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## Green-card holders to get recruit training

*The Washington Post*

The Pentagon will begin sending a backlog of thousands of green-card holders to recruit training, suspending a policy adopted by President Donald Trump's administration last year that required more stringent background checks for some immigrants wanting to serve, according to two defense officials and an internal memo.

The policy called for green-card holders to submit to and complete a full background check and respond to any concerns before they could go to boot camp. That was in addition to standard requirements for green-card applicants, such as biometrics screening.

The change put thousands of people in limbo as their screening languished and specific jobs within the military promised to

them slipped away.

The new directive says that each armed service must comply immediately with a preliminary injunction issued last month in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. In it, Judge Jon Tigar agreed with an argument from the lawyers of two prospective service-members and the American Civil Liberties Union that the Pentagon had not satisfactorily explained why new screening is necessary. Tigar said the policy should be disregarded.

Air Force Lt. Col. Carla Gleason, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said the services will begin sending the recruits to training this week. They will be placed in available slots, and the services will have to consider factors such as their needs and prospective recruits' preferences.

The injunction eases pres-

sure on a group of prospective troops that the Pentagon has long recruited, pitching self-betterment and, in some cases, a chance at U.S. citizenship. About 18,000 U.S. troops were green-card holders at the beginning of the Trump administration, and about 5,000 joined the military each year before the stricter policy, Pentagon officials have said.

Gleason told Stars and Stripes that there are 20,000 non-U.S. citizens on active duty.

Gleason also clarified that the directive does not impact members of the Military Accessions Vital to National Interest, or MAVNI, program, which was a specific program for non-citizens in the U.S. on student or work visas who were eligible for military services because of their language or medical skills and were promised a fast-track to citizenship. MAVNI recruits are

still facing a lengthy backlog for enhanced background security checks instituted in late 2016.

Some military officials have raised concerns internally that the growing backlog of green-card holders could present problems for a military always in need of new troops. The directive, which was obtained by The Washington Post, was issued two days after a reporter began asking military officials last week about the glut of potential recruits waiting to train and whether it was complying with the injunction.

The green-card holders originate from many countries with which the United States has friendly relations, with lawful permanent residents from the Philippines making up the largest number.

## Another 7th fleet destroyer leaves dry dock

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS

*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — For the second time in one week, a 7th Fleet destroyer has left dry dock at Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan.

The USS Barry finished its yearlong stint undergoing repairs and modernizations at the Navy's Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center on Tuesday. Workers flooded the dry dock and floated the ship to its new home on the Yokosuka pier.

The Barry's undocking came one week after the USS John S. McCain was relocated Nov. 27 from dry dock to the pier. The McCain had been undergoing repairs since February follow-

ing its fatal August 2017 collision near Singapore that killed 10 sailors and caused heavy damage to the ship's hull.

The McCain now has "a fully restored hull, a new port thrust shaft and newly constructed berthing spaces," the Navy said in a statement last week.

The Barry had been undergoing repairs since November 2017. During that time, the crew and repair and maintenance personnel "performed work on the underwater hull structure, superstructure and propulsion plant systems," the Navy said in a statement Tuesday. They also upgraded the destroyer's combat systems and berthing areas.

Cmdr. Cory Dyer, of Task Force 70 Maintenance, Materi-

al, Logistics and Readiness, in the statement called the Barry's Tuesday move a "major milestone" that "brings the ship that much closer to completing" its restricted availability period.

Ships regularly go into restricted availability periods that take the vessels out of service for updates, repairs, trainings and other upkeep. The Navy said in its statement that those periods are necessary to maintain the fleet's readiness.

"As one of the premier forward-deployed operational units, leaving dry dock brings Barry one step closer to resuming full operational capabilities," deputy commodore of Destroyer Squadron 15 Capt.

Steven DeMoss said in the statement.

The Barry and McCain's returns to the pier also mark a significant milestone for the 7th Fleet. The Yokosuka-based force had a deficit of destroyers after the separate, fatal McCain and USS Fitzgerald collisions last year took both ships out of service. The Fitzgerald remains under repair in Pascagoula, Miss.

While the McCain and Barry are out of dry dock, they are not yet in active service. It's unclear when the Barry will return to sea, but Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer told reporters in July that he expected the McCain go on patrol in the spring.

# Hundreds honor late president at Capitol

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*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Kenneth and Wanda Deans arrived at about 7 p.m. Monday to take their place in a line that snaked down First Street on the east side of the Capitol to pay their respects to the late President George H.W. Bush.

A retired chief warrant officer, Kenneth Deans served 30 years in the Army, including through the Gulf War. On Monday night, he wore his “Vietnam veteran” cap as he waited to honor Bush, his former commander in chief.

Deans remembered Bush’s visit to Fort Irwin in California, where he was stationed at the time. He said he felt a connection with the president because Bush had also served in the military.

“When you have a president who’s also a hero from the war, and you’re in the military, you feel some kind of kinship,” said Deans, 67, from Alexandria, Va.

Hundreds of others joined the Deanses on Monday in lines that meandered around the Capitol complex to be among the first wave of public visitors to honor the 41st president, who was remembered during an earlier ceremony for his military career, his leadership and his influence at the highest levels of government.

The tribute to Bush, who died Friday in Houston, drew together congressional leaders, White House officials, other Washington politicians, family and friends for the beginning of a weeklong set of events to honor the former president.

“Throughout his life of service, President Bush personified grace. His character was second to none,” said outgoing House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. “He was the first president I had the chance to vote for. And he was the first president to teach me that in a Democracy, sometimes you fall short. And that how you handle

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**Navy Chief Ronald Ratliff**  
employee at the U.S. Capitol

that is just as important as how you win.”

Vice President Mike Pence was also among the elected officials in attendance at the lying in state ceremony and spoke in tribute to Bush’s legacy, which stretched beyond politics.

“He was a good man ... who was devoted to his wife and family,” Pence said of Bush, whose wife, former first lady Barbara Bush, died in April.

## Military connection

Some speakers focused on Bush’s connection to the military, from leading America into the Gulf War in 1990 to his own service in World War II and his ability to connect with troops in the years that followed.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., talked of Bush’s days as a Navy pilot, when on Sept. 2, 1944, the then-20-year-old lieutenant saw his plane hit on a bombing mission. Through the fire and smoke, Bush remained steady at the controls and continued to pilot the plane. Eventually, he was forced to bail out of the aircraft and drifted in a raft for four hours in waters of the Pacific Ocean until he was rescued.

That steady resolve fueled his future leadership throughout various government posts and as commander in chief, McConnell said.

“George Bush was just a teenager when he volunteered for military service and became the Navy’s youngest aviator,” he said. “With his even temperament and hard-won expertise, George Herbert Walker Bush steered

this country as straight as he steered that airplane. He kept us flying high and challenged us to fly higher still.”

Among Bush family members in attendance for Monday’s ceremony were son and former 43rd President George W. Bush with his wife and former first lady Laura, and son, former Florida Gov. and one-time presidential candidate Jeb Bush.

They led a procession at the closing of the ceremony encircling the casket for the late president. They did not speak during the ceremony.

Later Monday night, President Donald Trump, who has been critical of the Bush family, and first lady Melania Trump paid their respects to Bush at the Capitol separate from the official ceremony.

Trump arrived in the midst of the public visitation hours, halting the line for a few minutes as he and his wife visited the Capitol Rotunda.

Public visitation hours began at 7:30 p.m. and were slated to continue until Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. A funeral service is slated for Bush at Washington National Cathedral on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

## Respect for the office

The Deanses were determined to visit the late president Monday because they hold high respect for the office, but particularly because they’re “very huge believers” in the Bushes, said Wanda Deans, 67. “They’ve always been very special to us,” she said. “They were both absolutely awesome ... and very much supported the military.”

That sentiment was echoed

by several military veterans and active servicemembers who visited the Capitol on Monday.

“It’s an honor to participate in things like this, to show our respect for presidents of the past,” said Navy Chief Ronald Ratliff, 44, who works at the Capitol. “It was [Bush’s] kindness that stands out to me.”

Richard Whelan, 56, a retired Navy sailor from Brooklyn, N.Y., happened to be visiting family in Virginia when he decided Monday to come to the Capitol.

“I served in Desert Storm ... I’m here out of respect,” Whelan said. Bush is remembered for “his modesty ... his service to country and encouraging people to serve.”

Marine Corps Sgt. Tucker Gourneau, 31, from Texas, was drawn to the Capitol on Monday for similar reasons.

“His military service and time as a Navy pilot” stand out, Gourneau said. And “he played a tremendous role in the end of the Cold War.”

Timothy and Tracy Hall drove for more than four hours Monday from Durham, N.C., with their three young sons, Peter, Stephen and Fritz. Retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Timothy Hall, 54, and Tracy, 49, home-school their sons and saw the trip as a historic learning opportunity for their children.

“I served under both Bushes, which is pretty cool,” said Timothy Hall, who served during the Gulf War and then in Afghanistan.

“President Bush was such a wonderful statesman,” Tracy Hall said. “He worked with everybody.”

# Russia given 60 days to comply with nuke treaty

BY JOHN VANDIVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

Russia has 60 days to come into compliance with a key nuclear treaty or else Washington will begin the process of quitting the landmark accord, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Tuesday.

"We either bury our head in the sand or we take common sense action," Pompeo said after talks at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Pompeo issued the ultimatum after discussions with NATO foreign ministers over Moscow's alleged violations of the 31-year-old nuclear treaty.

President Donald Trump's administration has been warning for months that it was prepared to cease compliance with the 1987

Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty between Washington and Moscow. The U.S., going back to the administration of former President Barack Obama, has accused Russia of developing a new missile system that violates the terms of the pact.

NATO members formally agreed Tuesday that Russia's new 9M729 missile was in breach of the decades-old deal between Washington and Moscow that bans missiles with a range between 310 and 3,400 miles, and that it poses a new threat to Europe. NATO's top official has warned that the new missile system could hit European capitals with only minutes notice.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said Tuesday that time was running out to save a treaty that has been a cornerstone of European security policy.

"Russia now has a last chance to come back into compliance with the INF treaty, but we must also start to prepare for a world without the treaty," Stoltenberg said.

Russia, meanwhile, has denied that it is in violation of the missile agreement. Moscow says it will consider military countermeasures should Washington follow through with its plan to quit the treaty.

Before the NATO meeting, Pompeo on Tuesday delivered a wide-ranging speech in Brussels that alleged international treaty violations by Russia, China and Iran. He said allies need to recognize when such agreements no longer work.

Pompeo also planned to urge NATO allies to take a tougher stance against Russia after last week's attack on Ukrainian vessels.

## Va. city settles case against 'Norfolk Four'

*Associated Press*

RICHMOND, Va. — The city of Norfolk has agreed to pay \$4.9 million to four former sailors who were wrongly convicted of a woman's rape and murder based on intimidating police interrogations. A copy of the settlement agreement for the "Norfolk Four" was obtained by The Associated Press.

The state also has agreed to pay \$3.5 million.

The payments close out a decadeslong case that drew widespread attention as the men's innocence claims were backed by dozens of former FBI agents, ex-prosecutors and crime novelist John Grisham.

"These guys can now put all this behind them and try to recoup their lives," said

Tony Troy, a lawyer who represented one of the sailors.

The men — Eric Wilson, Danial Williams, Joseph Dick and Derek Tice — were pardoned by then-Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe last year in the 1997 rape and murder of Michelle Moore-Bosko.

Moore-Bosko's husband found her stabbed and strangled body in their apartment in July of that year after returning from a week at sea.

Williams, who lived in the same building, was quickly identified as a suspect because a neighbor told police he had a crush on the victim. Williams admitted to her rape and murder — the first of a series of confessions that the men, then sailors at the naval base in Norfolk, say were forced by police.

DNA evidence matched only one person: Omar Ballard, the fifth man convicted in the case. Ballard, who pleaded guilty in 2000, acknowledged he was solely responsible and is serving a life sentence.

The Norfolk Four have said they cracked after they were threatened with the death penalty and repeatedly called liars. One of the men recalled a detective shoving him into a corner and showing him a picture of Moore-Bosko's bloody body. The confessions conflicted with one another. Ballard's account was the only one containing information matching the crime scene.

The detective who questioned them, Robert Glenn Ford, was convicted in 2011 of extortion and lying to the FBI in unrelated cases.

## Frustration boils over at hearing on Afghanistan

BY CLAUDIA GRISALES  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Echoing recent remarks from a top U.S. general, several senators expressed frustration Tuesday that the war in Afghanistan, now in its 18th year, remains a stalemate for U.S. forces.

"We've been at it 17 years; 17 years is a long time," a visibly frustrated Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., said during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing. "What are we doing differently when it comes to the Afghan security forces that we haven't done for 17 years while being focused on this?"

The comments were part of a hearing for nominees to lead Central Command

and Special Operations Command, which recently suffered a rash of servicemember deaths. Last week, two Green Berets and an Air Force combat controller died in a blast that struck a convoy of U.S. and Afghan forces in central Afghanistan. On Sunday, an Army infantryman died of his wounds from that same explosion in a hospital in Germany.

Army Lt. Gen. Richard Clarke, nominee for the SOCOM job, said the Taliban has 60,000 fighters, a much higher number than has been estimated by the military in the past. Clarke had initially testified the Taliban was 20,000 strong and corrected himself during Tuesday's hearing.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told an audience last month during a security conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, that Afghanistan's status has not changed much from last year, when it was at a "stalemate." The concerns come more than a year into President Donald Trump's new Afghanistan strategy to boost U.S. forces there.

"The stalemate is disappointing," said Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., who was at the Halifax meeting.

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr., nominee for the CENTCOM job, agreed Tuesday with Dunford that Afghanistan remains at a stalemate, but contends new efforts are now in play.

# Trump complains about cost of arms race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump complained Monday about how much the U.S. spends on weapons in an “uncontrollable” arms race with Russia and China, though he vastly overstated how much is spent on actual weapons, even under a budget his administration has increased.

The president said in a tweet that the U.S. has spent \$716 billion this year, an amount he called “Crazy!” He said he expects to discuss the issue with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

“I am certain that, at some time in the future, President Xi and I, together with President

Putin of Russia, will start talking about a meaningful halt to what has become a major and uncontrollable Arms Race,” he said on Twitter.

His statement appeared to confuse the total Defense Department budget with America’s investment in the nation’s missile defense systems and the strategic nuclear weapons usually associated with the arms race. The Pentagon’s budget for 2019 totals about \$716 billion, but that includes everything from health care and pay for servicemembers to the costs of the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. The arms race is just a fraction of that amount, totaling about \$10 billion this year for a wide range of missile

defense and nuclear weapons programs.

It was unclear what prompted the tweet. Trump was at the Group of 20 summit in Argentina with both leaders on Friday and Saturday but met only with Xi. Putin said he hoped to meet with Trump to discuss U.S. plans to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, which some fear could spark a new nuclear arms race. Trump canceled a planned meeting with Putin in Argentina over Russia’s seizure of Ukrainian naval ships near Crimea.

Trump’s comment on Twitter was also a change of tone when it comes to the U.S. military budget. Until recently, the

president has bragged about his increase in military spending, railing about previous administrations’ neglect of America’s armed forces. He has boasted that his administration is “rebuilding our military.” He has occasionally complained about specific programs such as Air Force One and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, but his criticism was leveled at the defense contractors and focused on demanding savings.

He has been far more supportive of the broader defense increases, and specifically has endorsed increases for missile defense in line with a U.S. defense strategy that targets China and Russia as key adversaries.

## Trump’s aides struggle to detail new deal with China

Bloomberg

President Donald Trump’s advisers are scrambling to explain a trade deal he claimed he’d struck with China to reduce tariffs on U.S. cars exported to the country — an agreement that doesn’t exist on paper and still hasn’t been confirmed in Beijing.

In the day after Trump announced the deal in a two-sentence Twitter post, the White House provided no additional information. Meanwhile, China hasn’t formulated its response because bureaucrats are awaiting the return home of President Xi Jinping, according to three officials who were briefed but declined to be named.

Questioned Monday, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Trump’s top economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, dialed back expectations and added qualifiers.

“I’ll call them ‘commitments’ at this point, which are — commitments are not necessarily a trade deal, but it’s stuff that they’re going to look at and presumably implement,” Kudlow told reporters at an official White House briefing Monday that followed TV interviews and

informal briefings by him and Mnuchin earlier in the day.

The apparent move on auto tariffs was part of a broader trade truce struck by Trump and the Chinese president during a dinner in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Saturday night. As part of that the U.S. said it had agreed to hold off on raising tariffs Jan. 1 while negotiations took place. Kudlow initially said that the Chinese had 90 days from Jan. 1 to come up with “structural changes” regarding intellectual property protections, forced technology transfer and other issues. The White House later corrected him to say that the 90 days actually began on Saturday.

Trump’s tweet followed the dinner at the Group of 20 summit in Argentina. There, all sides agree, the president consented to postpone an increase in tariffs on Chinese imports to 25 percent from 10 percent in exchange for negotiations on broader economic disputes.

“I’m taking President Xi at his word, at his commitment to President Trump. But they have to deliver,” Mnuchin said Monday. He didn’t say precisely what China committed to.

## Lawmaker: Deny gun license if applicant posts hate speech

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Should authorities be able to deny handgun licenses for hateful tweets?

A New York lawmaker is raising the question with a bill that would require police to scrutinize the social media activity and online searches of handgun license applicants and disqualify those who have published violent or hateful posts.

State Sen. Kevin Parker said he hopes his proposal sparks discussion about how to balance public safety and online privacy. The Brooklyn Democrat noted that mass killers often provide warning signs through their social media posts, as in the case of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting suspect, who ranted online that Jews were “children of Satan.”

“It’s a new time. It’s a new technology,” Parker said. “It’s time that we in fact start having that conversation about how we monitor social media in a way that we can create safety for our communities.”

Free speech watchdogs and even some gun control advocates have raised concerns about the bill, which would require handgun applicants

to turn over login information to allow investigators to look at three years’ worth of Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram postings. Google, Yahoo and Bing searches over the previous year also would be checked. Licenses could be denied if investigators find threats of violence or terrorism or the use of racial or ethnic slurs. The process would be the same for five-year recertifications.

The bill will be among many related to guns waiting for lawmakers when they return to New York’s Capitol in January. While Democrats now control both houses, only a fraction of those measures are expected to make it to floor votes.

Still, Parker has already succeeded at one of his goals of creating “fodder for discussion,” including pushback.

Civil rights attorney Norman Siegel said he believes bill language directing police to consider “commonly known profane slurs or biased language” is too broad to pass constitutional muster.

“A person could be prejudiced,” Siegel said. “That doesn’t mean he’s not entitled to his Second Amendment right.”

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Tesla autopilot likely helped police stop car

**CA** REDWOOD CITY — The California Highway Patrol said it used the autopilot of a speeding Tesla to stop the car after its driver fell asleep behind the wheel.

The CHP said that about 3:30 a.m. Friday, officers spotted a Tesla Model S doing about 70 mph on U.S. 101 in Redwood City.

The CHP cruiser pulled behind it and used its lights and siren, but the driver didn't wake up.

Officers then pulled in front and began slowing to a stop, hoping the Tesla's driver-assist feature was on and would do the same. Tesla hasn't confirmed whether the car was on autopilot, but the tactic worked. The Tesla stopped.

Alexander Samek, 45, of Los Altos, was awakened and arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

## Mild temps mean no penguin parade at zoo

**PA** PITTSBURGH — Unseasonably mild temperatures are stopping penguins from parading around the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium as planned.

The zoo's "Penguins on Parade" event usually kicks off each year at the start of December. But temperatures in the area reached into the mid-50s on Saturday and the mid-60s on Sunday, so officials delayed the launch until this Saturday.

The event is usually held each weekend through February.

## Guitar-shaped tower not a hit with all

**FL** HOLLYWOOD — A guitar-shaped hotel tower rising in the south Florida

sky isn't a hit with everyone.

The tower is part of an overhaul of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported that some people are criticizing the 450-foot-tall building that is still under construction.

Some residents are calling the massive tower ugly and worry that it will distract drivers.

The newspaper reported the hotel owners plan to shoot up 12 beams of lights into the sky to make the guitar neck look longer.

## Handcuffed fugitive escapes police car

**NY** NEW YORK — New York police were searching for a suspect who escaped from a cruiser while handcuffed.

Police said Tyrone Johnson, 24, escaped from custody Saturday while being transported to a precinct in Brooklyn's Brownsville neighborhood.

Johnson was taken into custody at 4:30 a.m. Saturday when police stopped him in his car, apparently for not signaling. They discovered an outstanding bench warrant for his arrest on a prior charge.

Police said he was in the back seat of the police car, hands cuffed behind his back, when he somehow bolted.

## Crews rescue anglers stranded on ice floe

**MN** DULUTH — Crews rescued 35 anglers stranded on an ice floe off Park Point in Duluth.

The Duluth Fire Department reported strong winds created a crack in the ice Saturday morning, with open water stranding 36 anglers and their equipment.

One fisherman entered the water and made it back to shore on his own. Rescuers removed the other 35 anglers using a ladder, three inflatable rescue boats and regular boat.

## As in movie, boy puts tongue on frozen pole

**IL** SANDWICH — A northern Illinois boy couldn't resist testing the theory that when you apply your tongue to a frozen metal pole it will stick.

Spencer Cline, 11, found out the hard way that it does.

He told The (Aurora) Beacon-News his inspiration came from the movie "A Christmas Story," in which one friend dares another to put his tongue on a frozen pole.

As his tongue stuck, Cline panicked, struggling to communicate he was no longer joking around. The friend searched for hot water, then called an ambulance. Cline managed to pry away his tongue in the interim.

## Woman's missing dog found, not returned

**DE** DELMAR — A Delaware woman who thought her Pomeranian was dead has found out the dog is alive but adopted by someone else who doesn't want to give it back.

The News Journal of Wilmington reported that Angela Andrade is trying to get 8-year-old Jakey back after thinking the dog died when she left it with her father and went out of town. Andrade said her father misled her to believe that Jakey was dead when the dog had only gone missing.

The dog was found by a neighbor, turned over to an animal welfare officer and taken to a shelter. Jakey was adopted by an unnamed individual before Andrade could get to the shelter to claim him. The new

owner has declined to return the dog.

## Artifacts from 1857 shipwreck to be sold

**OH** COLUMBUS — A submersible that helped retrieve gold from an 1857 shipwreck off the South Carolina coast three decades ago is for sale, along with the ship's large, bronze bell and other artifacts.

The Columbus Dispatch reported the sale of items from the shipwrecked S.S. Central America.

The recovery project is being overseen by a court because it's tied to legal proceedings involving ex-fugitive treasure hunter Tommy Thompson. He found the wreckage on a voyage funded by investors who later sued because they didn't share in the profits.

## Inert mortar round found near building

**NJ** MORRISTOWN — Police arrested a New Jersey man after finding an inert mortar round behind an apartment building in Pennsylvania.

Authorities said they were called to the Washington Garden Apartments in Washington Borough about 10 a.m. Saturday and found a 120 mm military mortar marked "inert," meaning it was not live.

Officers blocked off the area, and the New Jersey State Police Bomb Squad arrived and took possession of the explosive.

An investigation led police to arrest a 29-year-old Morristown man. He is facing multiple charges, including creating a dangerous condition, unlawful possession of a weapon and disorderly conduct.

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# 3 QBs are named Heisman finalists

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa, Oklahoma's Kyler Murray and Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins are the finalists for the Heisman Trophy, ensuring a quarterback will win the award for the 16th time in the last 19 years.

The finalists were announced Monday, hours after the deadline for 928 voters, including former winners, to submit their ballots.

Tagovailoa has been the favorite for most of the season, but Murray and Haskins finished strong. Unlike most seasons, there should be some real drama Saturday night when the Heisman is awarded in New York City.

Tagovailoa and Murray will also face off in the College Football Playoff, when No. 1 Alabama faces No. 4 Oklahoma at the Orange Bowl semifinal on Dec. 29.

The finalists are determined by the margin of votes received, starting with the third- and fourth-place finishers. At least three and as many as five final-

ists are invited to the presentation ceremony.

The last time three quarterbacks were the only finalists was 2008, when Sam Bradford of Oklahoma won over Colt McCoy, of Texas, and Tim Tebow, of Florida.

Tagovailoa's Heisman campaign started the final game of last season, when he came off the bench as a freshman to lead Alabama to a comeback victory in the national championship game against Georgia. His first season as a starter has been as good as advertised, with 3,353 yards passing, 37 touchdown passes and just four interceptions. Tagovailoa would be the third Alabama player to win the Heisman since 2009, but the first quarterback, joining tailbacks Mark Ingram and Derrick Henry.

Murray replaced last year's Heisman winner, Baker Mayfield, for the Sooners and has been just as good. The junior, who has already signed a \$4.7 million deal to play baseball with the Oakland Athletics next year, has passed for 4,053 yards and 40 touchdowns with seven

interceptions. Oklahoma would become the fourth school, joining Yale, Army and Southern California, to have Heisman winners in consecutive seasons, but the first to have quarterbacks win it in back-to-back years.

Haskins, a third-year sophomore, shattered numerous Big Ten passing records this season, throwing for 4,580 yards and 47 touchdowns to lead the country in both categories. Haskins is the first Buckeyes finalist since Troy Smith won the Heisman in 2006.

Ohio State, Southern California and Notre Dame have won the most Heisman's with seven. Oklahoma has six.

The Heisman has been dominated by quarterbacks over the last two decades. The last two winners have been QBs, and since USC's Reggie Bush won the Heisman in 2005, 10 quarterbacks have won it.

Tagovailoa seemed like he would be a runaway Heisman winner heading into the final month of the season, but Murray closed the gap by continually bailing out Oklahoma's

faulty defense. Tagovailoa still seemed poised to head to New York as the favorite until last Saturday when he threw two interceptions and didn't finish the Southeastern Conference championship game against Georgia because of a sprained ankle.

Murray and Haskins, meanwhile, both had huge games on championship Saturday, adding some suspense to the race, but also separating themselves from the rest of the contenders.

Washington State quarterback Gardner Minshew II and West Virginia quarterback Will Grier had been in the Heisman mix for much of the season and put up numbers to rival Tagovailoa, Murray and Haskins, but both fell short of leading their teams to conference championship games.

Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor leads the nation in rushing, with 1,989 yards, but with the Badgers struggling to a 7-5 season, he didn't make the Heisman cut.

## College football briefs

### Ohio State's Meyer says he's retiring after Rose Bowl

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Urban Meyer, the highly successful coach who won three national championships and sparked controversy this season for his handling of domestic violence allegations against a now-fired assistant at Ohio State, announced Tuesday that he will retire after the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

The university announced the decision in a statement but did not say why Meyer was leaving after seven years at the Big Ten school, where he has an 82-9 record. Meyer, 54, has previously cited health concerns. He has an arachnoid cyst in his brain that causes severe headaches, and had shown obvious

effects of being in pain on the sideline this season.

A news conference was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon with Meyer, school officials and co-offensive coordinator Ryan Day, who will take over as the 25th head coach of the storied program where Meyer won a national title in 2014 after two at Florida (2006, 2008). It was Day who led the Buckeyes when Meyer was suspended for three games to start this season over his role in the handling of assistant coach Zach Smith, who was accused by his ex-wife of domestic abuse.

Meyer said he knew about the allegations against Smith — grandson of former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce — but

wasn't sure they were true and kept Smith on staff because no criminal charges were filed. The university cited that lapse in suspending Meyer after an investigation.

#### Source: Louisville hires Satterfield

Louisville has tabbed Appalachian State's Scott Satterfield to be the Cardinals' next football coach.

A person with knowledge of the situation says the school has reached an agreement with Satterfield. The person spoke to The Associated Press on Monday on condition of anonymity because neither the school nor Satterfield had publicly

announced the decision. Louisville scheduled a Tuesday afternoon news conference with a "special announcement" about the program.

The 45-year-old Satterfield emerged as Louisville's next reported choice after Purdue's Jeff Brohm turned down the offer from his alma mater last week to remain with the Boiler-makers. Satterfield has led the Mountaineers to a 51-24 record in six seasons, including 10-2 this year with a Sun Belt Conference championship. Appalachian State will face Middle Tennessee in the New Orleans Bowl on Dec. 15.

Satterfield will replace Bobby Petrino, who was fired on Nov. 11 after a 2-8 start.

# Seattle becomes 32nd NHL franchise

Associated Press

SEA ISLAND, Ga. — The National Hockey League is expanding to Seattle.

The NHL Board of Governors unanimously approved adding Seattle as the league's 32nd franchise on Tuesday, with play set to begin in 2021 to allow enough time for arena renovations.

The as-yet unnamed franchise will be the Emerald City's first major winter sports team since the NBA's SuperSonics left town in 2008.

"Today is an exciting and historic day for our league as we expand to one of North America's most innovative, beautiful and fastest-growing cities," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "And we are thrilled that Seattle, a city with a proud hockey history that includes being the home for the first American team ever to win the Stanley Cup, is finally joining the NHL."

The announcement came a few moments after Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan let the

news slip at a watch party in Seattle, prompting cheers: "I got a call from a mole in the room and it was a unanimous vote. We're getting hockey."

The decision was widely expected after the Seattle Hockey Partners group impressed the board's executive committee in October with a plan that had all the ingredients the NHL was looking for. Strong ownership led by billionaire David Bonderman and producer Jerry Bruckheimer, a downtown arena in a sports-crazed city and a season-ticket drive that drummed up 10,000 orders in 12 minutes all cleared the way for the NHL to add another team less than three years after approving a franchise in Las Vegas.

The owners will pay a \$650 million expansion fee, up from the \$500 million the Vegas Golden Knights paid to join the league. The NHL will also realign its two divisions in the West for the 2021-22 season: Seattle will play in the Pacific, home to its closest geographic

rivals like Vancouver, Calgary and San Jose, and the Arizona Coyotes will move to the Central Division.

The remarkable debut by Vegas in 2017, which included a run to the Stanley Cup Final, gave the league more confidence about moving forward so quickly.

Seattle will benefit from the same expansion draft rules Vegas had. Its front office is expected to be led by Dave Tippett, a former coach who would lead the search for the club's first general manager and staff. Tippett signed on to the project because of a connection to president and CEO Tod Leiweke, a major force in delivering an NHL team to Seattle.

Leiweke got his start in hockey with the Minnesota Wild. He also worked in Vancouver and most recently helped build Tampa Bay into a powerhouse in the Eastern Conference. Leiweke left the Lightning in 2015 to become the COO of the NFL and didn't have any interest in leaving the league office until the project in Seattle began to

gain traction.

Leiweke's job will be to capitalize on a market whose demographics have changed significantly since he left the NFL's Seahawks in 2010 after being largely responsible for the team hiring coach Pete Carroll. Seattle is the largest market in the country without a winter pro sports franchise and has seen an influx of wealth in recent years. Even when he was running the Seahawks, Leiweke believed Seattle was ripe for the NHL and the response to the season-ticket drive only strengthened that belief.

The NHL's launch in Seattle will show how starved fans are for another team. Basketball is embedded in the DNA of the region thanks to 41 years of the SuperSonics and a lengthy history of producing NBA talent. When the rain of the fall and winter drive young athletes inside, they grab a basketball and head for the nearest gym to play pickup games. Basketball courts and coffee shops seem to be on every corner, but ice rinks are scarce.

## NHL roundup

# Kucherov, Point power Lightning to rout of Devils

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Nikita Kucherov and Brayden Point like playing on the same line, and it's a combination that's working out well for the Tampa Bay Lightning, too.

Kucherov had a goal and three assists for his first four-point game, Point added a goal and two assists, and the Lightning beat the struggling New Jersey Devils 5-1 Monday night.

"He's a speedy player who is fun to play with," Kucherov said of Point.

Point returned the compliment.

"He's so easy to play with," he said. "He gets the puck to me in easy places. Kuch just works some good passes and I just shoot."

Steven Stamkos had a goal and an assist, and Tyler Johnson and Yannick Gourde also scored to help the Lightning become the first team in the league to reach 20 wins this season. Ryan McDonagh had two assists and Louis Domingue stopped 26 shots as Tampa Bay got its third straight win and sixth in seven games.

Egor Yakovlev scored his first career goal for the Devils, who have lost six straight and eight of nine. Keith Kinkaid started and gave up four goals on 20 shots before he was pulled after two periods. Cory Schneider had five saves in the third.

"You have to give them credit," Devils coach John Hynes said. "They are a heck of a hockey team. They just outworked us. Sometimes, it

becomes a slippery slope. We didn't play well enough to win the game."

New Jersey, which lost in regulation at home for only the second time this season, seemed to have the better of the early play, outshooting the Lightning 7-1 over the first 10 minutes, but it didn't take long for league's top offensive team get going.

**Predators 2, Sabres 1:** Kevin Fiala scored the tie-breaking goal late in the second period to lead host Nashville past Buffalo.

Ryan Ellis also scored and Pekka Rinne stopped 20 shots to help the Predators win their second straight.

Sam Reinhart had a goal for Buffalo, which has lost three straight after a 10-game winning streak. Carter Hutton had

23 saves.

Rinne denied a slap shot from the Sabres' Jack Eichel with 15.4 seconds remaining to preserve the victory.

**Stars 4, Oilers 1:** Jamie Benn scored his fifth goal in six games, helping host Dallas beat Edmonton.

Jason Dickinson, Brett Ritchie and Esa Lindell also scored in the Stars' third straight win. Mattias Janmark had two assists and Anton Khudobin stopped 28 shots.

Jujhar Khaira spoiled Khudobin's shutout bid with 5:24 left in the third and Mikko Koskinen finished with 21 saves as the Oilers snapped a three-game winning streak.

Edmonton's streak started with a 1-0 overtime win at home over Dallas last Tuesday.

# Wentz lifts Philly; McCoy out

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Carson Wentz was at his best back on the move again.

Wentz tossed two touchdown passes, Darren Sproles ran for a score and the Philadelphia Eagles stayed in the hunt for the NFC East title with a 28-13 victory over the depleted Washington Redskins on Monday night.

The Eagles (6-6) won consecutive games for the first time since Nick Foles led them to a Super Bowl victory over the Patriots.

The Redskins (6-6) lost backup quarterback Colt McCoy to a serious right leg injury in his second game replacing Alex Smith, who broke his right tibia and fibula on Nov. 18. Mark Sanchez took his place.

Redskins coach Jay Gruden said after the game that, from what he understands, McCoy fractured his fibula and will miss the rest of the season.

Adrian Peterson ran 90 yards for a touchdown on Sanchez's

first play under center, giving the Redskins a 10-7 lead. It was the longest run Philadelphia has allowed in franchise history but Washington's lead didn't last long.

Wentz, who hasn't scrambled much since returning in Week 3 from surgery to repair two knee ligaments, didn't run for any yards. But he ran around and made big plays when he improvised and on designed rollouts.

"Anytime he can extend plays with his legs, he's such a great athlete, that's an advantage to the offense," coach Doug Pederson said. "Being able to do that allows us to stay on the field. He's gifted in doing that. It comes natural to him."

Sproles put Philadelphia up 14-10 on a 14-yard TD run in the second quarter. Wentz tossed a 4-yard TD pass to Jordan Matthews and connected with Golden Tate on a two-point conversion to extend the lead to 22-13 early in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles twice failed to

score inside the red zone and still managed their second-highest point total this season.

They had a first down at the Redskins 2 in the second quarter, but Josh Adams was stopped for a loss on fourth down from the 1.

They had a first down at the Redskins 5 in the third quarter, but Wentz threw an interception right to Josh Norman.

Wentz finished 27-for-39 for 306 yards. He came out firing and led the Eagles to a score on their opening drive for only the third time season.

Sproles scored his first TD since Dec. 22, 2016. Sproles only played three games last season before he tore a knee ligament and broke his forearm on the same play. He was sidelined since Week 1 this year because of a hamstring injury.

"I'm really happy for him," center Jason Kelce said. "I don't usually know who is back there but when I saw it was him and he got in the end zone, I had a big sense of joy. He's a phenomenal guy."

## Top 25 roundup Spartans rout No. 18 Hawkeyes

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Nick Ward used his power to gain position and his touch to score, putting together a perfect game from the field.

Ward made all 10 of his shots, scored a career-high 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead No. 10 Michigan State to a 90-68 win over No. 18 Iowa on Monday night.

The 6-foot-9, 245-pound Ward, who was 6-for-11 from the line, was simply too much for the Hawkeyes to handle.

That type of offensive attack against a zone may have helped the Spartans when they lost to Syracuse in the second round of the 2018 NCAA tournament.

The Spartans (7-2, 2-0 Big Ten) trailed more than six minutes in the first half and were behind by as much as six points before a Ward-led surge gave them a 43-33 lead at halftime.

The Hawkeyes (6-2, 0-2) had no hope for a comeback because they missed 19 of 20 shots to open the second half.

**No. 12 Wisconsin 69, Rutgers 64:** The host Badgers used a second-half rally for the third straight game to secure a victory. Ethan Happ scored a game-high 20 points and D'Mitrik Trice added 14 in their Big Ten home opener.

**No. 4 Virginia 83, Morgan State 45:** De'Andre Hunter and Kyle Guy scored 15 points each and the host Cavaliers won their eighth straight game.

Nine different Virginia players scored during a 24-6 first-half burst that turned a 23-14 lead into a 47-20 runaway.

**No. 11 Florida State 83, Troy 67:** P.J. Savoy scored 16 points, knocking down four three-pointers, and the host Seminoles shook off a sluggish performance to put away Troy.

M.J. Walker added 14 points, while Trent Forrest had 13 points and five rebounds for the Seminoles (7-1), who committed 16 turnovers.

## NBA roundup

# Jokic's triple-double paces Denver

Associated Press

TORONTO — Nikola Jokic got his second triple-double of the season to help the injury-riddled Denver Nuggets overcome another key absence.

Jokic capped a big night with three free throws in the final seven seconds, Kyle Lowry missed a three-pointer at the buzzer and the Nuggets survived the loss of leading scorer Gary Harris to beat the Toronto Raptors 106-103 on Monday night.

"To beat the number one team in the East means a lot to us," Jokic said.

Jokic made it 104-103 with a free throw with 7.0 seconds left, then hit two more foul shots with 5.6 seconds remaining before Lowry bounced a 26-footer

off the rim.

Jokic had 23 points, 15 assists and 11 rebounds, Jamal Murray scored 21 points, and Malik Beasley and Juan Hernangomez each scored 15 points for Denver. The Nuggets won their sixth straight and halted Toronto's winning streak at eight.

**Warriors 128, Hawks 111:** Stephen Curry scored 30 points, Kevin Durant had 28 and Klay Thompson chipped in with 27 as Golden State cruised past Atlanta, snapping a six-game losing streak on the road.

**Clippers 129, Pelicans 126:** Tobias Harris made two clutch free throws with 4.7 seconds left to close out a 27-point performance, and Los Angeles held off host New Orleans.

**Thunder 110, Pistons 83:**

Steven Adams scored 21 points, Russell Westbrook added 18 and Oklahoma City ended host Detroit's five-game winning streak.

**Timberwolves 103, Rockets 91:** Karl-Anthony Towns helped erase a 14-point halftime deficit to lift host Minnesota over Houston.

**Cavaliers 99, Nets 97:** Jordan Clarkson had 20 points and 11 rebounds, newcomer Alec Burks threw down a two-handed dunk with 3.2 seconds left in regulation and Cleveland avoided a fourth-quarter collapse.

**Wizards 110, Knicks 107:** Bradley Beal scored 27 points, Kelly Oubre Jr. had 21 off the bench and Washington beat host New York.