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The NSSF responds to AFT regulations in Pres. Trump’s ‘One Big Beautiful Bill’

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The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is beginning the reform work directed by President Donald Trump’s executive order on Protecting Second Amendment Rights. Those reforms, reportedly, could include changes in firearm regulations as well as budget adjustments and achieving manpower efficiencies. That’s welcome news and would deliver on reform efforts announced earlier this year by the Trump administration. NSSF has called for ATF reforms for years, especially after the Biden administration wielded the ATF as a bludgeon against the firearm industry for political reasons. In response to a request from ATF, the Department of Government Efficiency has reportedly sent some lawyers to assist ATF

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with its goal to change 47 regulations – a reference to President Trump as the 47th president, according to Newsmax – but could go higher with changes reportedly set for 50 regulations. Some of those proposals could be ready for review as soon as July 4. Robert Leider, ATF’s General Counsel, is supervising the effort. He’s gained admiration for his stalwart support of the Second

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Tigers and Bears renew rare matchup with big four-year agreement

CBS Sports will televise game and stream live on Paramount

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 7, 2025– For just the ninth time in history and the first time on a college campus in nearly 50 years, Memphis and Baylor men’s basketball are set to meet. The Tigers and Bears have agreed to a four-year home-and-home series beginning this December. The Tigers and Bears will tip off the series on Dec. 6 at FedExForum in Memphis with a nationally televised contest on CBS and streaming live on Paramount+. Tip is set for 3:30 p.m.

As part of an ongoing relationship between CBS Sports and the American, this contest will mark the seventh-consecutive season that the Tigers have been broadcast on CBS and the fifth-consecutive season Memphis has hosted a CBS telecast. The agreement includes two home games for each team, with

the series heading to Waco, Texas, on Dec. 5, 2026, and again during the 2027-28 season before returning to Memphis in 2028-29. Under Penny Hardaway, Memphis continues to stack its schedule with marquee matchups and this latest agreement is no exception. More matchups are on the way, but you don’t have to wait—season tickets for the 2025-26 Memphis basketball season are available, visit www.gotigersgo.com or call (901) 678-2331. Though Memphis leads the all-time series 6-2, the Tigers and Bears have faced off only once in the past 35 years — a 2014 neutral-site game in Las Vegas. The last time Baylor visited Memphis was Dec. 13, 1976 —

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Showboats LB Andrew Dowell earns Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship with NFL’s Washington Commanders

MEMPHIS – July 3, 2025 – Memphis Showboats linebacker Andrew Dowell has been awarded a Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship and is working with the Washington Commanders during the offseason and into training camp. Established in 2015, The Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship exposes interested and qualified candidates to a career in professional scouting. The program provides participants, who must be a former NFL or collegiate player or a current college football employee working in recruiting/personnel, a glimpse into NFL player personnel operations, introducing them to various areas related to college and pro scouting within a club. Dowell joined the Showboats during the 2025 UFL season. He recorded 47 tackles, one sack, one interception and one forced fumble in just six games for

Memphis. His 7.8 tackles per game ranked No. 2 on the team. He played linebacker in the NFL for five seasons (2019-2023) with the Dallas Cowboys and New Orleans Saints. After signing with the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent, Dowell spent part of training camp in Dallas before being signed by New Orleans and staying with the team for the duration of his career. He has previous experience with The Draft Network (2021), Fanatics (2023) and New Legacy Partners (2023) in various scouting and business-based roles. A native of Lakewood, Ohio, Dowell attended Michigan State University where he played linebacker for four seasons (2015-



2018) and is currently in pursuit of his Master of Legal Studies in Sports Law and Business at Arizona State University. The United Football League (UFL) is the professional spring football league, born from the groundbreaking 2024 merger of the XFL and USFL. With the visionary backing of RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson, the UFL is redefining the football landscape. Built on tradition and positioned to innovate and expand fan engagement and player opportunities, the league is poised for growth with its eight teams in key markets: Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C. The UFL is committed to pushing the boundaries of the game and delivering an elevated experience for players, fans, and partners alike.

Marine, NFL rookie Rayuan Lane visits Pentagon and meets Defense Secretary



By Army Maj. Wes Shinego
Dept. of Defense (DOD)

July 7, 2025 - Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Rayuan Lane III stepped onto the Pentagon's River Entrance parade field and did something few others can claim — he played catch with the secretary of defense. Defense Secretary Pete Heg-

seth lofted a football to the young officer and recent NFL draftee on the Pentagon steps, a first for the secretary at the iconic building. Lane, a newly commissioned Marine Corps officer and rookie defensive back for the Jacksonville Jaguars, was visiting the Pentagon with his family at Hegseth's invitation, and the secretary had a message for him. Hegseth praised Lane as an em-

bodiment of service and opportunity. "Think about all the kids that can look and say, not only can I serve my country, but I can excel at the highest of levels and make it to the NFL," he told Lane. "There's no better example of the American dream than that. ... I'm looking at the personification of the American dream, truly."

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