  | 0   |

| Player   | Points | Yds | TDs |
|--|--------|-----|-----|
| <b>Cle</b> — Crowell 2 run (Cundiff kick), 12-67 | 4      | 67  | 2   |
| <b>Cin</b> — Fugle 3, Cundiff 3, 3-59            | 3      | 59  | 0   |

| Player                                      | Points | Yds | TDs |
|---|--------|-----|-----|
| <b>Cle</b> — West 1 run (Cundiff kick), 4-6 | 1      | 6   | 1   |
| <b>A</b> — 65, 71                           | 1      | 71  | 0   |

| Player                                      | Points | Yds | TDs |
|---|--------|-----|-----|
| <b>Cle</b> — West 1 run (Cundiff kick), 4-6 | 1      | 6   | 1   |
| <b>A</b> — 65, 71                           | 1      | 71  | 0   |

| Player                                      | Points | Yds | TDs |
|---|--------|-----|-----|
| <b>Cle</b> — West 1 run (Cundiff kick), 4-6 | 1      | 6   | 1   |
| <b>A</b> — 65, 71                           | 1      | 71  | 0   |

### Calendar

Dec. 28 — Regular season ends.  
Jan. 3-4, 2015 — Wild-card playoffs.  
Jan. 11 — Divisional playoffs.  
Jan. 18 — Conference championships.  
Jan. 25 — Pro Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.

# Complete: Bengals at a loss for words to describe defeat

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receiver A.J. Green said.

While the Bengals try to find the words to describe yet another meltdown, the Browns came away in the uncustomed role of having to avoid getting giddy over being in first place.

"It doesn't matter," quarterback Brian Hoyer said. "There's seven more games to go. I know speaking for myself, the meaningful games come at the end of November and in December. That's something this organization hasn't had in a long time."

Things learned from a most lopsided matchup of Ohio's teams:

**One for the ages:** There's no understanding what this one meant to Cleveland. The Browns had dropped their last 17 road games against AFC North teams. Their last such win came on Sept. 28, 2008, a 20-12 victory in Cincinnati. This one was Cleveland's most lopsided victory in Cincinnati since a 34-0 win in 1987 with strike replacement players.

"A huge boost for our guys," coach Mike Pettine said. "Just look at the streaks we ended. Not many people gave us a chance."

**On the run:** The Browns pulled it off by getting their running game together. They'd run for a total of only 158 yards in the last three games combined, averaging 1.9 yards per carry. Against Cincinnati's struggling defense they piled up 170 yards, with Terrance West picking up 94 yards on 26 carries to lead



AJ MAST/AP

Cleveland quarterback Brian Hoyer completed 15 of 23 passes for 198 yards against Cincinnati.

the way.

**Haden vs. Green is no contest:** Cornerback Joe Haden got the better of Green again, holding him to three harmless catches for 23 yards. His longest reception went for only 11 yards. While much of it was the result of Andy Dalton being off-target all night, Haden never

let the Bengals' top receiver get open. In their last three games, Green has been held to a total of 12 catches for 81 yards.

**Dalton 2.0:** Yes, that was Dalton's passer rating for Thursday night — 2.0. He completed 10 of 33 passes for 86 yards with three interceptions and two sacks. He was off-target all night, his throws sailing on a cold, breeze-free night. Asked who should get the blame for another horrid offensive showing, Dalton answered immediately.

"I should," he said. "And I deserve it. It all starts with me. It all goes through the quarterback."

**Prime-time busts:** The Bengals have a history of falling apart on the big stage and in the postseason. They haven't won a playoff game since the 1990 season, tied for the sixth-longest streak of futility in NFL history. They've reached the playoffs each of the last three seasons and lost in the first round. They've also horrid in prime time, going 18-41 in those big-stage games, including that drubbing in New England earlier this season. Until they show up when it matters, they're not going to be taken seriously as a championship contender.

"It does confound me," coach Marvin Lewis said. "For whatever reason, the two times (in prime time) this year we didn't play well. Because we were at home, there was an energy and excitement instead of being steady-eyed and focusing on what we have to do."

# NHL

## Monday

### Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division |    |   |    |     |       |       |
|-------------------|----|---|----|-----|-------|-------|
| GP                | W  | L | OT | Pts | GF/GA |       |
| Tampa Bay         | 14 | 9 | 3  | 0   | 19    | 47/27 |
| Montreal          | 14 | 9 | 4  | 1   | 19    | 33/41 |
| Nashville         | 14 | 7 | 4  | 2   | 16    | 34/27 |
| Ottawa            | 12 | 7 | 4  | 1   | 16    | 34/27 |
| Detroit           | 14 | 6 | 5  | 3   | 15    | 31/31 |
| Toronto           | 13 | 6 | 5  | 2   | 14    | 37/35 |
| Florida           | 14 | 6 | 5  | 1   | 16    | 24/24 |
| Buffalo           | 14 | 3 | 8  | 3   | 10    | 26/31 |

### Metropolitan Division

|                |    |   |   |   |    |       |
|----------------|----|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Pittsburgh     | 13 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 19 | 49/26 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 13 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 41/42 |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 34/28 |
| Philadelphia   | 13 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 41/40 |
| Washington     | 14 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 14 | 32/31 |
| Winnipeg       | 12 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 38/37 |
| Carolina       | 12 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 37/37 |
| Columbus       | 12 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 8  | 25/37 |
|                |    |   |   |   |    | 30/41 |

### Western Conference

| Central Division |    |   |    |     |       |       |
|------------------|----|---|----|-----|-------|-------|
| GP               | W  | L | OT | Pts | GF/GA |       |
| St. Louis        | 13 | 9 | 3  | 0   | 19    | 34/26 |
| Chicago          | 13 | 8 | 4  | 1   | 17    | 37/27 |
| Winnipeg         | 14 | 7 | 5  | 2   | 16    | 28/31 |
| Minnesota        | 14 | 7 | 5  | 2   | 16    | 29/33 |
| Minnesota        | 12 | 7 | 4  | 1   | 14    | 26/29 |
| St. Louis        | 12 | 7 | 4  | 1   | 14    | 37/35 |
| Dallas           | 13 | 4 | 8  | 5   | 12    | 37/45 |

| Pacific Division |    |    |    |     |       |       |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-------|-------|
| GP               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF/GA |       |
| Anaheim          | 14 | 10 | 3  | 1   | 21    | 38/27 |
| Vancouver        | 14 | 10 | 4  | 0   | 20    | 46/38 |
| San Jose         | 14 | 9  | 5  | 0   | 18    | 47/37 |
| Los Angeles      | 14 | 7  | 4  | 3   | 17    | 29/31 |
| San Jose         | 14 | 7  | 5  | 2   | 16    | 32/31 |
| Arizona          | 12 | 5  | 6  | 1   | 11    | 31/44 |
| Edmonton         | 12 | 5  | 6  | 1   | 11    | 31/44 |
| Edmonton         | 12 | 5  | 6  | 1   | 11    | 31/44 |
| Edmonton         | 12 | 5  | 6  | 1   | 11    | 31/44 |

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

**Wednesday's games**  
 Montreal 2, Buffalo 1, SO  
 N.Y. Rangers 4, Detroit 3, OT  
 N.Y. Islanders 3, Anaheim 2, OT

**Thursday's games**  
 Pittsburgh 4, Winnipeg 3, SO  
 Colorado 4, Toronto 3, SO  
 N.Y. Islanders 2, Los Angeles 1, SO  
 Boston 5, Edmonton 2  
 Florida 4, Philadelphia 1  
 Ottawa 3, Minnesota 0, 4  
 St. Louis 4, New Jersey 3  
 Pittsburgh 3, Dallas 2  
 Vancouver 5, San Jose 2

**Friday's games**  
 Edmonton 3, Carolina 2  
 Carolina at Detroit  
 Washington at Chicago  
 Anaheim at Dallas

**Saturday's games**  
 Pittsburgh at Buffalo  
 N.Y. Rangers at Toronto  
 Minnesota at Montreal  
 Winnipeg at Ottawa  
 Carolina at Philadelphia  
 Tampa Bay at Columbus  
 Carolina at Washington  
 Nashville at St. Louis  
 San Jose at Dallas  
 N.Y. Islanders at Arizona  
 Vancouver at Los Angeles

**Thursday**  
**Bruins 5, Oilers 2**

**Edmonton** 1 0 1 0 1  
**Boston** 1 0 1 0 2  
**Period—1**, Edmonton, 1-0  
 (Schultz, Nugent-Hopkins), 14:49 (pp.)  
**Second Period—1**, Boston, 1-1  
 (Smith, 13:38 (pp.), 15:27 (pp.), 3, Dallas, 18:45.  
**Third Period—3**, Edmonton, Arcobello 3 (Yakupov), 1:14, 4, Boston, Eriksson 3 (Hannigan, Soderberg), 11:04, 5, Boston, Ryder 3 (Bourque, Ruzicka), 16:25, 5, St. Louis, Backes 3 (Pietrangolo, Shattenkirk), 17:28 (pp.), 6, New Jersey, Zidicky 3 (Sisto, Bernier), 18:09, 7, New Jersey, Ryder 4 (Jagr, Ellis), 19:09.  
**Power-play opportunities—New Jersey** 0 of 3; St. Louis 2 of 3.  
**Shots on Goal—Nashville** 11-17-33, 2 of 3; Dallas 0 of 1.  
**Power-play opportunities—Nashville** 2 of 3; Dallas 0 of 1.  
**Goals—Nashville**, Rinne 8-21 (35 shots-33 saves), Dallas, Lehtonen 4-3-4 (30-33).  
**A—17,054 (18,532), T—2:31.**

**Predators 3, Stars 2**

**Nashville** 0 2 1 3  
**Second Period—1**, Nashville, C. Smith 5 (Roy, Ellis), 4:10 (pp.), 2, Nashville, Forsberg 2 (Grylls, 10:20), 4, Hartford, 11:37 (pp.), 5, Dallas, 18:35.  
**Third Period—4**, Dallas, Eaves 2 (Sequin, Rousseau), 7:23, 5, Nashville, Cullen 3 (Roy, Ellis), 11:47.  
**Shots on Goal—Nashville** 11-17-33, 2 of 3; Dallas 0 of 1.  
**Power-play opportunities—Nashville** 2 of 3; Dallas 0 of 1.  
**Goals—Nashville**, Rinne 8-21 (35 shots-33 saves), Dallas, Lehtonen 4-3-4 (30-33).  
**A—17,054 (18,532), T—2:31.**

**Senators 3, Wild 0**

**Minnesota** 0 0 0 0  
**Ottawa** 0 2 1 3  
**Second Period—1**, Ottawa, Marc-Andre Fleury 2 (Ryan, Karlsson), 2:23 (pp.), 2, Ottawa, Hoffman 2 (Grylls, 4:47), 4, Hartford, 11:37 (pp.), 5, Dallas, 18:35.  
**Third Period—3**, Ottawa, Fleury 3 (Stone, Vierthaler), 2:36.  
**Shots on Goal—Ottawa** 9-10-16, 3 of 5; Ottawa 0 of 1.  
**Power-play opportunities—Minnesota** 0 of 3; Ottawa 0 of 1.  
**Goals—Minnesota**, Backstrom 1-2-0 (17 shots-14 saves), Ottawa, Anderson 4-2-1 (35-35).  
**A—18,686 (19,153), T—2:26.**



St. Louis' Alexander Steen, left, reaches for a loose puck as New Jersey's Adam Larsson defends during Thursday's game in St. Louis.

**Flyers 4, Panthers 1**

**Philadelphia** 0 2 0 0-1  
**First Period—1**, Philadelphia, Couturier 4 (S. Schenn, Roady), 3:53, 2, Philadelphia, Det Zotto 1 (S. Schenn, Couturier), 6:38.  
**Second Period—3**, Philadelphia, Bellemare 3 (Goffredo), 2:50, 4, Florida, Bjorgstad 1 (Hayes, Kulikov), 5:10 (pp.), 5, Philadelphia, Voracek 6 (Giroux, Streett), 12:29.  
**Shots on Goal—Florida** 6-17-12-35, Philadelphia 10-9-11-26.  
**Power-play opportunities—Florida** 1 of 4; Philadelphia 0 of 1.  
**Goals—Florida**, Luongo 4-3-3 (30 shots-28 saves), Philadelphia, Mason 2-1-4 (35-34).  
**A—19,777 (19,541), T—2:33.**

**Lightning 5, Flames 2**

**Calgary** 1 1 0 2-5  
**Tampa Bay** 2 2 2 5-5  
**First Period—1**, Tampa Bay, Paqueto 2 (Proulx), 9:55, 2, Calgary, Hultler 4 (Brodie, Gordinier), 15:22.  
**Second Period—3**, Tampa Bay, Paqueto 2 (Nahemstok, Garrison), 10:1, 4, Tampa Bay, Boye 4, 4:02 (G), 5, Calgary, Monahan 5 (Gaudreau, Gardiner), 4:22 (pp.).  
**Third Period—6**, Tampa Bay, Johnson 2 (Kucherov, Palat), 9:0, 7, Tampa Bay, Filipchuk 3, 17:50 (en).  
**Shots on Goal—Calgary** 12-10-9-31, Tampa Bay 13-13-11-37.  
**Power-play opportunities—Calgary** 1 of 1; Tampa Bay 0 of 1.  
**Goals—Calgary**, Hillier 6-3-1 (32 shots-28 saves), Tampa Bay, Bishop 8-11 (31-29).  
**A—18,276 (19,204), T—2:23.**

**Blues 4, Devils 3**

**New Jersey** 0 0 3 3-3  
**St. Louis** 1 1 1 2-5  
**First Period—1**, St. Louis, Tarasenko 9 (Schwartz, Colton), 10:55.  
**Second Period—2**, St. Louis, Schwartz 6 (Jackman), 11:05.  
**Third Period—3**, St. Louis, Steen 3 (Lehtera, Tarasenko), 7:10 (pp.), 4, New Jersey, Ryder 3 (Brunner, Ruzicka), 16:25, 5, St. Louis, Backes 3 (Pietrangolo, Shattenkirk), 17:28 (pp.), 6, New Jersey, Zidicky 3 (Sisto, Bernier), 18:09, 7, New Jersey, Ryder 4 (Jagr, Ellis), 19:09.  
**Power-play opportunities—New Jersey** 0 of 3; St. Louis 2 of 3.  
**Shots on Goal—New Jersey**, Schneider (25 shots-22 saves), Rinkard 1-0 (7-50 third period), 4-3, St. Louis, Allen 4-1-0 (27-24).  
**A—16,523 (19,150), T—2:23.**

**Canucks 3, Sharks 2**

**Vancouver** 1 1 0 2-3  
**San Jose** 2 1 0 3-5  
**First Period—1**, San Jose, Sheppard 2 (Hartl, Henning), 10:26, 2, Vancouver, Watabe 6, 15:52.  
**Second Period—1**, San Jose, Couture 7 (Pavelski, Marleau), 10:43 (pp.), 4, Vancouver, Edler 3 (D.Segin, H.Sedin), 12:45 (pp.), 5, Vancouver, Bonino 7 (Burrows), 17:20.  
**Third Period—3**, Vancouver, Edler 2 (Pavelski), 10:19, 4, Vancouver, Edler 3 (D.Segin, H.Sedin), 12:45 (pp.), 5, Vancouver, Bonino 7 (Burrows), 17:20.  
**Shots on Goal—Vancouver** 4-9-16-29, San Jose 15-14-16-36.  
**Power-play opportunities—Vancouver** 1 of 1; San Jose 0 of 1.  
**Goals—Vancouver**, Miller 10-1-0 (36 shots-22 saves), San Jose, Niemi 6-1 (19-16).  
**A—17,562 (17,562), T—2:39.**

# Roundup

## Blues stretch streak to seven

**ST. LOUIS** — Jake Allen was a little more than 3 minutes from his third straight shutout Thursday night.

In the end, the St. Louis Blues goalie had to hold on just to win. The New Jersey Devils scored three times in a span of 2:34 late in the third period but came up just short as the Blues extended their winning streak to seven games with a 4-3 victory.

Allen would have enjoyed another shutout, but said the main thing was getting two more points.

"I think shutouts are bonuses," he said. "If I got that third one, great, I'll enjoy it for a little bit. But I'm just focusing on wins right now. Definitely a couple of things to learn from the last few minutes, but all in all, we got the win and we'll move on to Saturday."

Allen made 24 saves and ran his shutout streak to 184 minutes before giving up his first goal in two weeks.

Vladimir Tarasenko stretched his goal-scoring streak to four games as he and Blues linemate Ilya Shwarts' had a goal and an assist. Tarasenko has scored five goals during his four-game streak and eight in his last six games overall.

"It's not about the scoring; it's about the wins," Tarasenko said. "We have seven in a row. So let's make it eight and prepare for the next game."

Alexander Steen and David Backes also scored for St. Louis. Jori Lehtera had two assists.

Allen, who stopped 26 shots in blanking the Devils 1-0 Tuesday night in New Jersey, had his shutout streak snapped at 184:01 when Michael Ryder beat him with a wrist shot at 16:35 of the third period.

Prior to that, Allen had not allowed a goal since Vancouver's Martin Veck scored on him at 11:57 of the third period on Oct. 23.

Marek Zidicky then scored at 18:09 for New Jersey and Ryder added his second of the game with 50.5 seconds left to make it 4-3.

**Penguins 4, Jets 3 (SO)**: Sidney Crosby scored the shutout without a lift visiting Pittsburgh to its sixth straight shutout.

Crosby and Evgeni Malkin scored in the shutout, while Marc-Andre Fleury stopped shots by Winnipeg's Andrew Ladd and Evander Kane after Blake Wheeler scored for the Jets to open the second period.

**Bruins 5, Oilers 2**: Dougie Hamilton had a goal and two assists during a third-period flurry that sent streaking host Boston past skidding Edmonton.

The Bruins scored three times in a span of 2:34 to erase a 2-1 deficit on the way to their fourth straight victory. Boston won its

13th in a row against the Oilers, who have not beaten the Bruins since Oct. 17, 2000.

**Predators 3, Stars 2**: Matt Cullen scored the go-ahead goal at 13:47 of the third period in visiting Nashville's victory over slumping Dallas.

Goals by Trevor Daley and Patrick Eaves rallied Dallas from a 2-0 deficit. But the Stars have lost their last six games (0-4-2), and are 2-4 at home.

**Senators 3, Wild 0**: Mike Hoffman scored twice and Craig Anderson stopped 34 shots to lead host Ottawa over Minnesota.

Clarke MacArthur also had a goal for the Senators. Anderson earned his second shutout this season and the 28th of his career.

**Lightning 5, Flames 2**: Cedric Paquette scored his first two NHL goals as Tampa Bay finished a perfect four-game homestand.

Tampa Bay also got goals from Brian Boyle, Tyler Johnson and Valteri Filppula. The Lightning had scored 15 goals during three wins earlier in the homestand against Arizona, Philadelphia and Washington.

**Flyers 4, Panthers 1**: Sean Couturier had a goal and an assist in the first period, Jakub Voracek continued his offensive surge, and host Philadelphia cruised past Florida.

Voracek got his sixth goal of the season to pull into tie with Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby with a league-leading 19 points. Michael Del Zotto and Pierre-Edouard Bellemare also scored for Philadelphia, which has won four straight at home. Braden Schenn added two assists.

**Avalanche 4, Maple Leafs 3 (SO)**: Alex Tanguay scored in regulation and had the decisive goal in a shootout to lift host Colorado over Toronto.

Matt Duchene also scored in regulation and the shootout for the Avalanche, who ended a three-game skid.

**Islanders 2, Kings 1**: Kyle Okposo and Frans Nielsen scored in the shootout, and visiting New York completed a Southern California sweep.

Chris Johnson stopped 28 shots and Brock Nelson scored in the first period for the Islanders, who snapped a three-game skid with an overtime win over undermanned Anaheim one night earlier.

**Canucks 3, Sharks 2**: Alex Edler and Chris Bonino scored second-period goals and Ryan Miller preserved the lead through the final second for Vancouver.

Joe Thornton appeared to tie the score in the closing second for San Jose, but his goal was overturned when replay showed the puck crossed the line just after the clock hit zero.

**Scoring Leaders Through Nov. 6**

| GP                      | G  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|
| Sidney Crosby, PIT      | 13 | 6  | 19  |
| Jakub Voracek, PHI      | 13 | 6  | 13  |
| Phil Kessel, TOR        | 13 | 6  | 13  |
| Vladimir Tarasenko, STL | 13 | 5  | 10  |
| Tyler Seguin, DAL       | 13 | 7  | 14  |
| Evgeni Malkin, PIT      | 13 | 7  | 14  |
| Corey Perry, ANA        | 13 | 11 | 4   |
| Patrick Marleau, SJS    | 13 | 11 | 4   |
| John Tavares, NYI       | 13 | 6  | 9   |
| Henrik Zetterberg, DET  | 13 | 5  | 10  |

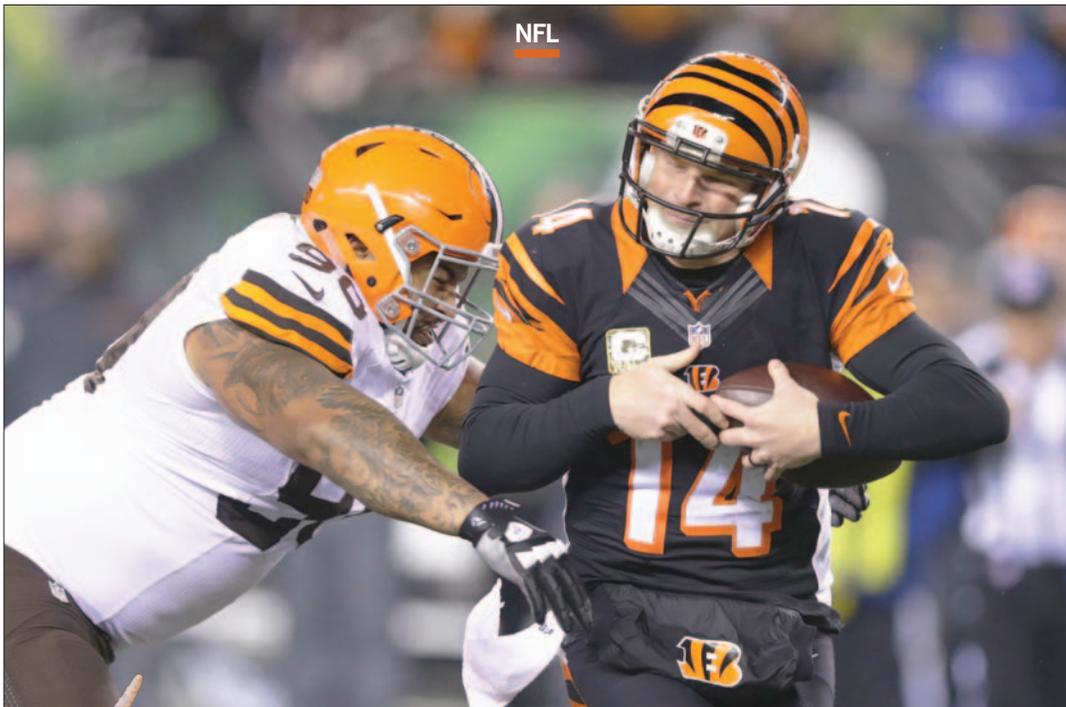
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## Tigers pull away

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Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton, right, is tackled by Cleveland defensive end Billy Winn during Thursday's game in Cincinnati.

# Complete domination

## Browns roll, move into tie atop AFC North

By JOE KAY  
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — More than halfway through the season, the AFC North's standings start with Cleveland.

Yes, the Browns. The team that's been the division's doormat for years. The one that changes coaches and quarterbacks and can't seem to get anywhere.

With a dominating performance, Cleveland suggested that might be changing. The Browns moved into a first-place tie with Pittsburgh by beating the Cincinnati

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Bengals 24-3 on Thursday night, extending their best start in 20 years.

Maybe these aren't the Browns (6-3) that everyone has come to expect.

"We're not the old Cleveland Browns," safety Donte Whitner said. "We under-

stand everybody wants to put that label on us, but we work too hard and have too much character and talent on this football team to believe what outside people think of us.

"Right now, we're No. 1 in our division." And the Bengals (5-3-1) are a prime-time mess. Again. They lost a Sunday night game in New England 43-17 earlier this season. They were primed to prove themselves to a national audience. All they did was show they can't handle the attention.

"This one has me speechless," wide

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Cleveland inside linebacker Karlos Dansby gestures during the second half of his team's 24-3 rout of Cincinnati.

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