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Review: US must modernize nuke arsenal

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WASHINGTON — China and Russia have poured billions of dollars into advancing their nuclear weapons systems and the U.S. must do the same to retain a credible deterrent against the use of the world's most powerful arms, according to Pentagon officials.

The 2018 Nuclear Posture Review, a policy document from President Donald Trump's administration unveiled Friday at the Pentagon, reaffirms a long-held American doctrine that includes limiting the use of nuclear weapons to "extreme circumstances" and the need to maintain the nation's nuclear triad of land-, sea-, and air-based capabilities.

"The review comes at a criti-

cal moment in our nation's history, for America confronts an international security situation that is more complex and demanding than any since the end of the Cold War," Defense Secretary Jim Mattis wrote in his preface of the 75-page report. "It is not possible to delay modernization of our nuclear forces if we are to preserve a credible nuclear deterrent."

Where the Trump administration's nuclear policy differs with former President Barack Obama's policy is in the advancement of nuclear capabilities. Under Obama, the Pentagon sought to reduce the use of its nuclear arsenal as a key tenet of U.S. defense strategy. Trump's Pentagon calls for a more aggressive nuclear deterrent, citing nuclear weapon advancements by Russia,

China, North Korea and Iran.

But with much of the U.S. nuclear infrastructure dating to the Cold War, Pentagon officials argue it needs funding now to ensure other nuclear powers will continue to view the U.S. arsenal as a strong enough threat to stop other nations from using their weapons.

The plan calls for upgrades during the next 20 years to all three legs of the triad, which includes ground-based intercontinental ballistic missiles, submarine-launched ballistic missiles and strategic bombers, modernization projects similar to ones outlined in the 2010 review. The new review also vows to adhere to existing arms control agreements.

The Pentagon did not provide a dollar amount associated with the nuclear upgrades it is seek-

ing. However, the Arms Control Association, a nonpartisan group that monitors nuclear policy, estimates the modernization of nuclear forces could cost more than \$1.25 trillion during the next 30 years.

To dissuade Russian aggression, the review calls for the U.S. to develop new capabilities including lower-yield nuclear warheads that could be fired from submarines. That capability is designed to ensure Russia is aware the U.S. has nuclear weapons that are not so devastating the nation would not risk detonating them, defense officials said.

The review also calls for building a new nuclear-armed, sea-launched cruise missile. Obama removed past versions of that weapon from the U.S. arsenal in 2011.

Marines see Afghan forces improve in turbulent Helmand

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Afghan forces backed by U.S. troops in Afghanistan's turbulent Helmand province have gained ground in recent months, but the Taliban still maintain control over roughly half the province, according to the senior Marine commander who just returned from a nine-month deployment to the region.

Marine Brig. Gen. Roger Turner said Thursday that as the next unit of Marines takes over in Helmand, there will be a couple of hundred more who will be focused on advising smaller Afghan units closer to the fight.

He said the new deployment of Marines, led by Brig. Gen. Benjamin Watson, will be able to work more with Afghan kandaks, which are roughly the equivalent of an American bat-

alion of about 600 forces. And the more often that happens, Turner said, the faster the Afghans will make progress in the fight.

"Gen. Watson already has more capability and capacity than I did to advise at lower levels," Turner told a small number of reporters during a briefing Thursday. "The more Afghan centers of control you can touch, the faster you can make progress."

His comments come as violence is spiking across Afghanistan, including a number of high-profile attacks and suicide bombings around Kabul, the capital.

Turner, who deployed to Afghanistan with about 300 Marines last April, returned home in mid-January. Watson has roughly 400 Marines, but more are expected to be focused on the advise-and-assist mission

with the Afghan units. In addition, the U.S. military has sent a squadron of A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft to the fight around Helmand province in order to provide more close air support and to target the Taliban drug trade.

Turner said he saw progress during his deployment, describing fierce, early fights against large formations of well-organized, well-trained and well-equipped Taliban units. Over time, he said, the Afghan forces — including the Afghan National Army 215th Corps — gathered momentum and were able to take back several regions that had been controlled by the Taliban.

The Afghans' ultimately successful assault to take back Nawa after a hard-fought battle that lasted eight weeks gave the local forces the confidence to press on and forced the Taliban

to shift their focus from other areas, Turner said.

"It was the first time they took back terrain in a Taliban stronghold," Turner said, adding that the Afghan forces have sustained that initiative. He said an infusion of younger commanders who have fought with and learned from the coalition for the past decade or more is helpful.

He added that while the Marines are in combat roles in Helmand, the Afghan troops led the fighting, and his forces generally stayed back, away from the front lines.

"I'm not going to expose our forces to risk if I don't need to," he said.

Still, the Taliban continue to hold wide swaths of territory in the northern and southern parts of the province.

Mattis warns Syria to stop using chemical weapons

By COREY DICKSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis issued a stern warning Friday to the embattled Syrian regime that the U.S. is investigating claims of its recent use of banned chemical weapons.

“You all have seen how we reacted to that (last year), so they would be ill-advised to go back to violating the chemical conventions,” Mattis told reporters at the Pentagon, referencing a U.S. bombing raid of a Syrian air base in April in response to Syrian President Bashar Assad’s sarin gas attack against civilians earlier that same month.

The U.S. has not seen direct evidence that Assad has recently used sarin gas, Mattis said, though various nongovernment organizations and rebel groups fighting Syrian government forces have alleged the regime continues to use chemical weapons in the nearly seven-year-old civil war.

Assad’s past use of sarin, a banned, highly toxic nerve agent, gives the U.S. “reason to suspect” those groups’ claims are accurate.

“We’re not refuting them,” Mattis said. “We are looking for evidence of it, since clearly we are dealing with the Assad regime, which has used denial and deceit to hide their outlaw actions.”

Last year, President Donald Trump ordered the Navy to launch 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles into Syria’s Shayrat air base on April 6, just two days after Assad’s sarin gas attack on civilians. The U.S. attack destroyed more than 20 Syrian warplanes and killed at least seven Syrian troops, U.S. and Syrian officials said at the time.

Navy punishes 4 additional sailors over fatal collisions

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The U.S. Navy has punished four more sailors for their roles in the USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain collisions that killed 17 sailors last year.

Adm. Frank Caldwell — tapped in October to oversee disciplinary actions for the accidents — held six nonjudicial punishment hearings for sailors from both ships on Jan. 25 at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, the Navy said in a statement issued Thursday.

On June 17, seven sailors died after the Fitzgerald crashed into a civilian merchant ship about 60 miles southwest of Yokosuka. The McCain collided with an oil tanker near Singapore on Aug. 21, leaving 10 sailors dead.

The executive officer, the command master chief and one officer from the Fitzgerald were found guilty of dereliction in the performance of duties and received punitive letters of reprimand, a Navy statement said.

An enlisted sailor from the McCain also was found guilty of dereliction in the performance of duties and received a punitive letter of reprimand, forfeiture of half a month’s pay for two months and a reduction in rate to the next lower pay grade. The forfeiture

of pay and the reduction in rate were suspended for six months.

Caldwell dismissed the NJP charges of one officer and another enlisted sailor from the McCain.

Article 32 hearings to consider court-martialing Cmdr. Bryce Benson, who commanded the Fitzgerald, and Cmdr. Alfredo Sanchez, former commander of the McCain, and three Fitzgerald officers are scheduled for March 6 through March 8 at the Navy Yard in Washington.

A slew of sailors either have been fired or forced into retirement in the wake of the collisions.

Last year, the Navy relieved the ships’ commanders and the head of 7th Fleet. The leaders of Task Force 70 and Destroyer Squadron 15, which oversee the fleet’s destroyers and cruisers, also were relieved of their duties.

Last September, Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Scott Swift announced he would retire on an unspecified date after being told he would not be the Navy’s pick to take over U.S. Pacific Command after Adm. Harry Harris retires this year.

Last month, former Surface Forces head Vice Adm. Thomas Rowden retired early in light of unspecified disciplinary actions recommended against him in a probe of the collisions.

Air Force grounds training planes after cockpit scares

By WILLIAM HOWARD
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The Air Force has grounded the aircraft it uses to train many of its new pilots after oxygen-deprivation symptoms were reported among pilots at three stateside bases.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, the 19th Air Force commander, ordered all T-6A Texan II training aircraft to stop flying Thursday. Multiple unexplained physiological events, or UPEs, were reported throughout the week at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., and Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

“The safety of our instructors and student pilots is paramount and has been our priority and focus,” Doherty said in a statement. “We’re acting swiftly, making tempo-

rary but necessary changes to everyone’s training, general awareness, checklist procedures and possibly [modifying] aircrew flying equipment to mitigate risk to the aircrew while we tackle this issue head-on to safeguard everyone flying T-6s.”

The T-6 II is a single-engine turboprop that has been flying for the Air Force since 2000. The T-6 II is the service’s most common training aircraft, with 444 available as of December, according to a Congressional Research Service report. The Navy and the Marine Corps use a similar T-6B II to train new pilots, though those services had not announced any groundings as of early Friday.

Vance Air Force Base grounded more than 100 T-6s in November when five pilots reported hypoxialike symptoms in

four separate incidents. Flight operations resumed the next month after a two-week investigation into the aircraft’s oxygen system could identify “no specific root cause” for the events.

An officer-led group began efforts last month to investigate UPEs, including oxygen deprivation, disorientation and low carbon dioxide levels in the blood.

Brig. Gen. Bobbi Jo Doorenbos, who’s leading the team, will work with the 19th Air Force, the Air Education and Training Command and other major commands to examine the causes of these incidents.

In December, a NASA report concluded that the Navy had plenty of work to do to create safer conditions for pilots after a spate of midair, oxygen-related failures in the Navy’s fighter planes.

GOP memo on Russia probe is released

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans on Friday released a partisan and bitterly disputed memo that they say shows surveillance abuses in the early stages of the FBI's investigation into the Trump campaign and Russia.

The memo, prepared by Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee, says there was "a troubling breakdown of legal processes" in the Russia investigation.

President Donald Trump, who advocated for the memo's release over the fierce objections of the Justice Department and the FBI, told reporters the document shows "a lot of people should be ashamed of

themselves."

"I think it's terrible," Trump said. "You want to know the truth. I think it's a disgrace. What's going on in this country, I think it's a disgrace."

The memo, which the FBI has said is inaccurate and is missing critical context, asserts that current and former FBI and Justice Department leaders signed off on a surveillance warrant to monitor communications of a former Trump campaign associate. The document also asserts that opposition research, conducted by a British spy and funded in part by the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign, formed a critical basis for the allegations contained in the

warrant application.

They say that research should not have been a basis for the warrant because it contains unproven allegations.

The release of the memo is likely to further divide Trump and his FBI and Justice Department leaders, and the president lashed out anew on Friday morning on Twitter. He has supported the memo release in apparent hopes that it could help undermine the probe being led by special counsel Robert Mueller, which he has called a "witch hunt."

"The top Leadership and Investigators of the FBI and the Justice Department have politicized the sacred investigative process in favor of Dem-

ocrats and against Republicans — something which would have been unthinkable just a short time ago. Rank & File are great people!" Trump tweeted.

The tweet came as U.S. news coverage was dominated by reports that the FBI and the Justice Department had objected strenuously to the memo's release.

Trump's tweet and his approval of the memo release set up a clash with the man he picked to lead the FBI, Christopher Wray, after firing James Comey as the agency's director. It also seemed at odds with House Speaker Paul Ryan, who said a day earlier, "This memo is not an indictment of the FBI or the Department of Justice."

Victims' father tries to attack Larry Nassar in court

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — A father of three victims of Larry Nassar rushed toward and tried to attack the disgraced former sports doctor during a sentencing hearing Friday, after the judge declined his request for "five minutes" alone with Nassar in a locked room. He was quickly tackled by bailiffs.

Two of the man's daughters had just addressed the court, saying they and another sister had been sexually abused by Nassar under the guise of medical treatment. Their father, Randall Margraves, then told the judge he was a "distraught father."

He looked at Nassar, shook his head and called him a profanity while speak-

ing at the courtroom podium. The judge cautioned Margraves against using profanity. He then asked for "five minutes" alone with Nassar. When the judge said she couldn't allow that, Margraves asked for one minute. The judge again declined.

The father then lunged at Nassar, who was sitting nearby.

Crying could be heard in the courtroom as Nassar was escorted out. Assistant Attorney General Angela Povilaitis told families in the courtroom to "use your words," not violence.

"This is letting him have this power over us," she said. "We cannot behave like this. I understand this is a remarkable situation. But you cannot do this. This is not help-

ing your children. This is not helping your community. This is not helping us."

The incident occurred during the third and final sentencing hearing for Nassar on sexual abuse charges. The charges in this case focus on his work with Twistars, an elite Michigan gymnastics club. The hearing resumed after about 25 minutes.

More than 30 victims have given statements so far. During a similar hearing that ended last week, more than 150 girls and women came forward to say Nassar abused them under the guise of medical treatment.

More victims are expected to speak. The proceedings are likely to extend into next week.

US adds robust 200K jobs in Jan.; wages rise at brisk pace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers added a robust 200,000 jobs in January, and wages rose at the fastest pace in more than eight years, evidence of a consistently healthy job market.

The pay gains suggest that employers are increasingly competing for a limited pool of workers. Raises stemming from Republican tax cuts and minimum wage increases in 18 states also likely boosted

pay last month.

The unemployment rate remained 4.1 percent for a fourth straight month, the lowest level since 2000, the Labor Department said in its monthly jobs report Friday. The figures point to an economy on strong footing even in its ninth year of expansion, fueled by global economic growth and steady consumer spending at home.

The pickup in hourly wages, along with a recent uptick in

inflation, may make it more likely that the Federal Reserve will raise short-term interest rates more quickly in the coming months.

Average hourly pay rose 9 cents in January, to \$26.74, after an even bigger increase in December. Compared with 12 months earlier, wages rose 2.9 percent, the biggest gain since the recession ended eight years ago.

Weak wage growth has been

one of the economy's most persistent shortcomings for nearly a decade. But with fewer workers to hire, employers are being forced to raise pay. Some of January's increase reflects one-time increases, such as the minimum wage hikes in some states.

Hiring was broad-based last month. Construction companies added 36,000 jobs, lifted by demand for new homes and remodeling.

Republican lawmaker in Ariz. forced out

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Known for booze-fueled partying and good-ol' boy, clownish behavior, Rep. Don Shooter spent the past seven years as a hard-to-miss fixture who wielded considerable power at the Arizona state Capitol.

But on Thursday, he was kicked out of the Arizona Legislature for a pattern of sexual misconduct.

The whispered rumors about the retired and married Yuma farmer were brushed off as the actions of a country bumpkin jokester until October when the #MeToo movement prompted millions of women to share their experiences with sexual harassment or assault.

Rep. Michelle Ugenti-Rita then publicly accused Shooter, a fellow Republican, of propositioning her for sex years ago and repeatedly commenting on her breasts.

Spurred by the movement that erupted after a New York Times exposé about movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, other women came forward against Shooter — lobbyists, a newspaper publisher and other female lawmakers.

"This all began years ago when Mr. Shooter began making inappropriate comments and gestures to people and culminated today," Republican House Speaker J.D. Mesnard said after Shooter was booted out of office on a 56-3 vote. "Certainly the #MeToo movement and the greater awareness not only here but nationally over issues of sexual harassment and other similar offenses brought this to the forefront."

A defiant Shooter was stripped of his committee leadership post.

Mesnard had ordered an investigation in early November after Shooter had charged Ugenti-Rita with having an in-

appropriate relationship with a staffer and making crude comments herself. Slowly, over time, he apologized for what he called his "jarring, insensitive and demeaning" comments but said he never sought to touch anyone or have a sexual relationship with them.

The investigative report released Tuesday essentially cleared Ugenti-Rita but found Shooter had engaged in "repeated pervasive conduct (that) created a hostile work environment for his colleagues and those with business before the Legislature."

Hours before Thursday's scheduled censure debate, Shooter sent a letter accusing the investigators of whitewashing an allegation by a woman against another lawmaker that he claimed was far worse than his actions.

Mesnard saw it as "nothing more than an effort to use this individual as a pawn," and

called for an immediate expulsion vote, saying he had talked to the woman and she rejected Shooter's contentions.

Mesnard also asked Shooter to turn over for any weapons he had with him. Mesnard said Shooter turned over a handgun.

As the House began a historic vote to expel a sitting lawmaker — the first in Arizona's Legislature in nearly three decades — Ugenti-Rita and women from both parties gathered in a circle, holding hands and hugging.

Shooter voted against the measure and said that while he had said and done stupid things, "I stood on the carpet, I took it like a man; I apologized."

He then dropped his microphone, leaving the chamber. Within about an hour, his expulsion was final. Another Republican will be appointed to fill out the remaining 11 months of his term.

Can Manning run for Senate?

The Washington Post

Questions about Chelsea Manning's eligibility to run for U.S. Senate in Maryland could imperil her already steep path to the Democratic nomination against Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin.

In 2013, Manning was sentenced to 35 years in prison and dishonorable discharge from the Army for passing government secrets to WikiLeaks in violation of the Espionage Act.

While her case is on appeal, she is on a technical form of unpaid active duty, putting her political campaign at odds with Defense Department regulations that prohibit military personnel from seeking public office.

The Army declined to comment on her campaign, citing the ongoing appeal. But experts said the Army would have little to gain by pursuing action against Manning for her decision to enter politics.

Manning served about seven

years at Fort Leavenworth prison in Kansas after President Barack Obama commuted her sentence days before he left office in 2017.

Shortly after she launched her Senate bid, conservative media questioned her eligibility to run. A Daily Caller headline read, "Former Military Lawyers: Chelsea Manning Subject To Prosecution For Running For Office."

Last month, Manning filed documents with the Federal Election Commission to raise money to challenge Cardin in the June 26 primary, and with the Maryland Board of Elections to be put on the ballot.

The state agency verified that she meets the constitutionally mandated criteria to run for Senate: She's a U.S. citizen, a Maryland resident and at least 30 years old, said Jared DeMarinis, director of the candidacy and campaign division of the Maryland Board of Elections.

Girl, 12, booked after shooting

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jordan Valenzuela was in class when he heard the bang, and then the screaming.

In a classroom next door, a 15-year-old boy had been shot in the head, a 15-year-old girl was shot in the wrist, and several others were struck by broken glass.

Jordan told The Associated Press that his 12-year-old classmate at Salvador B. Castro Middle School told him it was an accident.

The sobbing girl told him, "I didn't mean to. I had the gun in my backpack, and I didn't know it was loaded, and my backpack fell, and the gun went off," the seventh-grader said.

The shooting was reported just before 9 a.m. at the school, which has about 365 students in grades 6 through 8.

The girl was taken into custody minutes after the shooting. TV video from helicopters showed a dark-haired girl in a

sweatshirt being led from the school in handcuffs as anxious parents and family members gathered on a street corner, many crying and talking on their phones as they waited.

Police interviewed the girl and agreed it was an accident. On Thursday evening, long hours after chaos and panic had subsided, the girl was booked into Juvenile Hall on suspicion of negligently discharging a firearm on school grounds.

Police haven't said where the girl got the semi-automatic handgun nor why she brought it to the downtown campus.

Five people were injured in the shooting. The most seriously hurt was the 15-year-old boy who was shot in the head, but doctors said the bullet didn't hit anything vital or life-threatening.

"This child was extremely lucky," said Dr. Aaron Strumwasser at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. "I think he will do fine. ... I anticipate he'll make a full recovery."

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Loaded grenade launcher left at store

FL BRADENTON — Talk about one heckuva an explosive donation.

Authorities said a grenade launcher loaded with a live grenade was left with other donated items at a Goodwill store.

The Bradenton Herald reported that employees at a Goodwill store near Tampa reported the weapon on Sunday.

The Manatee County Sheriff's Office said the store manager told deputies that the grenade launcher had come in a shipment from another store several days earlier. The employees at the other location said they sent it along because they didn't know what it was.

Deputies said they disposed of the active grenade in a Hazmat locker, and the launcher was stored in the agency's property room.

Sinkhole swallows man, his motorcycle

GA AUGUSTA — A motorcyclist got the ride of his life when a sinkhole opened up in a parking lot and swallowed him and his bike.

The Augusta Chronicle reported city firefighters pulled the man from the hole at the Augusta Exchange parking lot Wednesday. He had minor injuries.

Augusta Utilities Director Tom Wiedmeier said the hole opened up near a storm drain. The newspaper reported recent sinkholes have been blamed on leaking underground pipes.

School raises Black Lives Matter flag

VT MONTPELIER — A high school has raised a Black Lives Matter flag as part of a series of events on

racism.

The student-led move, part of Black History Month, at Montpelier High School, which is less than 5 percent black, has sparked some backlash, but school officials said they've received overwhelming support from the community.

On Thursday, black students took turns raising the flag in a ceremony attended by students, staff and community members. Montpelier High is believed to be the first public high school to raise a Black Lives Matter flag.

Acrobat's unicycle stolen at airport

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Someone at the San Francisco airport stole a 7-foot unicycle used by the "Red Panda Acrobat" for her plate-juggling routine, and the legendary performer is offering a \$2,000 reward to get it back.

Oakland television station KTVU reported that police on Wednesday released surveillance photos from Jan. 24 that show a man wheeling away a black bag containing the \$25,000 unicycle belonging to acrobat Rong Niu. Niu is known for juggling plates on her head and feet while balancing on a unicycle during halftime at sporting events. She is a regular performer for the Golden State Warriors, the Los Angeles Clippers and Los Angeles Lakers. She's also appeared on "America's Got Talent."

Anti-bullying video nets teen suspension

TN LEBANON — A high school student's anti-bullying video has drawn nearly 600,000 views on YouTube and netted a two-day suspension for its creator.

Emily Gipson, 16, told news outlets that school administrators accused her of "trying to

incite violence" and handed her the in-school suspension for the video, titled "Welcome to Lebanon High School." Her free-verse speech contained no profanity but likened the school to an "emotional prison" and complained that bullies there go unpunished.

Principal Scott Walters told The Lebanon Democrat he can't discuss Gipson's punishment, but he said he took issue with the fact that the free-verse speech was recorded in a classroom without a teacher's permission. Gipson said she had the permission of two coaches.

Walters also said the video hurt his feelings and those of teachers.

Police: Man 'swung a sword' in attack

FL ZEPHYRHILLS — A man is accused of hitting another man with a machete during a road rage incident.

A Zephyrhills police report said Jonathan Bailey, 34, was arrested Tuesday night outside a Walmart store. According to the Tampa Bay Times, Bailey pulled his vehicle beside the victim's vehicle and "swung a sword," cutting the man's hand.

The victim told officers the incident happened because he had cut Bailey off in traffic earlier. Bailey admitted he used a machete but only because the other driver was following him.

Bailey was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and remained in jail Wednesday on a \$10,000 bond.

State unemployment benefits OK'd for dog

MI SAUGATUCK — Michael Ryder had been approved for \$360 every week in state unemployment benefits

— until the state learned he'd been dogging it at the Detroit-area restaurant chain where he supposedly worked.

Ryder is a German shepherd owned by attorney Michael Haddock on the other side of the state in Saugatuck.

WZZM-TV reported that Haddock received a benefits letter addressed to "Michael Ryder" from Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency. The station said Haddock contacted the agency about the letter. The agency said its computer system sent the letter, but the claim later was flagged as suspicious and denied.

Investigations administrator Tim Kolar wrote in a tongue-in-cheek email that he knows "first-hand it is rare for 'man's best friend' to contribute financially to the household and that will continue in this instance."

Teen steals van, goes to Starbucks, in chase

MS GULFPORT — A teen has confessed that he was driving a stolen van, stopped at Starbucks and then led police on a chase that seriously injured an officer.

The Sun Herald, of Biloxi, reported Eli Daniel Bosworth, 18, confessed in court to the crimes Wednesday after already confessing to police on tape. He's charged with felony vehicle theft and fleeing.

Bosworth said he was dropped off near a shopping area and got cold so he searched for a vehicle with keys inside. He found some in a commuter van, cranked up the heat and stopped at Starbucks before browsing other stores. The van was reported stolen, and officers initiated a pursuit that ended with the teen crashing into Officer Luis Garcia.

Bosworth faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

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Recent title winners lacking star runner

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — The Tom Brady-Bill Belichick dynasty actually lacks something: a 100-yard rusher in the Super Bowl for the New England Patriots.

Perhaps that's the best way to explain why it's been a decade since a title game winner reached a mark often reserved for Super Bowl MVPs. It also illustrates how the game has changed since Hall of Famers Emmitt Smith and Terrell Davis were carrying the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos to championships.

Sunday's Super Bowl between the Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles will be the 20th since the last time a running back was the MVP: Davis.

"I think gone are probably the days of the one running back that carries the ball 35 times," Philadelphia defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz said. "People use running backs in a lot of different roles and they use running backs, I don't want to say

by committee, but by specialty."

That's a pretty good way to describe both these teams, who combined for just three 100-yard rushing games all season.

Jay Ajayi, the heralded mid-season acquisition by the Eagles in a trade, doesn't have the one for Philadelphia. It belongs to LeGarrette Blount, who led the Patriots with just 31 yards last year when New England threw almost non-stop in the second half while rallying from 25 points down to beat Atlanta.

The most recent Super Bowl winner with a 100-yard rusher was Indianapolis with Dominic Rhodes in 2007, which incidentally included a 100-yard game for Chicago's Thomas Jones.

The last 100-yard rusher in the Super Bowl was Seattle's Marshawn Lynch against the Patriots three years ago, when the Seahawks infamously threw an interception at the goal line instead of giving the ball to their bruising runner for the potential winning touchdown.

"There was a period of time

where the running back position was being — quote, unquote — devalued in some way," said Ajayi, who had two 100-yard games for Miami before the trade and is averaging 59 yards in nine games, including the playoffs, with the Eagles. "For me personally, I take pride in showcasing how the position can be a game-changer in every game."

The Eagles finished third in rushing during the regular season and had a pair of 200-yard games. They have restored a three-back rotation despite the season-ending injury to Darren Sproles. Ajayi and Blount get help from third-down back Corey Clement.

Dion Lewis had both of New England's 100-yard games and averaged almost 5 yards per carry. He also had three receiving touchdowns to go with six rushing scores. James White and Rex Burkhead also had three receiving TDs apiece.

"There's no position group that's going to touch the ball

more than the running back except for the quarterback," offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said.

The closest thing to a 100-yard Super Bowl rusher for the Patriots under Brady and Belichick was in their first trip. Antowain Smith had 92 yards when New England beat St. Louis in 2002.

"Game's different than the way it was when I first got in the league," said Lewis, a seventh-year pro. "I think as a running back, you've just got to be more versatile, be able to do a lot of things so you can get the ball in your hands as much as possible."

While Eagles running backs coach Duce Staley agrees that it's a passing league, he doesn't think much of it being so long since a Super Bowl winner had a 100-yard rusher.

"All I know is for the Eagles to win," the former Philadelphia running back said, "we've got to run the ball."

81-year-old fan has attended every Super Bowl

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Donald Crisman has more than a half-century of Super Bowl memories behind him, from taking a 24-hour train ride to Super Bowl II to seeing his beloved New England Patriots win in overtime last year.

But he says the 52nd Super Bowl featuring the Philadelphia Eagles and the Patriots on Sunday just might be his final big game.

The 81-year-old resident of Kennebunk, Maine, is a member of the ever-shrinking "Never Miss a Super Bowl Club" that's attended every season finale since its inception in 1967. He has bought his own ticket every year except one.

Crisman was featured in a 2010 Visa commercial along with three friends who had attended every Super Bowl. He is attending this game with a heavy heart because friend Larry Jacobson of San Francisco died last fall. Crisman said attending the game without Larry would be different, and he might not have gone if the Patriots weren't in it.

He shared some of his favorite memories with The Associated Press.

Last time in Minneapolis: Crisman pre-

fers the warmer venues for the Super Bowl. But he has fond memories of the last Super Bowl in Minneapolis — in 1992 at the now-gone Metrodome.

He has a hat from the game bearing the Super Bowl XXVI logo that was signed by Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs, quarterback Mark Rypien and wide receiver Gary Clark. He is bringing it with him to this year's game at U.S. Bank Stadium, built on the site of the old Metrodome, to "show and tell it."

Super Bowl that almost wasn't: Crisman's trip to the second Super Bowl in 1968 was an odyssey. He had made arrangements to take a private plane to the game in Miami but an ice storm made it impossible to fly.

Crisman was undaunted and managed to find a train that took 24 hours to get to Miami. "I can't believe how many times that train stopped," he said. "It was agonizing, to say the least."

Top plays: The Rhode Island native has been a Patriots fan since the team's inception in 1960, so his favorite Super Bowl play of all time is fittingly James White's overtime, game-winning touchdown last year.

Previously, he was the subject of endless teasing because his favorite plays were a pair of field goals.

Specifically, field goals that won Super Bowls for the Patriots in 2002 and 2004.

"I've been laughed at and kind of ridiculed. 'You can't have a field goal be your favorite play,'" he said. "Well, I do."

Will he keep going?: Crisman's crew at the Super Bowl included Jacobson and Pittsburgh Steelers fan Tom Henschel and Green Bay Packers fan Bob Cook, who also had attended every game. But the group has dwindled to just him and Henschel after the death of Jacobson last year and Cook, who died in 2011. He's welcoming Jacobson's daughter Heather on Sunday and expects to shed a few tears when she sits in what would have been her dad's seat.

His son, Don Jr., called his dad "the most consistent force in football." He said it will be different when his father no longer goes to the big game. After 51 Super Bowls and counting, the elder Crisman said that day might be coming soon.

"I'm thinking about it," he said. "But this year, I'm taking the Patriots."

Top 25 roundup

Temple knocks off No. 16 Wichita State

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PHILADELPHIA — Wichita State's first season in the American Athletic Conference has hit a rough patch.

Obi Enechionya hit two free throws with 18.1 seconds left in overtime, and Temple handed the 16th-ranked Shockers their third loss in five games with an 81-79 victory on Thursday night.

"There's a lot of travel in this league. It's a hard league," Temple coach Fran Dunphy said. "There's some really good teams, terrific coaching that goes on, outstanding talent. You have to try to hold your end of the bargain at home."

Moving from the Missouri Valley Conference, Wichita State is playing new teams in unfamiliar arenas and getting its opponents' best shot.

How much did it mean to Temple to knock off a ranked opponent for the 11th straight year? Fans stormed the court after Markis McDuffie's three-point shot clanged off the rim and the ball caromed into the backcourt as time expired.

"It's a game we feel like we could have won and maybe should have won," Shockers coach Gregg Marshall said. "We had some good looks."

Quinton Rose scored 19 points for the Owls (12-10, 4-6). Josh Brown had 15 and helped hold Shockers top scorer Landry Shamet to 12 points on 3 of 9 shooting with six turnovers.

Shizz Alston Jr. shook off a poor shooting performance to score 12 points, including the tying bucket at the end of regulation.

No. 1 Villanova 98, Creighton 78: At Philadelphia, Mikal Bridges scored 21 points and Jalen Brunson had 19 to lead No. 1 Villanova to its eighth straight win.

The Wildcats (21-1, 8-1 Big East) tied a program record with 19 three-pointers and provided a nice diversion for a city consumed with the Philadelphia Eagles and the Super Bowl.

Yes, the best team in college basketball plays across the street from the NFC champs. It just takes a lot to notice around town this week.

Creighton (17-6, 7-4) became the latest team to learn the hard way just talented the Wildcats are and how they can win in almost any possible.

Omari Spellman hit four threes and scored 14 points, Brunson made 4 of 5 threes and Bridges, Eric Paschall and Donte DiVincenzo each made three.

No. 13 Saint Mary's 79, San Francisco 43: Jock Landale bounced back from his lowest scoring game of the season and had 18 of his 26 points in the second half as Saint Mary's beat host San Francisco.

Tanner Krebs scored 12 points on four three-pointers — all in the first half — while Emmett Naar had eight assists to pull within 18 of the school's career record while helping the Gaels (22-2, 11-0 West Coast Conference) to their 17th consecutive win. Evan Fitzner added 10 points and nine rebounds.

Landale had just six points and took only four shots in Saint Mary's win over Portland last week and scored eight in the first half against San Francisco before

breaking out in the second half.

Jordan Ratinho had eight points to lead San Francisco (12-12, 4-7).

No. 14 Gonzaga 69, San Diego 59: Johnathan Williams scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Gonzaga edged visiting San Diego.

Josh Perkins and Zach Norvell Jr. each scored 13 for Gonzaga (20-4, 10-1 West Coast), which has won 18 of the past 19 games against the Toreros.

Olin Carter III scored 21 points for San Diego (15-8, 6-5), a surprise team in the league this year.

Washington 68, No. 25 Arizona State 64: Noah Dickerson scored 21 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, David Crisp had three key baskets in the final five minutes, and host Washington upset Arizona State.

If there was question about Washington's validity in the Pac-12 race, some of those were answered by a gutty performance from the Huskies. Dickerson dominated on the interior in the first half as Washington built a 10-point lead at the break, only to hold on in the closing minutes after Arizona State rallied.

Dickerson had 13 points and 11 rebounds in the first half, while Crisp finished with 12 points. The duo combined for 12 of Washington's final 16 points. Jaylen Nowell added 15 points and nine rebounds, and Dominic Green hit a pair of free throws with 10 seconds left to seal the victory. Washington (16-6, 6-3 Pac-12) has won three straight.

Kodi Justice led Arizona State (16-6, 4-6) with 16 points.

NBA roundup

Griffin gets double-double in Pistons debut

Associated Press

DETROIT — Blake Griffin was Detroit's best player in his debut with the Pistons.

Griffin had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and although his new team is still very much a work in progress, the Pistons edged the Memphis Grizzlies 104-102 on Thursday night.

Detroit traded for Griffin earlier in the week. The Pistons haven't had much time to work with him, but they were clearly

a better team when he played against the Grizzlies.

"We were plus-23 with him on the floor in 35 minutes, so we were fairly dominant," coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Nuggets 127, Thunder 124: Gary Harris made the winning three-pointer at the buzzer and finished with 25 points to lift host Denver to a victory over Oklahoma City.

Nikola Jokic added his third triple-double of the season with

29 points, 13 rebounds and 14 assists, including the inbounds pass to Harris with 1.4 seconds remaining. Harris grabbed the ball and put it up for the win before running off the court, his hand held high in celebration.

Wizards 122, Raptors 119: Bradley Beal scored 25 of his 27 points in the second half, leading host Washington to the win.

The Wizards had eight players score in double figures in their third straight win with-

out All-Star John Wall, who had surgery on his left knee on Wednesday.

Timberwolves 108, Bucks 89: Jimmy Butler scored 28 points for host Minnesota, and Karl-Anthony Towns had 24 points and 11 rebounds for his NBA-best 46th double-double.

Rockets 102, Spurs 91: James Harden had 28 points and 11 assists, and visiting Houston dominated San Antonio for the second time this season.

Sports briefs

Pelicans acquire F Mirotic from Bulls

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Pelicans have acquired forward Nikola Mirotic and a second-round draft pick from the Chicago Bulls for center Omer Asik, guards Jameer Nelson and Tony Allen and a 2018 first-round pick.

The trade, announced by both teams late Thursday afternoon, comes less than a week after New Orleans lost All-Star DeMarcus Cousins for the season to a left Achilles tear and with the Pelicans still in the playoff picture.

Mirotic has averaged 16.8 points and 6.4 rebounds per game since missing the first 23 games this season with two broken bones in his face stemming from a fight in practice with Bobby Portis.

Nelson has averaged 5.1 points and 3.6 assists in 43 games for New Orleans this season. Allen averaged 4.7 points before a broken leg sidelined him for 22 games. He returned to the active roster this week. Asik has averaged 1.3 points and 2.6 rebounds in 14 games this season.

In other NBA news:

■ Cavaliers forward Kevin Love will miss two months with a broken left hand, but he does not need surgery.

Love broke the fifth metacarpal Tuesday night in the first quarter of a loss at Detroit. Following consultation at New York's Hospital for Special Surgery, the team's medical staff decided Love can recover without an operation.

The five-time All-Star is averaging 17.9 points and 9.4

rebounds in his fourth season with Cleveland. Love has been replaced on the All-Star team by Heat guard Goran Dragic.

Former top draft pick Appel quits baseball

The No. 1 overall pick of the 2013 draft has walked away from baseball without ever throwing a pitch in the major leagues.

Mark Appel, a hard-throwing pitcher from Stanford taken by the Houston Astros with the No. 1 pick in the 2013 Major League Baseball draft, has announced his intention to leave the game. He was released by Philadelphia in November ahead of the winter meeting draft.

Appel grew up an Astros fan in West Houston, became a college star at Stanford and re-

ceived a \$6.35 million signing bonus from Houston.

The 26-year-old Appel becomes the third No. 1 overall pick to not make the major leagues after right-hander Steve Chilcott, chosen by the New York Mets in 1966, and left-hander Brien Taylor, selected by the New York Yankees in 1991. Chilcott sustained a separated pitching shoulder while on the bases in a minor league game in 1967, and Taylor tore the labrum and capsule in his left shoulder during a bar fight in 1993.

Appel went 24-18 with a 5.06 ERA over five seasons in the minors with teams for the Astros and Philadelphia Phillies. He was picked by Houston ahead of Kris Bryant, taken by the Chicago Cubs with the second pick.

NHL roundup

Perron's overtime goal lifts Golden Knights over Jets

Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — The Vegas Golden Knights have already made some NHL history. They're far from finished with what they want to accomplish this season.

David Perron scored 3:57 into overtime to lead Vegas past the Winnipeg Jets 3-2 on Thursday night for the Golden Knights' 34th victory, the most by an NHL expansion team in its debut season. They surpassed the mark set by both Florida and Anaheim in the 1993-94 season.

"It doesn't mean a whole lot right now, to be honest with you," said Gerard Gallant, who has coached his team to a Western Conference-leading 34-12-4 record, one point back of league-best Tampa Bay.

The Jets had the puck rolling in the crease three times in the extra period, but couldn't get it

into the net. Perron then fired a high shot past Connor Hellebuyck to win it.

"We're just trying to battle and get two points again every night and that's what we're trying to do," Gallant said. "But you know, at the end of the season we'll look at it and be happy, I'm sure."

Winnipeg's Kyle Connor had tied it with a high shot to Marc-Andre Fleury's glove side with 2:36 left in the third period. Joel Armia also had a goal, and an assist, for Winnipeg.

Hellebuyck made 28 saves for the Jets (30-13-9), who were trying to set a franchise record with their eighth straight home win.

Fleury stopped 24 shots for Vegas (34-12-4). It was his 389th win, putting him into a tie for 13th among NHL goaltenders.

Lightning 7, Flames 4: Alex Killorn had two goals and two assists as Tampa Bay struck for

five unanswered goals, including four in the third period, in a win over Calgary.

Senators 2, Ducks 1 (OT): Erik Karlsson scored 32 seconds into overtime to lift host Ottawa over Anaheim and snap a six-game skid.

Bruins 3, Blues 1: Tuukka Rask made 32 saves and extended his personal point streak to 19 games, lifting host Boston over St. Louis.

Predators 5, Kings 0: Pekka Rinne made 19 saves, Filip Forsberg had a goal and an assist, and host Nashville beat Los Angeles.

Devils 4, Flyers 3: Nico Hischier scored on a deflection with 1:27 to play and host New Jersey rallied to beat Philadelphia.

Avalanche 4, Oilers 3 (OT): J.T. Compher scored 2:28 into overtime to help visiting Colorado snap a three-game losing skid with a victory over

Edmonton.

Maple Leafs 4, Rangers 0: Curtis McElhinney stopped 25 shots to give visiting Toronto its second straight shutout, this time over New York.

Stars 4, Coyotes 1: Devin Shore had a goal and an assist during his team's three-goal second period, and visiting Dallas beat Arizona.

Hurricanes 2, Canadiens 0: Cam Ward stopped 27 shots in his second shutout of the season, and host Carolina beat Montreal.

Panthers 4, Sabres 2: Harri Sateri stopped the final 19 shots he faced and 30 overall, and Keith Yandle had a goal and two assists in leading visiting Florida over Buffalo.

Canucks 4, Blackhawks 2: Brendan Gaunce scored his second goal of the game late in the third period, and host Vancouver overcame an early deficit to beat Chicago.