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No jail time recommended for Flynn

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's former national security adviser provided so much information to the special counsel's Russia investigation that prosecutors say he shouldn't do any prison time, according to a court filing that describes Michael Flynn's cooperation as "substantial."

The filing by special counsel Robert Mueller provides the first details of Flynn's assistance in the Russia investigation, including that he participated in 19 interviews with prosecutors and cooperated extensively in a separate and undisclosed criminal probe. But the filing's lengthy redactions also underscore how much Mueller has yet to reveal.

It was filed Tuesday, two weeks ahead of Flynn's sentencing and just over a year after he became one of five Trump associates to plead guilty in the Russia probe, in

his case admitting to lying to the FBI about conversations with the Russian ambassador to the U.S.

Though prosecutors withheld specific details of Flynn's cooperation because of ongoing investigations, their filing nonetheless illustrates the breadth of information Mueller has obtained from people close to Trump as the president increasingly vents his anger at the probe — and those who cooperate with it.

This week, Trump accused his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, of making up "stories" to get a reduced prison sentence after pleading guilty to lying to Congress and praised longtime confidante Roger Stone for saying he wouldn't testify against Trump.

It's unclear if Trump will now turn his fury on Flynn, with whom Trump bonded during the 2016 campaign.

Trump has repeatedly lamented how Flynn's life has been destroyed by the special counsel's probe. At one point, he tried

to protect Flynn by asking former FBI Director James Comey to drop an investigation into his alleged false statements, according to a memo Comey wrote after the February 2017 encounter.

That episode, which Trump has denied, is among those under scrutiny by Mueller as he probes whether the president attempted to obstruct the Russia investigation.

Federal sentencing guidelines recommend between zero and six months in prison, and Mueller's office said Flynn's cooperation merits no prison time.

Prosecutors said Flynn's early cooperation was "particularly valuable" because he was "one of the few people with long-term and firsthand insight" into the events under investigation. They noted his cooperation likely inspired other crucial witnesses to cooperate.

Mueller's team credited Flynn with serving 33 years in the U.S. Army, including five years in combat.

It's 'twilight' for survivors of Pearl Harbor

Honolulu Star-Advertiser

It's extra noteworthy that Everett Hyland, a Dec. 7, 1941, attack survivor who was on the USS Pennsylvania, will return the salute of a passing Navy warship at Friday's anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Hyland, 95, will do so on behalf of all Pearl Harbor survivors and World War II veterans as the ship sails by the sunken USS Arizona. That salute will be extra poignant because there are fewer and fewer survivors to render it themselves.

For the first time in many years, not a single USS Arizona survivor will be present for the 7:50 a.m. 77th commemoration on the back lawn of the Arizona Memorial visitor center. A total of 1,177 men were killed, and more than 900 remain entombed in the battleship.

Just five crew are still alive:

Lauren Bruner, 98; Lonnie Cook, 98; Ken Potts, 97; Lou Conter, 97; and Don Stratton, 96. Old age and failing health prevented even a single Arizona survivor from making the lengthy trip to Oahu this year.

Daniel Martinez, chief historian for the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, which includes the Arizona Memorial, called it a "twilight" for the Pearl Harbor generation.

"We're lucky to have five Arizona survivors left," Martinez said. "At their age of 95-plus, it's remarkable that they've had that longevity, and it keeps us still secured to the idea that someone could tell us what happened — because they witnessed it."

In the two-hour attack about 2,455 men, women and children were killed. The total included 2,390 American servicemembers and Oahu civilians, 56

Japanese aviators and up to nine Japanese submariners.

Conter, who helped with the wounded on the stricken Arizona and later flew PBY Catalinas, getting shot down twice, made it out to Pearl Harbor at least the past 15 years to remember his fallen shipmates.

"It's hard to walk up those steps and look at those names there and know what happened," the Grass Valley, Calif., resident said of the names of the fallen inscribed in the shrine room of the Arizona Memorial.

But he and lots of family each year made the trip, nevertheless. Conter said he wanted to come out this year, too, and made reservations. But the effects of a hospitalization sidelined him.

"My doctor said, 'Lou, damn it, you're old. It takes twice as long to get well — so remember that,'" Conter said in a phone

interview.

Stratton, another Arizona crewmember who was there for the Pearl Harbor anniversary last year, was one of six men saved by climbing hand over hand on a rope tied to the repair ship USS Vestal as flames consumed the Arizona. The Colorado Springs, Colo., resident won't be making the trip for the first time in 11 years because his wife, Velma, 92, doesn't feel able to make the long journey, said son Randy.

Still, about 40 World War II veterans — nearly half of whom are Pearl Harbor survivors — are expected, the Navy said.

Extensive repairs needed to the dock servicing the memorial put a halt to walk-on visits starting in May, and survivors will not be able to step foot on the memorial this Dec. 7. The dock is not expected to be back in service until at least March.

USS Ronald Reagan returns to homeport

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The nation's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier returned to its Yokosuka homeport Wednesday after spending nearly four months patrolling the Western Pacific.

Families and friends of the USS Ronald Reagan sailors waited with patriotic signs as their loved ones pulled into port. They were joined by Santa Claus, who welcomed the crew home just in time for the holidays.

The carrier and its crew of more than 4,000 servicemembers set sail Aug. 14, kicking off its second cruise of the year by training with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force in the Philippine Sea. The Ronald Reagan had completed a two-month patrol of the South, East and Philippine seas in July.

Working with the Navy's Japanese coun-

terparts was a key element of the Reagan's underway period, 7th Fleet spokesman Lt. Joe Keiley said in an email to Stars and Stripes on Wednesday.

"While underway, Ronald Reagan participated in several cooperative deployments with the (JMSDF) and conducted multiple exercises including Valiant Shield 2018 and Keen Sword 2019," he said.

Keen Sword brought the United States and Japan together last month for training on land, sea and air across the region. The Ronald Reagan participated in anti-submarine drills with F-18 Super Hornets during the exercise.

Valiant Shield took the crew to the Northern Marianas in September for a weeklong, U.S.-only exercise with 15,000 sailors, airmen, soldiers and Marines. The group practiced maritime security operations, anti-submarine and air defense drills and sunk a decommissioned ship with live fire in a sinking exercise.

In early November, the Ronald Reagan

took part in dual-carrier drills with the USS John C. Stennis off the coast of the Philippines near the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.

The Ronald Reagan also made numerous port visits during the patrol.

"Personnel from the Ronald Reagan Strike Group also visited several ports including Apra Harbor, Guam; Jeju, Republic of Korea; and Hong Kong, People's Republic of China," Keiley said.

The port visit to Hong Kong was especially significant because it marked the first time U.S. vessels visited China since the country denied the USS Wasp a similar visit in September.

The Sasebo-based amphibious assault ship's denial had come after 10 percent tariffs were levied on \$200 billion of annual Chinese imports and the U.S. had issued sanctions on China after discovering the country had bought fighter jets from Russia and a surface-to-air missile system.

Earthquake damaged Alaska base hospital

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Medical facilities at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska sustained millions of dollars in damages last week from a massive earthquake, with one facility destroyed and another suffering equipment losses, the base medical group commander said Tuesday.

"We have probably about \$7 million worth of damage that we're going to have to work on in the next several months," Col. Mark Lamey, acting 673rd Medical Group commander, said during a town hall meeting about installation services after the magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit Friday.

The installation is still "providing all the health care capability sets that we've always had, minus a couple things," he said.

Some services cannot be performed due to some medical equipment needing to be replaced or recalibrated, such as machines used for laser eye surgeries.

The flight medicine building, which focuses on pilots and air crew medical readiness, was "completely devastated," Lamey said.

"The interior is destroyed and so we've had to relocate those functions" to the family health clinic, he said. Occupational medicine and deployment health operations have also been relocated.

It's rough going in aircraft carrier deal due to faulty bomb elevators

Bloomberg

The new head of the Senate Armed Services panel says he's leery of backing the Pentagon's plan to buy two aircraft carriers in one contract so long as contractor Huntington Ingalls Industries is struggling to fix the elevators needed to lift bombs from below deck.

"I think the case for two right now is weaker because of the lack of success in getting everything working" on the USS Gerald R. Ford, the first vessel in the new class of carriers, Sen. James Inhofe said in an interview. The Oklahoma Republican spoke after joining Navy officials in a visit Monday to the Huntington Ingalls shipyard in Newport News, Va.

Inhofe recalled that his last such visit was in 2015, when the Navy said that the \$13 billion Ford was on the cusp of delivery. It was delivered in May 2017, but the contractor hasn't completed installing, testing and certifying its 11 munitions elevators.

Navy Secretary Richard Spencer told reporters in August that the elevators are "our open Achilles Heel."

The Navy plans to complete installation and testing of the 11 elevators before the Ford completes its post-delivery shake-down phase in July, Capt. Danny Hernandez, a Navy spokesman, said in an email.

Six will also be certified for use by then, but five won't be completed until after July, he said. "A dedicated team is engaged on these efforts and will accelerate this certification work and schedule where feasible," he said.

Huntington spokeswoman Beci Brenton said via email that company officials had a "very productive meeting" with Inhofe that included both the elevators and benefits of a two-carrier contract.

The elevators' completion "has been delayed due to a number of first-in-class issues associated with the first-time installation, integration and test of this new technology," she said. "However, we are making substantial progress in resolving the remaining technical challenges."

Even as the Ford's tardy elevator installations are underway, the Navy is working with Huntington Ingalls to determine an estimate of potential savings from putting the third and fourth aircraft carriers in the class on a single contract. The second carrier, the USS John F. Kennedy, is already under construction. The Navy has said savings on a two-for-one carrier contract could exceed \$2.5 billion. A two-carrier contract would be a financial boon to Huntington Ingalls, the nation's sole maker of nuclear aircraft carriers.

Farewell to 'last great soldier-statesman'

Dignitaries and citizens pay final tribute to former President George H.W. Bush

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George H.W. Bush was celebrated with high praise and loving humor Wednesday as the nation bade farewell to the man who was America's 41st president and the last to fight for the U.S. in wartime. Three former presidents looked on at Washington National Cathedral and a fourth — George W. Bush — prepared to eulogize his dad.

The congregation, filled with foreign leaders and diplomats, Americans of high office and others touched by Bush's life, rose for the arrival of the casket, accompanied by clergy of faiths from around the world. In their row together, President Donald Trump and former Presidents Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton stood with their spouses and all placed their hands over their hearts.

Bush was "the last great soldier-statesman," presidential historian Jon Meacham said in his eulogy, "our shield" in dangerous times. On a light note, he added that Bush, campaigning in a crowd in a department store, once shook hands with a mannequin. Rather than flushing in embarrassment, he simply cracked, "Never know. Gotta ask."

Meacham also praised Bush's call to volunteerism — his "1,000 points of light" — placing it alongside Abraham Lincoln's call to honor "the better angels of our nature" in the American rhetorical canon. Meacham called those lines "companion verses in America's national hymn."

Trump had mocked "1,000 points of light" last summer at a rally, saying "What the hell is that? Has anyone ever figured that one out? And it was put out by a Republican, wasn't it?"

The national funeral capped three days of remembrance in Washington before Bush's remains return to Texas on Wednesday for burial Thursday.

A military band played "Hail to the Chief" as Bush's casket

was carried down the steps of the U.S. Capitol, where he had lain in state. Family members looked on as servicemen fired off a cannon salute.

His hearse was then driven in a motorcade to the cathedral ceremony, slowing in front of the White House. Bush's route was lined with people much of the way, bundled in winter hats and taking photos.

Waiting for his arrival inside, Trump shook hands with Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama, who greeted him by saying "Good morning." Trump did not shake hands with Bill and Hillary Clinton, who looked straight ahead.

Bill Clinton and Michelle Obama smiled and chatted as music played. Carter was seated silently next to Hillary Clinton. Obama cracked up laughing at someone's quip. Vice President Mike Pence shook Carter's hand.

Trump tweeted Wednesday that the day marked "a celebration for a great man who has led a long and distinguished life." Trump and his wife took their seats after the others, briefly greeting the Obamas seated next to them.

Also expected in the invitation-only crowd: Mike Lovejoy, a Kennebunkport electrician and fix-it man who has worked at Bush's Maine summer estate since 1990 and says he was shocked and heartened to be asked to come.

On Tuesday, soldiers, citizens in wheelchairs and long lines of others on foot wound through the Capitol Rotunda to view Bush's casket and honor a president whose legacy included World War II military service and a landmark law affirming the rights of the disabled.

Former Sen. Bob Dole, a compatriot in war, peace and political struggle, steadied himself out of his wheelchair and saluted his old friend and one-time rival.

Bush and Dole, now 95, had many points of intersection over the years. They were fellow World War II veterans, Re-

publican Party leaders, fierce rivals for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination won by Bush ("Stop lying about my record," Dole snapped at Bush) and skilled negotiators. Dole, an Army veteran hit by German machine-gun-fire in Italy, has gone through life with a disabled right arm. Bush, a Navy pilot, survived a bail-out from his stricken aircraft over the Pacific and an earlier crash landing.

On Tuesday, Dole was helped out of his wheelchair by an aide and saluted Bush with his left hand, his chin quivering.

After the national funeral service at the cathedral, Bush's remains will be returned to Houston to lie in repose at St. Martin's Episcopal Church before burial Thursday at his family plot on the presidential library grounds at Texas A&M University in College Station. His final resting place will be alongside Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years who died in April, and Robin Bush, the daughter they lost to leukemia in 1953 at age 3.

Trump ordered the federal government closed Wednesday for a national day of mourning. Flags on public buildings are flying at half-staff for 30 days.

As at notable moments in his life, Bush brought together Republicans and Democrats in his death, and not only the VIPs. Members of the public who never voted for the man waited in the same long lines as the rest, attesting that Bush possessed the dignity and grace that deserved to be remembered by their presence on a cold day in the capital.

"I'm just here to pay my respects," said Jane Hernandez, a retired physician in the heavily Democratic city and suburbs. "I wasn't the biggest fan of his presidency, but all in all he was a good, sincere guy doing a really hard job as best he could."

Bush's service dog, Sully, was taken to the viewing too — his main service these last months since Barbara Bush's death in April being to rest his head on

her husband's lap. Service dogs are trained to do that.

The CIA also honored Bush, the only spy chief to become president, as three agency directors past and present joined the public in the viewing.

In the midst of the period of mourning, first lady Melania Trump gave Laura Bush, one of her predecessors, a tour of holiday decorations at the White House, a "sweet visit during this somber week," as Laura Bush's Instagram account put it. And the Trumps visited Bush family members at the Blair House presidential guesthouse, where they are staying. George W. Bush and his wife greeted the Trumps outside before everyone went in for the private, 20-minute visit.

Although Trump attended Bush's service, he was not among the eulogists. They were, in addition to Bush's eldest son, Alan Simpson, the former senator and acerbic wit from Wyoming; Brian Mulroney, the former Canadian prime minister who also gave a eulogy for Ronald Reagan; and Meacham.

People lined up before dawn to pay respects to the 41st president, a son and father of privilege now celebrated by everyday citizens for his common courtesies and depth of experience.

"He was so qualified, and I think he was just a decent man," said Sharon Terry, touring Washington with friends from an Indianapolis garden club. Said her friend Sue Miller, also in line for the viewing: "I actually think I underestimated him when he was in office. My opinion of him went up seeing how he conducted himself as a statesman afterward."

Dignitaries had come forward on Monday, too, to honor the Texan whose service to his country extended three quarters of a century, from World War II through his final years as an advocate for volunteerism and relief for people displaced by natural disaster. Bush, 94, died Friday.

Senators point to Saudi prince after briefing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Breaking with President Donald Trump, senators leaving a briefing with CIA Director Gina Haspel on Tuesday said they are even more convinced that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was involved in the death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker, R-Tenn., said he believes if the crown prince were put on trial, a jury would find him guilty in “about 30 minutes.”

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who demanded the briefing with Haspel, said there is “zero chance” the crown prince

wasn’t involved in Khashoggi’s death.

“There’s not a smoking gun. There’s a smoking saw,” Graham said, referring to reports from the Turkish government that said Saudi agents used a bone saw to dismember Khashoggi after he was killed in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Graham said “you have to be willfully blind” not to conclude that this was orchestrated and organized by people under the crown prince’s command.

Trump has equivocated over who is to blame for the killing, frustrating senators who are now looking for ways to punish the longtime Middle East ally. The Senate overwhelmingly voted last week to move

forward on a resolution curtailing U.S. backing for the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

It’s unclear whether or how that resolution will move forward. The vote last week allowed the Senate to debate the measure, which could happen as soon as next week, but senators are still in negotiations on whether to amend it and what it should say.

Haspel met with a small group of senators, including leadership and the chairmen and top Democrats on the key national security committees, after senators in both parties complained that she didn’t attend an all-Senate briefing with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis last week.

Four charged 4 in Panama Papers tax scheme

The Washington Post

The Justice Department charged four people Tuesday with scheming for decades to hide tens of millions of dollars from the Internal Revenue Service — the first U.S. indictment over an alleged tax-evasion scheme revealed in 2016 through the Panama Papers.

The four people charged include a former investment manager, a former U.S. resident, an American accountant and a Panamanian lawyer who once worked for the firm at the center of the case, Mossack Fonseca.

The Panama Papers is the name given to a trove of more than 11 million documents from the Mossack Fonseca firm that a con-

sortium of journalists made public in April 2016, leading to criminal investigations throughout Europe into possible tax evasion and money laundering.

The 11-count indictment unsealed in New York marks the first time the U.S. government has charged anyone with tax crimes related to the firm — and authorities suggested others could soon be charged.

“More investigations are on the way,” said IRS criminal investigations chief Don Fort.

The head of the Justice Department’s criminal division, Brian Benczkowski, issued a warning to law firms, asset managers and accountants that they can be arrested if they help their clients evade taxes.

“The charges announced today demonstrate our commitment to prosecute professionals who facilitate financial crimes across international borders and the tax cheats who use their services,” he said.

The charges include wire fraud, money laundering conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the United States and false statements.

The indictment suggests investigators were looking at Mossack Fonseca’s activities years before the Panama Papers were released, noting that one unnamed client grew uneasy about the arrangement and went to authorities in 2013 under a voluntary program to report previously undeclared assets being held in overseas accounts.

China offers few details on trade agreement with US

Associated Press

BEIJING — China issued an upbeat but vague promise Wednesday to carry out a tariff cease-fire with Washington but gave no details that might dispel confusion about what Presidents Xi Jinping and Donald Trump agreed to in Argentina.

China has yet to confirm Trump’s claim that Beijing committed to cut auto tariffs and buy more American farm exports.

That, coupled with conflicting statements by Trump and U.S. officials, helped trigger a tumble in U.S. stock prices Tuesday amid doubt about the chances for a lasting settlement of a battle over technology that threatens to chill global economic growth.

“China will start from implementing specific issues on which consensus has been

reached, and the sooner, the better,” the Commerce Ministry said on its website.

The two sides have a “clear timetable and road map” for talks, the ministry said, but gave no details. The ministry didn’t respond to questions by phone and fax.

The Chinese silence prompted questions about what Trump said was a promise by Beijing to buy more American exports and negotiate over U.S. complaints that it steals American technology.

Stock markets rose Monday after U.S. officials touted the agreement as a historic breakthrough. But they plunged Tuesday after Trump called himself “Tariff Man” on Twitter and renewed threats of penalty duties.

Be patient, said Ma Hong, a trade expert at Tsinghua University in Beijing. He said Chinese leaders are right to move carefully

as they deal with contentious details. The delay in talking “isn’t a sign of rejection, but of cautiousness,” said Ma.

“The United States has put forward many demands, not all of them reasonable,” he said. Negotiations will proceed “step by step, not based on the rhythm of the United States.”

Trump is pressing Beijing to roll back plans for state-led development of Chinese technology champions that Washington says violate its market-opening commitments.

Chinese leaders have offered to change some details of plans such as “Made in China 2025.” They have rejected pressure to scrap strategies they see as a path to prosperity and global influence, but foreign analysts say they might be starting to understand the depth of foreign opposition.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Park finds wallet lost nearly 4 years ago

PA HERSHEY — A Pennsylvania man has his wallet back nearly four years after it apparently fell out of his pocket while riding a roller coaster.

It was a running family joke to tell the kids to look for Dad's wallet every time they visited Hersheypark.

Jon Anson told WHTM-TV he got a call from the park that maintenance crews had found his wallet. Inside were his Hersheypark passes, a \$25 gift card to a book store, a gift card to a golf center and a Starbucks card with a balance of 87 cents.

Man protests with finger sculpture

VT WESTFORD — A man said he built a massive sculpture of a middle finger off a Vermont highway to show the local government how he feels.

Ted Pelkey told WCAX-TV he spent \$4,000 on the sculpture near Route 128 in Westford.

He said he's been in a long-running dispute with town officials over whether he can develop his property and move his truck repair and recycling business there.

Records from last year show officials had concerns over how the development would be used.

Mourners, FedEx workers in brawl

NY NEW YORK — Police said a brawl broke out between FedEx workers and a group of mourners at a funeral in New York City.

Authorities said the fight began after a FedEx delivery truck struck a 46-year-old funeral attendee outside a mosque in Brooklyn on Monday afternoon.

Three people were hospitalized with minor injuries, including the pedestrian who was struck and a man who was slashed in the hand with a box-cutter.

Three others were taken into custody, including two 25-year-old FedEx workers. The FedEx truck's windows were smashed in the melee.

Dog digs up tooth that's 13,000 years old

WA LANGLEY — An 8-month-old puppy digging a hole in a backyard in Washington state has made a 13,000-year-old discovery.

Kirk Lacewell said he thought it was unusual that his yellow Labrador retriever Scout carried around what appeared to be a piece of wood or rock for a couple of days. So the Whidbey Island man sent photographs of it to experts at the University of Washington's Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture in Seattle.

KOMO reported that paleontologists concluded it was the tooth of a woolly mammoth that roamed thousands of years ago.

Police take disguised stun gun from girl, 11

CT HARTFORD — Police in Connecticut said they confiscated a stun gun modified to look like a phone from an 11-year-old girl at a Hartford school.

Hartford police said the student was suspended and referred to juvenile court on charges she brought the functional device to McDonough Middle School on Thursday.

The Hartford Courant reported the stun gun is designed to look like a smartphone and is activated by a button on the side of the device.

Rubber ducks show support for artist

MI ST. JOHNS — Small blue rubber ducks were being used to show support for a mid-Michigan man after a judge ruled he must remove thousands of found objects featured in an outdoor art installation because they violate an anti-junk ordinance.

The Lansing State Journal reported the ducks are popping up on mailboxes, car dashboards and in window sills in support of artist Robert Park.

Clinton County District Court Judge Michael Clarizio ruled Oct. 31 that Park must remove items along a pathway on his Bath Township property except for a blue plastic duck.

Park spent two years creating "The Blue Loop," which displays blue items. The plastic duck was the only object that didn't fit the definition of junk.

Church ends tradition of lutefisk dinner

MN FOREST LAKE — A Minnesota church has ended its 70-year tradition of serving a dinner of lutefisk, a Nordic dish of dried cod soaked in lye, and the pastor has penned a eulogy for the dinner's end.

Faith Lutheran Church in Forest Lake would serve a Scandinavian dinner featuring the pungent, jellylike fish the first Tuesday in December.

The Rev. John Klawiter wrote an obituary for the annual dinner in the community newspaper last month.

Klawiter wanted the obit to read as a tribute to the seven decades the church in east-central Minnesota has served hundreds of pounds of lutefisk at the annual dinner, dubbed "Holy Tuesday," the Minneap-

olis Star Tribune reported.

While no immediate replacement was announced, the pastor said the focus now will be on creating a new tradition.

Battleship life ring displayed at museum

MA NATICK — A World War II museum in Massachusetts is displaying artifacts commemorating the Pearl Harbor attack ahead of the Dec. 7 anniversary.

The International Museum of World War II said it recently acquired a life ring from the USS Arizona.

The battleship was among those destroyed in the surprise attack by Japan on the U.S. naval base in Hawaii that prompted the U.S. to enter the war in 1941.

The ship's sunken remains are now a national memorial.

The museum, located in the Boston suburb of Natick, also displays many other artifacts related to the attack.

Man rubbed hot sauce into children's eyes

MT GREAT FALLS — A Montana man was convicted of assaults on minors for beating his girlfriend's sons with a belt and rubbing hot sauce in their eyes.

The children testified against Robert Mathew Holguin Jr., of Great Falls, on Tuesday.

Jurors found him guilty Wednesday.

Defense attorney Victor Bunitsky argued the boys' mother, Mandy Marie McElwain, gave Holguin permission to discipline the children and witnessed it.

Child welfare workers placed the boys — then 5 and 8 — in foster care in 2016.

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Nevada off to another perfect start

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nevada's bus pulled into Loyola of Chicago's arena and the Wolf Pack made their way to the locker room. Even behind closed doors, one of college basketball's most derisive chants rang in their ears: "Over-rated!"

Of course the Ramblers' fans laid it on thick last week. Nevada nearly derailed the team's storybook run in the NCAA Tournament last season.

"We're getting used to this," coach Eric Musselman said.

No. 6 Nevada has matched its 8-0 start from last season, winning its games by an average of 20 points.

"We've had this number next to our name — preseason, before we even played a game — and we hadn't proven anything, so we're just trying to continue to validate who we are as a basketball team," Musselman said.

Last season, Nevada went 29-8, won the Mountain West regular-season title and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. They beat Texas and Cincinnati to reach the Sweet 16 before losing to Loyola of Chicago 69-68.

Last week, the Wolf Pack avenged that heartbreaking defeat with a 79-65 victory.

They play 20th-ranked Arizona State on Friday at Staples

Center as part of the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic triple-header. It'll be Nevada's second trip to Los Angeles in a week, having beaten Southern California 73-61 last Saturday.

Back home in Reno, the Wolf Pack are a popular draw, averaging 10,330 fans in their first four home games of the season.

The 23-year-old Martin twins are a big reason for that.

Caleb and Cody Martin seriously considered leaving early for the NBA Draft in June but took until the final hours before the deadline to decide that they would return.

The biggest factor in Caleb's decision was his injured left foot. He sprained it in a game against Colorado last February and played through the injury to lead Nevada to the Sweet 16. After the season, his foot remained in a boot and affected his workouts during the pre-draft process. Returning to school meant he could give his foot time to heal instead of playing at a disadvantage while trying to make an NBA roster.

He spent last summer alternately resting his foot, staying in shape and expanding his game.

"I definitely wanted to become more of a facilitator," Martin said. "Obviously, my job here for the most part is to score, but really just make

reads quicker and do things to get my teammates more involved since we do have so much more talent this year."

Cody Martin, whose draft stock was lower than his brother's, also decided to come back.

Their return ensured the Wolf Pack would field one of the nation's most experienced lineups. They start five redshirt seniors: the twins along with Jordan Caroline, Tre'Shawn Thurman and Trey Porter. The roster includes eight transfers.

"It's a weird mix but it's a good mix at the same time," Caroline said. "We're experienced but we haven't been together for the longest time. Our whole team is really close."

Caleb Martin averages a team-high 19.9 points and 4.8 rebounds. Caroline is the second-leading scorer at 18.5 points and 10 rebounds, and the Wolf Pack is 31-2 when he posts a double-double. Cody contributes 8.7 points and four rebounds a game.

"Caleb is so versatile," Musselman said. "Defensively, he continues to get better and he takes bigger assignments this year than he did in the past. As an off-guard, he's a phenomenal rebounder as well."

Two years ago, the twins transferred from North Carolina State, where they reached

the Sweet 16 and played two hours from their hometown in Mocksville, N.C. They started over at Nevada in the lower profile Mountain West.

"Totally the right move. I don't regret it one bit," Caleb said. "I don't regret going there either because I had the experience in a big-time conference (ACC). I still have relationships at the school."

Standing 6-foot-7 and weighing 200 pounds, the twins sound alike and sport the same styles with their hair and beards. Caleb is quick to lower his head to reveal a distinguishing feature: a zigzag pattern in his cut.

Musselman can tell the difference between them.

"Cody doesn't smile as much as Caleb and Cody is more serious," the coach said. "Their mom, when she's away from them a little bit, she struggles."

Caleb corrected his coach: "My mom definitely knows unless she gets mad and she blurts somebody's name out."

Caleb would love to hear his name called next June on NBA Draft night, preferably for the Charlotte Hornets. Although they don't talk about it much, Cody wants to be there, too.

"That would be awesome if we were able to play every single level our entire life together," Caleb said.

Top 25 roundup

Michigan survives scare from Northwestern

Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. — Jordan Poole and Michigan finally faced some adversity Tuesday night.

Pushed right to the very end, they delivered.

Poole made two big plays in the last 2½ minutes and Ignas Brazdeikis scored 13 of his 23 points in the second half to help the fifth-ranked Wolverines hold off Northwestern for a 62-60 victory.

"I feel like a game like this brings us even more together,

more chemistry, more everything," Brazdeikis said. "So this was really important for us."

Michigan opened with eight straight wins by at least 17 points, including blowouts against Villanova, North Carolina and Purdue. They appeared headed for another runaway before the Wildcats challenged in the second half.

"I knew we were going to have to go through games like this if we were going to be good," coach John Beilein said. "We survived it — I don't know how — but we made just enough

good plays down the stretch."

Poole finished with 15 points as Michigan (9-0, 2-0 Big Ten) added to its best start since it opened the 2012-13 season with 16 straight victories.

Michigan had a shot-clock violation with 14 seconds to go, giving Northwestern one last chance. Ryan Taylor was long on a desperation three-pointer as time expired.

No. 25 Furman 98, Elon 77: Alex Hunter scored all of his 18 points in the second half, and visiting Furman won its first game since the program's

debut in the AP Top 25.

No. 2 Kansas 72, Wofford 47: Dedric Lawson had 20 points and eight rebounds, and host Kansas beat Wofford after center Udoka Azubuike left with a right high-ankle sprain.

No. 8 Auburn 67, UNC Asheville 41: Austin Wiley scored 14 points, Samir Doughty added 13 and host Auburn won despite a season low in points.

No. 22 Mississippi State 90, McNeese State 77: Lamar Peters scored 27 points and Mississippi State pulled away in the second half.

Tagovailoa doesn't need defining moment

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Tua Tagovailoa hasn't produced a so-called Heisman moment this season.

He didn't have one in the Southeastern Conference championship game. Hurt and not quite himself, the Alabama quarterback was sidelined for the climactic final minutes of the top-ranked Crimson Tide's comeback, 35-28 win Saturday over No. 6 Georgia in Atlanta.

So Tagovailoa, hampered by a high ankle sprain, didn't produce a defining play or performance in the biggest game of a season that Alabama has mostly dominated.

To Tagovailoa's teammates, that shouldn't matter.

Though obviously somewhat biased, they may be right.

He was among the Heisman finalists announced Monday evening, along with Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray and Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins.

"Tua's the best football play-

er in the country," Alabama tailback Damien Harris said after the SEC title game. "I don't think he needs a Heisman moment. That's some made-up thing, criteria, that people have invented to try to get people an award if they necessarily deserve it or not.

"Tua's the most deserving of the Heisman and I hope everybody sees it that way because what he's done for our team, for our university, for our community, for our fans, for everybody, is just irreplaceable. I hope that everybody realizes that."

Truth is, Tagovailoa started 2018 with a Heisman moment — just in a different season.

The second-half comeback and winning, 41-yard touchdown pass to DeVonta Smith in overtime just happened to come at the end of last season in the national title game.

It gave the sophomore from Hawaii national name recognition and made him the betting favorite for the Heisman even before he started a game. He has lived up to the hype.

Tagovailoa delivered possibly the most dominating season of any quarterback at Alabama, which has never had a Heisman winner at the position. He was named AP's SEC offensive player of the year on Monday and was a unanimous pick as the first-team quarterback.

Tagovailoa has led the Tide back to the playoffs and a matchup with Murray and Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl on Dec. 29.

It was a season of terrific performances when Alabama was so dominant that Tagovailoa threw only three fourth-quarter passes during the first 12 games. There were plenty of dynamic plays from the left-hander, starting on the season's opening drive when he threw for a touchdown after spinning away from one Louisville defender and launching an off-balance, midair touchdown pass just before taking a hit.

Tagovailoa passed for 3,353 yards and a school-record 37 TDs against just four intercep-

tions. But two of those picks came near Georgia's goal line in the SEC title game.

He came into the game as the nation's most efficient passer and widely regarded as the Heisman front-runner but rolled his left ankle early and mostly struggled. Tagovailoa was helped off the field after his own offensive lineman landed on his right foot in the fourth quarter.

Tagovailoa's day ended with a pedestrian 10-for-25, 164-yard, one-touchdown stat line. It remains to be seen how much it weighed into the decisions of Heisman voters.

Teammates voiced hopes that their star would be judged more on the first 12 games.

Tagovailoa piled up five 300-yard passing games this season and accounted for a school-record six touchdowns — five passing, one rushing — in the regular-season finale against Auburn. Despite all that, Harris calls him "the most humble guy that I know."

Trio of young receivers producing for Tennessee

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans' trust in their young receivers may be starting to pay off.

Corey Davis, the fifth overall pick in the 2017 draft, is leading the Titans with 744 yards receiving and could become the franchise's first 1,000-yard receiver since 2013. Tajae Sharpe notched his first 100-yard receiving performance in October, and Taywan Taylor became the third to post a new career high with 104 yards receiving in the Titans' comeback win against the Jets.

It's a confident trio that's becoming more comfortable each week.

"We know what type of players we are," Taylor said Tuesday. "We know what we bring to the table, all of us, my brothers in the receiving room and ev-

erybody on this team. We know what type of players we are, and ... when we trust our training and everybody executes, good things can happen."

The Titans signed only veteran Michael Campanaro during the offseason and didn't replace him when he was placed on injured reserve. They signed young tight ends in Anthony Firkser and MyCole Pruitt after three-time Pro Bowler Delanie Walker broke his right ankle in the opener. Since then, they've leaned on Davis, Sharpe and Taylor along with Darius Jennings and Cameron Batson.

Mix in a new offense with a first-year play-caller in coordinator Matt LaFleur, and the Titans have had plenty of growing pains. It didn't help when Taylor, their speed threat, missed three games with an injured left foot. Taylor was drafted in

the third round out of Western Kentucky last year.

Marcus Mariota overthrew Taylor on the first play of the fourth quarter against the Jets. He went back to Taylor for a 44-yarder and then a 55-yarder to set up a pair of field goals in their big comeback.

"It was good to see Taywan be able to stretch the defense and go make a play," coach Mike Vrabel said. "I know Marcus would like to have the one back, but to be able to hit two of those to change field position and momentum, certainly, we would like to have as many of those every week as we could."

The Titans (6-6) need the young receivers to produce for an offense that ranks 29th in the NFL, managing just 197.5 yards passing per game. It won't be easy Thursday night when they host the Jaguars (4-

8) and a secondary featuring Jalen Ramsey and A.J. Bouye in a game Tennessee needs to win to keep itself in the chase for the AFC's final wild-card slot.

This franchise hasn't had a receiver post back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since Nate Washington did it in September 2013.

Mariota sees the Titans' comfort level growing weekly as they become more efficient. Getting Taylor back should ease the defensive focus on Davis, who had 161 yards receiving in the Titans' overtime win over Philadelphia in September and 125 yards against the Patriots in November.

Now the key for Mariota and his receivers is continuing to show progress as the Titans chase a second straight playoff berth.

NHL roundup

Matthews leads Toronto past Buffalo

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Auston Matthews scored his second goal with three seconds on the clock in overtime, and the Toronto Maple Leafs matched their best start in 84 years with a 4-3 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday night.

The Maple Leafs won their fifth straight game and improved to 20-8. The only other time it took them just 28 games to reach 20 wins was when they opened the 1934-35 season at 20-6-2.

Patrick Marleau scored with 5:13 remaining in regulation to force overtime, and Kasperii Kapanen set up the decisive goal. Jake Gardiner also scored and Mitchell Marner had an assist to give him 11 in five games. Frederik Andersen stopped 38 shots to win his fourth straight.

Golden Knights 5, Capitals 3: Former Capital Nate Schmidt scored twice in the final two minutes to lift host Vegas over Washington in a re-

match of the Stanley Cup final last spring.

It was the first time the Capitals skated at T-Mobile Arena since winning and hoisting the Stanley Cup in June.

Penguins 6, Avalanche 3: Patric Hornqvist's natural hat trick in the third period powered host Pittsburgh past Colorado.

The Avalanche had erased a three-goal deficit to tie the game going into the third when Hornqvist went to work.

Lightning 6, Red Wings 5 (SO): Nikita Kucherov and defenseman Victor Hedman scored in a shootout to give visiting Tampa Bay a comeback win over Detroit.

The Lightning, who have won seven of eight, erased a 5-3 deficit in the third period and overcame Frans Nielsen's hat trick.

Jets 3, Islanders 1: Jacob Trouba and Adam Lowry scored 22 seconds apart early in the third period to rally visiting Winnipeg past New York.

Nikolaj Ehlers added an empty-net goal with 2.1 seconds left and Connor Hellebuyck stopped 27 shots as Winnipeg won for the fifth time in six games.

Panthers 5, Bruins 0: Roberto Luongo made 33 saves in his 77th career shutout, Mike Hoffman scored twice and host Florida blanked Boston.

Luongo, who returned to the lineup after missing five games with a knee injury, passed Ed Belfour and Tony Esposito for sole possession of ninth place on the NHL's shutout list.

Flames 9, Blue Jackets 6: Johnny Gaudreau had two goals and two assists, and visiting Calgary scored five times in the second period to rally past Columbus.

Cam Atkinson netted a hat trick to extend his point streak to 11 games, but the Blue Jackets lost their second straight.

Canadiens 5, Senators 2: Max Domi had two goals and an assist and Jonathan Drouin added a goal and two as-

sists as host Montreal defeated Ottawa.

Artturi Lehkonen and Brendan Gallagher also scored for the Canadiens, who won for the second time in eight games. Carey Price stopped 28 shots.

Wild 3, Canucks 2: Jason Zucker broke a tie late in the second period and visiting Minnesota scored on all three of its power plays, beating staggering Vancouver to stop a three-game slide.

Ryan Suter and Zach Parise also scored for the Wild. Devan Dubnyk made 29 saves and Mikael Granlund had two assists.

Vancouver has lost 12 of 13.

Coyotes 2, Kings 1: Nick Schmaltz had a power-play goal, Adin Hill made 25 saves for his fourth straight win and visiting Arizona beat Los Angeles.

Lawson Crouse scored a short-handed goal for the Coyotes, undefeated since acquiring Schmaltz in a trade with Chicago on Nov. 25.

NBA roundup

Doncic leads Mavericks to eighth straight home win

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks hadn't won eight in a row at home since the year they won the NBA championship.

On Tuesday night, they matched that mark and continued their upward trajectory in the rugged Western Conference.

Luka Doncic scored 21 points and Wesley Matthews added 17 as the Mavericks won for the ninth time in 11 games, beating the Portland Trail Blazers 111-102.

DeAndre Jordan added 12 points and 17 rebounds for Dallas, which won its eighth in a row at American Airlines Center for the first time since March 2011 — three months

before they defeated Miami for the franchise's only NBA title.

"To be the team we want to be, we have to win the games at home," Matthews said. "Our attention to defense is what's really doing it for us."

That defense made it difficult for Portland's vaunted backcourt. Damian Lillard had 33 points, but shot 10-for-23 from the field and 2-for-8 on threes. His 11-for-12 shooting from the line helped his total. C.J. McCollum added 18 points, but made just seven of 19 shots and two of seven threes.

Pacers 96, Bulls 90: Myles Turner matched his season high with 18 points and added 11 rebounds and five blocked shots as host Indiana spoiled the debut of new Chicago coach

Jim Boylen.

Darren Collison had 23 points and eight rebounds, Bojan Bogdanovic scored 14 points and Tyreke Evans finished with 10 for Indiana. Domantas Sabonis added nine points and 11 rebounds off the bench.

Magic 105, Heat 90: Aaron Gordon scored 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Nikola Vucevic finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds and visiting Orlando beat Miami.

Terrence Ross added 19 off the bench for the Magic, who were 14-for-28 from three-point range. Evan Fournier scored 13 and DJ Augustin had 11 for Orlando.

Jazz 139, Spurs 105: Donovan Mitchell scored 20 points and Rudy Gobert had 18 points

and 10 rebounds to lead host Utah.

Kyle Korver scored 15 points in his first home game since he returned to the Jazz, and Derrick Favors added 14 points as Utah won for the first time at home in nearly a month. The Jazz beat Boston 123-115 on Nov. 9, but have been on the road much of the season and haven't found a rhythm at home.

Kings 122, Suns 105: Buddy Hield scored 20 points, De'Aaron Fox had 16 points and seven assists and visiting Sacramento coasted past Phoenix.

Seven Kings scored in double figures, including Bogdan Bogdanovic off the bench with 14 points. Sacramento has won two straight after losing its previous three.