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Report: Cost to dismantle nuclear carrier is \$1B

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WASHINGTON — It could cost more than \$1 billion to dismantle the Navy's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the former USS Enterprise, according to the Government Accountability Office, an investigative arm for Congress that routinely reviews U.S. agencies and programs.

The GAO estimate was unveiled as the Navy is assessing its options to dismantle and dispose of the carrier, which has been inactive since 2012 and was decommissioned in 2017 after more than 50 years of service.

The carrier's "dismantlement and disposal will set precedents

for processes and oversight that may inform future aircraft carrier dismantlement decisions," the GAO report said in a 56-page report released Thursday.

The GAO wrote that it found the Navy's typical budget and reporting on the effort doesn't give enough information to support oversight for a project of this size and cost. A Senate report accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2018 included a provision for the GAO to review the Navy's plans for the former carrier.

In its report, the GAO made four recommendations, including that the Navy take action to provide additional budget information and reporting to facilitate improved transpar-

ency and accountability. It also recommended the Navy obtain an independent cost estimate, complete a risk management assessment prior to the beginning of the project and approve a cost and schedule plan.

The Defense Department agreed with all four recommendations.

"I would like to commend the GAO in the thoroughness of this review," Kevin Fahey, the assistant secretary of defense for acquisition, wrote in a July 19 letter in response to the report. "This is a complex topic that has not been previously addressed."

Among its options, the Navy could go the commercial industry route to dismantle and dispose of the carrier, which could

be beneficial for the service, according to the GAO. However, the Navy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which oversees the commercial nuclear industry, have yet to coordinate to fully explore the option, the agency said in its report.

The carrier was deployed during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962 and saw action in conflicts ranging from the Vietnam War to the war in Afghanistan. It made its final port stop in Naples, Italy, in 2012 before setting sail for its homeport, Norfolk, Va., to be broken down.

"This ship has served its time," then-Rear Adm. Walter Carter, commander of the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, told Stars and Stripes at the time. "It's time to retire."

Officials rip plan to move ship funds to border wall

BY SCOTT WYLAND
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Democratic lawmakers worried about growing Russian and Chinese competition in the Arctic have criticized the Department of Homeland Security's decision to free up money for a U.S.-Mexico border wall by reallocating \$750 million that had been earmarked for a polar icebreaker.

The U.S. icebreaker fleet is miniscule compared with Russia's, which has more than 40 icebreakers, according to the Congressional Research Service. The melting ice has degraded Russia's natural border defenses, prompting Moscow to respond with more ships and new military facilities in the region.

Recently, Russia has raised alarms by declaring plans to expand its Arctic domain.

"Russia has claimed natural resources and territories in the Arctic that exceed its international rights and is investing in ice-capable military assets to back up that claim," a letter signed last week by eight House lawmakers said.

China, which has no territorial claim in the Arctic but considers itself a stakeholder, has two heavy icebreakers and plans to

acquire more.

Various nations are eyeing the Arctic region with greater interest as ice caps melt, which is opening up access for military, commercial and research vessels. But even as the ice caps weaken and shrink, ships must still carve out passageways.

The Arctic region is believed to hold an estimated 13 percent of the world's untapped oil reserves, 30 percent of its natural gas and vast mineral resources, according to U.S. Geological Survey estimates.

The new icebreaker had been intended to boost the Coast Guard's fleet, which includes one working heavy icebreaker, the Polar Star, and one disabled heavy icebreaker, each of which has exceeded its 30-year service life.

The Senate tentatively approved \$750 million in February to build the new heavy icebreaker.

But Homeland Security stripped the funding from its most recent budget proposal, allocating it instead to the proposed border wall. The move prompted the letter from lawmakers, who said the agency sought to cut Coast Guard funding "while wasting a staggering \$4.9 billion on a border wall."

"We urge you in the strongest possible terms to reconsider the misallocation of resources, which would undermine all 11 of the Coast Guard's statutory missions and place our nation at a distinct economic, geopolitical and national security disadvantage for decades to come," the letter said.

In 2013, Homeland Security recommended building three new heavy icebreakers and three medium ones, but no money has been allocated for those vessels.

If funded in this budget cycle, the new heavy icebreaker would not enter service until 2023. Coast Guard officials said they don't want any additional delays.

"We need that ship now," Coast Guard commandant Adm. Karl Schultz said Wednesday during a speech in Washington.

The Arctic had been the scene of intense military activity for the U.S. and the Soviet Union, but both countries mostly withdrew from the region when the Cold War ended.

The Arctic Council was formed in 1996 and now has eight countries with territory abutting the region — the U.S., Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Canada, Denmark and Iceland.

Nicholson bids farewell to III MEF

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
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CAMP COURTNEY, Okinawa — Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson's last official act as the top Marine in Japan might not surprise those who served with the personable, hard-charging III Marine Expeditionary Force commander during his nearly four-decade career.

Just hours before he handed leadership to Lt. Gen. Eric Smith Thursday evening on Camp Courtney's parade grounds, Nicholson meritoriously promoted five Marines and a Navy corpsman in an intimate ceremony in front of their family and friends at the Operation Iceberg memorial.

Nicholson recited the biography of each servicemember from memory before presenting them with their awards and shaking their hands.

"This is hallowed ground," he said as the troops crowded around. "Any promotion is a great day ... but you do it here in Okinawa; you do it at the site of this monument here — it's something. I don't care if you're a Marine for four years or 40, you will always remember this day. I'm proud as hell of each

and every one of you."

Newly minted Sgt. Isaiah Bernstein, of the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, said he was surprised when he heard that Nicholson would be presiding over his promotion so close to the change of command.

"I didn't think I'd get to have this opportunity while I was in the Marine Corps," he said. "It's amazing."

Later that evening, Nicholson presented the colors to Smith — fresh off a command tour with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif. — as his Marines stood at attention before him under the parade ground lights.

"This is a tough one, to walk away," said Nicholson, who will return to the U.S. where he intends to retire. "Is this bittersweet? For sure ... ladies and gentlemen, it has been the honor and privilege of my lifetime to be the commander of the III Marine Expeditionary Force."

After taking over from Lt. Gen. John Wissler on Sept. 11, 2015, Nicholson navigated his Marines through a tense period that included an uptick in provocations from North Korea that set the world on edge.

Nicholson also played the role of diplomat, as he was called upon again and again to apologize for a spate of crimes perpetrated by servicemembers within the tiny island prefecture.

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert Neller called Nicholson the service's "most operationally experienced and capable commander."

A native of Plano, Texas, Smith joined the Marines in 1987 while at Texas A&M University. After participating in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, as well as Assured Response in Monrovia, Liberia, he was assigned to Caracas, Venezuela, as the naval section chief of the U.S. Military Group there.

He served two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and another in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was a senior aide to the Marine Corps commandant and later was a senior aide to the secretary of defense.

Smith said the Marines and their Okinawan hosts should expect "predictability and stability" from his leadership.

RIMPAC reflects refocusing of US strategy

By WYATT OLSON
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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The month-long Rim of the Pacific naval exercise, which concluded Thursday, reflected an emphasis on traditional warfighting drills as America refocuses its strategy on military competition with China and Russia.

"The U.S. has been working to incorporate into RIMPAC more substantial anti-submarine warfare, surface warfare and amphibious warfare operations, and this year they were able to do that," said Bryan Clark, a senior fellow at the Washington-based think tank Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

"RIMPAC this year was very much in line with the [Trump] administration's focus on great power competition," said Clark, a former Navy officer who helped the service develop new operational strategies.

In unveiling the Pentagon's updated National Defense Policy in January, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said, "We will continue to prosecute the campaign against terrorists that we are engaged in today, but great power competition, not terrorism, is now the primary focus of U.S. national security."

The shift was manifested in RIMPAC by the Pentagon's announcement in May that China's invitation to participate in the exercise had been rescinded because of its militarization of islets in the South China Sea. Instead, navy personnel from Israel, Sri Lanka, Brazil and Vietnam were invited to attend for the first time.

"In the new geopolitical chess game, Vietnam — along with Indonesia and India — has emerged a key swing state that's being courted by the United States given its strategic location along the vital sea lanes and a 1,000-yearlong history of resisting China's southward territorial expansion," said Mohan Malik, a China expert at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu.

During the exercise, the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Olympia launched Harpoon anti-ship cruise missiles at two target ships, marking the first time in 20 years Harpoons have been fired from an American submarine.

Rear Adm. Daryl Caudle, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet's Submarine Force, said the successful firing will lead to the reintroduction of the Harpoon system on the submarine fleet to expand its lethality and capabilities.

Complaints, then back to work

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — The military likes to boast "we do more before 9 a.m. than most people do all day." That sounds better at the recruiting office than at 6 in the morning when you're wet and cold in a training area that's 6,000 feet above sea level.

When the sun rose over Hawaii's Big Island last month during the 25-nation Rim of the Pacific exercise, members of Company B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment emerged from cocoon-like sleeping bags like angry butterflies filling the air with swear words and bad jokes. Overnight rain had drenched everything except spots in the lava-dirt where the Marines slept.

Early morning grouchiness is a way of life, said Pfc. Miguelangel Vasquez, 19, of Victorville, Calif. "We complain 100 percent of the time," he said as he pulled on his boots with the help of a fellow "boot," as new Marines are called.

At almost exactly 9 a.m. they headed off in full battle rattle and weapons slung to the next range, with smiles but the same bad jokes and the same complaining.

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Scuffles break out at right-wing rally in Ore.

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Small scuffles broke out Saturday as police in Portland deployed “flash bang” devices and other means to disperse hundreds of right-wing and self-described anti-fascist protesters.

Four people were arrested during the protests, the Portland Police Bureau said in a statement Saturday night. Officers also seized “multiple weapons throughout the day,” police said.

A reporter for The Oregonian/OregonLive was bloodied when he was struck by a projectile. Eder Campuzano said later on Twitter he was “okay.”

Demonstrators aligned with Patriot Prayer and an affiliated group, the Proud Boys, gathered about midday in a riverfront park.

Hundreds of demonstrators faced them from across the street, holding banners and signs with opposition messages such as “Alt right scum not welcome in Portland.” Some chanted, “Nazis go home.”

Governor seeks wildfire aid as California battles 17 blazes

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Jerry Brown on Saturday called on President Donald Trump to help California fight and recover from another devastating wildfire season.

Brown, who inspected neighborhoods wiped out by a wildfire in the Northern California city of Redding, said he was confident the president he has clashed with over immigration and pollution policies would send aid, which Trump did last year when California’s wine country was hit hard.

“The president has been pretty good on helping us in disasters, so I’m hopeful,” said Brown, a Democrat. “Tragedies bring people together.”

Brown’s call for help came shortly before authorities called on residents in Glenn and Colusa counties in Northern California to evacuate as a fire there continues to grow.

Cal Fire issued the evacuation order Saturday night for people who live in several parts of the counties, including an area just east of the boundary of Mendocino National Forest and all areas west of Bear Valley Road to Highway 20.

There are 17 major fires burning throughout California, authorities said.

In all, they have destroyed hundreds of homes, killed eight people — including four firefighters — and shut down Yosemite National Park.

Hundreds of colleagues, family and friends attended a memorial service Saturday in Fresno for National Forest Service Capt. Brian Hughes, the Fresno Bee reported. Hughes was killed July 29 by a falling tree while fighting the wildfire that has closed Yosemite National Park at the height of tourist season.

Firefighters have achieved 41 percent containment of that forest fire.

The fire had reached into remote areas of the country’s third-oldest national park. Workers who live in Yosemite’s popular Valley region were ordered to leave Friday because of inaccessible roads.

The biggest blazes continue to burn north of San Francisco, including twin wildfires fueled by dry vegetation and hot, windy weather. Those fires destroyed 55 homes and forced thousands of residents to flee their neighborhoods about 100 miles north of the city. They have grown to a combined 300 square miles.

The two fires have charred an area of the forested, rural area five times the size of San Francisco and were only 27 percent contained. Thousands of people remain evacuated.

The National Weather Service issued red flag warnings of critical fire weather conditions through Saturday night, saying a series of dry low-pressure systems passing through the region could bring wind gusts of up to 35 mph that could turn small fires or even sparks into racing walls of flames.

“This is a particularly dangerous situation with extremely low humidity and high winds. New fires will grow rapidly out of control, in some cases people may not be able to evacuate safely in time should a fire approach,” the weather service said in its bulletin for the Mendocino area north of San Francisco.

Meteorologist Steve Anderson said temperatures will remain in the 90s in the region throughout the week, with wind gusts reaching 25 mph during the day Sunday.

Trump confirms purpose of meeting with Russian

Associated Press

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. — President Donald Trump on Sunday acknowledged that the 2016 Trump Tower meeting between a Kremlin-connected lawyer and his son was to collect information about his political opponent, casting new light on a moment central to the special counsel’s Russia probe.

Trump, amid a series of searing tweets sent from his New Jersey golf club, tore into two of his favorite targets, the news media and Robert Mueller’s ongoing investigation into possible links between the president’s campaign and Russia. Trump unleashed particularly fury at reports that he was anxious about the Trump Tower meeting attended by Donald Trump Jr.

and other senior campaign officials.

“Fake News reporting, a complete fabrication, that I am concerned about the meeting my wonderful son, Donald, had in Trump Tower,” Trump wrote. “This was a meeting to get information on an opponent, totally legal and done all the time in politics - and it went nowhere. I did not know about it!”

But 13 months ago, Trump gave a far different explanation for the meeting. A July 2017 statement dictated by the president read: “We primarily discussed a program about the adoption of Russian children that was active and popular with American families years ago.”

Since then, the story about the meeting has changed several times, eventually forced by the discovery of emails between

the president’s eldest son and an intermediary from the Russian government offering damaging information about Trump’s opponent, Hillary Clinton. Betraying no surprise or misgivings about the offer from a hostile foreign power, Donald Trump Jr. replied, “If it’s what you say, I love it, especially later in the summer.”

Sunday’s tweet was Trump’s clearest statement yet on the purpose of the meeting, which has become a focal point of Mueller’s investigation even as the president and his lawyers try to downplay its significance and pummel the Mueller probe with attacks. On Sunday, Trump again suggested without evidence that Mueller was biased against him, declaring, “This is the most one sided Witch Hunt in the history of our country.”

20 people die in crash of old-time plane in Swiss Alps

Associated Press

BERLIN — A vintage propeller plane plunged nearly vertically into a Swiss mountain, killing all 20 people aboard as they returned from a two-day trip to southern Switzerland, investigators said Sunday.

The Junkers Ju-52 plane, operated by small Swiss company Ju-Air, went down Saturday on the Piz Segnas mountain above the Alpine resort of Flims in the country's southeast at an altitude of about 8,330 feet above sea level.

There was no immediate word on the cause of the crash, and officials said they expect a complex investigation given that the 79-year-old plane was not equipped with black boxes.

Police said Sunday they had determined that the 17 passengers and three crewmembers aboard the plane all died. The victims were 11 men and nine women between the ages of 42 and 84 — seven couples from various parts of Switzerland, a couple from neighboring Austria and their son, and the three crewmembers.

The fully booked plane was flying the passengers back to Duebendorf from a two-day trip to Switzerland's Italian-speaking southern Ticino region.

It crashed shortly before 5 p.m. Saturday, less than 50 minutes after taking off from Locarno's Magadino airfield. Photos released by local police showed the crumpled wreckage of the plane lying on the mountain, with only the upside-down tail more or less intact.

Nearly 5,000 Ju-52 planes, a product of Germany's Junkers, were manufactured between 1932 and 1952. Ju-Air's Ju-52 planes are former Swiss military aircraft, built in 1939, that were retired by the air force in 1981.

Chief executive and co-founder Kurt Waldmeier said the planes "are flown exclusively by very experienced professional pilots, and strictly checked and maintained by our own technicians."

Iran gets new planes ahead of renewed US sanctions

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran acquired five new commercial aircraft on Sunday, a day before the U.S. begins restoring sanctions that had been lifted under the 2015 nuclear accord with world powers.

The arrival of the ATR72-600 airplanes at Tehran's Mehrabad International Airport represented perhaps the last benefits Iran will see under the nuclear deal after President Donald Trump withdrew from it in May. Economic woes are sparking sporadic, leaderless protests across the country.

The rhetoric between the U.S. and Iran remains heated, despite Trump's tweeting last week that he would be willing to meet with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard on Sunday acknowledged conducting recent naval exercises near the crucial Strait of Hormuz after renewing threats to cut off the waterway to oil traders.

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported the arrival of the five ATR72-600 airplanes, which are twin-engine turboprops used for short-distance, regional flights. Their arrival means state carrier Iran Air has received 13 of the 20 it ordered from the French-Italian manufacturer in April 2017. The deal had a list value of \$536 million, though buyers and manufacturers typically negotiate lower prices.

ATR, jointly owned by European consortium Airbus and Italy's Leonardo, has been pushing U.S. officials to allow it to finish its delivery of aircraft to Iran. The Toulouse, France-based firm did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The nuclear deal lifted international sanctions in return for Iran limiting its nuclear program and allowing regular inspections. U.N. inspectors said Iran was complying with the deal, but Trump felt the agreement did not go far enough.

Venezuela's Maduro says drone attack an attempt to kill him

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro dodged an apparent assassination attempt when drones armed with explosives detonated while he was delivering a speech to hundreds of soldiers being broadcast live on television, officials said.

Caught by surprise mid-speech, Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, looked up at the sky and winced Saturday after hearing the sound of an explosion pierce the air.

"This was an attempt to kill me," he said later in an impassioned retelling of the events. "Today, they attempted to assassinate me."

Information Minister Jorge Rodriguez said the incident took place shortly after 5:30 p.m. as Maduro was celebrating the National Guard's 81st anniversary. The visibly shaken head of state said he saw a

"flying device" that exploded before his eyes. He thought it might be a pyrotechnics display in honor of the event.

Within seconds, Maduro said he heard a second explosion and pandemonium ensued. Bodyguards escorted Maduro out of the event and television footage showed uniformed soldiers standing in formation quickly scattering from the scene.

He said the "far right" working in coordination with detractors in Bogota and Miami, including Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, were responsible. Some of the "material authors" of the apparent attack have been detained.

"The investigation will get to the bottom of this," he said. "No matter who falls."

Venezuela's government routinely accuses opposition activists of plotting to attack and overthrow Maduro, a deeply unpopular leader who recently was elected to a new term in of-

fice in a vote decried by dozens of nations. Maduro has moved steadily to concentrate power as the nation reels from a crippling economic crisis.

President Donald Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, told "Fox News Sunday" that he can state "unequivocally" that "there was no U.S. government involvement in this at all."

At one point Saturday, Maduro asked Trump to arrest the "terrorists."

Apparently in response, Bolton said, "If the government of Venezuela has hard information that they want to present to us that would show a potential violation of U.S. criminal law, we'll take a serious look at it."

Attorney General Tarek William Saab said the attempted assassination targeted not only Maduro, but the military's entire high command on stage with the president.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Car hits soldier aiding woman after accident

FL LAKELAND — A soldier in Florida who tried to help a woman on a scooter after she was hit by a car at night was hit by another vehicle that also killed the woman.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said Kelli Marie Black, 40, died on a Lakeland street early Thursday after she was hit by the second vehicle while two good Samaritans, including the soldier, were trying to help her in the road.

The Ledger reported that Pfc. Kalen Lawson was hit in the leg when the second car drove over Black's chest. Lawson was on leave from the Army.

Sheriff Grady Judd said investigators tracked down the suspected driver of the first vehicle, who was expected to turn himself in, and they were seeking the suspect in the second vehicle.

Warrant issued over puppy left to drown

NJ HIGHLANDS — New Jersey authorities have issued an arrest warrant for the man they say left a pit bull puppy to drown in a cage. The dog later was rescued.

The Monmouth County prosecutor's office announced on its Facebook page Friday that an arrest warrant has been issued for Aaron D. Davis, 36, of Long Branch. Police did not say whether Davis was the owner of the dog or what charges he faces.

A woman walking on the beach in Highlands early July 30 spotted the gray-and-white puppy cowering in a cage as the tide came in. Jennifer Vaz rescued the dog, since renamed "River," and said she plans to adopt him.

Man raising money for student lunch bills

ND BISMARCK — A Bismarck photographer has launched a fundraiser that aims to collect money to address the \$23,000 in unpaid meal debt in the city's public school system.

The Bismarck Tribune reported that Phillip Schultz's Feed the Youth initiative will hold a free concert next month to help raise funds for Bismarck Public Schools.

About half of the debt comes from children who receive free or reduced-price lunches. About 23 percent of students district-wide qualify for the federal lunch program.

Police: Couple robbed of all but underwear

MS BILOXI — Police said a Mississippi couple visiting a friend were assaulted by the friend's boyfriend and were robbed of everything but their underwear.

The Sun Herald of Biloxi reported that Larray Montrail Armstrong, 32, was charged with robbery for the Thursday crime. Biloxi police Detective Nick Sonnier said the couple told authorities that they were visiting Armstrong's girlfriend at his apartment when a fight broke out and he assaulted them.

Sonnier said the couple told police Armstrong stole their clothes, cellphone and wallet before they escaped in their underwear. The couple suffered minor injuries.

Man guilty of killing wife with frying pan

MT BOZEMAN — A Montana man accused of killing his wife with a frying pan and then trying to

dispose of the body at a landfill pleaded guilty to deliberate homicide and tampering with evidence.

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported Jake Collins, 34, entered his pleas Friday for the Jan. 1, 2017, death of his wife, Crystal.

The Bozeman man acknowledged that he hit his wife when she told him she was going to leave him. Investigators said Collins told them he drank 17 beers and a shot of whiskey and smoked marijuana that night.

Soap helps free girl stuck in rocks

MN SANDSTONE — Rescuers used dish soap to help free a 13-year-old girl who became wedged in a rock formation at a quarry.

St. Louis County Rescue Squad Capt. Rick Slatten said the girl was trapped in a crack in the rock for about four hours Wednesday while crews worked to get her out. Slatten said the crack is more than 30 feet off the ground at the Robinson Quarry on the Kettle River in Sandstone.

KBJR-TV reported five rescuers climbed down the face of the cliff and used an extraction tool to remove rock, and applied dish soap to the girl's leg to help free her. She was treated at a hospital.

Farmer's death by bull is second in 10 days

NY COVINGTON — State police said a 72-year-old man died after being struck by a bull on a farm in western New York.

Troopers said Roy C. Bell, of Perry, died Thursday at a farm on Simmons Road in Covington, 30 miles southwest of Rochester. Police said Bell was moving cattle around the farm when he was struck by a 1-year-old bull.

It was the second death caused by a bull in upstate New York in 10 days. On July 24, Eugene Wolfert, 68, died after being gored by a bull on his dairy farm in Middlefield in Otsego County.

Man gets 12 years for fatal DUI crash

FL BARTOW — A Florida man was sentenced to 12 years in prison for a fatal drunken driving crash.

The Florida Highway Patrol reported that Nick Nicholas admitted to drinking two shots of alcohol at an Orlando restaurant several hours before he stopped his SUV in the left lane of Interstate 4 near Lakeland.

Investigators said Michael Jovanie Millan Perez, 21, crashed his car into the stopped SUV and died at the scene on an early morning in February 2015. Nicholas was arrested about nine months later.

The Ledger reported that Nicholas, 34, pleaded guilty in May to DUI manslaughter and was sentenced Thursday.

Border Patrol finds artillery ordnance

AZ BISBEE — The U.S. Border Patrol said its agents discovered an active round of ammunition apparently from a World War II piece of artillery.

The agency's Tucson sector said the unexploded device was found in Bisbee near the international boundary fence with Mexico.

It said deputies from the Cochise County Sheriff's Office helped set up a safety perimeter around the device.

An explosives expert from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base examined the ammunition, determined it was live and detonated it in place.

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Lewis calls for unity, love in Hall speech

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — One of the great leaders football has seen, Ray Lewis used his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction speech to call for more enlightened leadership in the United States.

The last of the seven members of the class of 2018 on hand to be enshrined, Lewis eschewed notes and the lectern, instead strolling along the stage and passionately urging his listeners to come together.

“Are you living every day to make this world better?” Lewis asked Saturday night at the end of his 33-minute oratory, often invoking the teachings of Martin Luther King. “Think what we can do if we work together as a country ... teaching our nation to love each other again.”

Turning to the 140 Hall of Famers on the stage, he told them: “We can go from being legends to building a legacy bigger than football, bigger than sports. Look at what unites us ... the answer is simple, love. Hope, faith and love, and the greatest is love.”

A first-year nominee, Lewis was joined by Randy Moss, Brian Dawkins, Brian Urlacher, Jerry Kramer, Robert Brazile and Bobby Beathard as inductees at the hall ceremony.

One of the best linebackers in NFL history, Lewis won two Super Bowls with the Ravens; he often chanted “BALTIMORE!” during his speech.

“Tell me something can’t be done is like pouring lighter fluid on an open flame,” said Lewis, a two-time Defensive Player of the Year who won a second Super Bowl for the 2012 season — coming back from a torn triceps — then retired. He was the MVP of the 2001 title game.

“I came back, and boy did I come back,” Lewis said. “When you walk off the last time

with that thing, that Lombardi, it’s a confirmation I am living proof of the impossible.”

Lewis was the first player with 40 sacks and 30 interceptions in a career. An eight-time All-Pro and inside linebacker on the 2000s NFL All-Decade Team, he had a franchise-record 2,643 career tackles.

Dawkins also delivered a powerful speech and, as he promised, cried during it.

One of the hardest-hitting and most versatile safeties in NFL history, Dawkins stared at his bust and nodded his approval to the crowd.

“The majority of success I have had has come on the back end of pain,” he said noting he had suicidal thoughts when he battled depression. “On the other side of it, all of a sudden I became better. There’s a purpose for my pain.”

Dawkins was the leader of an Eagles defense that made four straight NFC championship games and one Super Bowl. Voted to the 2000s NFL All-Decade Team and a five-time All-Pro, Dawkins intercepted passes in 15 consecutive seasons and had 37 picks overall. He averaged nearly 100 tackles a year and spotlighted his versatility as the first player in NFL history to get a sack, interception, fumble recovery and touchdown catch (on a screen pass) in a game, against Houston in 2002.

Urlacher became a record-28th Chicago Bear inducted into the hall. A first-year nominee who filled the tradition of great middle linebackers in the Windy City so brilliantly, Urlacher actually was a safety at New Mexico. Chicago selected him ninth overall in the 2000 draft and immediately converted him to linebacker. He spent two weeks in training camp on the outside, then was moved inside — for 13 spectacular seasons.

“I love everything about football: the

friendships, the coaches, the teachers, the challenges, the opportunity to excel. I loved going to work every day for 13 years,” said the 2000 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and 2005 Defensive Player of the Year, a season in which Urlacher had 171 tackles.

“The most coveted position for a defensive player to play is middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears,” said Urlacher, who had to hold back tears several times. “Just think about it. I hope over my 13 seasons I made you Bears fans proud.”

Another first-year nominee, the 6-foot-4, 210-pound Moss brought the perfect combination of height, speed, soft hands and agility to Minnesota as the 21st overall draft pick in 1998 after a rocky college career. His 69 receptions, 17 for touchdowns, and 1,313 yards helped the Vikings go 15-1 and earned him Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.

That was just the start for the eccentric but always dynamic Moss. When he finally hooked up with an elite quarterback, he caught a record 23 TD passes from Tom Brady in New England’s perfect 2007 regular season.

Moss rubbed the face and top of his bust, then delivered a sermon worthy of any church or synagogue. He paid tribute to his family, to the fans of his five teams, and to his roots in West Virginia — he promised he would return to his hometown of Rand on Sunday to show off his gold jacket.

“To my gold jacket brothers, I vow I will wear it proudly,” Moss said.

One of those Hall of Fame brothers, Terrell Owens, declined to attend. Instead, he held his own celebration at his college in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was shown in a video and his photo was hanging in Tom Benson Stadium. Otherwise, T.O. was MIA.

Briefly

Thomas takes over at Firestone as Woods fades

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Justin Thomas pulled away from a crowd with five birdies in the middle of his round for a 3-under 67 and a three-shot lead going into the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational as he goes after his third victory this season on the PGA Tour.

No one could keep pace with Thomas, least of all Tiger Woods.

Starting the third round Saturday five shots behind, Woods didn’t make a birdie until a 12-foot putt on the 12th hole, and he didn’t make another. He wound up with a 73, leaving him 11 shots back and ending his streak of 10 straight rounds at par or better dating to the U.S. Open.

Thomas was at 14-under 196, three shots clear of Rory McIlroy (67) and Ian Poulter (70).

Logano wins Xfinity race at Watkins Glen

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — This time, Joey Logano survived the rain.

Logano passed Penske Racing teammate Brad Keselowski on a restart in the closing laps Saturday and held off his final challenge to win the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Watkins Glen International in a race that was red-flagged for rain.

Knights sign Karlsson to \$5.25M 1-year deal

LAS VEGAS — William Karlsson and the Vegas Golden Knights avoided arbitration with a \$5.25 million, one-year contract for the forward.

The 25-year-old Karlsson set career highs with 43 goals and 35 assists in 82 games last season, helping Vegas win the Pacific Division and reach the Stanley Cup Final.

Cejudo scores upset over champion 'Mighty Mouse'

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Henry Cejudo pulled off one of the most impressive upsets in mixed martial arts history at UFC 227.

T.J. Dillashaw simply repeated himself, only quicker.

Cejudo ended Demetrious Johnson's nearly six-year reign as the UFC flyweight champion Saturday night at Staples Center, earning a split-decision victory over the most dominant active champion in the sport.

In the main event moments later, Dillashaw defended his bantamweight title with a vicious first-round stoppage of former champ Cody Garbrandt, beating his friend-turned-rival for the second time in nine months.

Cejudo (13-2) is an Olympic gold medal-winning wrestler who started training in mixed martial arts only five years ago, but he used five takedowns and relentless offense to earn the decision over the fighter widely considered the pound-for-pound best in MMA. Cejudo won 48-47 on two of the three judges' scorecards to beat Johnson (27-3-1), who had won 13 consecutive fights since 2012 and had defended his 125-pound belt a UFC-record 11 straight times.

"This is a dream come true, from Olympic gold medalist to UFC champion," Cejudo said. "I was born right here in Los Angeles, in a two-bedroom apartment. So from the bottom of my heart, thank you to these fans in California for their support."

In the main event moments later, Dillashaw (17-3) exchanged furious strikes with Garbrandt (11-2) from the opening minute. Dillashaw finished it by stunning Garbrandt with a series of blows, dropping the challenger and then battering him against the cage until referee Herb Dean stopped it with 50 seconds left in the round.

Dillashaw and Garbrandt trained together in Sacramento until 2014, when Dillashaw left in a messy breakup with the Team Alpha Male gym. The fighters met for the first time last November, and Dillashaw stopped Garbrandt in the second round to take the bantamweight belt.

The rematch was just as violent, but even more decisive.

"This cements my legacy as the greatest bantamweight of all time," Dillashaw said. "I could tell that Cody was already hurt when we started that exchange, and

then I lined up the shot. I got a little excited when I should have slowed down and finished him, but I got the job done."

Dillashaw held the 135-pound title belt for nearly two years before losing it to Dominick Cruz on a debatable split decision in early 2016. Garbrandt then took the belt from Cruz in December 2016, less than two years after he entered the UFC.

After Cejudo's victory, the new 125-pound champ called for a superfight with the winner of the 135-pound main event. When Dillashaw was told of Cejudo's challenge, he replied: "Henry Cejudo! Let's go, baby!"

Johnson, who didn't appear to be upset with the judges' call, was the only flyweight champion in UFC history. Although successful in striking, Johnson didn't have his usual resourceful performance in his return from a career-long layoff of 10 months. Johnson knocked out Cejudo in the first round of their first meeting in 2016, but Cejudo showed off everything he had learned in the interim.

Cejudo was born in Los Angeles, and he won an Olympic gold medal in freestyle wrestling as a 21-year-old phenomenon in 2008, becoming the youngest American to win a gold medal. He only started training in mixed martial arts in January 2013 — four months after Johnson first won his UFC belt.

Cejudo won his first 10 pro fights to earn his first shot at Johnson, but Mighty Mouse stopped him with a flurry of punches in the first round of their first meeting 28 months ago. Cejudo earned a rematch thanks to two straight rebound victories and the utter lack of more compelling contenders for Johnson, who had been content to stay at flyweight instead of chasing bigger-money bouts at bantamweight, where he fought earlier in his career.

Right before the title bouts on the top-heavy show, Brazilian featherweight Renato Moicano (13-1-1) finished Palm Springs veteran Cub Swanson (25-9) in the first round with a rear naked choke.

The show was the UFC's first in three years in downtown Los Angeles, and the first since local entertainment conglomerate Endeavor bought the promotion for \$4 billion in 2016. The luminaries at cage-side included Matt Damon, Chris Pratt, Miles Teller, Mickey Rourke and Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Red Sox win third straight over Yankees

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox fan who brought a broom to Fenway Park to cheer Boston on to a sweep of the rival Yankees will have to wait one more day.

Still, he was lucky to have it on Saturday, using it to retrieve J.D. Martinez's home run ball from the light stanchion above the Green Monster.

"It's been a lot of fun pitching with these guys behind me," said Nathan Eovaldi, who pitched eight scoreless innings to help the Red Sox beat New York for the third game in a row and expand their lead in the AL East to season-high 8½ games with a 4-1 victory.

"We've been able to score runs early in the ballgame, which makes it a little easier pitching," said Eovaldi, who has pitched 15 shutout innings for Boston since he was acquired from Tampa Bay last month. "And the defense is amazing."

Mitch Moreland started in place of hot-hitting Steve Pearce and hit a homer of his own, and Martinez hit his major league-leading 33rd of the year for the Red Sox, who go for a four-game sweep on Sunday night with David Price scheduled to face Masahiro Tanaka.

"This is a huge series for us," said Eovaldi (5-4), who pitched eight innings of three-hit ball, striking out four and walking one.

"We're going to be playing these guys a couple more times down the road. For us to take the first three games in the series is big," he said. "Price is building off his last start, so hopefully we're going to be able to take advantage."

One night after Rick Porcello threw an 86-pitch, one-hit complete game, Eovaldi started with three no-hit innings and left after eight with a 4-0 lead. Closer Craig Kimbrel held on through a shaky ninth inning to send the Yankees to their season-high fourth straight loss.

"There's no question that they've established themselves right now as the best team in this league," New York manager Aaron Boone said. "That said, if you walk through our room right now, to a man, we know we can absolutely play with them. We know that when we're at our best we can beat them. We acknowledge who they are right now. There's no denying the season that they're having."

The Yankees are missing Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez, and they had to shuffle their rotation when J.A. Happ contracted hand, foot and mouth disease just as Sonny Gray was sent to the bullpen because of ineffectiveness.

Banged-up Houston shuts out Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Astros are doing more than just getting by without injured Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa.

Josh Reddick's three-run homer highlighted Houston's seven-run eighth, and the Astros routed the Dodgers 14-0 to hand Los Angeles its biggest shutout loss at home in 95 years Saturday night.

"It feels really good when you're without your two big horses in the middle of your lineup and you can still do stuff like that," Reddick said. "You can still do something special."

The AL West-leading Astros pounded out 13 hits in winning their fourth in a row and stretching their lead to five games over Oakland.

"Pretty explosive night for us," manager A.J. Hinch said. "We're a little banged up so it's important for us to just keep putting up wins. To shut them out feels good."

The only blight on the Astros' night was starter Lance McCullers Jr. leaving after 60 pitches because of right elbow discomfort. He allowed two hits over four innings

in his first start at Dodger Stadium since Game 7 of last year's World Series, won by the Astros.

McCullers will return to Houston on Sunday morning to be examined.

"I felt some abnormal soreness and stiffness that I wouldn't feel during the game," he said. "I couldn't have felt any better to start the game, which is the most frustrating part."

The Dodgers were limited to three hits in losing their fifth straight regular-season game to Houston since 2015. It was their worst shutout loss at home since July 22, 1923, when the Brooklyn Robins lost to Boston at Ebbets Field, according to Stats LLC.

"The game's over," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said. "I guess that's the silver lining."

The Astros batted around twice in the game, including the eighth when John Axford was charged with six runs in a rocky Dodgers debut after being acquired from Toronto at the trade deadline. Axford, a 10-year veteran, failed to record a strikeout on 27 pitches and hit left fielder Tony Kemp, forcing him to leave the game with a

bruised right foot.

"It's the worst outing of my entire career," Axford said. "I wasn't helping myself walking guys and hitting a guy. I have a little bit more to offer than what's shown out there."

Jake Marisnick ran for Kemp in the eighth and hit a two-run homer in the ninth. Houston fans began chanting loudly and the remaining Dodgers fans from the sell-out crowd of 53,119 booed in an attempt to drown them out.

"We're a team that's capable of putting up those kind of numbers," Reddick said. "These at-bats continue to be contagious for us and carry on from one guy to the next."

Brad Peacock (2-4) got the win with two innings of relief.

Marwin Gonzalez homered on the first pitch from Kenta Maeda (7-7) leading off the second for the Astros' first run.

"It's huge to beat a team like that," Gonzalez said.

Houston won the series opener 2-1 on Friday and could complete a sweep on Sunday when newly acquired reliever Roberto Osuna is expected to be activated. He is coming off a 75-game suspension for violating MLB's domestic violence policy.

Roundup

Angels lose amid news of Scioscia's expected departure

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber pitched a three-hitter for his first shutout this season and new arrival Leonys Martin homered again as the Cleveland Indians beat the Los Angeles Angels 3-0 Saturday.

After the game, there was a report that Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia is expected to step down at the end of this season. The report by Ken Rosenthal of The Athletic cited unidentified major league sources.

The 59-year-old Scioscia is the longest-tenured manager in the majors, guiding the Angels since 2000. They are 55-57 this year.

Reds 7-2, Nationals 1-6: Washington slugger Bryce Harper was forced to leave soon after being hit by a pitch, then visiting Cincinnati star Joey Votto went wild when he got drilled in a testy second

game won by the Nationals.

Harper was hit in the right kneecap in the sixth by a pitch from Austin Brice. Harper initially struggled to put any weight on his leg, but made his way to first base.

But Harper labored defensively chasing after a double in the seventh and was immediately replaced by Adam Eaton.

In the eighth, Votto was hit for the second time in the game and gestured at pitcher Ryan Madson as he took first base. After being retired on a forceout at second to end the inning, Votto waved at Washington's dugout, prompting plate umpire Andy Fletcher to warn both teams.

Phillies 8, Marlins 3: Carlos Santana had three hits, including one of host Philadelphia's four homers, and Zach Eflin allowed three runs in eight strong innings.

Cubs 5, Padres 4: Kyle Schwarber and Anthony Rizzo

homered in a five-run second inning and Chicago held off visiting San Diego.

Cardinals 8, Pirates 4: At Pittsburgh, Jedd Gyorko drove in three runs while Kolten Wong, just off the disabled list, and Yadier Molina both had three hits to lead St. Louis.

Brewers 8, Rockies 4: Travis Shaw hit a grand slam during host Milwaukee's six-run first inning. The Brewers won for the fourth time in six games stayed one back of NL Central-leading Chicago.

Twins 8, Royals 2: At Minneapolis, Max Kepler had three hits, including a two-run homer that put Minnesota ahead to stay, and Jose Berrios threw seven sharp innings.

White Sox 2, Rays 1: Tim Anderson scored when third baseman Matt Duffy made a throwing error on Leury Garcia's two-strike bunt in the ninth inning, sending visiting Chicago to its third straight win.

Blue Jays 5, Mariners 1: Marco Estrada baffled Seattle's struggling bats with his mix of off-speed pitches, taking a no-hitter into the seventh inning and leading Toronto to the road win.

Diamondbacks 9, Giants 3: Nick Ahmed homered twice and had four RBIs, Steven Souza Jr. drove in three more runs and Arizona jumped on visiting San Francisco early.

Athletics 2, Tigers 1: Khris Davis hit his 30th home run and ninth since the All-Star break, Matt Chapman also went deep and host Oakland beat Detroit.

Mets 3, Braves 0: Kevin Gausman was outpitched in his Braves debut by a blossoming Zack Wheeler, and New York stopped visiting Atlanta's five-game winning streak.

Rangers 3, Orioles 1: Joey Gallo and Rougned Odor both homered, and Mike Minor worked an efficient seven innings for host Texas.