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## Obama, Abe make historic pilgrimage

### At Pearl Harbor, US, Japanese leaders talk of peace 75 years after attack

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — The leaders of Japan and the United States sought to remind the world that even the most bitter enemies can become allies, during a historic pilgrimage to the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe did not apologize, but conceded Japan “must never repeat the horrors of war again.”

Seventy-five years after Japan’s surprise attack, Abe and President Barack Obama peered down Tuesday at the rusting wreckage of the USS Arizona, clearly visible in the tranquil, teal water. In a show of respect for the war dead, Obama and Abe dropped purple petals into the water and stood in silence.

More than 1,000 U.S. war dead remain entombed in the submerged ship, which Japan struck as part of the devastating attack that killed more than 2,300 Americans and sent America marching into World War II.

“As the prime minister of

Japan, I offer my sincere and everlasting condolences to the souls of those who lost their lives here, as well as to the spirits of all the brave men and women whose lives were taken by a war that commenced in this very place,” Abe said later at nearby Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

That was the closest Abe would get to an apology for the attack. And it was enough for Obama, who also declined to apologize seven months ago when he became America’s first sitting president to visit Hiroshima, where the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb in a bid to end the war.

It was enough, too, for Alfred Rodrigues, a U.S. Navy veteran who survived the attack. The 96-year-old said he had no hard feelings and added, “War is war.”

“They were doing what they were supposed to do, and we were doing what we were supposed to do,” Rodrigues said before the visit.

Abe, who became Japan’s first leader to visit Pearl Harbor with a U.S. president, said

the visit “brought utter silence to me.” His remarks capped a day that was carefully choreographed by the U.S. and Japan to show a strong and growing alliance between former foes.

Obama and Abe started Tuesday’s activities here with a formal meeting at another nearby military base in what the White House said was probably Obama’s last meeting with a foreign leader before leaving office in January. It was a book-end of sorts for the president, who nearly eight years ago invited Abe’s predecessor to be the first leader he hosted at the White House.

Despite the display of unity, there was a point of disagreement the day after about what had happened in the meeting.

Japanese officials said that in their talks, Abe and Obama agreed to closely monitor the movements of China’s first and sole aircraft carrier, which has sailed into the western Pacific for the first time. But the Americans on Wednesday said that was inaccurate and no agreement was reached, although

they said Obama and Abe did speak briefly about “regional security issues.”

Obama, speaking after he and Abe laid green-and-peach wreaths at the memorial, called Pearl Harbor a sacred place and said that “even the deepest wounds of war can give way to friendship and lasting peace.” It’s a notion Obama tried throughout his presidency to put into practice, as he reached out to former adversaries Iran, Myanmar and Cuba.

Japanese leaders have visited Pearl Harbor before, but Abe was the first to go to the memorial above the sunken USS Arizona, where a marbled wall lists the names of U.S. troops killed in the Japanese attack.

Since the war, the U.S. and Japan have built a powerful alliance that both sides say has grown during Obama’s tenure, including strengthened military ties. Yet there are questions about whether the relationship will fray under President-elect Donald Trump, a possibility neither Obama nor Abe addressed.

## Trump signals shift from Obama’s focus on multilateralism

Associated Press

For eight years, President Barack Obama’s foreign policy doctrine has been rooted in a belief that while the United States can take action around the world on its own, it rarely should.

“Multilateralism regulates hubris,” Obama declared.

His successor, President-elect Donald Trump, has derided some of the same inter-

national partnerships Obama and his recent predecessors have promoted, raising the prospect that the Republican’s “America First” agenda might well mean an America more willing to act alone.

“The United Nations has such great potential but right now it is just a club for people to get together, talk and have a good time,” Trump tweeted after the U.N. Security Council approved

a resolution condemning Israeli settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. Israel and Trump called on the U.S. to use its veto power to block the measure, but the U.S. abstained.

With Trump still about three weeks away from taking office, it’s unclear how his campaign rhetoric will translate into action. Even as he has criticized the U.N. and NATO, he has vowed to “aggressively pursue

joint and coalition military operations” with allies to take on the Islamic State militant group. What those military operations might entail is uncertain, given that Trump’s views on national security have been both isolationist and muscular.

Obama’s major foreign policy decisions have highlighted his belief that the U.S. is better served acting in concert with other nations.

# Report: For-profit schools skirting law

BY ALEX HORTON

*Stars and Stripes*

SAN ANTONIO — An analysis by the U.S. Department of Education released Wednesday found that nearly 200 for-profit schools are skirting federal funding limits by relying heavily on GI Bill tuition funds. The results are reigniting concern from veterans groups and the federal government about targeted recruitment of servicemembers and vets.

In a separate statement Wednesday, 10 advocacy groups called on Congress to close a loophole they said encourages for-profit schools to target students using the Post-9/11 GI Bill — a benefit exempt from congressional caps limiting federal student aid to 90 percent of revenue.

Known broadly as the 90/10 rule, the restriction was implemented to force for-profit schools to get at least 10 percent of their revenue from students who pay their own tuition.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays tuition and fees, along with book and housing stipends, to veterans and troops based on a sliding scale of active-duty service.

The Education Department analyzed Department of Veterans Affairs-provided tuition at for-profit schools to conclude how many would be out of compliance if the loophole were closed and GI Bill funds counted against revenue limits. The June 16 audit looked at fiscal ending dates between Dec.

31, 2014, and June 30, 2015. It identified 17 schools that were out of compliance with current laws. Closing the loophole would increase the number to nearly 200, according to the Education Department.

The department called for a shift to an 85/15 ratio, and for all federal money, including GI Bill funds and Defense Department tuition assistance, to factor into the 85 percent limit.

Holly Petraeus, assistant director for servicemember affairs at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, said the loophole “gives for-profit colleges an incentive to see servicemembers as nothing more than dollar signs in uniform, and to use aggressive marketing to draw them in,” according to the advocate letter.

The results of the analysis provide the first detailed look at how many for-profit schools maximize benefits of the loophole and how many are afloat thanks to billions in GI Bill funds keeping them within the boundaries of the law, advocates said.

“This is very concerning to us,” said Will Hubbard, vice president of government affairs at Student Veterans of America, a Washington advocacy group that signed the letter of support. “Some of the worst actors don’t even pretend they’re not targeting veterans as a source of income.”

“These schools say they’re chosen by veterans. And the numbers show that isn’t the

case,” he said. “It’s undeniable at this point.”

For-profit schools have been a regulation target during President Barack Obama’s administration after widespread allegations of deceptive and aggressive recruitment strategies, misleading job placement statistics and other issues.

The industry accounts for 13 percent of all higher education students but 50 percent of all loan defaults, according to a 2014 Department of Education news release.

A 2012 investigation by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, concluded that GI Bill tuition dollars are especially lucrative to for-profit schools.

The industry has collected \$8.2 billion in Post-9/11 GI Bill funds since it became law in 2009, according to an analysis by the Los Angeles Times.

There are significant caveats in the analysis in the Education Department report released Wednesday.

Calculations show more than a dozen schools eclipsing 100 percent revenue from federal student aid and GI Bill funds, which is a mathematical impossibility.

An explanation on the sheet stresses that conclusions should not be made about individual institutions, and that the information is best used for a general idea of how many schools skirt the law and hover near the 90 percent threshold.

Career Education Colleges and Universities, a for-profit

lobbying and industry trade group, criticized the Education Department’s analysis.

“On the way out the door the [Education D]epartment is releasing every bit of faulty and biased data it can generate,” Noah Black, a spokesman for CECU, said in a statement to Stars and Stripes on Thursday.

“The 90/10 rule is not a measure of institutional quality. [I]t is a measure of the amount of money a student has to apply toward education.”

Black also said closing the loophole would force community colleges, who receive substantial government funding, into noncompliance.

CECU, formerly the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities, represented ITT Technical Institute, which closed this year after it failed to produce \$250 million in guarantees following investigations by the Education Department, the Securities and Exchange Commission and 19 state attorneys general into its marketing and job placement claims.

About 12,500 students used the GI Bill at ITT Tech in 2015, Stars and Stripes reported in September.

The group also represented Corinthian College, which closed last year following similar investigations and allegations, leaving thousands of veterans without a school, and dim prospects for transferring credits to another.

## 2nd recorder from Black Sea crash found

*Associated Press*

MOSCOW — Search teams on Wednesday recovered another flight recorder from a military plane that crashed in the Black Sea, killing all 92 people aboard, the Defense Ministry said.

The first flight recorder was found the previous day.

The Tu-154 of the Russian Defense Ministry crashed into

the sea early Sunday, two minutes after taking off in good weather from the city of Sochi. It was carrying members of the Alexandrov Ensemble, widely known as the Red Army Choir, to a New Year’s concert at a Russian military base in Syria.

The Defense Ministry said 15 bodies and 239 body fragments have been recovered.

Investigators were looking into whether the crash might have been caused by bad fuel, pilot error, equipment failure or objects stuck in the engines. The top Russian investigative agency said it had taken samples from a fuel tank used to fill the plane, which flew from Moscow’s Chkalovsky military airport and stopped in Sochi for

refueling.

The Komsomolskaya Pravda daily and online publication Life.ru published what they described as a script of cockpit conversation, with a pilot yelling about a problem with the plane’s flaps and shouting, “Commander, we are falling!” It was impossible to verify the report.

# Trump lashes out at president

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President-elect Donald Trump accused President Barack Obama on Wednesday of throwing up “inflammatory” roadblocks during the transition of power and his administration of treating Israel with “total disdain,” further straining the veneer of civility between the incoming and outgoing leaders.

Although Trump didn’t detail his complaints in his morning broadsides on Twitter, the president-elect has made it clear that it didn’t sit well with him when Obama recently boasted that he would have won the election if he’d been running. Trump’s largely respectful tone about Obama since the election evaporated in his latest tweets.

“Doing my best to disregard the many inflammatory President O statements and roadblocks,” Trump tweeted.

“Thought it was going to be a smooth transition — NOT!”

Trump also took direct issue with the Obama administration’s decision to let a U.N. Security Council resolution critical of Israel pass.

“We cannot continue to let Israel be treated with such total disdain and disrespect,” he said in a two-part tweet. “They used to have a great friend in the U.S., but ... not anymore. The beginning of the end was the horrible Iran deal, and now this (U.N.)! Stay strong Israel, January 20th is fast approaching!”

Trump and his team have until now been largely complimentary of the way Obama and his people have handled the transition. The president-elect’s complaints about the treatment of Israel came a few hours before John Kerry was to make his final speech about Mideast peace as secretary of state — remarks that some Israeli of-

ficials panned in advance. The administration’s decision not to veto the U.N. resolution aggravated an already strained U.S.-Israel relationship.

A dispute erupted Monday between Obama and Trump, spurred by Obama’s hypothetical musings that had he run again, he would have been victorious. Obama suggested he still holds enough sway over the coalition of voters who elected him twice to get them to vote for him once again. Trump’s response to that was “NO WAY!”

On Tuesday, Trump tweeted: “President Obama campaigned hard (and personally) in very important swing states, and lost. The voters wanted to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!”

Obama swept most key swing states in his two bids for the White House, but Trump’s Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, fell short.

# Dylann Roof won’t fight for his life

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Dylann Roof told a judge Wednesday he doesn’t plan to call any witnesses or present evidence to ask a jury to spare his life for killing nine black worshippers at a Charleston church in a hate crime.

There also is mystery evidence that Roof is working hard to make sure the public never sees in his federal death penalty trial.

Roof, who is acting as his own attorney in the penalty phase to prevent what he thinks would be further embarrassment to himself or his family, again was warned by U.S. Judge Richard Gergel at a hearing Wednesday that being his own lawyer was a bad idea.

“That’s your decision,” Gergel told Roof. “I think that highlights my advice to you that you aren’t served by being your own counsel.”

Gergel told Roof to talk to his grandfather, who is a lawyer, and other family members one last time.

He told Roof he has until the start of the penalty phase Tuesday to change his mind and hire his high-powered, publicly funded defense team back.

The same jurors who convicted Roof earlier this month on 33 counts including hate crimes and obstruction of religion will return next week to decide if he faces life in prison without parole or the death penalty.

Roof spoke for less than 10 minutes of the 35-minute hearing Wednesday.

He told Gergel he does plan an opening and closing statement. He then told the judge he objects to prosecutors’ plans to present a photograph of evidence in the court’s possession. Roof, Gergel and assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson all carefully tiptoed around saying what that evidence was.

Gergel did say there was a hearing in which he decided it could be admitted in the penalty phase.

# US weighs options on hack response

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has vowed the U.S. will respond to Russian hacking during the U.S. presidential campaign. Yet the public may never hear about it.

During his presidency, Obama favored a policy of deterrence when it came to responding to cyberattacks, in what U.S. officials call “naming and shaming.” He’s indicted Iranian and Chinese hackers and signed an executive order allowing the Treasury Department to impose financial sanctions on hackers. He could take similar steps against Russia, which has denied accusations of hacking.

Another possible route, though, is an offensive cyberoperation. Obama said Dec. 16 that he would respond in a “thoughtful, methodical way,” and some of it “we do publicly. Some of it, we will do in a way that they know but not everybody will.” Several former military and intelligence officials explained how an offensive response

might play out.

**Intelligence agencies vs. Pentagon response.** One key step would be deciding which part of the vast U.S. national security apparatus the administration taps for the job. The administration could turn to the Pentagon or the intelligence community to draft “proportional” responses to a breach, said Ted Johnson, a retired U.S. Navy commander and cyber fellow at the New America Foundation. That would ensure the U.S. plays by the norms of international conflict and reduces the risk of escalation.

**Spy agency options.** If a covert action by the CIA or National Security Agency is sought, it would come after gathering as much data as possible on the specific “entities and individuals” involved in the U.S. attack, according to Terry Roberts, founder and president of cybersecurity firm WhiteHawk Inc. and former deputy director of U.S. Naval Intelligence.

That could involve wiping out hard drives connected to Rus-

sia’s intelligence community, exposing Russian hacking tools on the web or revealing where the hackers operate in the so-called dark web.

**Military response.** If the president chooses an offensive military option, that would fall to U.S. Cyber Command, a relatively new agency headed by Adm. Michael Rogers, who also leads the NSA. That path requires the object of the action be a military target. Possible options here could include a cyberstrike against the systems of the FSB or GRU, Russian intelligence agencies, or launching a ransomware attack against them or manipulating their data.

Using the military could send a strong message and eventually the operation could be made public. Rogers, for instance, has said he expects to declassify some of the tactics being used against the Islamic State group. But it also raises the idea of overt warfare.

# Airstrike disables Mosul's last bridge

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Residents of Iraq's Islamic State-held city of Mosul said Wednesday that an airstrike disabled the city's last functioning bridge across the Tigris River, forcing residents to cross the river in boats and further disrupting the Islamic State group's movement.

The residents, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity fearing for their safety, said the airstrike happened at dawn Monday. Iraqi and U.S.-led international coalition officials were not available to comment.

Activists from inside Mosul published pictures Tuesday night of the metal bridge, known

as the Old Bridge, showing its twisted girders sinking into the water as boats were seen ferrying the residents from both banks. The bridge, which was built during the reign of King Ghazi in the 1930s, is considered one of the city's iconic landmarks.

The northern city of Mosul had five bridges spanning the Tigris River, which runs through the center of the city. Four of them have now been bombed in airstrikes since the massive government military operation began on Oct. 17, while one was disabled weeks before the operation began.

The Tigris River runs through the center of Mosul,

and until now most of the fighting has been on the eastern bank. Iraqi forces are expected to use pontoon bridges when they reach the river as they have done in previous military operations in other areas.

Fighting on all fronts, but centered mainly on Mosul's eastern edge, has slowed recently as suicide car bombings, snipers and concern over the safety of civilians have hampered the Iraqi troops' advance toward the city center.

In a press conference Tuesday, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said Islamic State militants have launched more than 900 car bombs against Iraqi troops so far during the

Mosul operations, but didn't give details on how many were driven by suicide bombers or were blown up before reaching their targets.

Al-Abadi added that the offensive "is continuing ... God willing, there will be good news in the coming days."

Mosul, about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, is Iraq's second-largest city and the last major Islamic State urban bastion of their self-styled caliphate in the country. It fell into the hands of Islamic State militants during their June 2014 onslaught that left the group in control of large swaths of northern and western Iraq.

## Tunisian held in attack in Germany

Associated Press

BERLIN — German prosecutors said Wednesday that they have detained a Tunisian man they think may have been involved in last week's truck attack on a Christmas market in Berlin.

The 40-year-old, who wasn't identified, was detained during a search of his home and business, federal prosecutors said.

The man's telephone number was saved in the cellphone of Anis Amri, a fellow Tunisian believed to have driven a truck into the market on Dec. 19. Amri, 24, was killed in a shootout with police in a suburb of Milan, Italy, early Friday.

Of the new suspect, prosecutors said in a statement that "further investigations indicate that he may have been involved in the attack."

Twelve people died in the truck attack. The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility.

Prosecutors have until Thursday evening to determine whether the case against the

40-year-old is strong enough for them to seek a formal arrest warrant. That would allow them to keep him in custody pending possible charges.

Investigators are trying to determine whether Amri had a support network in planning and carrying out the attack, and in fleeing Berlin.

They're also trying to piece together the route he took from Berlin to Milan.

Italian police have said Amri traveled through France, and French authorities said Tuesday that he made a stop in the eastern French city of Lyon.

On Wednesday, Dutch authorities said they are checking whether he fled through the Netherlands, Germany's western neighbor.

"There are indications that he did travel via the Netherlands" on his way to Lyon, Wim de Bruin, a spokesman for the Dutch national prosecutor's office, said.

De Bruin refused to provide further details on how and from where Amri might have traveled in the Netherlands.

## More Americans are retiring outside US

Associated Press

Newly widowed, Kay McCowen quit her job, sold her house, applied for Social Security and retired to Mexico. It was a move she and her husband, Mel, had discussed before he passed away in 2012.

"I wanted to find a place where I could afford to live off my Social Security," she said.

She is among a growing number of Americans who are retiring outside the United States. The number grew 17 percent between 2010 and 2015 and is expected to increase over the next 10 years as more baby boomers retire.

Just under 400,000 American retirees are now living abroad, according to the Social Security Administration. The countries they have chosen most often: Canada, Japan, Mexico, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Viviana Rojas, an associate professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio, said the biggest obstacle is not speaking the language or knowing the culture.

Access to health care also can be a challenge. While retirees still can receive Social Security benefits, Medicare is not available to those living abroad, Mitchell said.

Joseph Roginski, 71, said that while the cost of living is higher in Japan, access to health care is not. "Things are very expensive here. It is impossible to live off Social Security alone," said Roginski, who was stationed in Japan in 1968. "But health insurance is a major factor in staying here."

The former military language and intelligence specialist said he pays \$350 annually to be part of Japan's national health insurance. His policy covers 70 percent of his costs. The rest is covered by a secondary insurance program for retired military personnel.

Roginski, who volunteers for the Misawa Air Base Retiree Activities Office, said he helps connect more than 450 retirees and their families living in northern Japan with resources. He said he would never move back to the United States.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Menorah stolen from San Francisco park

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — A 100-pound brass menorah has been stolen from a San Francisco park.

KNTV-TV reported that the 6-foot-tall menorah was stolen from Washington Square Park on Christmas Day, which also was the first day of Hanukkah.

The menorah was the property of the North Beach Chabad, part of a worldwide Orthodox Jewish organization in the Hasidic tradition.

Police said there were no visible signs of anti-Semitism and that it's likely the thief wanted to sell the brass for cash. North Beach Chabad leader Miryum Mochkin, wife of the Chabad's rabbi, said she believes the theft is a hate crime.

## Closed state prison is popular tourist spot

**MO** JEFFERSON CITY — One of mid-Missouri's fastest growing tourist attractions is a place where nobody wanted to be prior to its closing in 2004 — the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The Jefferson City News Tribune reported that 32,811 people this year visited the old state prison, a haunted-looking place that first opened in 1836. The number of visitors was a 25 percent increase over 2015.

## 'Grinch couple' charged in Christmas break-in

**MS** BRANDON — Referring to two suspects as the "Grinch couple," a Mississippi sheriff said a man and a woman broke into a home and ate the homeowners' Christmas treats before fleeing.

Rankin County Sheriff Bryan Bailey said in a news release

that the homeowners called police on Christmas Eve after a man and woman ran out of the house as the homeowners approached. Deputies said the trespassers had made themselves at home, eating pecan treats and smoking cigarettes.

The Clarion-Ledger reported that suspects were found nearby and accused of burglary and possessing methamphetamine. They were identified as Stephen Valentine, 47, of Hattiesburg, and Victoria Valentine, 49, of Moss Point.

## Woman accused of running cop off road

**WV** DUNBAR — Authorities said a woman who tried to flee from police after running an officer off the road had texted her boyfriend saying she was drunk.

WCHS-TV reported that court documents show Mikayla J. Miller, 23, of Cross Lanes, was charged Monday with felony fleeing DUI.

Dunbar police Lt. W. Moss said he was driving when a truck driven by Miller crossed over into his lane, forcing him off the road. Moss said Miller sped away from him, but he caught up with her and arrested her. Police said Miller smelled of alcohol.

Miller told police she crossed the center line because she was texting her boyfriend.

## 'Exemplary' cop cited in doughnut shop crash

**OR** BEND — An Oregon State Police investigation has found that a police corporal in central Oregon violated department policy by illegally running a red light before striking a truck, a pedestrian and a doughnut shop earlier this year.

The Bulletin reported that Bend police Chief Jim Porter

said the state police investigation shows Cpl. Robert Emerson violated both department policy and state law, but that the crash was one mistake in an otherwise exemplary career.

Emerson was cited after the March 5 crash and paid a \$260 fine. Oregon State Police said Emerson collided with a pickup truck, slid across an intersection, hit a pedestrian and smashed into the Dough Nut. No shop employees or customers were injured. Both Emerson and the pedestrian were taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

## Suspects are sought in theft at pet store

**NV** HENDERSON — Police are searching for thieves who snatched two puppies from a Henderson pet store.

KTNV-TV reported that surveillance video shows two people entering Petland on Sunday and taking the two dogs. The suspects took a 3-month-old Siberian husky named Jax and a 2-month-old Boston terrier named Buddy. Both puppies have microchips that are registered to the store.

## Cancer patient donates pizza prize to food bank

**PA** NORTHAMPTON — A Pennsylvania man going through treatment for colon cancer won a pizza parlor's raffle for a year's worth of free pies and then donated his prize to a food bank.

Josh Katrick, 36, of Northampton, had just completed his eighth round of chemotherapy when he learned he was the winner of a contest sponsored by his favorite neighborhood restaurant. After hearing of Katrick's plans to donate the pizza to the Northampton Food Bank, the owners of Ma-

rio's Pizza decided to double down and offer the prize to both him and the food bank.

Katrick said he's been getting so much from family, friends and strangers during the past few months that he wanted to give back to those who could use the pizza more.

Roughly 1,200 people entered the contest.

## Man accused of hitting younger sister with car

**MO** ST. LOUIS — A St. Louis man is accused of striking his younger sister with his car after getting drunk.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that the 53-year-old man and his 39-year-old sister were drinking together Monday night when he became irate and assaulted her.

Police said the man left in a vehicle, returned and struck his sister with the car. The woman is hospitalized in critical condition. The brother was arrested but formal charges have not been filed.

## Batch of bad masa ruins holiday tradition

**CA** LOS ANGELES — The Christmas tamales tradition went wrong for customers of a small chain of Southern California stores.

Customers reported becoming ill after eating tamales made with masa they bought at Amapola markets or threw it out after watching the corn dough turn to goo during cooking.

Company official Carlos Galvan Jr. told the Los Angeles Times it's uncertain what occurred, but it seems to have stemmed from a problem with a 120,000-pound supply of raw corn purchased from a long-time vendor.

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# Army wins Heart of Dallas Bowl in OT

Associated Press

DALLAS — For Army coach Jeff Monken, there was never really a second thought about what to do on fourth down from the 3 on the opening possession of overtime.

Not with the way the triple-option Black Knights dominate running the ball and struggle kicking it.

Jordan Asberry took a toss and scored Army's sixth rushing touchdown in a 38-31 win over North Texas on Tuesday in a rematch at the Heart of Dallas Bowl.

"One of our goals is not flinch and believe no matter what," said quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw, who ran for 129 yards and a score. "A lot of people say it's a questionable call. ... We were determined to get it in."

The Black Knights (8-5) finished with 480 yards rushing, including 119 yards and two TDs by Darnell Woolfolk. Asberry's score was the 46th rushing touchdown this season, breaking the school record held by the 1945 national championship team that had two Heisman Trophy winners in the backfield.

North Texas (5-8) had its

chance in overtime. But after Alec Morris scrambled for 4 yards and Jeffery Wilson lost 3, consecutive incomplete passes followed. The former Alabama graduate transfer threw for 304 yards and three TDs, but his desperation fourth-down throw on the run ended the game.

"We may not have accomplished our mission of winning our bowl game, but these men ... set a solid foundation of brotherhood," first-year coach Seth Littrell said.

North Texas, which lost five of its last six games after winning 35-18 at Army on Oct. 22, was in the bowl based on its Academic Progress Rate.

Army's 1945 team had 45 rushing touchdowns while going 9-0. Doc Blanchard scored 16 of them and won the Heisman that season. Glenn Davis had 15 a year before winning his Heisman Trophy.

The Black Knights have a three-game winning streak, including their first win over Navy since 2001.

"We're a work in progress. I hope we always will be and be improving," Monken said. "Proud of our guys and how we finished this season."

**Takeaway:** North Texas showed some positive signs under Littrell despite the tough finish. The Mean Green won only one game in 2015. Wilson, whose 160 yards in October were the most this season against Army, had a 22-yard TD run on the Mean Green's opening drive Tuesday. He finished with 81 yards on 20 carries, and also turned a screen pass into another 22-yard touchdown.

**Army:** The Black Knights finished with their most wins since going 10-2 in 1996. In the loss to North Texas two months ago, they had seven turnovers (three lost fumbles, four interceptions). They had only one this time, a muffed punt return that immediately led to a North Texas touchdown at the end of the third quarter.

**No conversions:** Woolfolk had a 5-yard TD on the game's opening possession, a vintage Army drive with six different players carrying on 11 rushing plays, but missed the extra point. North Texas led only after a TD and PAT on its opening drive, but Army then had TD runs on each of its next three drives and led 24-7 after missing two-point conversions

each time.

**See you again soon:** Army will be in North Texas next Nov. 18 to play the Mean Green again. The Black Knights also have a conditional agreement already to play in next year's Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth if they are bowl eligible.

**Extra points:** Tyler Campbell's 70-yard TD run in the first quarter was Army's longest running play this season. ... Bradshaw's 65-yard keeper for a score in the third quarter was his career-long run. ... Army LB Jeremy Timpf had 15 tackles (12 solo), and CB Elijah Riley had two interceptions.

**Up next: North Texas:** QB Mason Fine, who started nine games as a freshman before a shoulder injury late in the season, should be back with Wilson when the Mean Green host Lamar in their 2017 opener on Sept. 2.

**Army:** The Black Knights are set to return Bradshaw along with Woolfolk and several other runners, and four starting linemen, for its triple-option offense. Army opens the 2017 season against Fordham on Sept. 1.

## Baylor ends on high note with Cactus win

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Baylor played all season under the shadow of a sexual assault scandal that cost coach Art Briles his job last May. The Bears lost their prolific quarterback to a gruesome ankle injury and spiraled downward with a long losing streak.

Winning a bowl game in a rout won't wash any of that away, but it sure was nice to end a difficult season on a positive note.

KD Cannon had 14 catches for a Cactus Bowl-record 226 yards and two touchdowns, helping the Bears close out a challenging season with a 31-12 victory over Boise State on Tuesday night.

"We just had to prove a point," Cannon said. "Coming off a bad season, we had to finish strong for Baylor Nation and coach Briles."

Despite the lingering sexual assault scandal, Baylor (7-6) managed to play well to start the season, winning its first six

games. Once the season turned, it was hard to get it back.

Quarterback Seth Russell suffered a season-ending ankle injury, the scandal carried on and the losses piled up, six straight to end the regular season.

The Bears went out with a win by revving up their quick-hitting offense again behind freshman quarterback Zach Smith, who threw for 375 yards and three scores.

"I couldn't be more proud of these guys," Baylor interim coach Jim Grobe said. "We've been through a lot of adversity together. I love every one of these guys and they know that. This is a family win."

Boise State (10-3) tried to keep up with the Bears but struggled in the red zone: two field goals, an interception in the end zone and a failed fourth down try.

The result was the worst postseason loss in program history.

"It doesn't matter who you're playing, you've got to get points in the red zone,"

Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. "You're only going to last so long; you've got to find a way to put six points on the board."

**Wake Forest 34, Temple 26:** At Annapolis, Md., Wake Forest attached a positive ending to a season marred by scandal, using a strong performance by quarterback John Wolford to beat heavily favored Temple in the Military Bowl.

After throwing an interception on the first series of the game — a turnover Temple used to take a 7-0 lead — Wolford helped the Demon Deacons rattle off 31 straight points before halftime.

**Minnesota 17, Washington St. 12:** Shannon Brooks caught a tipped pass from Mitch Leidner for a 13-yard, go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter and Minnesota, beset by turmoil after 10 players were suspended after a sexual assault investigation, held on for the upset in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

# Blue Jackets stretch win streak to 13

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Even thoroughly outplaying the Blue Jackets isn't good enough to get a victory in Columbus right now.

Not with the way Sergei Bobrovsky and the NHL's most surprising Stanley Cup contender are clicking.

Bobrovsky had 37 saves, Nick Foligno scored a power-play goal midway through the third period and the league-leading Blue Jackets beat the Boston Bruins 4-3 to extend their winning streak to 13.

Scott Hartnell, Seth Jones and Matt Calvert scored to put the burgeoning Blue Jackets up 3-0 in the first period, but the more aggressive Bruins dominated the action from there. Columbus stayed in the game thanks to the latest stellar performance by Bobrovsky, who got his first career victory in eight games against Boston. Bobrovsky has now beaten every NHL team.

Columbus hasn't lost since Nov. 26 on this franchise-best winning streak. It leads the brutal Metropolitan Division a season after finishing in last place.

Foligno scored the winner with a wraparound 10:46 into the third period off a pass from

Alexander Wennberg. The Blue Jackets then killed a power play with less than four minutes left and held off a rush by the Bruins after they pulled their goalie with about 1½ minutes left.

"When we focus on our game and do the things necessary to win, we're a hard team to play against, and it makes it fun," Foligno said.

David Backes, Austin Czarnik and David Krejci scored for the Bruins, and Tuukka Rask had 18 saves.

"They definitely took it to us there in the first 10 minutes, and it looked like it was going to be a long night," Rask said. "You got to be proud of how we battled back, but it's just too bad we didn't get any points."

**Penguins 5, Devils 2:** Sidney Crosby scored a goal for the fourth straight game and added two assists in leading Pittsburgh over host New Jersey for its 10th win in December.

Evgeni Malkin added a goal and an assist in becoming the fourth Penguin to collect 800 points, and defenseman Justin Schultz scored the go-ahead goal with 5.4 seconds left in the second period after being set by Pittsburgh's two star forwards.

**Sharks 3, Ducks 2 (OT):** Brent Burns scored 3:46 into

overtime, Martin Jones stopped 34 shots and San Jose beat host Anaheim.

**Rangers 4, Senators 3:** Defenseman Nick Holden scored the go-ahead goal less than seven minutes into the third period, lifting host New York to a comeback victory over Ottawa.

**Wild 3, Predators 2 (OT):** Jared Spurgeon scored the winner at 2:46 of overtime to give visiting Minnesota a victory.

Jordan Schroeder carried the puck up on the right side and slid a cross-ice pass to Spurgeon, and he beat Nashville goaltender Pekka Rinne with a one-timer.

**Jets 3, Blackhawks 1:** Blake Wheeler, Mark Scheifele and Drew Stafford scored and Connor Hellebuyck made 34 saves to help Winnipeg beat host Chicago.

Jacob Trouba added two assists, and Winnipeg won its second straight and fourth in five games. The Jets beat Central Division-leading Chicago for the third time in three tries this season, outscoring the Blackhawks 9-2 over those games.

**Flames 6, Avalanche 3:** Mikael Backlund scored two of host Calgary's four goals in the second period and also had an assist.

Johnny Gaudreau also had

two goals and an assist for the Flames. All of Calgary's second-period goals deflected off Colorado players.

**Islanders 4, Capitals 3:** Andrew Ladd and Anders Lee scored 43 seconds apart early in the third period to lift host New York over Washington.

**Stars 3, Coyotes 2:** Jason Spezza had a goal and an assist, Kari Lehtonen made 35 saves and visiting Dallas won a testy contest.

A brawl in the second period resulted in four players serving at least four penalty minutes each. It started when Dallas' Radek Faksa popped Coyotes goalie Mike Smith in the side with his stick after a shot.

Smith retaliated, and players from both sides intervened. Arizona's Lawson Crouse and Dallas' Curtis McKenzie were given five minutes each for fighting.

**Sabres 4, Red Wings 3:** Evander Kane scored his second goal of the game in the third period to lift visiting Buffalo and get coach Dan Bylsma his 300th NHL victory.

Kane got his fifth goal in seven games 8:29 into the third by taking a cross-ice pass from Brian Gionta and beating goalie Petr Mrazek.

## Giants need to fix offense for playoff run

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — If the New York Giants are going to make a run in the playoffs, they must get their offense in gear for the first time this season and start playing better on the road.

The Giants (10-5) are locked into the fifth seed in the NFC and are not going to have a home game unless the top four seeds all lose. That's not likely.

Their offense, expected to carry the team in Ben McAdoo's first season, has not scored more than 28 points in any game this season. It's averaging 19.4 points and has not scored more than 19 in any of the last four games.

The road also has not been kind to New York. It is 3-4 away from MetLife Stadium, and one of those wins was a neutral site

game in London against the Rams.

In fact, the last two road games have been dismal efforts in losing at Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, the latter on Thursday night when the Giants had a chance to secure their first postseason berth since 2011. New York got in on Saturday when the Saints beat the Buccaneers.

Heading into the regular-season finale at the Redskins (8-6-1) on Sunday, the Giants need to start playing their best football. The defense has done that all season, but Steve Spagnuolo's unit can't overcome all the penalties, turnovers and mistakes plaguing the offense this season.

"Obviously we have done some really good things, we have 10 wins," left guard Justin Pugh said. "There is a reason why we are in the playoffs. But to go out there and do some things personally and as a

unit, we obviously have things that we want to work on from last week. Like I said before, you want to be ascending going into the playoffs and we have a chance to do that going up against a tough divisional opponent in their place."

Halfback Rashad Jennings believes the offense is close to turning things around.

"Looking at the tape and how we've adjusted to different things, seeing that the mistakes are correctable, that's what's exciting," Jennings said. "If we're out there, you put on the tape and we're just getting beat, but these are corrections that can be corrected."

Washington can clinch a playoff spot with help. There are two scenarios: Washington wins and the Green Bay-Detroit game does not end in a tie, or the Redskins tie, Green Bay loses and Tampa Bay loses or ties.

# Rockets-Mavs gets heated

Associated Press

DALLAS — James Harden was called for one of the eight technicals in a game that turned tense when Dallas center Andrew Bogut received a flagrant foul on a hard screen that staggered Houston's star guard.

Despite 34 points and an easy 123-107 victory that completed a four-game season sweep of the last-place Mavericks on Tuesday night, Harden wasn't happy.

"That other team was trippin' tonight, just disrespectful, unprofessional, players and coaches," Harden said. "I don't know what was their problem, but I think that got us going. They wanted to throw a little cheap shot and just woke us up a little bit and it was over from there."

Bogut was equally frustrated in his return after missing 11 games with a knee injury. The call came in the second quarter,

near the end of a 16-0 Houston run that broke a 37-all tie. Harden doubled over after running head-first into the 7-foot, 260-pound Bogut's shoulder.

"If you watch the replay, yeah, he made no effort to run around my screen," said Bogut, who had a couple of sharp verbal exchanges with Harden. "Yeah, it was a hard screen and I set hard screens. But to get a flagrant for it is kind of head-scratching."

"You admire the effort the league's putting in in Secaucus [New Jersey] with that beautiful facility where they watch replays and watch TV and have leather chairs and all that kind of stuff. But you scratch your head at a lot of these things and it becomes very, very frustrating."

Trevor Ariza was ejected after his second technical during the break after the third

quarter, when five technicals were called. After the game, he was waiting outside the Dallas locker room for Mavericks center Salah Mejri.

Security had to make sure the pair didn't interact after an exchange during the game that led to Ariza's first technical. Houston was called for five and Dallas three.

There were also two flagrant fouls, both against Dallas.

"It wasn't even basketball," Dallas guard Wesley Matthews said. "Tempers, two in-state teams, we play each other four times, we've had battles in the past, so it is what it is. But we've got to be better than that. That was an opportunity for us to channel it into basketball and we didn't do that."

Harden had 24 points at halftime and finished with 11 assists without playing in the fourth quarter. The Rockets improved to 13-2 in December.

# Hayes leads Wisconsin

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Zak Showalter's scrappy play can get overshadowed by the star power of No. 14 Wisconsin.

But Showalter might have just as important a role as Nigel Hayes, Bronson Koenig and Ethan Happ on a team with designs on another deep NCAA Tournament run, especially if a guard known for hustle and defensive intensity keeps scoring in double digits.

Hayes scored 20 points, Showalter added a season-high 18 and the Badgers used an active start on the defensive end to build an early lead and defeat Rutgers 72-52 on Tuesday night.

Mike Williams scored 18 points for Rutgers, which shot just 31 percent for the game.

"Defensively, any time you can hold a team ... to 31 percent from the floor, that's usually pretty effective," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said.

The Badgers (12-2) opened with a 16-4 run over the first 12 minutes to take control in both teams' Big Ten opener. They set the tone early with in-your-face defense, forcing numerous runouts on the break.

**Maryland 84, Illinois 59:** Melo Trimble scored 20 points and Jaylen Brantley added 13 as host Maryland routed Illinois in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

It was the sixth victory in a row for the Terrapins (13-1), who have won their conference opener in all three seasons since joining the Big Ten.

**Michigan State 75, Minnesota 74 (OT):** Alvin Ellis III made two free throws with 10.6 seconds left in overtime to finish with 20 points and give visiting Michigan State the lead, capping a comeback victory by the Spartans after the Gophers took a 13-point lead into halftime.

Michigan State, the worst foul-shooting team in the Big Ten, was 8-for-20 from the line until Ellis stepped up with two swishes following a non-shooting foul by Nate Mason. Nick Ward had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Spartans (9-5, 1-0).

# Westbrook does it all vs. Miami

Associated Press

MIAMI — Russell Westbrook took a charge in the final minutes with the outcome already decided, was diving for loose balls and grabbed more defensive rebounds than any four Miami Heat players did combined.

Forget the triple-double.

It was everything else that had Heat coach Erik Spoelstra marveling.

Westbrook scored 29 points, grabbed 17 rebounds — all defensive — and added 11 assists for his 15th triple-double of the season, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Heat 106-94 on Tuesday night for their fourth straight win.

"He's competing until the very end," Spoelstra said. "Every single possession is the most important possession to him. Great, great lesson ... from somebody that is really imposing a competitive will on every contest. He did what he does. What defines greatness is consistency, and that's what you can book pretty much every night."

Westbrook nearly had the triple-double by halftime, falling two rebounds shy. He got those in the first 5:21 of the third quarter.

"I thought our team did a great job of focusing in on what we do as a team and came out and put our foot down early," Westbrook said.

Enes Kanter scored 19 and Steven Adams added 15 — including a highlight-reel dunk in the first half — for the Thunder.

**Celtics 113, Grizzlies 103:** Avery Bradley

scored 23 points, Isaiah Thomas had 21 points and seven assists, and host Boston held off Memphis.

Gerald Green added a season-high 19 points and Jae Crowder scored 17 for Boston, which won for the sixth time in seven games and beat the Grizzlies for the second time in a week.

Marc Gasol had 26 points and nine assists for Memphis. Zach Randolph scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter to help keep the Grizzlies close and pulled down 10 rebounds. Tony Allen had 17 points and eight rebounds for Memphis, which was coming off a 112-102 loss in Orlando the night before but hung with Boston until the final minute.

**Jazz 102, Lakers 100:** Joe Ingles made a three-pointer with 21.6 seconds left to lead visiting Utah over Los Angeles, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Gordon Hayward led the Jazz with 31 points and nine rebounds. Ingles finished with 13 points and Rudy Gobert had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The Lakers had a final chance to win the game but D'Angelo Russell shot an airball on a three-point attempt.

Julius Randle had 25 points and 12 rebounds for his team-high ninth double-double for the Lakers, who have lost 13 of their last 15.

It was a rough night for the Lakers' two No. 2 picks. Russell went 2-for-11 from the field and Brandon Ingram was 2-for-5.