

EVENTS

Movie revisits the night Arkansas was almost destroyed

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It didn't take much to nearly annihilate Arkansas. In 1980, a young repairman, who was standing on a platform working on a missile in the town of Damascus, dropped a socket from his wrench. It fell 70 feet, took a bounce and pierced the fuel tank of the missile, which was armed with a nuclear warhead three times more powerful than the bombs that leveled Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Over the next 10 hours, as the fuel leak created a series of other chemical reactions, the Air Force scrambled to figure out what to do with a ticking time bomb, and the fixes weren't entirely successful. There was a deadly explosion, in the end — it just wasn't a catastrophic one.

At the time, the United States was still in the thick of

the Cold War. Duck-and-cover drills were a memory, but the threat of nuclear attack was still very real. Since 1991, those fears of nuclear war with the Russians have disappeared; the bombs, however, haven't.

That's one eye-opening reminder in "Command and Control," a documentary by Robert Kenner based on the book by Eric Schlosser, who's famous for writing "Fast Food Nation."

"There's sort of this amnesia that's washed over all of us to the point where we've stopped being concerned that the planet could end because of a mistake," Kenner said during a recent visit to Washington with Schlosser. "That complacency makes it more dangerous."

These kinds of near-misses — 32 documented ones, but probably many more — are called "broken arrows," and

the stories are startling both because of their frequency and because Americans assume that the greatest threats to our safety will come from afar.

The movie's second thread is a more comprehensive examination of the way the United States kept upping the ante on arming itself during the Cold War. The more weapons we had, the more safe we presumably were — except when we weren't. Like the time a plane broke apart over North Carolina and dropped a hydrogen bomb that inadvertently went through nearly all of its steps to detonate. A last-ditch precaution — a part of the bomb that looked a lot like an on-off light switch — prevented catastrophe.

We can blame some of the broken arrows on a culture of secrecy at the time. As an example, during the Cold War,

one of the people in charge of weapons safety wasn't privy to the accidents that were happening in the field. The good news is, that's changed.

"The warheads and bombs are much safer today than they were in 1980," Schlosser said. "There was such a denial there was a problem, because once you admit there's a problem, you have to admit that all of your weapons are potentially unsafe and that was too much to deal with."

The bad news is, we have new threats that weren't around 35 years ago, like cyberattacks on nuclear command systems.

"That sounds like the plot of 'WarGames,'" Schlosser admitted. But it's real. If terrorists wanted to do extensive damage, what better way than to get the nuclear codes? In 2012, the National Security Agency acknowledged that the computer systems that

control America's nuclear weapons are "under constant attack" from hackers.

The point of writing the book and making the movie wasn't to lobby for certain policy changes. Schlosser and Kenner simply want to call attention to the thousands of very powerful bombs stashed around the country in places like the Nevada National Security Site near Las Vegas or the Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas. They aren't apocalyptic doomsayers.

"I don't lie in bed at night thinking that a nuclear warhead is going to go off," Schlosser said. "But it's concerning, and it's definitely a problem that can be addressed. The consequences of one weapon going off anywhere is going to be unimaginable."

The two have a history of spurring change with their work. Schlosser's influential

"Fast Food Nation" was the inspiration for Kenner's Oscar-nominated "Food, Inc." Since the book and movie, farmers markets have multiplied and consumers have increasingly rejected processed food, leading even fast-food chains to embrace healthier fare.

They received a lot more pushback on that book and movie than on "Command and Control." When he was gathering research on nukes, Schlosser worried that the government would come knocking. Instead, after the release of his book, he was invited to talk about the issues with people who were running our nuclear weapons complex.

As the United States continues to figure out what to do with its most powerful weapons, Schlosser and Kenner hope to raise awareness and get people talking.

Things to Do

- BANGOR** — Exhibition of work by artists from Penobscot Valley Industries and Ralph Leek Elders, both divisions of Amicus, through September, Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow St. Pam Colson Power, 941-2898.
- BANGOR** — Bangor Historical Society's Mount Hope Cemetery tour, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. Meet at the cemetery on State Street near superintendent's office. \$10. Tickets available from tour guide, 942-1900 or bangorhistoricalsociety.org.
- BANGOR** — "Cutting Edge Quilts: The Work of Sally K. Field, with Elizabeth Busch and Ellie Panceo," on display 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily through Sept. 30, Boyd Place Gallery, 21 Boyd St.
- BANGOR** — Walk to End Alzheimer's team of Westgate Center for Rehabilitation and Alzheimer's Care annual

- spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser to benefit Alzheimer's Association, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, Bangor Elks Club, 108 Odlin Road. \$8, \$6 seniors and children. 942-7336 or kminer@nathealthcare.com.
- BANGOR** — Eastern Maine Community College Fall Art Show "C'est La Vie" featuring oil paintings by Maine artist Kathi Smith, through Dec. 1, John Rohman Art Gallery, EMCC Library, 354 Hogan Road. Artist reception and fall show launch, 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29.
- BANGOR** — Civil War reenactor David Leissner, 15th Alabama, "Maine and the Confederacy," 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, Isaac Farrar Mansion, 166 Union St.
- BANGOR** — Penobscot Theatre Company will present "The Grand Tour — A Celebration of the Music of George Jones," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1; 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, Bangor Opera House,
- 131 Main St. 942-3333 or penobscottheatre.org.
- BAR HARBOR** — Abbe Museum, Southwest Harbor Public Library and Northeast Harbor Library present PechaKucha MDI Night in celebration of Acadia National Park's 100th birthday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, The 1932 Criterion Theatre. Free centennial ticket will be required to enter, available at Abbe Museum, Northeast Harbor Library, Southwest Harbor Public Library or at the door. PKMDI Powered by Pecha Kucha on Facebook or pkmdi.com.
- BREWER** — Bangor Singles Club dances, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays, Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.: New Society, Sept. 30. Marilyn, 827-5751.
- BREWER** — New Renaissance Singers, nonaudition community choir, seeking participants for grand finale of 25th anniversary celebration. Rehearsals, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, First

- Congregational Church, 35 Church St. nrsingers.com/membership.
- BRUNSWICK** — Art exhibit and sale, 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, Curtis Memorial Library and St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Features 300 works of art by 175 Maine artists. Three pieces up for bid in a silent auction. All other artwork priced at \$200. Reception. Public previews, 5-8 p.m. Sept. 29, and noon-3 p.m. Sept. 30. Online preview, 10x10Brunswick.org beginning week of Sept. 4. Benefits local nonprofit Arts Are Elementary.
- BRUNSWICK** — World music and dance from the Balkans, Israel, Western Europe and around the globe, 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, People Plus, 35 Union St. Many dances are taught. No partner needed. \$5. 200-7577, brennan.mk@gmail.com or folkdancebrunswick.com.
- ELLSWORTH** — View and vote on finalists' films in the 19th annual Manhattan Short Film Festival, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, The Grand. \$10, \$9 seniors and students, \$8 Grand members. 667-9500 or grandonline.org.
- ELLSWORTH** — Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers Inc. of Boston will discuss and appraise items brought by guests at "What's it Worth?" 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, Woodlawn Museum, 19 Black House Drive, Route 172. Wine and cheese reception. \$30 per person, \$50 per couple includes one appraisal item per person or couple. Advance registration required. Tickets available online at woodlawnmuseum.com.
- HAMPDEN** — Le-Vi Rounders Square Dance Club square dance lessons, 6-8 p.m. Mondays, through Oct. 3, Kiwanis Civic Center. \$5 per person; singles welcome. Sue and Wes, 327-2141.
- PENOBSCOT** — Thomas Buckner, baritone, performing solo set of commissioned pieces, and
- group improvisation with Anna Demska, voice; Steve Norton, reeds; and Leslie Ross, bassoon; 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, The Cannery at South Penobscot, 207 Southern Bay Road. 326-2027 or leslie@leslieross.net.
- PORTLAND** — Guided tour of Portland's oldest burial ground, 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, through Oct. 16. Tours led by trained volunteers. Tickets, \$10, \$5 students and seniors, free to children under 12. Tickets available at the gate, 224 Congress St., at time of tour, or in advance, spirit-salve.org or eventbrite.com.
- SURRY** — "Jazz at the Barn" featuring award-winning New York singers/songwriters Neha and Ashni, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, Surry Arts at the Barn, 8 Cross Road. \$15. 667-1308 or surryartsatthebarn.com .
- For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit [www.bangordailynews.com](http://www.bangordailynews.com).**

Bountiful crop ensures there'll be plenty of pumpkins this fall

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CHICAGO — Halloween enthusiasts need not take fright over the state of this year's U.S. pumpkin crop. Supplies of the orange-yellow fruit are much more plentiful than last year, easing concerns of a possible shortage for carving jack-o'-lanterns and buying filling for pumpkin pies.

Store supplies of canned pumpkin have almost overcome the effects of last year's shortage, which was caused by damage to crops from heavy rains in parts of the Midwest.

"We're rebuilding our inventory right now and as soon as we have enough pumpkin canned we'll begin releasing the 2016 Libby's pumpkin to our retail partners," said Roz O'Hearn, spokeswoman for Libby's, which supplies more than 80 percent of U.S. canned pumpkin. "So by end of the month, the 2015 shortage will be behind us."

For Illinois farmer Mark Berg, who grows roughly 120 acres of pumpkins for Libby's, 2016 promises to be a pumpkin-palooza.

Berg has just wrapped up his harvest ahead of schedule, averaging 30 tons of pumpkins per acre, well above his historical average of 25 tons and worth about \$500 per acre.

Last year, he harvested just two to three tons per acre and revenue fell short of \$100 per acre.

"You have to take the good with the bad. This year we're fortunate," Berg said, attributing his good fortune to sufficient rains and above-average heat this summer.

Last year's U.S. pump-



Pumpkins from Au Jardin are seen for sale recently at the Madawaska Farmers' Market.

kin harvest totaled 754 million pounds valued at \$90 million, the smallest crop since the U.S. Department of Agriculture began tracking the sector in 2000.

Illinois, which typically produces about 90 percent of the United States' canned or processed pumpkins, last year harvested only 318 million pounds of pumpkin worth \$12 million, according to USDA.

University of Illinois plant pathologist Mohammad Babadoost said this year, Illinois' average

pumpkin yields could be above 22 tons per acre.

Nonetheless, with the harvest possibly stretching into November and vulnerable to weather, Babadoost remains cautious after heavy rains in 2015 spawned various diseases that robbed Illinois producers of nearly half their expected yield.

Added Libby's spokeswoman O'Hearn: "So far, we appear to be in much better shape than we were in 2015." Harvesting for Libby's, a unit of Swiss-based Nestle SA, started last month.

Tuesday prime time

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	The Voice The blind auditions continue. (N) (HD) [2]	This Is Us (N) (HD) [2]	News					
	4 CBC Gags Hockey	2016 World Cup of Hockey Team Canada vs. Team Europe. (N) [1]	National						
	5 CBS Big Bang Broke Girl	NCIS (N) (HD) [2]	Bull (N) (HD) [2]	NCIS: New Orleans (N) [2]	News				
	6 CW Family Guy Family Guy	The Flash (HD) [2]	MADtv (N) (HD) [2]	News Seinfeld [2]	King				
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	The Voice The blind auditions continue. (N) (HD) [2]	This Is Us (N) (HD) [2]	News					
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! [2]	Dancing With the Stars (N) [1] (HD) [2]	Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. News	Broke Girl	Broke Girl				
	WAGM FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight	New Girl [2]	(-01) Scream Queens [2]						
	8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! [2]	Dancing With the Stars (N) [1] (HD) [2]	Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. News						
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Contenders - 16	Frontline Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. (N) [2]	C. Rose					
	9 IND This Is Us (N) (HD) [2]	Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Law & Order: SVU	News-Lisa CTV News	Daily Show					
KIDS	18 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider	NCIS (N) (HD) [2]	Bull (N) (HD) [2]	NCIS: New Orleans (N) [2]	News				
	22 FOX Mod Fam Last Man	Brooklyn New Girl [2]	(-01) Scream Queens [2]	FOX 22 News at 10 (N)	Bones [2]				
	33 IND M*A*S*H [2]	M*A*S*H [2]	Happy Days Andy Griffith	Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett				
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang	WBZ News (N) (HD)	Bones (HD) [2]	Bones (HD) [2]	Seinfeld [2]				
DISN	NICK Thunder Thunder	Nicky, Ricky Game	Full House [2]	Full House [2]	Full House [2]	Full House [2]	Friends [2]		
	FREE Descendants (2015, Comedy) Dove Cameron. (NR)	10 Things I Hate About You (1999) Heath Ledger.	Live-Mad. Girl Meets	K.C. Under. Stuck	Backstage [2]				
LEARN	HIST Cnt. Cars Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars Cars	Forged in Fire (N) [2]	Forged in Fire	Forged-Fire				
	DISC Dungeon Cove	Dungeon Cove: On Deck	Dungeon Cove	(-01) Taking Fire (N)	Dungeon				
	TLC Say Yes Countdown	Counting On (N) [2]	Sweet 15: Quinceañera [2]	(-02) Toddlers & Tiaras [2]	Counting On				
	A&E (6:00) ** Enough (2002) (P-6-13)	(-45) Married at First Sight (N) [2]		(-01) Born This Way (N) [2]	Married				
SPORTS	ANPL River Monsters Specials [2]	River Monsters [2]	The Great Barrier Reef [2]	Monsters					
	CSNE SportsNet Early	Quick Patriots	Inside N.D. Quick	Sports SportsNet	Sports				
	ESPN SportCtr World Cup	2016 World Cup of Hockey Team Canada vs. Team Europe. (N)	SportsCenter (N) [1]						
	ESPN2 MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (N Subject to Blackout)	Baseball Tonight (N) [1]	NFL Live (N)						
NEWS	NBCSP Spartan Race [2]	Spartan Race [2]	Spartan Race (N) [2]	Poker After					
	NESN MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (N) [1]	Extra Red Sox	Sports						
	CNBC The Profit [2]	Shark Tank [2]	Shark Tank [2]	The Profit (N) [2]	Shark Tank				
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 [2]	Anderson Cooper 360 [2]	CNN Tonight	Tonight				
VARIETY	FNC On the Record With Brit	The O'Reilly Factor (N)	The Kelly File (N)	Hannity (N)	O'Reilly				
	MSNBC Hardball Chris Matthews	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	11th Hour				
	AMC ** Pearl Harbor (2001, War)	(ESP) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. (R)	Halt and Catch Fire (N) [2]	Halt-Catch					
	BRV Below Deck [2]	Below Deck [2]	Below Deck (N) [2]	Happens					
COM	CMT Last Man Last Man	** Tombstone (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. (R)							
	COM Futurama [2]	Futurama [2]	Tosh.0 [2] (-28) Tosh.0	Tosh.0 [2]	Tosh.0 (N) [2]	Drunk	Daily Show		
	E! E! News (N) [2]	Rob & Chyna [2]	Rob & Chyna [2]	Rob & Chyna [2]	E! News [2]				
	FOOD Chopped [2]	Chopped Junior (N) [2]	Chopped [2]	Chopped (N) [2]	Star Plates				
FX	*** Iron Man 3 (2013, Action)	Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. (P-6-13)	Atlanta (N) [2]	(-31) Atlanta	(-04) Atlanta				
	GAC Log Cabin Log Cabin	Log Cabin Log Cabin	Log Cabin Log Cabin	Log Cabin Log Cabin	Log Cabin				
	HALL Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	The Middle The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls				
	HGTV Fixer Upper [2]	Fixer Upper [2]	Fixer Upper [2]	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Fixer Upper			
LIFE	LIFE Grey's Anatomy [2]	Dance Moms (N) [2]	Dance Moms (N) [2]	(-32) Dance Moms [2]					
	MTV Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.					
	OXY Bad Girls Club: Disruption	Bad Girls Club: Disruption	Strut (N)	Bad Girls Club: Disruption	Rob-Chyna				
	SPIKE Ink Master [2]	Ink Master [2]	Ink Master [2]	Ink Master (N) [2]	Ink Master				
SYFY	Orphan (R)	** National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) Nicolas Cage. (P-6)	Aftermath (N) [2]	Lake Placid					
	TBN Supernat. Potters	Trinity Joyce Prince	Cornelius	Praise the Lord					
	TBS Seinfeld [2]	Seinfeld [2]	Big Bang Big Bang	Big Bang Big Bang	Conan (N) [2]				
	TCM (6:00) Music for Millions	*** Bananas (1971) Woody Allen.	**** Young Frankenstein (1974) Gene Wilder.						
TMC	1492: Paradise	Last Knights (2015, Action) Clive Owen, Cliff Curtis. (R)	** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001)						
	TNT Castle [2]	Castle (Part 1 of 2) [2]	Castle (Part 2 of 2) [2]	Castle [2]	Castle [2]				
	TRAVEL Bizarre Foods America [2]	Delicious Delicious	Bucket List Bucket List	Bizarre Foods/Zimmer	Bizarre				
	TRU Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Adam Ruins You Can Do	You Can Do				
TVL	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	The Andy Griffith Show [2]	Raymond Raymond	Raymond Raymond	King				
	USA Chrisley Chrisley	WWE SmackDown! (N) [1]	Chrisey Chrisley	Mod Fam					
	VH1 Basketball Wives LA [2]	Basketball Wives LA [2]	Love & Hip Hop	Love & Hip Hop	Ink: Chicago				
	WGN-A Cops [2]	Cops [2]	** Get Smart (2008, Comedy) Steve Carell. (P-6-13)	** Get Smart (2008)					
PREMIUM	HBO (6:00) *** Brooklyn (2015) Saoirse Ronan.	*** Steve Jobs (2015, Biography) (ESP) Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet, Seth Rogen. (R)	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel (N) (ESP) [2]	Three Days of Terror					
	MAX (6:00) ** Unbreakable (2000) (ESP) Bruce Willis.	(7:50) *** Live Free or Die Hard (2007) Bruce Willis. America's computers fall under attack. (P-6-13)	** Hostage (2005, Action) (ESP) Bruce Willis, Kevin Pollak, Ben Foster. (R)						
	SHOW ** Why Did I Get Married? (2007, Comedy-Drama) (ESP) Tyler Perry, Janet Jackson, Jill Scott. (P-6-13)	Inside the NFL (N) [2]	Florida State Florida State	Inside the NFL [2]					
	STARZ (6:35) Power (ESP) [2]	(-35) *** True Lies (1994, Action) (ESP) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man. (R)	Power Ghost throws the rest of his career. [2]	** Vertical Limit					
STZENC	(-15) * Wild Hogs (2007, Comedy) (ESP) Tim Allen.	Ash vs Evil Dead [2]	Blunt Talk (ESP) [2]	(-05) ** Office Space (1999, Comedy) (ESP) Ron Livingston, David Herman. (R)					