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Mattis: Work with Pakistan to continue

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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis vowed Friday to continue working with Pakistan's government to defeat terrorism in South Asia despite the U.S. stopping nearly all its financial aid to the country.

U.S. personnel use key air and ground supply routes that run through Pakistan into Afghanistan to supply American forces. But Mattis said he was not concerned that Pakistan might cut off access to the supply routes as retaliation for the State Department announcement Thursday that the U.S. would stop all military aid to the nation.

An official with President Donald Trump's administration told The Associated Press on Thursday that \$2 billion in

military aid would be withheld until Pakistan "takes decisive action" against terrorist groups, including the Taliban, that the U.S. has long accused Pakistan of protecting. "We are still working with Pakistan and we will restore the aid if we see decisive movements against the terrorists who are as much of a threat against Pakistan as they are against us. We've had strong disagreements on some issues and we are working on those," Mattis told reporters at the Pentagon.

The U.S. and the Afghanistan government that it has supported through 16 years of war have long accused segments of Pakistan's government and military of harboring Taliban senior leaders and the Haqqani Network, a terrorist group closely associated with the Taliban that

has claimed responsibility for large-scale attacks in Afghanistan. As part of Trump's new strategy for stabilizing southern Asia, which includes Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, the U.S. called on Pakistan to increase pressure on those groups.

Mattis on Friday was quick to point out Pakistan's own contributions to the fight against terrorism, echoing the State Department, which acknowledged Thursday that tens of thousands of Pakistani troops have been killed fighting the Pakistani Taliban, al-Qaida and Islamic State in recent years.

But the country must be more consistent about targeting all terrorist groups that operate in its country, Mattis said, especially along the nation's mountainous border with Af-

ghanistan, where militants have been known to plan attacks targeting American troops.

U.S. defense officials acknowledged Friday that Pakistan could cut off ground and air supply routes that provide the U.S. the cheapest way to move supplies into Afghanistan to support its roughly 14,000 troops there.

It is not clear precisely how much of its supplies the U.S. currently moves through the Pakistani routes.

Defense officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said they could not discuss the specifics of operation logistics, citing security concerns. However, the officials said the U.S. builds flexibility and redundancy into its supply systems to ensure there are options, if they are needed.

Trump seeks \$18B to extend border wall over 10 years

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Trump administration has proposed spending \$18 billion over 10 years to extend the border wall with Mexico significantly, providing one of its most detailed blueprints of how the president hopes to carry out a signature campaign pledge.

The proposal by Customs and Border Protection calls for 316 miles of additional barrier by September 2027, bringing total coverage to 970 miles, or nearly half the border, according to a U.S. official with direct knowledge of the matter.

It also calls for 407 miles of replacement or secondary fencing, said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public.

Trump has promised "a big,

beautiful wall" with Mexico as a centerpiece of his presidency but offered few details of where it would be built, when and at what cost. His administration asked for \$1.6 billion this year to build or replace 74 miles of fencing in Texas and California, and officials have said they also will seek \$1.6 billion next year.

The 10-year plan, first reported by The Wall Street Journal, resulted from discussions with senators who asked the agency what it would take to secure the border, the official said.

It comes as the administration intensifies negotiations in Congress on a package that could include granting legal status to about 800,000 people who temporarily were shielded from deportation under an Obama-era program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Trump said last year that he was ending DACA but gave

Congress until March to deliver a legislative fix.

The plan on border security came in response to a request by U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake said Jason Samuels, a spokesman for the Arizona Republican.

An administration official confirmed the document was prepared at the request of congressional negotiators and said funding for the wall and other security measures must be part of any legislative package on immigration. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen told the AP on Tuesday that the wall would be "first and foremost" in any package that includes new protections for DACA recipients. She also said the administration wanted to close "loopholes" on issues that include handling

asylum claims and local police working with immigration authorities.

Nielsen called the \$3.2 billion requests for fencing during the administration's first two years a down payment.

"This is not going to get us the whole wall we need, but it's a start," she said.

Mexico steadfastly has rejected Trump's demand that it pay for the wall, and few doubt that U.S. taxpayers will foot the bill if the wall is built.

The Customs and Border Protection document calls for a total of \$33 billion in new border spending, including \$18 billion for the wall, \$5.7 billion for technology gear, \$1 billion for road construction and maintenance and \$8.5 billion for 5,000 new Border Patrol agents, 2,500 border inspectors and other personnel, the U.S. official said.

Trump says he's 'stable genius'

The Washington Post

President Donald Trump continues to defend himself in the wake of a new book that suggests top White House aides fear that he is unfit for the job.

In a tweetstorm Saturday morning, the president called himself a "very stable genius" and called being "really smart" one of his greatest assets. Trump cited his career in business and reality television and his victory in last year's election as evidence of his mental prowess. And he again lashed out at the ongoing special counsel investigation into his campaign's contacts with Russian operatives, calling suggestions that he colluded with Moscow a "total hoax on the American public."

"Actually, throughout my life, my two greatest assets have been mental stability and being, like, really smart. Crooked Hillary Clinton also played these cards very hard and, as everyone knows, went down

in flames. I went from VERY successful businessman, to top T.V. Star. ..." Trump tweeted Saturday "... to President of the United States (on my first try). I think that would qualify as not smart, but genius ... and a very stable genius at that!"

Trump's outburst came a day after the public release of a new book, "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House," by Michael Wolff, a New York media columnist who said he spent time in the West Wing interviewing top aides, as well as Trump.

Wolff paints the picture of a president who is unfit for the job and aides who come to fear Trump is not capable of, or interested in, processing information and making important decisions. Late Friday, Trump blasted Wolff as a "total loser," and the president mocked his former campaign chairman and White House adviser, Stephen Bannon, who was a key source for the book. Bannon criticized

other aides and Trump's son, calling a meeting at Trump Tower last year between Donald Jr. and a Russian lawyer "treasonous."

"Michael Wolff is a total loser who made up stories in order to sell this really boring and untruthful book. He used Sloppy Steve Bannon, who cried when he got fired and begged for his job. Now Sloppy Steve has been dumped like a dog by almost everyone," Trump said on Twitter.

White House aides have mounted an all-out attack on the book since it was first reported on Wednesday, calling it "fiction" and a "complete fantasy." And Trump's lawyers sent cease-and-desist letters to Wolff and his publisher demanding they not release the book. But the publisher, Henry Holt, moved up the release date from later this month to Friday amid the publicity, and hard copies were quickly sold out in the Washington area.

President, lawmakers plot agenda for this year

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump huddled with congressional Republicans, Cabinet secretaries and aides at Camp David this weekend to discuss their 2018 legislative priorities.

A long list of high-stakes topics are on the agenda, including the budget, infrastructure, immigration, welfare reform and the 2018 midterm elections.

"We're going to Camp David with a lot of the great Republican senators, and we're making America great again," Trump said Friday afternoon as he left the White House for the presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains. He was joined Friday evening by Vice President Mike Pence, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, and House Speaker Paul Ryan, of Wisconsin, among others.

Republicans are beginning the new year with newfound optimism after finally scoring a win by passing the tax bill at the end of last year.

They face a pile of unfinished business that was punted into this year during the push on taxes. Just two weeks remain until a Jan. 19 government funding deadline, and there is little visible progress on several contentious issues, including a budget deal to boost spending on both the Pentagon and non-defense agencies and to extend protections for immigrants brought to the country illegally as children.

Talks also are expected to touch on a range of other issues, including the opioid epidemic and health care. And lawmakers are expected to hash out the order in which they plan to tackle two top White House priorities: a long-delayed infrastructure drive and welfare reform.

ACLU: Captured American to fight detention

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An American citizen picked up on the Syrian battlefield and held by the U.S. military for nearly four months without a lawyer has told the American Civil Liberties Union that he wants to challenge his detention, a lawyer for the civil rights group said Friday.

ACLU attorney Jonathan Hafetz said he and two other ACLU lawyers went to the Pentagon on Wednesday and spoke via videoconference with the detainee, who is being held as an enemy combatant accused of fighting with Islamic State.

"He spoke loud and clear that he wants a lawyer and wants to challenge his detention now," Hafetz said, adding that the detainee also indicated that he wants the ACLU to represent him.

Hafetz said the detainee was born in the U.S. but would not

identify him. He "expressed concerns about his name being released and asked that it not be made public," Hafetz said.

The ACLU filed a court petition months ago, challenging the man's detention and asking to act on his behalf to provide him access to legal counsel. Hafetz said that the detainee told the ACLU that he did not learn that the petition had been filed on his behalf until shortly before the video conference.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan ruled that the U.S. military must provide legal counsel to the detainee. The U.S. government had acknowledged that it has detained him without fulfilling his request to see a lawyer. The judge ordered the military to let the ACLU have "immediate and unmonitored access to the detainee" to determine his wishes.

The judge also ordered the

Defense Department not to transfer him to another country until the ACLU tells the court of the detainee's wishes. On Friday, the ACLU asked the court to continue to direct the Pentagon not to transfer him.

Kathryn Wyer, an attorney in the Justice Department's civil division, earlier told the court that the U.S. military was working "diligently" on the case, but had not yet decided what to do with the detainee. Wyer cited case law stating the executive branch should be given a reasonable period of time to determine a detained individual's status.

But the ACLU protested his months of detention without access to a lawyer.

"The Trump administration illegally denied an American his rights to access a lawyer and a court for nearly four months, but those efforts have finally failed," Hafetz said.

Prosecutors to decide pot enforcement

Associated Press

DENVER — Whether to crack down on marijuana in states where it is legal is a decision that will now rest with those states' top federal prosecutors, many of whom are deeply rooted in their communities and may be reluctant to pursue cannabis businesses or customers.

When he rescinded the Justice Department's previous guidance on marijuana, Attorney General Jeff Sessions left the issue to a mix of prosecutors appointed by President Donald Trump and others who are holdovers from the Barack Obama years.

Legal experts do not expect a flood of new cases, and people familiar with the job of U.S. attorney say prosecutors could decide against using already

limited resources to seek criminal charges against cannabis companies that abide by state regulations or their customers.

"There are higher priorities: terrorism and opiates to start with," said Rory Little, a former prosecutor and a professor at the University of California Hastings College of Law. "You also have to draw the jury pool from the local people, who appear to generally support the state policy. You're not going to waste your resources on cases you can't win or cases your community is against."

Until Sessions' announcement on Thursday, federal prosecutors followed guidelines laid out in the so-called Cole memo, which was issued by the Justice Department during the Obama administration. The memo discouraged prosecutors from

going after people participating in the marijuana trade in states where recreational marijuana is legal, except in cases with aggravating factors.

Sessions revoked that document and others, citing the fact that pot remains illegal under federal law.

Federal prosecutors are not elected, but they often have long histories working in their districts. They are surrounded by attorneys who have spent their careers arguing federal cases before judges who can make their displeasure with a U.S. attorney known in sentencing decisions and in the scheduling of cases. That environment will not change because of a memo from the attorney general, Little said.

The change will undoubtedly create confusion and an uneven

landscape, said John Walsh, the former U.S. attorney for Colorado appointed by Obama who left the office in 2016.

Prosecutors in Western states wanted guidance from the Justice Department when the likelihood of state marijuana legalization became clear in 2010 and 2011. They hoped to avoid a patchwork of prosecution strategies, Walsh said.

The author of the Obama administration's policy, James Cole, told The Associated Press the policy's goal was to encourage a tightly regulated industry letting legitimate businesses operate but keeping cartels and gangs out. The change, Cole said, removes "clarity and consistency" for an industry dependent on it.

2 GOP senators refer author of 'Trump dossier' to DOJ

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Republican senators have made the first known criminal referral in congressional investigations of Russian meddling in the 2016 election, targeting the author of a dossier of allegations about President Donald Trump's ties to Russia.

Senate Committee on the Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, of Iowa, and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham said Friday they had referred former British spy Christopher Steele to the Justice Department for investigation about false statements he may have made to the government. Graham is the chairman of a judiciary subcommittee that is investigating the Russian meddling.

The referral comes after Republicans in Congress have made several attempts in recent weeks to undermine the credibility of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, the Justice Department and the FBI, charging that there is anti-Trump bias within the ranks of federal agents and prosecutors.

In a cover letter to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray released by the committee, the senators say the referral relates to "certain communications between Christopher Steele and multiple U.S. news outlets regarding the so-called 'Trump dossier.'"

The rest of the referral is classified and was not released. Lawmakers, who cannot prosecute, generally refer any criminal violations they find to the Justice Department.

The dossier is a compilation of memos Steele wrote during the 2016 campaign that contained several allegations of connections between Trump and Russia, including that Trump had been compromised by the Kremlin. Trump has called the dossier "phony" and derided it as a politically motivated hit job, and many Republicans in Congress have been focused on discrediting it.

The cover letter does not say to whom the senators believe Steele lied, but Grassley said in a statement about the referral that "everyone needs to follow the law and be truthful in their interactions with the FBI."

Republicans have been asking the Justice Department for months whether the dossier was used as part of its initial investigation into Russian interference.

The dossier was turned over to the FBI in 2016, and federal investigators worked to corroborate portions of it. Some of the information was distilled into a summary that then-FBI Director James Comey presented to then-President-Elect Trump in January 2017. More recently, Mueller's investigators interviewed Steele in Europe as part of their probe into Russian election interference and ties between Trump associates and the Kremlin.

Clinton Foundation corruption claims investigated by FBI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI is investigating whether the Clinton Foundation accepted donations in exchange for political favors while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state, two people familiar with the probe confirmed Friday. The revelation comes as President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans have been urging the Justice Department to look into corruption allegations involving the foundation.

It is unclear when or why the probe began, but the sources told The Associated Press it has been ongoing for several months, with prosecutors and FBI agents taking the lead from their offices in Little Rock, Ark., where the foundation has offices. The people were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The Hill newspaper first reported the probe.

Critics have accused the Clinton family of using the foundation to enrich themselves and giving donors special access to the State Department when Hillary Clinton was secretary of state. But public corruption prosecutors in Washington expressed disinterest in working with the FBI on a Clinton Foundation-related investigation in 2016, saying they had concerns about the strength of the FBI's evidence.

Brutal cold keeps hold on East Coast

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Brutally cold conditions that have gripped the East Coast will last most of the weekend, prompting wind chill warnings from Virginia to Vermont.

Temperatures were in the single digits from Philadelphia to Boston on Saturday morning and expected to fall closer to zero Saturday night, with wind chills making it feel like from minus 10 degrees to minus 20 degrees.

In Burlington, Vt., the temperature was minus 1 Saturday morning, with a wind chill

of minus 30 degrees. It was 8 degrees in Philadelphia and New York City, with wind chills ranging from minus 9 to minus 11 degrees.

Even more temperate locations won't escape the cold, with the mercury dipping into the single digits in Baltimore and Washington over the weekend — about 20 degrees below normal for this time of year.

The blast of cold air, which comes just days after a storm dumped as much as 18 inches of snow in some places, could bring the feeling of real jaw-clenching temperatures to people living further north.

The National Weather Service said Friday that temperatures in the Berkshire mountains in western Massachusetts could seem like a frosty minus 35 degrees; parts of New Hampshire and Maine could experience minus 45; and Vermont's mountain regions could feel like minus 50 degrees.

"It's definitely cold, and the type of bone-chilling cold that happens every few years," said Dan Hofmann, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Baltimore. He added that the last time such extreme cold occurred was in February 2015.

The weather service issued wind chill warnings for various days this weekend for parts of Vermont, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Maine and New Hampshire.

These locations, however, will have nothing on the White Mountains in New Hampshire. The Mount Washington Observatory, on its website, predicted the mountain's highest summits could see wind chills of minus 100 degrees into Saturday.

Fast forward to early this week, though, and more seasonable weather is expected to return, with temperatures in the high 30s and near 40s.

Simulator uses role-playing to prepare for shooting

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The shooter rapidly fires through the front doors of an elementary school with an assault rifle and blasts his way down the hallway. Screaming children are running for their lives or frozen in fear. Teachers quickly try to decide: barricade the doors, or make a run for it with their students?

Police officers arrive with guns drawn, working their way through the school. Finally they confront the shooter and end the threat.

Using cutting-edge video game technology and animation, the Army and the Department of Homeland Security have developed a computer-based simulator that can train everyone from teachers to first responders on how to react to an active shooter scenario. The training center is housed at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and offers numerous role-playing opportunities that can be used to train anyone in the world with a computer.

"With teachers, they did not self-select into a role where they expect to have bullets flying near them. Unfortunately, it's becoming a reality," said Tamara Griffith, a chief engineer for the project. "We want to teach teachers how to respond as first responders."

The \$5.6 million program — known as the Enhanced Dynamic Geo-Social Environment, or EDGE — is similar to those used by the Army to train soldiers in combat tactics and scenarios using a virtual environment.

Originally designed for police and fire agencies, the civilian version is now being

expanded to schools to allow teachers and other school personnel to train for active shooters alongside first responders. Homeland Security officials say the schools version should be ready for launch by spring.

Each character has numerous options, including someone playing the bad guy, said project manager Bob Walker. For example,

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each teacher has seven options on how to keep students safe, and some of the students in the program might not respond or be too afraid to react. So that becomes another problem to be solved.

"Once you hear the children, the screaming, it makes it very, very real," Walker said.

The program can have the

shooter be either an adult or a child.

"We have to worry about both children and adults being suspects," he said.

The program's designers listened to real dispatch tapes to understand the confusion and chaos that goes along with such frightening situations, Griffith said. They also talked to the mother of a child killed in the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook El-

ementary School in Newtown, Conn., who walked them through everything that happened that tragic day.

"It gives you chills when you think about what's happening on those tapes," Griffith said. "It tore us apart to listen to her and what she went through."

But it all serves one main goal: to train educators to save lives when an armed attacker bursts through a school door.

Another EDGE program, which was launched in June, has an active-shooter scenario involving a 26-story hotel that includes numerous possible environments for first responder training: a conference center, a restaurant, or office spaces. As many as 60 people can train on the program at once and can be located anywhere.

"It's important that this provides agencies like fire and law enforcement an opportunity to train together," said Milt Nenneman, Homeland Security's Science and Technology First Responder Group program manager in a recent Justice Department article. "Very seldom do they have the opportunity to train together in real-life, and it is hard to get those agencies time away from their regular duties."

School safety advocates say safety training gets pushed to the back burner until a tragedy happens. Amanda Klinger, director of operations for nonprofit Educators School Safety Network, said this new program could help change that.

"I hope that people will sort of see this simulation as a really cool and engaging way," she said, "to think about school safety."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

No charges after bar kicks out veteran, dog

MI GRAND RAPIDS — A prosecutor said no charges will be filed after a western Michigan bar asked a veteran and his service dog to leave the establishment in November.

Jerome Smith uses the dog to manage post-traumatic stress disorder from his time as a Marine. Kent County Prosecutor Chris Becker issued a legal opinion Thursday, saying Smith and the dog had the right to be in The Holiday Bar in Grand Rapids, but the dog should have had a harness or leash.

The bar later issued an apology.

Police: Man ripped chickens' heads off

CT MILFORD — Police said a Connecticut man killed 20 chickens and ripped their heads from their bodies in a drunken, jealous rage on Christmas.

Milford police Officer Michael DeVito told the Hartford Courant that the man was drinking with a friend when he saw social media pictures of his wife with other people. DeVito said the man became enraged and told his friend to drive to the homes of the people with his wife.

Police said he went to several locations, smashing car windows with an ax and killing the chickens with his bare hands.

The man and his friend are both facing charges including animal cruelty.

Dad measures son's growth in cheesesteaks

PA PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia father put the city's signature sandwich to use in a whole new

way: measuring his baby's size in cheesesteaks.

Philly.com reported Thursday computer programmer Brad Williams used a foolproof system he calls "Cheesesteak for Scale" to measure the growth of his son during the child's first year in 2015.

It started when he noticed his 2-week-old, Lucas Royce, was about the same size as a cheese-steak he'd brought home. So Williams snapped a picture of the sandwich next to his newborn and the tradition was born.

Every month for the next year Williams and his wife used a cheesesteak to track their growing boy.

Williams said babies and cheesesteaks are quite similar: "wrapped up they are warm and cuddly, but once you unwrap them, expect a huge mess."

Children's hospital brings snow to patients

NY NEW YORK — A New York City children's hospital made sure its patients didn't miss out on the snow by carting in buckets for the kids to play with and enjoy.

St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children, a Queens neighborhood hospital, brought in plenty of snow for the children to build snowmen or go sledding indoors during the Thursday snow storm.

A hospital spokeswoman said St. Mary's is one of only a few hospitals in the country that specializes in long-term care for children with special needs and life-limiting conditions.

City wages war against rodents with dry ice

DC WASHINGTON — Any mists spotted rising over the swamp may just be

Washington wielding its newest weapon in its never-ending war on rats: dry ice.

The District of Columbia's rodent control division's program manager, Gerard Brown, told The Washington Post the frozen form of carbon dioxide complements the poison the city uses, as reported rat complaints reach a four-year high.

Last month, Brown and Mayor Muriel Bowser oversaw a demonstration in which health department staffers stuffed dry ice into a northeast Washington alley rathole. As the ice smoked, the emanating carbon dioxide suffocated the rats, according to Brown.

Congressman settled disabled vet's complaint

OR PORTLAND — Records show Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., paid \$7,000 in a secret settlement with a staff member to resolve the man's complaints that Walden unfairly cut his hours because of health-related problems.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Thursday that Walden of Hood River settled with Cody Standiford in 2013.

Standiford provided the newspaper with the settlement and complaint documents.

Standiford started working for Walden in 2010 after being discharged from the Army because of injuries stemming from an improvised explosive device in Iraq.

Standiford's complaint said he worked as a veteran outreach coordinator, but a promotion was rescinded after he missed two weeks of work for chest pains.

He said Thursday that he broke the settlement's nondisclosure agreement not to disparage Walden but to shed light on the fact that members of Congress spend taxpayer funds on settlements.

Police: Man breaks into evidence, takes bike

UT PROVO — Provo police said a man broke into the department's evidence room undetected and took back his bike.

Deseret News reported Thursday that the burglary went unnoticed until the person who originally was found with the bike was arrested again and told officers David Elwin Snow was bragging that he "pulled off the crime of the century."

Snow, 37, and his brother had gone to the department on Dec. 18 to retrieve the bike, but since they never reported it stolen, they had a hard time verifying it was Snow's bike. Police accuse Snow of stealing it that same night after seeing where it was being stored.

Half-ton butter sculpture unveiled

PA HARRISBURG — A half-ton of butter has been transformed into a sculpture celebrating Pennsylvania's dairy industry — and heralding the start of the state's 102nd Farm Show.

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding said the sculpture highlights the careers and roles the dairy industry plays in the state.

It features renderings of a cow and farmer, an agronomist, a milk processor and a shopper with a basket full of products.

The butter came from waste scrap butter that's not suitable for human consumption. After the show, the sculpture will be taken to a farm and turned into energy in a methane digester.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show, the nation's largest indoor agricultural event, runs through Jan. 13.

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Tennell takes top spot at US nationals

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Bradie Tennell, Mirai Nagasu and Karen Chen, the top three finishers at the national championships, were selected Saturday morning to the U.S. team for the Pyeongchang Olympics.

U.S. Figure Skating uses a committee to decide the squad, and it went with the results of Friday night. Past performances and a variety of other data are included in the decision making.

Three-time U.S. champ Ashley Wagner, who complained vigorously about the marks after the free skate, was not included. Four years ago, Wagner also finished fourth but was placed on the team ahead of Nagasu. Wagner wound up with a bronze medal in the team event.

The 19-year-old Tennell and Chen, 18, the 2017 U.S. winner, made their first Olympics. Nagasu, now 24, was fourth at the 2010 Games.

Alternates are Wagner (first alternate), Mariah Bell (second alternate) and Angela Wang (third alternate). Only Wagner has been to an Olympics among those three.

The remainder of the team — three men, three ice dance couples and one pair — is scheduled to be announced Sunday.

Rising star Tennell's near-perfect free skate earned her first national crown. Tennell, a long shot entering the season, was spotless in the short program two days ago, then as the final skater in the long program

she didn't miss a trick under tremendous pressure. Her top competitors, Nagasu and Chen, already had put down superb routines.

"I just had to keep calm and focus on what I knew I could do," Tennell said. "There's the initial butterflies, but I kind of start to lose myself and keep going."

"I don't think it's sunk in quite yet. I'm still kind of shocked. It's indescribable to me."

Nagasu, U.S. champ 10 years ago and a 2010 Olympian, capped a sensationally sweet comeback with a flowing performance to finish second, assuring a spot in next month's Olympics — a berth she was denied in 2014 by the selection committee. That position for Sochi was given to Wagner, who had a better overall record.

Chen, the defending champion, was third Friday night.

"I really put in my vote for the Olympic team," said Nagasu, who has admitted the stress of competing often has gotten the best of her. "I was very unhappy with questions that were asked like, 'If you make this Olympic team, that'll be eight years in between.' That's a long time and I know that. This is about my journey, and that decision hasn't been made yet. There is always that chance that I will be skipped over again, but right now I'm enjoying that performance, that training that went into it. To have it come to fruition like it did tonight makes me really emotional, and I cannot

wait for the decision to come out."

After overpowering the entry and two-footing the triple axel that no other American woman tries, Nagasu hit six triple jumps, including a loop in the final seconds of a stirring program. She was so moved by her performance that she broke out in tears and covered her face, trying to gain control of the emotions that often had betrayed her in critical moments.

She was still crying in, appropriately, the kiss and cry area when the marks showed Nagasu she had shattered her personal best by nearly 20 points with a 213.84.

Chen's big season last year had not translated into achievement this campaign. She put those struggles to an icy death with a superb showing that had one flaw toward the end. She, too, was overcome by tears for a 198.59 score.

Tennell made it a trio of tears with her career best of 219.51. Tennell announced herself as an Olympic team threat with a third place at Skate America. Hardly ice shattering, but then she ratcheted up everything for nationals.

Wagner had the crowd going for most of her energetic routine, but a flawed lutz as her final jump was costly. She responded to the fans with a deep bow when she finished, yet was shaking her head "no" when her marks were posted.

Hours later, after she verbally campaigned to be placed on the Olympic team again, Wagner was left off.

Jackson surprises at speedskating trials

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Erin Jackson surprised herself and almost everyone else at the U.S. speedskating trials, becoming a first-time Olympian after just four months on ice.

Coming from the world of inline skating, Jackson qualified in the 500 meters by finishing third behind veterans Brittany Bowe and Heather Bergsma.

Bowe had the fastest time over two heats Friday night. She was quicker in her first run around the big oval, clocking 37.95 seconds. Her second run was 38.18.

Bergsma also was quicker in her first heat at 38.24. Her second trip was 38.42.

Jackson was just the opposite.

The 25-year-old skater from Ocala, Florida, went 39.22 in her first heat. She was even better in her second run, going 39.04.

"I really wasn't expecting any of this, just coming in as a newbie, just trying to do the best I can," she said, smiling. "I still don't even know."

Jackson becomes the third black person to make the U.S. speedskating team for the Olympics next month. She joins fellow long-tracker Shani Davis and short-tracker Maame Biney, who is originally from Ghana.

Bowe and Bergsma had already earned spots in Pyeongchang by finishing 1-2 in the 1,000, so doubling up in another event cleared the way for Jackson to join them.

Her previous personal best was 39.51 set Dec. 23 in the high-altitude of Salt Lake City.

"A couple weeks ago, I was still in the 40s," Jackson said. "I think I hadn't even broken 40 (seconds) yet, so it's all happened really fast."

Bowe is a former inline skater from Ocala, and has been a teammate of Jackson's for several years.

"She's improving dramatically every time she steps on that ice," Bowe said. "She's at a point now where she can make those huge gains, so to see that two races in a row out here when the pressure is the highest is really promising for her and the sprint program for Team USA."

On the men's side, Mitch

Whitmore added the 500 to his schedule after making his third Olympic team in the 1,000.

He skated fastest in his first heat at 35.06. But Whitmore had slow reactions in both heats.

"I've got a lot of room for improvement still," he said. "It's more stressful here than at World Cups or other big competitions just because you have to make the team and there's expectations of being a favorite going into this competition."

Jonathan Garcia made the team by finishing second at 35.22 after missing out in the 1,000 earlier in the week.

Kimani Griffin, a former inliner, was third at 35.26 and is expected to make the team depending on other skaters doubling up in events.

NBA roundup

Dunn leads Bulls to win over Mavericks

Associated Press

DALLAS — Kris Dunn, Justin Holiday and the Chicago Bulls kept making free throws in the final minute. Somehow, the Dallas Mavericks kept getting closer.

Only after Yogi Ferrell's desperation three-pointer at the buzzer fell short could the Bulls finally celebrate a 47-point fourth quarter Friday night and a frantic 127-124 victory over the Mavericks after leading by 10 with 68 seconds to go.

Dunn scored a career-high 32 points and Holiday added 23 for the Bulls, who made all 13 free throws in the final 1:08 but still gave Dallas a chance because the Mavericks had three-point possessions four times while pressing full court and fouling after every bucket.

A turnover helped also as the teams combined for 35 points in that final sequence. The Mavericks allowed a franchise record in points for any quarter.

"When you have a 10-point lead with about a minute to go, you've got to find a way to get

a couple of stops," said Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg, whose team started the fourth with a 10-0 run. "But it's a really good win coming down here against a team that's been really hot, rolling."

Nobody figured to be saying that about either team a month into the season. But it was a fittingly close game for teams having remarkably similar seasons — almost the same record after miserable starts followed by respectable recoveries that pulled each out of last in its conference.

The Bulls (14-25) were 3-20 before a seven-game winning streak that sparked an 11-5 record since the woeful start.

The Mavericks (13-27), who started 2-14, just had their best winning streak of the season stopped at four by Stephen Curry's three-pointer in the final seconds of Golden State's 125-122 victory in Dallas. Oh, and the Mavericks were down 12 with 4½ minutes left in that loss.

"We are falling into some bad habits playing these wind-

shield-wiper games," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We just need to take a hard look at it."

Wesley Matthews scored 24 points and Harrison Barnes had 23 for the Mavericks, who were outscored 47-36 in the fourth.

Rookie Lauri Markkanen had 16 with an emphatic follow-up dunk during a 16-4 surge that put the Bulls up 114-104 with 1:08 to play.

76ers 114, Pistons 78: Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid sparked host Philadelphia to a mammoth lead in a romp over Detroit.

Celtics 91, Timberwolves 84: Marcus Smart scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half, Kyrie Irving had 16 points, nine rebounds and eight assists and Boston pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat visiting Minnesota.

Raptors 129, Bucks 110: Jonas Valanciunas scored all of his 20 points in the decisive third quarter and Toronto beat host Milwaukee for the second time this week.

Heat 107, Knicks 103 (OT): Wayne Ellington scored 24 points, Goran Dragic added 19 and Miami survived a back-and-forth flurry in the final minutes to beat visiting New York in overtime.

Spurs 103, Suns 89: Kawhi Leonard and Manu Ginobili each scored 21 points, and San Antonio got its ninth straight home win over Phoenix.

Nuggets 99, Jazz 91: Trey Lyles scored a career-high 26 points, Jamal Murray also had 26 points and Denver beat visiting Utah.

Trail Blazers 110, Hawks 89: CJ McCollum had 20 points and host Portland beat Atlanta.

Wizards 102, Grizzlies 100: Bradley Beal scored 34 points, John Wall added 25 points and nine assists, and visiting Washington survived a late Memphis rally.

Hornets 108, Lakers 94: Kemba Walker had 19 points and seven assists, and Charlotte wrapped up a solid road trip with its first back-to-back victories since Thanksgiving, beating spiraling Los Angeles.

College basketball roundup

Dulin's seven three-pointers help Navy top American

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Bryce Dulin hit a career-high seven three-pointers on eight attempts and finished with 23 points to help Navy beat American 70-64 on Friday night.

Evan Weick scored 13 points and Hasan Abdullah added 11 points, six assists and two steals for Navy (11-5, 2-1 Patriot League).

Dulin hit a three-pointer, Tom Lacey converted a three-point play and Abdullah hit a jumper during an 8-0 spurt that gave the Midshipmen an 11-point lead with two minutes to go. Stacy Beckton Jr. hit two threes and Larry Motuzis

added a third as American (3-11, 0-3) scored nine of the next 10 points to make it 67-64 with 24 seconds left, but Lacey answered with two free throws and Dulin made another to seal it as the Eagles missed their final two field-goal attempts.

Sa'eed Nelson had 18 points and eight assists and freshman Sam Iorio scored 14 with a career-high 13 rebounds — his second consecutive double-double — for American. The Eagles have lost five in a row and eight of their last nine.

Bucknell 83, Army 66: Stephen Brown had 19 points on 8-for-12 shooting, including 3-for-6 from three-point range to help the Bison beat the Black

Knights.

Bruce Moore was 4-for-7 from behind the arc and finished with 17 points for Bucknell (8-8, 2-1 Patriot League), which won its fourth in the last five.

Bucknell got its first double-digit lead with a 9-0 run that made it 37-27 near the end of the first half. The Black Knights (8-6, 1-2) cut the deficit back to seven early in the second half, but Bucknell pulled away for good with a 15-2 run to lead 54-34 before the 16-minute mark.

Jimmy Sotos scored 13 and Ben Robertson added 11 for the Bison.

Thomas Funk led Army with 23 points. Tucker Blackwell

added 12.

Oregon State 76, Oregon 64: Tres Tinkle had 19 points, 12 rebounds and five assists as the host Beavers took control of the game in the second half to beat the archrival Ducks.

Stephen Thompson Jr. scored 16 points and had six assists and Drew Eubanks added 15 points and eight rebounds for Oregon State (10-5, 2-1 Pac-12).

Paul White came off the bench for 16 points, six rebounds and five assists, and Victor Bailey Jr. scored 11 points, for Oregon (11-5, 1-2).

Oregon State shot 53 percent compared to 36 percent for Oregon, and outrebounded the Ducks 43-36.

NHL roundup

Golden Knights win ninth of 10 games

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Reilly Smith had a goal and two assists, and the Vegas Golden Knights beat the Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 on Friday night for their ninth win in 10 games.

Jonathan Marchessault and William Karlsson each had a goal and an assist as expansion Vegas won in its first trip to Chicago. Alex Tuch and Cody Eakin also scored, and Malcolm Subban made 28 saves.

The game was tied at 4 when Smith stole a pass and beat Jeff Glass on a breakaway for his 11th of the season 13:53 into the third.

Vinnie Hinostroza had a goal and two assists for Chicago, which was coming off a 2-3-1 trip. Jonathan Toews had a goal and an assist, and Glass finished with 38 stops. Patrick Sharp and Nick Schmaltz also scored for the Blackhawks.

Penguins 4, Islanders 0: Sidney Crosby had a goal and three assists, Tristan Jarry stopped 31 shots for his second shutout of the season and visiting Pittsburgh beat New York.

Daniel Sprong had two goals

and an assist, Evgeni Malkin also scored and Dominik Simon added two assists for the Penguins, who had dropped four of six and were coming off a 4-0 loss at home to Carolina the previous night. The two-time defending Stanley Cup champions pulled within one point of the Hurricanes for the second wild card in the Eastern Conference.

Jaroslav Halak finished with 31 saves as the Islanders lost their season-high fifth straight — all in regulation — while getting outscored 25-8 during the skid.

The Islanders lost right wing Josh Bailey to a lower-body injury early in the first period and he did not return. Bailey leads the team with 38 assists and is tied with captain John Tavares for tops with 50 points.

Red Wings 4, Panthers 2: Anthony Mantha and Gustav Nyquist scored in the third period to lift host Detroit over Florida for its fourth straight victory.

The Red Wings blew a 2-0 lead and had been outplayed for most of the night, but Man-

tha gave Detroit the lead back on the power play, and Nyquist added a breakaway goal with 4:38 remaining.

Andreas Athanasiou and Tomas Tatar also scored for the Red Wings. Mike Matheson and Aleksander Barkov scored for the Panthers, who had their game at Boston on Thursday night postponed because of severe weather. They were able to make it from there to Detroit to play Friday's game as scheduled.

Jets 4, Sabres 3: Blake Wheeler and Jacob Trouba each had a goal and an assist as Winnipeg topped visiting Buffalo, extending its point streak to five games.

Wheeler has a point in five straight games, with five goals and three assists during that span. All five of those goals have been scored in the four games the right wing has played at center in place of injured Mark Scheifele.

The Jets are 4-0-1 in their last five and 24-11-7 overall, good for first place in the Central Division — one point ahead of idle St. Louis.

Winnipeg defenseman Dustin Byfuglien scored his first goal of the season in his 30th game. It was his second game back after missing 10 with a lower-body injury.

Bryan Little also scored for the Jets, who are 15-3-1 at home. Connor Hellebuyck made 26 saves and improved to 22-4-6.

Marco Scandella, Scott Wilson and Johan Larsson scored for the struggling Sabres.

Senators 6, Sharks 5 (OT): Matt Duchene scored his second goal of the game seven seconds into overtime and host Ottawa capped a four-goal comeback with a win over San Jose.

Down 5-2 to start the third period, the Senators got goals from Derick Brassard, Duchene and Mike Hoffman. Ryan Dzingel and Mark Stone also scored for Ottawa, and Craig Anderson made 30 saves.

Hoffman and Duchene raced for a 2-on-1 off the OT faceoff, and Hoffman slipped a backhand pass across the slot to Duchene, who pushed the puck past goalie Aaron Dell.

Sports briefs

Shiffrin captures GS to improve to 3-for-3 in 2018

Associated Press

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia — Defending overall champion Mikaela Shiffrin won a women's World Cup giant slalom Saturday to stretch her winning streak for 2018 to three races.

The American is the first female skier with three straight wins at the start of a year since Vreni Schneider of Switzerland achieved the feat in 1989.

"I am just having a blast racing and I wanted to keep that momentum going," said Shiffrin after her 39th career win, and sixth in GS.

Suffering from a cold, she lost more than half a second of a big first-run lead but still beat world GS champion Tessa Worley of France by 0.31 seconds.

Sofia Goggia of Italy was 0.91 behind in third, followed by three more racers all within one second of Shiffrin's winning time. Goggia's Italian teammate Federica Brignone was 0.98 behind in sixth after winning the previous GS, in Lienz eight days ago.

"It is super fun to ski, I am super psyched about it," said Shiffrin, who now leads the overall as well as all discipline

standings except for super-G.

In other ski racing news:

Marcel Hirscher edged Henrik Kristoffersen for victory yet again in a World Cup giant slalom at Adelboden, Switzerland, on Saturday, and rose to third on the men's all-time wins list.

Taking a wild ride down the steep final slope, first-run leader Hirscher finished 0.17 seconds ahead of his Norwegian rival for his third GS win this season. Kristoffersen has been runner-up each time.

Alexis Pinturault, of France, placed third, trailing 0.21 behind Hirscher, the six-time de-

fending overall champion.

Source: Gruden hired

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders are set to bring Jon Gruden back for a second stint as coach.

A person with knowledge of the team's plans said the Raiders are planning a news conference Tuesday to announce that Gruden is leaving the broadcast booth to come back to coaching. The person spoke on condition of anonymity Friday because the team has made no formal announcement.