



**ROOKIE SEASON.** Tennessee Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota (#8) throws a 19-yard touchdown pass to tight end Anthony Fasano during the second half of a National Football League (NFL) game in Cleveland, in this September 20, 2015 file photo. Mariota's inaugural NFL season ended two games early due to a knee injury. The rookie quarterback threw for 2,818 yards with 19 touchdowns and 10 interceptions despite being sacked 38 times. (AP Photo/David Richard, File)

## Marcus Mariota's season ends two games early

By Teresa M. Walker  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee quarterback Marcus Mariota's inaugural National Football League season ended two games early. Titans interim head coach Mike Mularkey said it wasn't "worth the risk" of playing Mariota in the season finale at Indianapolis.

So Mariota's rookie campaign was done.

He missed two games earlier in the season with a sprained MCL in his left knee and he finished the year sitting out the final two games because of a sprained right knee.

Mariota tested his knee in practices before the final game, but Mularkey said he was not as far along as they thought he might be, so the Titans decided to play it safe and bench him for the final game.

"It's doing it the right way and being smart about it," Mularkey said of the decision. "We were hoping. We knew it was slim. He's a pretty quick healer, but not the case for this one."

Mularkey said his quarterback didn't take the news well, and had expressed a desire to play in the finale. "He'd play if he could," Mularkey was quoted as saying.

Declaring Mariota out against the Colts

### Cameras allow New Year's views all over the world

By David Bauder  
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NEW YORK — For New Year revellers who weren't looking for a rockin' New Year's Eve or forced small talk between television hosts, an online service offered a way to experience the beginning of 2016 as it happened all over the world.

New Year's Eve is usually the year's most popular day at EarthCam.com, a 20-year-old service that shows live camera views from hundreds of landmarks. The hourly celebrations began at 11:00am EST with beach fireworks on the Philippine island of Boracay and continued until the last stroke of midnight in Kauai, Hawaii, five hours behind Times Square.

The celebrations were offered without fanfare, or commentators.

"We do get comments [from] people that they appreciate that this is a clean feed," said Lisa Kelly, strategic sales director at EarthCam. "It's not edited — it's real life happening."

In its infancy two decades ago, EarthCam installed cameras at various vantage points overlooking New York's Times Square. At the time, the very idea seemed inexplicable — cameras showing live feeds over the internet?

Times Square is still the service's most-watched camera view, even with many more vantage points now available.

The New-Jersey-based company offers separate services. At EarthCam.com,

protected last year's No. 2 draft pick overall out of Oregon for the future, and for the coach the Titans decide to hire for the quarterback's second season.

Mariota finished his rookie year with a 3-9 record having missed a quarter of the season. He threw for 2,818 yards with 19 touchdowns and 10 interceptions despite being sacked 38 times. He completed 62.2 percent of his passes and posted a 91.5 passer rating.

Mularkey said Mariota might've played even better if not for the initial knee injury October 18 in a 38-10 loss to Miami.

"He was slowed with the injury," Mularkey said. "But I think as far as his progress, I thought he made great strides. Learned a lot, went through a lot, saw a lot. A lot of these teams are playoff-caliber teams here at the end. The defenses we faced, the fronts, the blitzes, the things we saw, he saw, will benefit him for this next year easily."

Backup quarterback Zach Mettenberger started his second-straight game and fourth this season. He is 0-10 as a starter, and Mettenberger remaining winless as a starter helped the Titans clinch the top overall draft pick for the first time since 1973, when the then-Houston Oilers drafted defensive end John Matuszak.

users can choose their own camera views, to see the Eiffel Tower bathed in afternoon sunlight, early evening bustle in Moscow, or pedestrians in front of Dublin's Temple Bar. EarthCamtv.com is a curated site, where producers choose the different vantage points for look-ins — a beach in the Caribbean, Niagara Falls, or animals frolicking in a zoo. Separately, the company maintains cameras overlooking construction sites all over the world for people to check the progress of work.

EarthCam installs and maintains the cameras in return for the locations; it's great advertising for people to see the waves constantly rolling in at a hotel on a tropical beach, for example.

While nothing matches New Year's Eve, EarthCam gets usage bumps for its views of New Orleans at Mardi Gras or Dublin on St. Patrick's Day, Kelly said.

EarthCam is offered on Apple TV and also as an app for people who are on the go on New Year's Eve.

EarthCam's cameras showed what was happening in Budapest, Amsterdam, Rio de Janeiro, Dubai, Chicago, Seattle, and San Francisco. Views of Abbey Road in London, Rick's Cafe in Jamaica, Bourbon Street in New Orleans, and Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles are also offered. Some 50 locations in all are featured.

Kelly's personal favorite was the over-the-top celebration in Transylvania, Romania, which was seen at 5:00pm EST in the United States.

## Biologists say monkey population spreading in Florida

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (AP) — A population of monkeys native to Asia appears to be spreading in central Florida, according to researchers.

For more than 75 years, rhesus macaques have inhabited Silver Springs State Park in Ocala.

That population has grown to roughly 200 monkeys in the park, and new sightings of the monkeys have been reported in Lake County, according to University of Florida biologists.

Monkeys have been spotted in Lady Lake and The Villages, more than 20 miles south of the park.

"It would not be surprising as the population grows to see males disperse outside of the park," Steve Johnson, one of the biologists, tells *The Orlando Sentinel*.

In November, a tan-colored monkey was spotted on the roof of The Villages Elementary of Lady Lake as the school was being dismissed. The monkey paced back and forth on the roof as parents snapped photos from the pickup line. As the crowd grew, the monkey jumped down, scurried across the parking lot, and disappeared into nearby woods.

Weeks later, a homeowner reported seeing a monkey in a tree in her backyard in The Villages. It sat upright in the tree,



**PRIMATE PROLIFERATION.** An alpha male called King Phillip, or Snaggle Tooth — because of his right fang hanging over his lower lip — displays a "threat call" along the shoreline of the Silver River in Florida's Silver Springs State Park, in this photo taken on September 17, 2013. The population of monkeys native to Asia appears to be spreading in central Florida, according to researchers. (AP Photo/The Ocala Star-Banner, Lisa Crigar)

eating berries. "It sounds like people are getting reasonably close to them, and that's not normal, either, to be able to get close to a wild monkey," said biologist Bob Gottschalk, who lives in The Villages.

In 2011, a monkey was photographed in Orange County on the Wekiva River near Rock Springs Run, state records show.

The monkeys were brought to the Ocala park by a tour boat operator in the 1930s. The monkeys, bought from a New York wildlife dealer, initially were brought to an island on the Silver River, but they promptly swam across the water and thrived in nearby woods, a state historical timeline shows.

By 1963, the population had grown to 78 rhesus

macaques, documents show.

A trapper working under state permits reported capturing 772 monkeys from the park between 1998 and 2012. The monkeys were sold to a biomedical research facility, but after a public outcry the practice stopped.

The monkeys can be dangerous to humans, as many carry the potentially deadly herpes-B virus that can be transmitted through bites, scratches, or contact with bodily fluids, Gottschalk said.

Experts caution against feeding the monkeys, which one Lady Lake animal-control officer called "hostile by nature."

"They're living about as natural as they are anywhere else in the world," Gottschalk said.

### The show must go on, unless North Korean divas say otherwise

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name of the Party were part of the Communist Chinese norm.

Had the show been held, they certainly would have gotten a heavy dose of old-school propaganda.

"We have entered our prime in these rewarding times, there is nothing that we cannot do. Let's run toward the future. A new century is calling for us," go the lyrics to one of the songs the band was scheduled to sing, "Dash Toward the Future." "Let's build our land into a rich country and paradise, let's use these times to educate ourselves, staying up all night learning, creating new miracles through invention and accomplishments."

TALKING STORY IN ASIAN AMERICA



■ Polo

Polo's "Talking Story" column will return soon.

North Korea watchers have offered any number of suggestions about why the tour's plug got pulled.

Among the various guesses: Pyongyang wanted more Chinese VIPs on the guest list, the two sides couldn't agree on the playlist, Beijing was angry over Kim Jong Un's recent talk of building an H-bomb, Pyongyang was upset over Chinese social-media

chatter about how Kim might have had a romantic liaison with one of the band members (whom, by the way, South Korean media had previously speculated was executed).

Officially, the only word coming out of Beijing is that the concerts fell through because of a "miscommunication."

Next stop, Russia?

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