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Sailors learn value of innovation, risk

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The first day Sean Anthony walked into Great Horn, a small tech company near Boston, he knew he was a long way from his Navy home.

“Two people chilling in beanbag chairs, a couple people on a couch, someone in a La-Z-Boy, and they had a Nintendo Wii hooked up to the TV,” said Anthony, an enlisted cryptologic technician stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii. “It looked like a college frat boy’s lounge party, but they were doing business and talking about expense reports and updating their software and other type stuff that other normal businesses would do. But it was definitely a bit of a culture shock.”

A shift in culture for sailors, however, is one of the primary goals of the Pacific Fleet Industry Innovation Fellowship program — still in the pilot stage — that places them in small companies with an ethos of innovation and risk-taking. The program operates in partnership with the Office of the Secretary of Defense’s MD5 National Security Technology Accelerator, which is intended to foster civil-military technology

collaboration.

The fellowship sprang from an innovation summit in 2016 aboard the USS San Diego during Fleet Week in San Francisco, said Adam Harrison, MD5’s director.

Industry and military participants at the summit found a common interest in developing and training people to be more creative and adaptive when faced with opportunities or threats, he said.

“The recommendation that came out of this summit was that we look at doing an across-military-industry fellowship program for high-potential personnel,” he said.

The first four sailors participated in late 2016, and another three joined two firms this past fall.

For Anthony, whose job includes developing and advising cybersecurity throughout the Navy, the five-week fellowship with Great Horn was a good fit — culture shock aside.

“One of the things that surprised me was the difference in terms of cybersecurity,” he said of comparing the approaches of the Navy versus the tech company. “For me, cybersecurity deals with hardware, like serv-

ers and actual computers,” he said.

“I got to see [this company’s] point of view on those topics,” he said, adding that he returned to the Navy with a better understanding of cloud infrastructure.

Lt. Cmdr. Derek Fletcher, assigned to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, recently spent five weeks at a three-person firm called O2O2 in Auckland, New Zealand.

The company is developing a face mask filter, and Fletcher’s background — a master’s degree in mechanical engineering, experience prototyping and familiarity with Emergency Air Breathing masks as a submarine officer — earned him a fellowship spot.

“It gave me the opportunity to be exposed to completely new types of experiences, to help broaden my skill sets that I can rely on in the future as my Navy career progresses,” he said.

Harrison said the next step for the program is to open it to servicemembers across the military, with a longer-term goal of recruiting and sending 50 fellows per year, depending on funding. Fellows are assigned on a temporary duty basis, so the military is responsible for their room and board wherever they go.

Yokosuka hospital stands by civilian appointment switch

BY TYLER HLAVAC

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Naval Hospital Yokosuka is standing by a recent appointment policy change that makes it harder for nonmilitary personnel to receive care.

Under the new protocol, which took effect in early November, patients who are not active-duty or the dependent of a servicemember are restricted to making same-day medical appointments on a space-available basis.

The facility’s commander, Capt. Rosemary Malone, addressed recent criticism of the new procedure during an interview Friday with Stars and

Stripes. She said that federal guidelines demand that overseas military medical facilities give servicemembers priority and that her hospital is simply following rules that had already been established.

“In order to meet access to care standards we had to make this procedural change,” she said. “An active-duty servicemember would come in and the [doctor] would say come back in a week, and there was no appointment within a week ... it was pushed out because the appointments were taken.”

Naval hospitals on Guam and Okinawa adhere to similar policies, she added.

Malone said some civilians — who are not put through

the extensive medical screenings required of servicemembers and their dependents — have strained the hospital’s resources.

“A lot of times there are individuals who seek care with conditions that we would say you’re not suitable to go overseas if you were active-duty,” she said. “Those that don’t go through overseas screening come here thinking, ‘I got the care in the states, I should be able to get it here,’ but it’s not the same. I’m a community-sized hospital basically and my branch clinics are primary care clinics.”

The Navy’s Bureau of Medicine and Surgery will send teams to the hospital to exam-

ine its primary care procedures and evaluate whether it is adequately staffed to serve the base, Malone said.

“My staff go into the business of health care because they want to take care of people,” she said. “We would love to do that for all but we have to make sure those highest [priority levels] have that access. Our goal is to make sure patients can come here and that we have appointments.”

No digest on Monday

Stars and Stripes will not produce a print edition or news digest on Monday.

DNA sought to link vets, S. Korean adoptees

BY KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — At 68, retired Army Capt. Walter Rettberg thought he was done having children. Then he decided to trace his family tree with a DNA-testing kit and found Matthew.

Matthew Suh was a baby in South Korea when he was adopted nearly 40 years ago by an American couple. He grew up longing to find his biological mother but never thought about searching for his father because it seemed an impossible task.

All he knew was that his father had been an American soldier serving in South Korea.

Enter 325 Kamra, a U.S. non-profit that's building a DNA database to help South Korean adoptees find their birth parents, including U.S. military veterans.

In many cases, troops rotating through the country didn't know the women they had sex with became pregnant, so the group is offering free DNA kits to all vets and their descendants.

"So many of them have been stationed here for a long time," said Maria Savage, director of the group's South Korea operation that launched this year. "So if they remember any encounters that they had then that's enough for us."

The DNA will help even if the vets didn't father children, because it might lead to another relative who did, she said.

Suh heard about the program and decided to give it a try.

"I didn't think anything would happen, but I said what do I have to lose?" he said during a recent interview in Seoul.

Citizenship search

The baby's mother never gave him her full name, so a nun at the orphanage listed hers on the adoption papers — Suh.

He became Matthew Scherer upon arriving at his new home in Fort Benning, Ga., but he grew estranged from his adopted parents after they had chil-

dren of their own and left him feeling neglected.

At 24 he applied for a passport only to be told he wasn't a U.S. citizen. His parents never filed the paperwork to apply for citizenship, which was not granted automatically as part of the adoption process until 2000.

He spent years fighting his status and finally got a green card only to be told it would be another half-decade or more before he could get actual citizenship. So he obtained a South Korean passport and flew to his birth country in 2010.

"I didn't want to wait until I'm an old man to travel. And the time was already running out for me to try to find my mother," who was born in 1936, he said.

His search only brought more pain. Suh's birth mother died before he could meet her, and he said the uncles he did find wanted nothing to do with him.

Meanwhile, he was stranded in a country that gave him citizenship but was not home. He now goes by his original name.

He found work as an English teacher and decided to start his own family. He got married and had a baby girl named Sophia.

Then, in August 2016, he received a DNA kit from 325 Kamra, swabbed his cheek and waited. More than a year later, the phone rang.

Fateful decision

Like millions of other Americans, Rettberg had randomly submitted his DNA to Ancestry.com in August, hoping to learn more about his European background.

"I was looking for somebody from Germany to say that they were looking for me and I had a long-lost castle or something," he said in a recent telephone interview. "Instead I got Matthew."

It was the first direct match for a father at 325Kamra, which was founded by a group of adoptees in 2015. The organization has made 41 matches; however, most were via siblings or cousins.

Rettberg, who married an-

other South Korean woman and has two children 29 and 26, was skeptical and suspected fraud when he got the call about the match Nov. 1. However, everything eventually fell into place.

"When they mentioned Ui-jeongbu then I knew," he said.

Rettberg only vaguely remembers the night in 1978 when Suh would have been conceived with a local woman he met at the base's Enlisted Club.

"It was just a one-time thing. She didn't seem to want to pursue it further and the next morning we just went our separate ways," he said. "That's kind of how it was in Korea back then. It was kind of wild and loose."

He was transferred back to the United States soon after and never knew she was pregnant.

After getting permission, 325 Kamra passed on contact information to both men. Suh was happy but also nervous that he would be rejected again.

"In the back of my mind I thought if I did ever find my father it's possible that he'd be married and wouldn't want his wife to know about it. You know how the military is," he said.

Rettberg made the first move.

"It was a very accepting first email," Suh said. "He said you can call me by my name or if you feel comfortable you can call me Dad. Whatever you feel comfortable with. He said, 'I love you.'"

Suh then called him and they talked for nearly six hours. He also has talked to his new sister, although his brother is busy with Marine boot camp so they haven't had time to connect.

They now speak regularly on Skype. Rettberg, who lives in Norfolk, Va., is talking to immigration attorneys to help Suh get U.S. citizenship.

Suh's case has many complications and hurdles; Rettberg hopes his new family members will at least visit next year.

"The thing is that he should've been granted citizenship as an adoptee," Rettberg said. "He's almost like a man without a country because he doesn't belong to Korea."

Legacy of war

More than 110,000 Koreans have been adopted by Americans since 1958, according to Korea Adoption Services.

Many were the product of a thriving sex industry fueled by U.S. and U.N. troops who flooded the country during the 1950-53 Korean War and remained as a deterrent after it ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

Officially sanctioned prostitution was rampant in so-called camptowns outside the military bases in the 1960s and '70s.

That left a legacy of mixed-race children who were shunned by society and often relinquished to orphanages by their mothers.

325 Kamra, which is named for the hotel room where the friends first thought up the idea and is an acronym for Korean Adoptees Mixed Race Association, is trying to help. The co-founders were of mixed heritage, but the group's mission extends to all Korean adoptees.

It seeks to collect DNA, medical histories and genealogical information from potential birth families; to provide kits to adoptees; and to help them reunite.

DNA testing kits are free to all Korean adoptees and every military veteran who served on the divided peninsula or their descendants.

Thomas Park Clement, another mixed-race adoptee who founded a medical device company and wrote the memoir "The Unforgotten War," donated many of the kits.

325 Kamra, which is also funded by paid memberships and donations, is fighting against time.

One of its biggest challenges is overcoming the lingering stigma that prevents many of the women who gave birth from acknowledging their past.

"A lot of people have new families ... and news like that could tear them apart," Savage said. "We're trying to focus on having it be a positive experience instead of more shame."

Trump shrinking government as promised

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Nearly a year into his takeover of Washington, President Donald Trump has made a significant pledge to shrink the federal bureaucracy, a shift long sought by conservatives that could eventually bring the workforce down to levels not seen in decades.

By the end of September, all Cabinet agencies except Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs and Interior had fewer permanent staff than when Trump took office in January — with most shedding many hundreds of employees, according to an analysis of federal personnel data by *The Washington Post*.

The diminishing federal presence comes after Trump promised during his campaign to “cut so much your head will spin,” and it reverses a boost in hiring during the Obama administration. The falloff has been driven by an exodus of civil servants, a diminished corps of political appointees and an effective hiring freeze.

Even though Congress did not pass a new budget in his first year, the drastic spending cuts Trump laid out in the spring — which would slash more than 30 percent of fund-

ing at some agencies — also has triggered a spending slowdown, according to officials at multiple departments.

The White House is now warning agencies to brace for even deeper cuts in the 2019 budget it will announce early this year, part of an effort to lower the federal deficit to pay for the new tax law, according to officials briefed on the budgets for their agencies. One possible casualty: a pay raise that federal employees historically have received when the economy is humming.

The administration’s effort so far to reshape the workforce of nearly 2 million civil servants that serves as the backbone of the government already has provoked a contentious culture shift. Federal workers fret their jobs could be zeroed out amid buyouts and early retirement offers that already have prompted hundreds of their colleagues to leave, according to interviews with three dozen employees across the government. Many have chafed as supervisors lay down new rules they say are aimed at holding poor performers and problem workers to account.

A hiring freeze technically lifted in the spring has been kept

in practice at most agencies, hollowing out many offices. And the slow pace of political appointments has left a number of departments with a leadership vacuum in their upper ranks.

“Morale has never been lower,” said Tony Reardon, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, which represents 150,000 federal workers at more than 30 agencies. “Government is making itself a lot less attractive as an employer.”

Administration officials said Trump has actually improved employee morale, citing an annual survey of federal workers taken in the spring that showed a slight uptick across most agencies. They said they are streamlining the government to make it leaner and more effective.

In a statement, White House spokesman Raj Shah said Trump “is committed to streamlining government for the 21st century, reducing bloat, duplication and waste and focusing resources on key priorities like public safety and protecting our nation’s homeland.”

Conservatives who have long pushed for smaller government are cheered by the developments.

“This is going very well,”

said anti-tax activist Grover Norquist, who famously once quipped that he wanted to shrink government small enough so he could “drown it in the bathtub.”

“Slow and steady — for all the bluster, this is how you downsize government without engendering blowback,” Norquist added.

Some civil servants said they welcome the focus on rooting out waste and holding federal workers to high standards.

“Oftentimes, we run on autopilot and continue to fund programs that don’t produce the results that were intended,” said Stephanie Valentine, a program analyst at the Department of Education. “You can’t keep blindly spending because that’s what we’ve always done.”

Trump already has begun to reverse the growth of the Obama administration, when the government added a total of 188,000 permanent employees, according to Office of Personnel Management data.

In the first nine months of 2009, Obama’s first year in office, the government added 68,000 permanent employees, growing to 1.84 million.

The last time federal employment dropped during a president’s first year, Bill Clinton was in the White House.

Supreme Court to hear Ohio voter case

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joseph Helle was expecting a different sort of reception when he returned home from Army tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and showed up to vote in his small Ohio town near Lake Erie.

His name was missing from the voting rolls in 2011, even though Helle had registered to vote before leaving home at 18 and hadn’t changed his address during his military service.

Helle, now the mayor of Oak Harbor, Ohio, is among thousands of state residents with tales of being removed from Ohio’s rolls because they didn’t vote in some elections. The Supreme

Court will hear arguments Jan. 10 in the disputed practice, which generally pits Democrats against Republicans.

The case has taken on added importance because the parties have squared off over ballot access across the country. Democrats have accused Republicans of trying to suppress votes from minorities and poorer people who tend to vote for Democrats. Republicans have argued that they are trying to promote ballot integrity and prevent voter fraud.

Helle, 31, describes himself as a “red-state Democrat” and did not vote for President Donald Trump or Democratic nomi-

nee Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election.

“I’m not one of these people that flaunts their military service, by any means, but to be told I couldn’t do one of the fundamental rights I went off and served this country for was just appalling,” Helle said.

Ohio has used voters’ inactivity to trigger the removal process since 1994, although groups did not sue the Republican secretary of state, Jon Husted, until 2016. As part of the lawsuit, a judge last year ordered the state to count 7,515 ballots cast by people whose names had been removed from the voter rolls.

A federal appeals court panel

in Cincinnati split 2-1 last year in ruling that Ohio’s process is illegal.

Under Ohio rules, registered voters who fail to vote in a two-year period are targeted for eventual removal from registration rolls, even if they haven’t moved and remain eligible.

The main argument on behalf of voters whose registrations were canceled is federal voting law prohibits states from using voter inactivity to trigger purges. The state “purges registered voters who are still eligible to vote,” former and current Ohio elections officials said in a brief supporting the voters.

2 protesters killed at Iran demonstration

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Two protesters taking part in demonstrations roiling Iran were killed at a rally overnight, authorities said Sunday, the first deaths attributed to the ongoing protests as the government blocked access to a popular messaging app used by activists.

The demonstrations, which began Thursday over the economic woes plaguing Iran, appear to be the largest to strike the Islamic Republic since the protests that followed the country's disputed 2009 presidential election.

They were fanned in part by messages sent on the Telegram messaging app, which authorities blocked along with Instagram.

In Doroud, a city some 200 miles southwest of Tehran in Iran's western Lorestan province, protesters gathered for an unauthorized rally, said Habibollah Khojastepour, the security deputy of Lorestan's governor. The two protesters were killed in clashes at the rally, he said.

"The gathering was to be ended peacefully, but due to the presence of the (agitators), unfortunately, this happened," Khojastepour said. He did not offer a cause of death for the two protesters, but said "no bullets were shot from police and security forces at the people."

Videos circulating on social media late Saturday appeared to show fallen protesters in Doroud as gunshots sounded in the background. The Associated Press could not verify the footage.

Thousands have taken to the streets of cities across Iran, beginning on Thursday in Mashhad, the country's second-largest city and a holy site for Shiite pilgrims.

At least 50 protesters have been arrested since Thursday, authorities said Saturday. State TV said some protesters chanted the name of the U.S.-backed shah, who fled into exile just before Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution and later died.

On Sunday, the semi-official ILNA news agency reported authorities have arrested some 80 protesters in the city of Arak.

Iran's economy has improved since its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, which saw Iran limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the end of some international sanctions. Tehran now sells its oil on the global market and has signed deals to purchase tens of billions of dollars' worth of Western aircraft. That improvement has not reached the average Iranian, however. Unemployment remains high, and official inflation has crept up to 10 percent again. A recent increase in egg and poultry prices by as much as 40 percent, which a government spokesman has blamed on a cull over avian flu fears, appears to have been the spark for the economic protests.

While the protests have sparked clashes, Iran's hard-line paramilitary Revolutionary Guard and its affiliates have not intervened as they have in other unauthorized demonstrations since the 2009 election.

Some analysts outside Iran have suggested that may be because the economic protests initially just put pressure on the administration of President

Hassan Rouhani, a relative moderate whose administration struck the nuclear deal.

Many in Iran are learning about the protests and sharing images of them through Telegram, a mobile phone messaging app popular among the country's 80 million people. On Saturday, Telegram shut down one channel on the service over Iranian allegations it encouraged violence, something its moderator denied.

On Sunday, Telegram CEO Pavel Durov wrote on Twitter that authorities had blocked access to the app. "Iranian authorities are blocking access to Telegram for the majority of Iranians after our public refusal to shut down ... peacefully protesting channels," he wrote. Iran's state TV news website, iribnews.ir, quoted an anonymous source saying that social media in Iran would be temporarily limited as a safety measure.

"With a decision by the Supreme National Security Council, activities of Telegram and Instagram are temporarily limited," the report said, without elaborating.

Australian diplomat's tip a factor in Russia probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Australian diplomat's tip appears to have helped persuade the FBI to investigate Russian meddling in the U.S. election and possible coordination with the Trump campaign, The New York Times reported Saturday.

Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos told the diplomat, Alexander Downer, during a meeting in London in May 2016 that Russia had thousands of emails that would embarrass Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, the report said. Downer, a former foreign minister, is Australia's top diplomat in Britain.

Australia passed the infor-

mation on to the FBI after the Democratic emails were leaked, according to the Times, which cited four current and former U.S. and foreign officials with direct knowledge of the Australians' role.

Papadopoulos has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and is a cooperating witness. Court documents unsealed two months ago show he met in April 2016 with Joseph Mifsud, a professor in London who told him about Russia's cache of emails. This was before the Democratic National Committee became aware of the scope of the intrusion into its email systems by hackers later linked to the Russian government.

Bombing hits funeral of an Afghan official

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bombing targeted the funeral of a local official in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, killing at least 17 people, officials said.

Noor Ahmad Habibi, deputy spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar province, said a rickshaw rigged with explosives went off among people gathered in the provincial capital, Jalalabad, to mourn a former district chief. He said around 13 other people were wounded.

Habibi said initial reports were that a suicide bomber was behind the attack but authorities now believe it was a re-

motely detonated explosion.

No one immediately claimed the attack, which took place in a relatively secure part of the country. The Taliban denied any involvement. An Islamic State affiliate is active in Nangarhar province and has targeted officials and security forces in the past.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, a sticky bomb exploded in a crowded neighborhood in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif late Saturday, wounding 12 people, according to Gen. Abdul Raziq Qaderi, the deputy provincial police chief. No one claimed the attack, which took place in a relatively secure part of the country.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police: Woman returned donated toys for cash

VT MONTPELIER — Police said a Vermont woman who returned donated toys for a cash card is facing a criminal charge.

Police in Berlin said Tayna Drown, 30, of Montpelier, fraudulently returned a cart of toys to a Walmart store on Dec. 1.

Drown told WCAX-TV she exchanged some items for a cash card to buy toys that were more age-appropriate. She said she now knows that was wrong.

She's due in court in February on a charge of false pretense.

Authorities said Drown received the items through the Toys for Tots Foundation, which helps distribute toys to children of parents who cannot afford them.

Prosecutor: Doctor reused anal catheters

NJ EAST BRUNSWICK — A New Jersey surgeon's medical license has been suspended temporarily on suspicion of reusing disposable anal catheters on multiple patients.

Attorney General Christopher Porrino said East Brunswick-based colon and rectal surgeon Sanjiv Patankar washed and reused the one-use catheters that are inserted into patients during medical procedures.

The state Board of Medical Examiners unanimously voted to suspend the doctor's license last month, saying he "placed patients in clear and imminent danger."

Patankar's license will remain suspended temporarily pending a full hearing in the state Office of Administrative Law and until the Board of Medical Examiners takes final.

Man accused of rigging door to electrocute wife

FL PALM COAST — A Florida man is accused of rigging the front door of a home in an attempt to electrocute his estranged pregnant wife.

Officials said Michael Scott Wilson, 32, was arrested Thursday in Knoxville, Tenn., and charged with attempted aggravated battery on a pregnant woman and grand theft of a firearm. He's being held on a \$150,000 bond and will be extradited to Florida.

The woman's father called deputies after Wilson made suspicious statements about keeping children away from the door. Deputies found the front door barricaded, with burn marks.

Hundreds of disorderly youths descend on mall

NJ CHERRY HILL — At least 700 juveniles created a disturbance at a New Jersey mall, frightening shoppers the day after Christmas.

Witnesses said the youths kicked doors and went the wrong way on escalators. They said a few fights broke out within the crowd.

Police have charged five juveniles with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and other offenses.

Authorities said the youths gathered inside Cherry Hill Mall on Tuesday night.

Chief arrested in nude photo swap with teen

OH YOUNGSTOWN — A northeast Ohio village police chief has been detained on a federal arrest warrant for what authorities say was an exchange of nude

photos with a 16-year-old girl.

Federal court records show that Andrew Soloman, 36, of Warren, was arrested Thursday by members of a task force that investigates cybercrimes and child pornography. Soloman was placed on administrative leave as the Craig Beach police chief in early December after his arrest.

A federal affidavit said the teen told investigators she and Soloman exchanged hundreds of emails over a two-week period in November. Authorities said Soloman apparently first encountered the girl in October while investigating an unruly-child complaint.

Woman sues over nude photos in hospital

PA WASHINGTON — A woman has sued the Pennsylvania hospital where she once worked over nude photos taken of her while she was on the operating table.

Sheila Harosky, 45, sued Washington Hospital, its chief executive and the doctor performing her surgery. She alleges invasion of privacy and medical malpractice, among other claims in the lawsuit filed Dec. 12.

Harosky said she discovered the photos when she returned to work after an incisional hernia surgery in September 2016. Harosky told the Tribune-Review a colleague approached her with the photos on her cellphone.

The hospital said it fired the nurse who took the photos and no longer allows the doctor to perform surgeries.

Museum receives ring owned by Lincoln's son

IL SPRINGFIELD — The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum has received a ring that once belonged to the 16th president's

youngest son.

The Springfield museum said the ring was a gift from an Illinois family. It is made of braided hair from Thomas "Tad" Lincoln's pony, and has a small clasp engraved with "Thomas Lincoln."

Museum officials said Thomas Lincoln used to ride his pony near the White House. In the 1860s, he gave the ring to the wife of a Union officer who was stationed nearby. The woman later moved to Effingham, Ill.

Rock slide closes road to popular hot springs

OR EUGENE — U.S. Forest Service officials said a rock slide containing about 800 dump trucks of boulders and rocks will keep a road to a popular wintertime hot springs closed indefinitely.

Shane Kamrath, of the Willamette National Forest, told The Register-Guard that the area is still unstable and more debris could fall.

The landslide occurred Dec. 21.

\$10K reward offered in theft at gun shop

WA BELLEVUE — A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information following the theft of about 70 guns from a Bellevue gun shop in western Washington state.

KING-TV reported that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and National Shooting Sports Foundation are each offering \$5,000.

Police said that three people on Tuesday smashed a stolen Honda Accord through the front door of the West Coast Armory and left in the same vehicle after stealing about 70 guns.

Police said most were handguns, but four semi-automatic rifles were also taken.

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Bowls roundup

Hornibrook passes Badgers past Miami

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Alex Hornibrook threw four touchdown passes, three of them to Danny Davis, and No. 6 Wisconsin capped off the winningest season in school history by topping No. 11 Miami 34-24 in the Orange Bowl on Saturday night.

Jonathan Taylor capped his record-setting freshman season with 130 rushing yards on 26 carries for the Badgers (13-1), who rallied from an early 14-3 deficit. Taylor finished the year with an FBS-freshman-record 1,977 yards.

A.J. Taylor also had a scoring catch for Wisconsin — one where he mimicked ripping Miami's "Turnover Chain" off the neck of teammate Kendrick Pryor.

The Badgers dominated time of possession, holding the ball for nearly 40 minutes. Hornibrook completed 23 of 34 passes for 258 yards, going 20 for 25 in the final three quarters.

Travis Homer and DeeJay Dallas had rushing scores for Miami (10-3), which was in the Orange Bowl for the 10th time and lost on its home field for the first time in 2017. Hurricanes quarterback Malik Rosier was 11-for-26 passing for 203 yards — with three interceptions.

The Big Ten is 7-0 in bowls this season.

Fiesta Bowl

No. 9 Penn State 35, No. 12 Washington 28: Trace McSorley threw for 342 yards and two touchdowns, Saquon Barkley ran for two more scores and Penn State outlasted Washington.

Penn State (11-2), No. 9 in the final College Football Rankings, had its way with Washington's vaunted defense early, building a 28-7 lead by the second quarter. Washington (10-3) woke up from an offensive

slumber with two touchdowns and pulled to 35-28 on Myles Gaskins' 69-yard run in the fourth quarter.

The Huskies, No. 11 CFP, allowed Penn State to work the clock to under a minute on the next drive and gave up a season-high 545 total yards.

Washington had the nation's top run defense during the regular season, allowing 92 yards per game, but Barkley matched that on one run in the second quarter. Barkley had 137 of the Nittany Lions' 203 yards rushing.

Liberty Bowl

Iowa State 21, No. 19 Memphis 20: Allen Lazard tied a Liberty Bowl record with 10 catches and put Iowa State ahead with a remarkable 5-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter, and the Cyclones won on the Tigers' home field.

Iowa State (8-5) held on after losing its first fumble this season just as it appeared on the verge of scoring an insurance touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Memphis (10-3) drove to the Iowa State 40 but lost the ball on downs with 1:52 remaining.

Taxslayer Bowl

No. 24 Mississippi State 31, Louisville 27: Freshman Keytaon Thompson, making his first start in place of injured quarterback Nick Fitzgerald, ran for 147 yards and three touchdowns to help Mississippi State beat Louisville and 2016 Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson.

Thompson and Jackson provided many of the highlights — and some lowlights.

Thompson scored twice in the fourth quarter, including a 1-yard plunge with 3:39 remaining that put the Bulldogs (9-4) ahead for good.

UCF just the latest to hit glass ceiling

Los Angeles Times

ORLANDO, Fla. — On Monday, the anointed four best teams in college football — all with one loss — will play in semifinal games for the national title.

Just missing out was another one-loss team, followed by a group of six teams — five with two losses and one with three losses.

That takes the list down to 12th in the College Football Playoff ranking, to the only undefeated team in the Football Bowl Subdivision: Central Florida, which will take a 12-0 record into the Peach Bowl against Auburn.

By all accounts, Central Florida is big-time in everything but perception. At 66,000 students it is, by some measuring sticks, the largest university in the country. Its student population is bigger than 27 counties in Florida.

But the school's athletic program is not large enough to be included in the so-called Power Five conferences: Pac-12, Southeastern, Atlantic Coast, Big Ten and Big 12. The Knights are members of the American Athletic Conference, which along with Conference USA, Mountain West, Mid-American and Sun Belt, make up the much-less-respected "Group of Five."

The less prestigious conferences have found a glass ceiling that allows their teams little hope of playing for the football national title, or even of cracking the top 10 in the national ranking.

"It's not a glass ceiling, it's cement," said Lee Corso, a former football coach who has been an analyst and commentator for ESPN for 30 years. "They are not going to break into it in their lifetime. It's the money. The people who have it don't want to share it with the people who don't."

UCF officials, and those of other Group of Five schools, certainly believe that money is the key factor.

"If you're having to compete with someone that has a budget well north of \$100 million and your budget is \$40 million, \$50 million, it's tough. It's really tough," said John Hitt, UCF's

president for 25 years.

"It's just the way the world works," he added. "Reputations come slowly but they can go very quickly. But it takes a long time to build the kind of reputation you need. It always lags reality."

The reality for the Knights is they were given the lone major-bowl spot promised to a non-Power Five team, facing three-loss Auburn on Jan. 1.

Central Florida will have Scott Frost, the national coach of the year, on the sideline in his farewell game. After only two seasons with the Knights, Frost is leaving for his alma mater, Nebraska, and taking seven of UCF's assistant coaches with him.

Frost wanted to coach this final game even though he is essentially only in Orlando for practices, spending the rest of his time recruiting for Nebraska. A few UCF commits have now reneged and committed to the Cornhuskers.

UCF hired Josh Heupel, 39, the former offensive coordinator at Missouri, about 48 hours after Frost announced he was leaving.

The AAC was formed in 2013, and since then there have been 18 coaching changes. Six have left for Power Five conference jobs, including Tom Herman, who last year moved from Houston to Texas. The latest was Chad Morris leaving Southern Methodist for Arkansas.

Danny White, UCF's athletic director, echoes Corso and Hitt in what makes the difference.

"We need a more market-appropriate television deal for our conference," White said. "It would give us the resources. It's not just UCF, but there are a lot of schools in our league with huge student bodies, great cities and great recruiting bases."

Schools in the AAC receive between \$3 million and \$4 million a year from television. Schools in the Pac-12 get about \$29 million. The SEC provides its schools around \$40 million.

"(UCF) is as successful as it's going to get," Corso said. "They might as well enjoy it as long as they can."

Unranked Butler upsets No. 1 Villanova

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — No. 1 Villanova learned a tough lesson Saturday.

The defense needs to improve dramatically if the Wildcats want to be the nation's best team.

Kelan Martin scored 24 points, Paul Jorgensen added a career-high 23 and Butler made 15 three-pointers in a 101-93 upset over one of college basketball's last unbeaten teams.

"This is the best offense we've played so far and it showed," coach Jay Wright said. "We've really been outscoring teams to this point and we weren't going to outscore this team tonight."

Certainly not against a foe that seems to have a master plan for taking down the Wildcats (13-1, 1-1 Big East).

Almost exactly a year after ending another perfect start to knock Villanova out of the top spot, Butler did it again.

This time, Villanova came into the game allowing 65.8 points and 6.6 threes per game with 10 wins by 14 or more points.

Butler's shooters blew right past those numbers. Martin and Jorgensen each made four threes, Kamar Baldwin, who flirted with a triple-double, had three and Henry Baddley and Sean McDermott each made two.

When it ended, Butler shot 60 percent from the field including 15 of 22 from beyond the arc, both season-lows for Villanova. And the Bulldogs posted the highest scoring total against Villanova since Creighton's 101-80 victory on Feb. 16, 2014.

Afterward, students ignored the school's pleas to delay storming the court until players had left the floor and the Bulldogs talked about the need to do even bigger and better things.

"Villanova is a team that I grew up watching, watching in the Garden," said Jorgensen, a native of New City, N.Y. "So to take them down at Hinkle is really amazing. But like Coach said, we don't want this to be the highlight of our season."

Jalen Brunson matched his career high with 31 points and Mikal Bridges had 21 to help Villanova storm back from a 23-point

deficit to get within six with 1:33 left. But Brunson missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with a chance to make it a four-point game 12 seconds later and the Wildcats couldn't get any closer.

Butler made seven threes in the final minutes of the first half to take a 53-45 lead then made all five of their threes in the second half. When the Wildcats started defending the arc, Butler took advantage with a bevy of layups and dunks, extending the lead to 81-58 with 10:23 left.

"They adjusted to us on the line and started taking away the threes, so we had to drive to the basket and attack in different ways," Butler coach LaVall Jordan said. "We made the adjustment and stayed on the attack."

Villanova countered with full-court pressure and when Butler started throwing the ball away, the Wildcats ran off 14 straight points to make it 84-76 with 5:04 to go.

They just couldn't quite finish it off. "We've got a lot of room to improve," Bridges said. "We're definitely going to get better."

Top 25 roundup

Ayton, Trier lift Wildcats over No. 3 Arizona State

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona State trailed by nine or more points in five games and came back each time while building a program-best 12-0 nonconference record and a No. 3 national ranking.

The surprising Sun Devils couldn't quite pull that off, though, in the noisy hostility of McKale Center.

Freshman sensation Deandre Ayton had 23 points and 19 rebounds, including a crucial tip-in with 11 seconds to go, and No. 17 Arizona held on to hand the Sun Devils their first loss of the season, 84-78 on Saturday night.

Allonzo Trier, who missed his first six shots but finished with 23 points, made a pair of free throws to put the Wildcats (11-3) ahead 82-78 with 10.3 seconds to go in the teams' Pac-12 opener and one of the most anticipated matchups in the rivalry's history. Arizona withstood a 31-point performance

by Tra Holder of the Sun Devils (12-1), including 15 of 16 free throws. But the other two usually sharpshooting Arizona State guards, Shannon Evans and Cody Justice, were a combined 5-for-23 shooting, 2-for-14 on three-pointers.

No. 4 Duke 100, No. 24 Florida State 93: Freshman Marvin Bagley III had 32 points and a season-best 21 rebounds for host Duke.

Freshman Wendell Carter Jr. added 14 points and a season-high 16 rebounds, Grayson Allen scored 22 points and Trevon Duval scored 11 of his 16 in the second half for the Blue Devils (13-1, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Alabama 79, No. 5 Texas A&M 57: John Petty made five three-pointers and scored 18 points to help host Alabama knock off Texas A&M in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

The Crimson Tide (9-4) rebounded from a lackluster performance against Texas to

easily upset the short-handed Aggies (11-2).

No. 6 Xavier 77, DePaul 72: J.P. Macura scored 19 points and had a steal and a blocked shot in the final minute to complete Xavier's comeback from a 16-point deficit.

The Musketeers (14-1, 2-0 Big East) won their ninth in a row and matched the best start in school history.

No. 8 Wichita State 72, UConn 62: Landry Shamet scored 16 points to lead visiting Wichita State in its first American Athletic Conference game.

No. 9 Virginia 59, Boston College 58: Ty Jerome scored a career-high 31 points, including two free throws with 53 seconds left, for host Virginia.

No. 12 Oklahoma 90, No. 10 TCU 89: Freshman Trae Young scored 39 points, including the tiebreaking free throws with 7.9 seconds left, and had 14 assists as visiting Oklahoma overcome a 13-point deficit in the second half to end the nation's longest winning streak at 17.

No. 13 North Carolina 73, Wake Forest 69: Joel Berry II hit a high-arching floater in the paint with 10.3 seconds left for host North Carolina.

No. 14 Purdue 98, Lipscomb 66: Vincent Edwards had 23 points and 15 rebounds, Isaac Haas added 19 points and seven rebounds for host Purdue.

No. 15 Miami 67, Pittsburgh 53: Anthony Lawrence II had 12 points and Ja'Quan Newton and Bruce Brown Jr. both had 11 for visiting Miami.

Arkansas 95, No. 19 Tennessee 9 (OT): Daryl Macon and Jaylen Barford combined for 61 points and host Arkansas rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit.

The win is the sixth straight for the Razorbacks (11-2, 1-0).

No. 20 Gonzaga 101, Santa Clara 52: Silas Melson scored 19 points, Josh Perkins had 12 points and eight assists, and host Gonzaga cruised by Santa Clara for its 16th straight victory in the series.

NBA roundup

Curry lights up Grizzlies in return win

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry made a sensational return from injury by scoring 38 points with a season-high 10 three-pointers, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Memphis Grizzlies 141-128 on Saturday night.

Curry shot 13-for-17 and 10 of 13 from deep in 26 minutes for his ninth 30-point game this season after missing 11 games with a sprained right ankle. His mere presence brought energy to the Warriors and all of Oracle Arena, and he spent much of the fourth quarter pacing and gesturing in delight while cheering his teammates with a towel draped over his head.

Kevin Durant added 20 points, nine assists and five rebounds, and Klay Thompson scored 21 points as the Warriors wrapped up nearly three weeks at home in California. Zaza Pachulia scored a season-best 17 points and also had eight rebounds and six assists.

Marc Gasol led six Memphis players in double figures with 27 points on 10-for-13 shooting.

Curry pounded his chest after a three-pointer late in the second that put the Warriors up 64-57.

In the game's closing minutes, Curry hit a three-pointer, held his follow-through and jubilantly hopped up and down on his left foot. This marked Curry's ninth career game with 10 or more threes, most by any player in NBA history.

Jazz 104, Cavaliers 101: At Salt Lake City, Donovan Mitchell scored 29 points, and Utah handed LeBron James and Cleveland their third straight defeat.

James had 29 points, eight rebounds and six assists on his 33rd birthday as Cleveland lost at Utah for the sixth straight time.

The Cavs' three-game losing streak is their second this season.

Pistons 93, Spurs 79: Andre

Drummond had 14 points and 21 rebounds, and Detroit held visiting San Antonio to its lowest point total of the season.

Playing without starting guards Reggie Jackson and Avery Bradley due to injury, the Pistons defended gamely and never trailed. Reggie Bullock scored 22 points for Detroit and rookie Luke Kennard added 20 — both were career highs.

Kawhi Leonard scored 18 points for San Antonio, which shot 37 percent from the field and 5 of 26 from three-point range.

76ers 107, Nuggets 102: Dario Saric had 20 points and nine rebounds and keyed a second-half run to lead the Philadelphia over host Denver.

JJ Redick had 18 points, Robert Covington had 15 points and 10 rebounds and Jarrod Bayless scored 14 points for the 76ers.

Philadelphia played without star center Joel Embiid, who flew directly from Portland to Phoenix, where the team will join him for Sunday's game.

Embiid is averaging 24 points and 11 rebounds per game. The 76ers are 2-7 when he does not play.

Knicks 105, Pelicans 103: Kristaps Porzingis scored 30 points, Jarrett Jack made two free throws to break a tie with 9 seconds remaining and visiting New York beat New Orleans.

Anthony Davis had 31 points and nine rebounds for the Pelicans and missed a three-pointer just before the final buzzer. DeMarcus Cousins had 29 points and 19 rebounds, Jrue Holiday scored 13 and E'Twaun Moore had 12.

Heat 117, Magic 111: Tyler Johnson scored 22 points in the third quarter and Goran Dragic had 14 in the fourth to help Miami overcome an 18-point deficit and beat host Orlando.

Hawks 104, Trail Blazers 89: Dennis Schroder scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half as Atlanta beat visiting Portland.

NHL roundup

Capitals top Devils for lead in Metropolitan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington Capitals coach Barry Trotz didn't know that his team had just overtaken the New Jersey Devils to move atop the Metropolitan Division.

Sure, the season isn't quite halfway over, but the Capitals' 5-2 win over the Devils on Saturday night ensured that they'd end 2017 in first place.

Nicklas Backstrom and John Carlson had a goal and two assists each, Alex Ovechkin had three assists.

"To me, it's about playing well," Trotz said. "I just want to get into the dance playing well. There's so much parity in this league."

Braden Holtby stopped 25 shots as Washington won its eighth straight home game. Christian Djoos had a goal and an assist, and Tom Wilson and Matt Niskanen also scored for the Capitals.

New Jersey had gone eight games without a regulation loss. John Moore scored late in the first period and Travis Zajac midway through the third. Cory Schneider stopped 30 shots.

"They came out the first 10 minutes of the game, playing to win, and we didn't," Devils coach John Hynes said. "This was a big game. You can see Washington came to play. It was important to them, and it was important to us. They were the better team tonight."

While Trotz professed not to study the standings, his players knew the significance of the game.

"I think any game is big right now the way the division is shaking out," Carlson said. "You've got to collect them while you can, certainly against teams like this when we're home and rested and they're playing on a back-to-back and on the road."

Predators 3, Wild 0: Juuse Saros made 29 saves for his second shutout this season, P.K. Subban scored his ninth goal and host Nashville beat Minnesota.

Panthers 2, Canadiens 0: James Reimer stopped 37 shots for his second shutout in three games and host Florida beat Montreal.

Blues 3, Hurricanes 2: Scottie Upshall broke a tie midway through the third period and host St. Louis held off Carolina.

Kyle Brodziak and Partrik Berglund also scored for St. Louis, which snapped Carolina's four-game winning streak.

Bruins 5, Senators 0: Ryan Spooner scored twice and Tuukka Rask made 25 saves in visiting Boston's victory over Ottawa.

Kings 4, Canucks 3: Drew Doughty scored early in the third period to lift visiting Los Angeles over Vancouver.