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DOD Sec. Hegseth speaks to troops and NFL players ... from sports page 1

"It's a game that we all love," he said. "It just gives you a little bit of a slice of home to turn the game on and feel like I'm connected to what folks in the states are doing." The secretary congratulated the two players, saying that kids whose parents serve, serve alongside them. He also encouraged them to put the troops through some NFL-level training and rigor to see if they could hang with them.

Jones said he grew up with the challenges of being a child of soldiers who deployed and frequently changed duty stations. He recalled on his own childhood experience when his parents were deployed to Iraq, and he saw firsthand the sacrifices made to serve one's country.



Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth gives thumbs up to enthusiastic football fans (Photo/Courtesy: DOD)

Both players said it was an honor to be with the service members. Addressing recruiting and retention, Hegseth said both have surged since President Donald J. Trump took office. To keep the momentum going, troops need adequate pay and quarters.

He added that troops need meaningful training and exercises that contribute to greater lethality, and the Defense Department is in the process of eliminating procedures that don't focus on readiness.

"As much as we can, we're freeing up good training time," Hegseth said. "I think that's all troops

really want to be doing," he said. "We want to restore the warrior ethos. We want to rebuild the military and reestablish deterrence. And what you are doing there is a part of that deterrence." He said the troops serving in Kuwait are at the tip of the spear, and through their service they are

executing the warrior ethos.

"We are part of rebuilding the military here in Washington to make sure we have the funding and the systems in your hands to do your job," Hegseth said. However, he said he is hopeful that through strength, the United

States can establish deterrence to prevent conflict.

"You have an advocate here in the secretary's office for trying to see the world through that lens on your behalf and do right by you. You're not a number. You're an American who's raised your

right hand to sign your life to defend the nation. We want to do everything we can to utilize you properly and then bring you home to your family as quickly as possible. So, thank you for everything you're doing," he added.

Before you join the meltdown over tariffs

By Jim Shepherd
The Outdoor Wire

APRIL 7, 2025 -Before you join in the international meltdown over the Trump Administration's reciprocal tariffs, a few words of caution. Before hyperventilating over every expert's telling of

commentary

what's sure to come, toss out any answer that contains the phrase "I think. Ditto "I feel" or "the consensus of our analysts is..." "Cogito ergo sum" may mean "I think, therefore I am" in Latin, but in economics it's the equivalent of the realtor-speak term "SWAG." SWAG is the acronym for a "sophisticated wild-ass guess."

Right now, no one knows what's really going to happen. Every country on that rather long list as well as the companies headquartered there, is trying to determine whether their best course of action is to be conciliatory or retaliatory. Switzerland, quick to bottom line any situation, elected to "wait and see."

Right now, the ultimate journalistic cop out is appropriate: "only time will tell." It brings audible groans from editors, but they're also quick to ignore the fact that "no comment" is not an admission of anything. It's the clear

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U.S. Sen. Hagerty reintroduces bill to give law enforcement a ‘technical fix’

WASHINGTON, April 3, 2025—United States Senators Bill Hagerty (R-TN) and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) reintroduced the bipartisan Innovate to De-Escalate Modernization Act, legislation that would give law enforcement the resources they need to responsibly crack down on crime.

Current law discourages law enforcement from utilizing important new less-than-lethal technologies, such as long-range

tasers, by failing to clearly distinguish these devices from traditional firearms. The Innovate to De-Escalate Modernization Act is a technical fix, adding a "less-than-lethal projectile device" category to federal law and creating a statutory test to classify these devices. The new legislation supports law enforcement and community safety by permitting only true less-than-lethal devices, while screening out devices not intended to be less-than-lethal.

"It is crucial that police officers

and sheriff's deputies are equipped with the best available technology to keep Americans safe," said Senator Hagerty. "Our brave law enforcement officers put their lives in danger every shift, and I'm pleased to introduce this legislation that will ensure they have access to the most effective tools to de-escalate dangerous situations."

"Giving law enforcement the tools they need to safely de-escalate situations is important to

keeping both our officers and communities safe," said Senator Gallego. "Right now, red tape is making it harder for police departments, especially smaller ones, to access less-than-lethal technology, making encounters more dangerous and potentially deadly. I'm proud to lead this bipartisan bill to give police departments of all sizes the technology to protect communities without resorting to deadly force."

The Law Enforcement Innovate

to De-Escalate Modernization Act provides:

- Law enforcement with effective, less-than-lethal alternatives to firearms in high-risk situations. When officers have access to the full range of response options American innovators have created, they are better equipped to de-escalate confrontations without taking undue risks.
- An effective means of response for law enforcement to save lives while ensuring that communities

are not exposed to unnecessary risks.

The legislation is endorsed by:

- Fraternal Order of Police
- African American Mayors Association
- Major City Chiefs Association
- Major County Sheriffs
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement
- Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association
- California Peace Officers Association

SAF applauds cuts to CDC ‘gun violence’ staff from sports page 1

vention," but so far all of this research does not appear to have prevented a single violent crime," he stated. "Instead, we see declarations that more research is needed, while anti-gunners use CDC data to erode Second Amendment rights. That sounds like a perpetual 'make work' effort to keep the public funding flowing while gun owners are es-

entially treated like plague carriers, or lepers."

For more information, visit saf.org.

The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting

the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the

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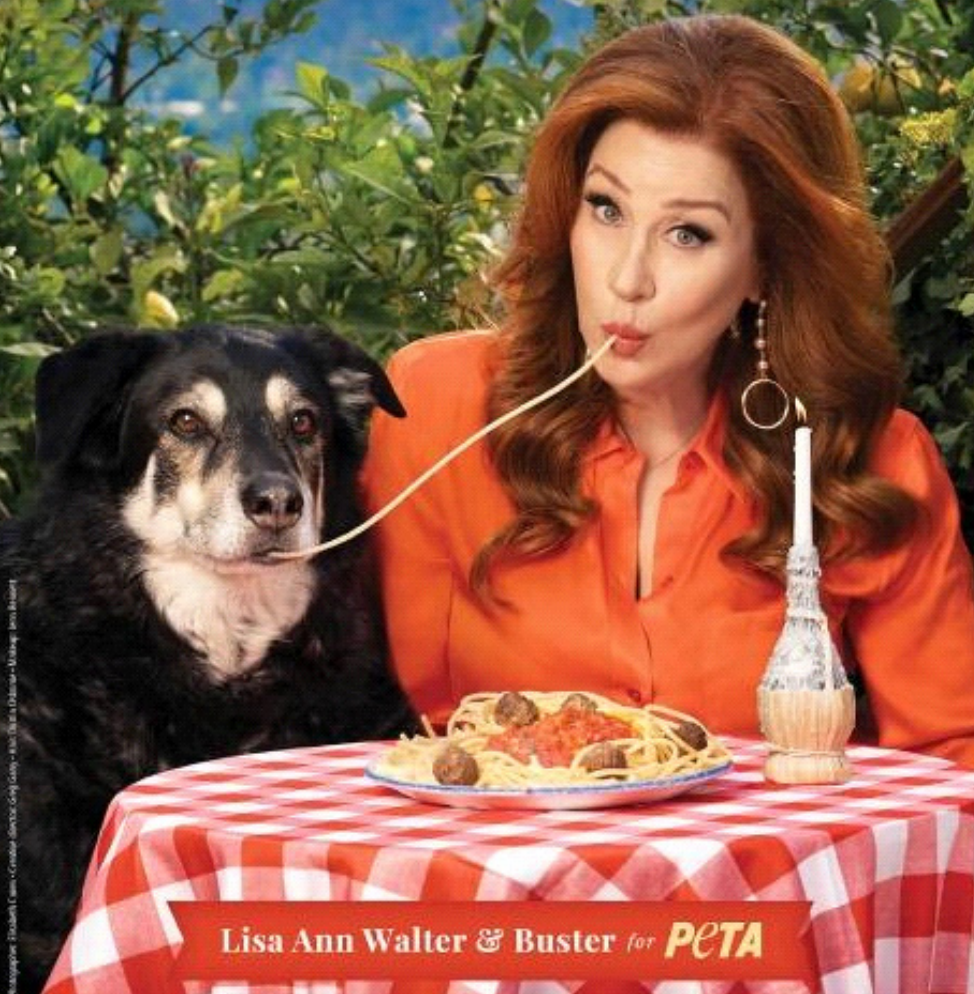
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