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Rhetoric signals lack of N. Korea-US deal

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SEOUL, South Korea — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo went to North Korea last week hoping to “fill in” the details of a general commitment to “complete denuclearization” of the divided peninsula following an unprecedented U.S.-North Korean summit.

Instead he came away with agreements to talk more and an angry denunciation from the North, which accused the Americans of making “gangster-like” demands for unilateral disarmament.

A month after President Donald Trump shook hands with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore, the harsh rhetoric was a signal that the honeymoon is over as the two sides appear no closer to agreement on concrete measures, a timeline or even a definition of denuclearization.

The North Koreans also have yet to return the remains of U.S. troops killed in the 1950-53 Korean War, which was the one specific promise made in the four-point summit declaration.

Pompeo dismissed the stinging North Korean commentary and insisted that he made progress during his talks on Friday and Saturday.

“If those requests were gangster-like, the world is a gangster,” Pompeo said Sunday after meeting with his South Korean and Japanese counterparts in Tokyo. He was referring to the fact that U.N. Security Council resolutions have banned the North from conducting nuclear and missile activities.

“People are going to make stray comments after meetings,” Pompeo said. “If I paid attention to the press, I’d go nuts.”

Trump himself sought to put the best face possible on the state of the bargaining with North Korea. He said in a tweet Monday that he was confident that Kim would “honor the contract we signed” in Singapore.

“We agreed to the denuclearization of North Korea. China, on the other hand, may be exerting negative pressure on a deal because of our posture on Chinese Trade-Hope Not!” Trump added in what could be a bid to shift the blame away from the North Koreans and onto China.

The North Korean statement, published by the government mouthpiece Korean Central News Agency, carefully focused its criticism on the talks with Pompeo and avoided an attack on Trump, who has placed great importance on his personal relationship with the North Korean leader since their meeting in Singapore.

Vipin Narang, an associate professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said the North Koreans were signaling that they have no plans to give up their nuclear arsenal without major concessions.

“This is not the end of the process. It’s a negotiating tactic,” he wrote on Twitter.

The U.S. maintains some 28,500 service-members in South Korea, which remains technically at war with the North after the three-year conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

Past nuclear negotiations with the North have failed due to disputes over verification measures and distrust on both sides.

“This is standard operating procedure for three generations now of dictators in North Korea,” Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said Sunday in an interview on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “Nobody should be surprised by foot-dragging.”

Blunt also said he thought it was a “mistake to give the military exercises up,” referring to the suspension of planned U.S.-South Korea military drills, and the administration may “have to reconsider that I would think at some future time particularly if these negotiations appear to be going on for a long time.”

Pompeo said the two sides had discussed “modalities” for the destruction of a missile engine-testing facility and agreed to form a working group to determine how to verify North Korea’s denuclearization.

Pentagon officials also plan to meet with North Koreans on Thursday to discuss the return of remains of war dead, he said.

The secretary of state acknowledged that “the road ahead will be difficult and challenging” and vowed to keep punishing economic sanctions in place “until final fully verified denuclearization” is achieved.

Unlike on his previous two trips to North Korea, which were made before the summit, Pompeo didn’t meet with Kim Jong Un.

Critics say the Trump administration already has weakened its hand against a team of seasoned North Korean negotiators by agreeing to the unprecedented summit, which has been a longtime goal in Pyongyang, and by suspending the joint military exercises with South Korea that are hated by the North.

Sailor dies in noncombat incident in Red Sea

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — A Navy sailor was killed in a noncombat incident while conducting small-boat operations in the Red Sea, a Pentagon spokesman said Monday.

The sailor was evacuated Sunday to a hospital in Aqaba, Jordan, and was pronounced dead about 12:45 p.m. local time, said Army Col. Rob Manning, a spokesman for the Pentagon. The sailor’s name was

not released immediately, pending family notification.

Manning said there was no indication of enemy activity in the area and the Navy did not suspect foul play in the death. An investigation into the incident is ongoing, according to the Navy.

Another Pentagon spokesman characterized the sailor’s death as “an accident.” Small-boat operations typically include the use of small, fast vessels — often motor-driven inflatable craft — to carry person-

nel from warships to the coastline or near it.

The sailor was assigned to the USS Jason Dunham, an Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer based at Norfolk, Va. The ship is deployed to the Navy’s 5th Fleet, which conducts operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility throughout the Middle East and western Asia.

The Dunham deployed in June, according to the Navy.

Thai official: 4 more boys rescued from cave

Associated Press

MAE SAI, Thailand — An aide to the Thai Navy SEAL commander says four more members of a youth soccer team were brought out of a flooded cave in northern Thailand on Monday and the ongoing rescue operation is over for the day.

The aide, Sitthichai Klangpattana, didn't comment on the boys' health or say how well the operation has gone.

A total of eight of the 12 boys now have been brought out of the treacherous cave system by divers.

On Sunday, when the high-risk operation to rescue the boys and their coach began, teams of divers brought out four of the boys but waited several hours before confirming their safe rescue.

Chiang Rai acting Gov. Narongsak Osatanakorn had said earlier Monday that the second phase began at 11 a.m. and authorities "hope to hear good news in the next few hours."

"All conditions are still as good as they were yesterday," Narongsak told a news

conference. "The boys' strength, the plan — today we are ready like before. And we will do it faster because we are afraid of the rain."

Authorities have been rushing to extract the boys, ages 11 to 16, and their coach from the cave as the annual monsoon bears down on the mountainous region in far northern Chiang Rai province. Workers have been laboring around the clock to pump water out of the cave, and authorities said Monday that heavy downpours overnight did not raise water levels inside.

The four boys pulled from the cave Sunday in an urgent, dangerous operation that involved them diving through the cave's dark, tight and twisting passages were happy and in good health, authorities said.

"This morning, they said they were hungry and wanted to eat khao pad grapao," Narongsak said, referring to a Thai dish of meat fried with chili and basil and served over rice.

Still, the four were undergoing medical checks in a hospital in the provincial capi-

tal and were not yet allowed close contact with relatives due to fear of infections. Relatives were able to see them through a glass partition, the governor said.

The boys and their coach went exploring June 23 in the massive Tham Luang Nang Non cave after a soccer practice, and were cut off when a rainstorm flooded the cave. A massive international search operation was launched, and it took 10 days to locate the boys, who had taken shelter on a dry slope deep in the complex.

The search and rescue operation has riveted people both in Thailand and internationally, with journalists from across the globe traveling to this town along the border with Myanmar to report on the ordeal.

Interior Minister Anupong Paojinda had said early Monday that the same group of expert divers who took part in Sunday's rescue would return to extricate the others because they know the cave conditions and what to do. He had said fresh air tanks needed to be laid along the underwater route.

Court awards money to kin of man attacked by Marines

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Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Relatives of an Okinawan taxi driver who was assaulted by Marines in 2008 have been awarded compensation by a Japanese court and plan to petition the U.S. and Japanese governments for payment.

The family of the late Munekazu Ura was awarded approximately \$239,000 in Naha District Court on Thursday for a Jan. 7, 2008, assault by former Marines Joseph Wayne Riddle and Reginald Crapps, according to a copy of the verdict. Ura's family sued the pair in civil court last year after nearly a decade of informal requests for damages.

Riddle and Crapps — then assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma — had admitted beating Ura during an attempted robbery and were sentenced to prison terms in Japan. Both were later released and returned to the U.S.

If the two are unable or unwilling to pay the damages, the U.S. and Japanese governments will be required to do so under the Status of Forces Agreement that governs American servicemembers in Japan.

"My father could not go back to work after the incident and felt terrible about

being a burden to the family," Ura's son, Muneyuki Ura, said after the verdict, according to the Okinawa Times newspaper.

"His last words were, 'I am sorry.' I can tell him that it is over and now you can rest in peace."

The early morning assault happened after Ura picked up Riddle, then a 20-year-old corporal, and Crapps, 19, a private first class, in Kitamae, Chatan, according to court records.

The cab proceeded to Mihara, Okinawa City, where Riddle hit the driver, then 59, from the back seat with a whiskey bottle and Crapps punched him in the face, court records said. The Marines then chased Ura and struck him with the bottle again. The driver sustained injuries to his head and neck and his false teeth were knocked out.

Riddle and Crapps were caught and confessed.

Riddle was sentenced to 4½ years in prison with forced labor, while Crapps received three to four years with forced labor.

After the attack, Ura became depressed and couldn't sleep. Even after his physical wounds healed, he was hospitalized for post-traumatic stress disorder that became so bad that he had to quit his job and was unable to adequately provide for his family, according to court records. He died of

cancer in 2012 at age 63.

Ura and his family sent invoices to American officials through the Japanese government five times between 2009 and 2014, seeking about \$200,000. The U.S. government offered a settlement in November of about \$13,000 but the family rejected the offer, the Kyodo News reported.

Ura's relatives don't expect Riddle and Crapps to pay the damages and plan to go back to the U.S. and Japanese governments, their attorney, Yohichi Hidaka, said.

According to the SOFA, the U.S. must pay compensation on behalf of its military personnel if they have caused accidents or incidents, even off duty, and are unable to pay. If there is any difference between what they agree to pay and the court settlement, the rest will be paid by the government of Japan.

U.S. Forces Japan could not be reached for comment Monday.

"We are aware that Naha District Court ordered the monetary compensation from the Marines," an Okinawa Defense Bureau spokesman said. "However, as the Japanese government, we would rather not comment on this case. If Ura's family wants to apply for [Special Action Committee on Facilities and Areas in Okinawa] funds for the monetary compensation, we will fulfill our part by complying with SOFA rules."

US, Philippines training in South China Sea

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Stars and Stripes

The U.S. and Philippine navies are training in the South China Sea and on shore in the Philippines this week, according to a Navy statement.

The Sama Sama, or “Together,” exercise involves the Navy’s expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Millinocket, the diving and salvage ship USNS Salvor and a P-8 Poseidon surveillance aircraft working with the Philippine Navy frigate BRP Ramon Alcaraz and landing dock ship BRP Tarlac in the South China Sea.

China, the Philippines and several other Southeast Asian nations dispute territory in

the area where China has built military facilities on reclaimed land and clashed with the U.S. periodically over naval operations in international waters. During Sama Sama American and Filipino sailors are carrying out air defense, diving and search and rescue drills, the Navy said in its statement.

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force is watching the training, which began Monday.

Meanwhile, sailors and Marines are attending speeches and classes in San Fernando, San Antonio, Manila and Subic Bay on topics ranging from medical issues to “public affairs, engineering, explosive ordnance disposal and anti-

submarine and surface operations,” according to the Navy.

Rear Adm. Joey Tynch, commander of Task Force 73, said in the statement that the U.S. and Philippines’ “shared interest in maritime security is what Maritime Training Activity Sama Sama is all about — our shared belief that regional challenges increasingly require cooperative solutions by capable naval forces.”

Last summer the allies patrolled in the Sulu Sea watching for piracy and “illegal transnational activity” and exchanging “best practices in visit, board, search and seizure techniques,” according to the statement.

The Navy has made several

port calls in the Philippines this year, including three aircraft carrier visits. Ahead of the USS Ronald Reagan five-day port call last month, Rear Adm. Marc Dalton, commander of Task Force 70, called the islands “one of the favorite port visits to sailors in the Pacific.”

Capt. Lex Walker, commodore of Destroyer Squadron 7, said in the Navy statement that he looks forward to future iterations of Sama Sama.

“As the [Marine Training Activity] continues to evolve in scope and scale, the U.S. and Philippine navies will continue sailing together toward the common goals of increased maritime security and stability,” he said.

Chinese newspaper denounces US Navy ships’ Taiwan Strait passage

Associated Press

BEIJING — A ruling Chinese Communist Party newspaper on Monday denounced the passage of a pair of U.S. Navy ships through the Taiwan Strait as a “psychological game,” as the two sides square off over trade and relations with self-governing Taiwan.

The Global Times said in an editorial that the U.S. was adding to tensions by sailing the Japan-based guided missile destroyers USS Mustin and USS Benfold through the 100-mile-wide strait that divides Taiwan from mainland China.

Though such missions are not uncommon, both Taiwan and the U.S. made unusual public confirmations of the ships’ passage over the weekend.

Washington is “sending political signals by sending warships through the Taiwan Strait,” said the Global Times editorial, headline “U.S. psychological game in Taiwan Strait.”

At a daily briefing Monday, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said China had “played close attention to” the passage of the ships, but declined to connect the incident to other issues affecting

relations between Beijing and Washington.

China, which claims Taiwan as its own territory to be conquered by force if necessary, has criticized recent U.S. moves to strengthen relations with the administration of Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen. Those include the opening of a new office complex for the American Institute in Taiwan, which operates as Washington’s de facto embassy on the island in the absence of formal diplomatic ties that were cut when the U.S. switched recognition to China in 1949.

The U.S. Congress recently passed a law encouraging higher level government contacts between the sides and closer cooperation between their militaries is also being emphasized.

Such developments come amid rising frictions over what the U.S. considers unfair trading practices by China, the world’s second-largest economy.

The administration of President Donald Trump imposed a 25 percent tax on \$34 billion worth of Chinese imports on Friday. China is retaliating with taxes on an equal amount of U.S. products, including soybeans, electric cars and pork.

Army IDs soldier slain in attack in Afghanistan

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Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Army Cpl. Joseph Maciel has been identified by the Pentagon as the soldier killed Saturday in an apparent insider attack in southern Afghanistan.

Maciel, of South Gate, Calif., was assigned to 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, which provides protection for the Army’s 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, or SFAB.

He died from wounds sustained in the attack in Tirin Kot district in Uruzgan province. Two other U.S. servicemembers were wounded in the attack but were in stable condition and were being treated, a coalition statement said.

Maciel served in the Army for two years and was assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., according to a 3rd Infantry Division statement. He was described as a soldier beloved by his colleagues and dedicated to the mission.

“He will be greatly missed by the entire Black Lion family. Our prayers are with his family

and friends during this difficult time,” Maciel’s battalion commander, Lt. Col. David Conner, said in a statement.

Maciel’s decorations include the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

The incident is under investigation, officials said. Maciel’s death marks the third U.S. fatality in Afghanistan this year.

The 1st SFAB arrived in Afghanistan earlier this year to advise Afghan forces below the corps level as part of the Trump administration’s strategy for ending the longest war in U.S. history. Their work puts them closer to the front lines than most U.S. troops have been in years, which has sparked concern that more U.S. casualties could result.

Insider attacks were a major problem in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2012. They declined as major combat operations drew to a close in 2014; however, a Pentagon report to Congress late last year said the threat of such attacks could rise with the “explosive growth in personnel” in the Afghan ranks as NATO builds up the country’s military.

Weinstein out on bail after plea

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein, who previously was indicted on charges involving two women, was released on bail Monday while fighting sex crime accusations that now include a third woman.

“We fight these battles one day at a time, and today we won this round,” defense attorney Ben Brafman said outside court. Brafman said during the arraignment that he expects more charges.

Weinstein pleaded not guilty after he was brought into the courtroom with his hands cuffed behind his back. He was then uncuffed for the proceeding.

An updated indictment unveiled last week alleges the movie mogul-turned-#MeToo villain performed a forcible sex act on a woman in 2006. The new charges include two counts of predatory sexual as-

sault, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison upon conviction.

Attorney Gloria Allred, who is representing the third woman, said outside court that her client will testify if the case goes to trial. She said she doubts Weinstein’s lawyer would allow him to do the same because it would subject him to cross examination by prosecutors.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said Weinstein, 66, is charged with “some of the most serious sexual offenses” that exist under state law.

“Mr. Weinstein maintains that all of these allegations are false and he expects to be fully vindicated,” Brafman said.

More than 75 women have accused Weinstein, who was one of the most powerful men in Hollywood, of wrongdoing as allegations detailed in Pulitzer Prize-winning stories last October in *The New York Times*

and *The New Yorker* magazine swelled into the #MeToo movement.

Several actresses and models accused Weinstein of criminal sexual assaults. They include film actress Rose McGowan, who said Weinstein raped her in 1997 in Utah; “Sopranos” actress Annabella Sciorra, who said he raped her in her New York apartment in 1992; and Norwegian actress Natassia Malthe, who said he attacked her in a London hotel room in 2008.

Weinstein, who produced movies including “Pulp Fiction” and “Shakespeare in Love,” has denied all allegations of nonconsensual sex, with his attorney challenging the credibility of his accusers.

The Associated Press generally does not identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they come forward publicly.

Report: DOD spending on R&D is down

Bloomberg

The Defense Department has “dedicated an ever-smaller share” of dollars for research and development contracts over almost two decades, according to the Congressional Research Service.

R&D contracts issued by the Pentagon and the military services dropped to 8 percent of defense contract obligations last year from 15 percent in fiscal 2000 — a period that tracks a shift to spending on weapons and other goods and contractor services that began with the war on terrorism and the 2003 invasion of Iraq, according to data cited by the nonpartisan agency in a report issued last week.

The statistics buttress the arguments of Pentagon leaders such as Michael Griffin, the new undersecretary for research and engineering, that the U.S. is rapidly losing its technological edge to competitors such as China. The Pentagon’s fiscal 2019 budget requested \$91.1 billion for research and development, including the military services — a 3.2 percent increase from the \$88.3 billion Congress appropriated for this year.

The Senate Appropriations Committee reflected those concerns in its version of the defense spending bill, adding \$4 billion by shifting funds to bring R&D funding to \$95.1 billion.

Among the added items in the bill, which awaits Senate passage, are \$929 million for hypersonic weapons and defensive measures, including research and prototyping; \$317 million for directed-energy laser offensive and defensive research; and \$308 million to accelerate artificial intelligence systems that can be adapted rapidly to warfighting needs.

The House Appropriations Committee’s version (H.R. 6157), which passed the House on June 28, would increase the research request more modestly, to \$91.2 billion.

2 UK officials quit in Brexit rift

The Washington Post

LONDON — Prime Minister Theresa May struggled Monday to keep her government from imploding after the resignations of Foreign Minister Boris Johnson, a prominent face of the campaign for Britain to leave the European Union, and David Davis, her once loyal “Brexit minister” in charge of negotiating the country’s break.

The surprise departures exposed May to challenge by restive Conservative party members outraged over what they see as the prime minister’s plan for a “soft Brexit” that keeps Britain tied to many EU rules and regulations after it leaves the bloc next year.

Hard-line Brexit backers — who want May to seek a clean, decisive break from Brussels — were in open revolt over her recently revealed proposals. They denounced the latest road map as a timid capitulation — “Brexit in name only” that ignores the 52 percent of voters

who opted in June 2016 to leave the European bloc.

May replaced Davis on Monday morning with Dominic Raab, 44, a leading pro-Brexit campaigner during the EU referendum who served as her housing minister.

Where May’s Brexit plans go now is an open question.

The European reaction was muted on Monday morning.

“Politicians come and go, but the problems they have created for their people remain,” European Council President Donald Tusk said Monday of Davis’ exit, just before being informed of Johnson’s resignation. He said the sentiment extended to Johnson.

The pound sterling held steady and markets did not drop. Meanwhile, President Donald Trump is scheduled to arrive Thursday for a visit that will be closely watched for any comments on Brexit and U.S. relations with the EU.

In his letter of resignation late

Sunday, Davis told May that her tactics and proposals make it “look less and less likely” that Britain would leave Europe’s single market and customs unions — two promises May has made.

Davis warned May her approach will just lead to further demands from Brussels and will give Europe control of large swaths of the British economy.

Speaking to the BBC on Monday, Davis said he had to resign because as Brexit secretary he did not support May’s strategy and so could not do his job.

Critics of Brexit found such admissions astounding and evidence of chaos and lack of leadership — two years after the referendum and eight months before Britain leaves the union. One of the leading campaigners for leaving the EU, the radio show personality and European parliamentarian Nigel Farage, said, “For Brexit to succeed we must get rid of this awful, duplicitous PM.”

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

US court: Shipwreck belongs to France

FL JACKSONVILLE — A U.S. federal court has ruled that a shipwreck off Florida's Atlantic coast belongs to France and not the salvage company that found it in 2016.

A report by The Florida Times-Union says a U.S. magistrate ruled that the wreck was la Trinite, the flagship of French captain Jean Ribault.

In 1565, Ribault aimed to reinforce a struggling French colony in what is now Jacksonville. A hurricane wrecked his fleet, giving rival Spanish troops the opportunity to seize Fort Caroline and affirm Spain's claim to Florida.

Salvage company Global Marine Exploration had argued it had the rights to claim the shipwreck because its identity couldn't be established.

Driver's license available as app

LA BATON ROUGE — Louisiana residents can now carry their driver's license on their smartphone.

News outlets reported a new phone app, created through a 2016 state law, offers a digital version of the Louisiana driver's license, allowing motorists an option aside from carrying a physical license.

Though the LA Wallet app is free to download, a \$5.99 charge is required to activate the license. Once activated, it enables cellphones to display an image of the physical driver's license.

Trucks save man jumping off bridge

SC GREENVILLE — Authorities said a man who jumped from an interstate bridge survived because police

parked tractor-trailers under it.

Greenville County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ryan Flood said someone called 911 about a man threatening to leap off the U.S. Highway 25 bridge over Interstate 85 in Greenville.

Flood said sheriff's negotiators spoke to the man, but he jumped from a sign on the bridge. He fell only a few feet onto the top of 18-wheelers that deputies asked the drivers to park under the bridge.

Flood said the man was not injured and was taken to the county jail and charged with public disorderly conduct and pedestrian in the roadway.

I-85 south was closed for more than an hour during the incident.

Goats used to combat invasive plant species

MN ST. PAUL — Businesses in Minnesota and Wisconsin are using flocks of goats to combat invasive plant species.

The Pioneer Press reported that a goat services listing website run by Allysse and Dan Sorenson, of Wisconsin, lists five goats-for-hire businesses in Minnesota and central Wisconsin.

The Sorensons manage 115 goats to combat invasive plant species with the animals' appetite rather than with chemicals or machinery. The couple established their business in 2015 after seeing a similar concept in Sweden.

TV show gets \$536K; state gets publicity

VA RICHMOND — Virginia tourism officials paid the reality show "The Bachelorette" more than \$500,000 to film an episode of the show in Richmond.

The Richmond Times-Dis-

patch filed a Freedom of Information Act request to learn that the Virginia Tourism Corp. paid \$536,000 in incentives to lure the popular ABC show to Virginia.

The contract required the show to mention the state's "Virginia is for Lovers" tourism campaign and to provide a link to the state's tourism page on the show's website.

Police: 'Despondent' driver caused crash

FL TAMPA — Police in Florida said a heartbroken driver intentionally crashed his vehicle, causing a five-car pileup that injured two people and killed a puppy.

In an email, Tampa Police Lt. Ricardo Ubinas said the driver was "despondent over a recent breakup" and intentionally veered into a concrete median early Saturday. Five other vehicles struck his car in a chain-reaction crash.

Ubinas said two people in the other vehicles were hospitalized with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. A 2-month-old puppy riding in one of the other vehicles died in the crash.

Ubinas said police took the driver to a hospital for a mental health examination. His name was not released.

Military museum closing its doors

IN ANDERSON — A central Indiana military museum is closing its doors following the recent tax auction sale of its home of more than 25 years.

McClain's Historical Military Armor Museum faces an August deadline to vacate the property in Anderson, where its collection of tanks, aircraft and other items has been dis-

played since 1990.

Much of the museum's property has been sent to other museums, but some items were scheduled to be sold at auction.

60 pounds of pot seized at airport

TN NASHVILLE — Authorities acting on a tip nabbed a man who they allege tried to bring 60 pounds of marijuana to a Tennessee airport.

WTVF-TV reported that a drug-detecting K-9 found two suitcases holding 51 bags of marijuana after investigators received a tip that someone was traveling from Los Angeles with drugs. The Metro Nashville police arrest affidavit says Jose Medina Ayala was booked Thursday.

According to the arrest report, the drugs had been sprayed with Febreze to mask their scent. Ayala told investigators he didn't know there was marijuana in his luggage.

He's charged with felony drug counts and is being held on \$100,000 bond.

5 kittens are rescued from a storm drain

AZ TUCSON — Authorities in Tucson said five baby kittens were rescued from a storm drain.

The Tucson Fire Department, Pima Animal Care Center and Pima County Department of Environmental Quality participated in the rescue.

First responders arrived at a storm drain near River and Oracle after getting a call about a baby kitten in need of help.

Firefighters accessed the storm drain to find five kittens, estimated at less than a week old.

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Pastrana replicates iconic Knievel jumps

LAS VEGAS — Honoring the man who paved the way for dozens of daredevils, Travis Pastrana succeeded in landing three of Evel Knievel's iconic motorcycle jumps Sunday.

Donning his own Knievel-like costume, Pastrana used an Indian Scout FTR750 to jump 143 feet to clear 52 crushed cars, 192 feet over 16 Greyhound buses and concluded the "Evel Live" event on the History Channel by jumping 149 feet to clear the fountains at Caesars Palace.

"It's just such an honor to live a day in Evel's footsteps, and literally his boots," Pastrana said. "To be here in Las Vegas, so much of my history has been here. I proposed to my wife here, I had (the) first Nitro Circus show here. This was definitely the coolest thing I've ever done."

Royals sign Japanese pitcher, 16 years old

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kaito Yuki is headed to the Kansas City Royals organization instead of attending high school in Japan.

The team signed Yuki, a 16-year-old pitcher, out of junior high to a standard seven-year minor league contract Sunday. He is thought to be the first Japanese junior high school player to sign with a major league club.

Yuki is listed at 6-foot-2, 170 pounds and his fastball has been clocked at 87-88 mph. He was born on May 12, 2002.

Kim breaks LPGA scoring records

ONEIDA, Wis. — Sei Young Kim became the first player in LPGA Tour history to go lower than 30 under in a performance so dominant in the Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic that she now has the tour scoring records all to herself.

Kim closed with a 7-under 65 on Sunday for a nine shot victory, finishing at 31-under par. That broke by four shots to par the record Kim had shared with Annika Sorenstam. She also set the 72-hole scoring record at 257, finishing with a par to break the mark by one shot.

Rosters set for All-Star Game

Associated Press

Mike Trout, Aaron Judge and Mookie Betts form a dream outfield for the American League. Bryce Harper and Max Scherzer make up a not-so-gracious welcome committee for the NL.

Power in the center of power. A capital-sized All-Star Game.

Baseball unveiled the rosters for its midsummer showcase Sunday night, featuring an imposing AL lineup and Harper starting at his home ballpark in Washington.

Reigning AL MVP Jose Altuve was one of five All-Stars from the World Series champion Houston Astros, matching the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians for most in the majors. The New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves each had four, including rookie Gleyber Torres from the Bronx Bombers and fellow second baseman Ozzie Albies from the surprising Braves.

"It's fun. You're playing but you're looking around because you're playing with all those big boys out there," said Altuve, who made the AL team for the sixth time.

Torres is on the disabled list with a hip injury and unlikely to participate. While he and Albies are just 21 years old, the list of 25 first-time All-Stars also includes thirty-something surprises like Boston first baseman Mitch Moreland, Texas Rangers slugger Shin-Soo Choo and Atlanta outfielder Nick Markakis.

"It's something that I didn't know it would ever be quite possible," Moreland said. "I'm definitely excited about the opportunity and appreciative of having that opportunity."

Trout is working on perhaps the best season of his stellar career with the Los Angeles Angels. Judge has 25 homers and 58 RBIs for the Yankees, and Betts is batting .342 with 22 homers for the major league-leading Red Sox.

But that's just the beginning for the AL, which has won five All-Star Games in a row and 17 of the last 21.

Altuve led the fan balloting

with 4.8 million votes. Baltimore Orioles shortstop Manny Machado will make the short trip down to D.C. for the July 17 game with speculation increasing about his future ahead of the trade deadline.

Chicago White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu, Cleveland Indians third baseman Jose Ramirez, Red Sox designated hitter J.D. Martinez and Tampa Bay Rays catcher Wilson Ramos round out the AL's starting lineup.

"The best part is being with all the guys. You're on the biggest stage with the best," said Trout, who was selected for the seventh straight year — tying Boston ace Chris Sale for the longest active streak.

Harper was voted a starter for the fourth consecutive year. The slugger, who is eligible for free agency after this season, is batting just .218 for disappointing Washington but has 21 homers and 50 RBIs.

He was joined by ace right-hander Max Scherzer and reliever Sean Doolittle from the Nationals. Scherzer, a three-time Cy Young Award winner, could get the start in his home ballpark.

"That'd be an unbelievable experience," he said in an interview on ESPN.

Nationals shortstop Trea Turner could join Scherzer and Co. if he wins the online vote for the 32nd and final NL roster spot. Brewers first baseman Jesus Aguilar, Giants first baseman Brandon Belt, Cardinals infielder Matt Carpenter and Dodgers infielder Max Muncy also are in the mix.

"Very excited to represent the Nationals in D.C.," Harper said. "Looking forward to this week to hopefully get one of our other teammates in there as well."

Candidates for the final AL slot are Red Sox outfielder Andrew Benintendi, Twins outfielder Eddie Rosario, Mariners shortstop Jean Segura, Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons and Yankees slugger Giancarlo Stanton.

"It's something I've watched for a long time. To be a part of

it would be pretty cool," Benintendi said.

Markakis and Matt Kemp will join Harper in the NL outfield. Kemp's return to the Los Angeles Dodgers has been a smashing success. Markakis has been a key performer for the Braves and made an All-Star team for the first time in his 13 major league seasons.

"It is kind of emotional. I know my kids and my family are going to be ecstatic," he said. "Whether it came in my first year or this late in my career, it is going to be an exciting time."

The Chicago Cubs will have two starters after catcher Willson Contreras and second baseman Javier Baez each won a close race at their position in fan balloting. Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman, Colorado Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado and Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford round out the NL starting lineup.

"My first reaction was like, 'I have no words to say,'" Contreras said, "but I started crying when I went down to the cage because I hoped for it and I've been working hard every single game that I've played and played it like it was my last one."

As usual, there were some notable snubs — with several changes surely coming due to injuries and withdrawals.

Tampa Bay left-hander Blake Snell, who is 12-4 with an AL-best 2.09 ERA, was the most incomprehensible omission. Houston right-hander Charlie Morton and Oakland Athletics infielder Jed Lowrie were also left out despite worthy credentials. The Philadelphia Phillies, percentage points ahead of the Braves for the NL East lead, had only one All-Star in pitcher Aaron Nola.

"Having to have every team represented I think presents a bit of a problem for Major League Baseball," Astros ace Justin Verlander said. "It happens every year but it seems like this year is even a little bit more difficult than in years past. Some guys get snubbed."

Ohtani lifts Angels with pinch-hit homer

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Shohei Ohtani's versatility was on display again Sunday.

The two-way star launched a pinch-hit home run in the seventh inning that sent Andrew Heaney and the Los Angeles Angels to a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Bothered by a sore knee, Ohtani drove his first career pinch-hit homer a projected 443 feet to center field, breaking a 3-all tie. It also was the Angels' first pinch-hit home run of the season.

"It was going to be hard for me to run all out, so I was glad I was able to hit the home run and not have to run too hard," Ohtani said through a translator.

Albert Pujols also went deep for the Angels, tying the score at 3 in the sixth. Justin Upton

had a two-run single.

Heaney allowed only three hits and tied a career high with 10 strikeouts in seven innings to help the Angels take two of three at home in the Freeway Series. He gave up a three-run homer to Yasiel Puig, who later left with an oblique injury.

"After that inning (when Puig homered), he could tell I was pretty hot," Heaney said of Angels manager Mike Scioscia. "He said, 'Hey, keep 'em at 3. We're going to score some runs and win this game.'"

The touted rookie from Japan, unavailable to pitch lately because of an elbow injury, fouled a ball off his knee one day earlier and experienced soreness. He was not in the starting lineup and it was unclear if he would be able to come off the bench. But he did, and Ohtani hit a 2-2 pitch from reliever JT Chargois (2-2) for his seventh

home run of the season.

Ohtani was walking around before and during the game and felt good. He told Scioscia in the second inning he was available to play in whatever role was needed.

"That's obviously a clutch hit and certainly at the time of the game and we're a little thin on pitching, so to have a chance to get the lead and hold it, which we did, was huge," Scioscia said. "Shohei had treatment all morning. He said he felt good [by] the second inning."

Puig homered in the second after Heaney (5-6) walked two batters in the inning. The left-hander was dominant after that.

"That's been the story of my season," Heaney said. "I've given up some big, crooked numbers early in games and then I've been able to settle down and give us a chance to

win. I'd love to not do that. I'd rather just give up one here or there. Sometimes that puts our offense back on their heels whenever I dig us a hole like that. It's great to get a win."

Justin Anderson allowed a single in the ninth but got Cody Bellinger to ground into a game-ending double play for his fourth save.

Puig exited during an at-bat in the fifth with a strained right oblique. He grimaced in pain and hunched over after taking a swing.

In the third inning, the Dodgers elected to intentionally walk Mike Trout to load the bases with two outs. Upton, who had struggled with runners in scoring position, hit a two-run single to pull the Angels to 3-2.

Pujols tied the game with his 627th career home run in the sixth.

Roundup

Sandoval's five RBIs lead Giants past Cards

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — At some point, Giants manager Bruce Bochy plans to give Pablo Sandoval a day off. It's just that Sandoval's bat, coupled with a slew of injuries in San Francisco's infield, is making it increasingly difficult to rest the portly third baseman.

Sandoval homered and had five RBIs to back an uneven start by Madison Bumgarner as the Giants beat the St. Louis Cardinals 13-8 on Sunday.

"I come here every day to play and help the team to win," Sandoval said. "That's my main goal. I know I've been playing a lot but I know what my role is. I'm going to be ready for everything. I feel good."

Andrew McCutchen and Alen Hanson each added three hits. Brandon Belt and Gorkys Hernandez had two apiece to help the Giants split the four-game series.

Bumgarner (2-3) earned his second win this season despite an erratic outing. Making his seventh start after missing the first two months with a broken left pinkie, Bumgarner allowed four runs and seven hits in 5¹/₃ innings. He walked two and hit a batter with a pitch.

"Nothing really was working for me," Bumgarner said. "Fortunately our offense did a tremendous job getting us back in the game."

Athletics 6, Indians 0: Brett Anderson came off the disabled list and pitched effectively into the sixth inning before turning things over to visiting Oakland's outstanding bullpen as the Athletics blanked Cleveland.

Astros 2, White Sox 1: Dallas Keuchel pitched seven strong innings, Jose Altuve homered and host Houston manufactured the go-ahead run in the seventh to complete a four-game sweep of Chicago.

Yankees 2, Blue Jays 1 (10):

Brett Gardner hit a tiebreaking single in the 10th inning and visiting New York earned its fourth win in five games.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 3 (16): At Phoenix, Wil Myers homered for San Diego for the fourth time in two days, connecting in the 16th inning off Arizona catcher Jeff Mathis.

Rangers 3, Tigers 0: Jurickson Profar homered in the first inning and visiting Texas split the four-game series.

Rays 9, Mets 0: Nathan Eovaldi took a perfect game into the seventh inning, C.J. Cron hit an early three-run homer and Tampa Bay routed host New York.

Pirates 4, Phillies 1: Nick Kingham pitched six solid innings and had two RBIs, helping Pittsburgh avoid a three-game sweep against visiting Philadelphia.

Marlins 10, Nationals 2: J.T. Realmuto had a career-high five hits and drove in

three runs, Martin Prado got four hits and Miami snapped a 14-game losing streak to host Washington.

Twins 10, Orioles 1: Jake Odorizzi pitched six scoreless innings and Mitch Garver, Eduardo Escobar and Brian Dozier homered as host Minnesota completed a four-game sweep.

Red Sox 7, Royals 4: Rick Porcello pitched seven effective innings, Andrew Benintendi had four hits and Boston beat host Kansas City.

Brewers 10, Braves 3: Jesus Aguilar homered twice, Hernan Perez added a three-run shot and Milwaukee defeated visiting Atlanta.

Cubs 6, Reds 5 (10): David Bote drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded walk in the 10th inning, lifting host Chicago over Cincinnati.

Mariners 6, Rockies 4: Ryon Healy homered and tied a career high with five RBIs, leading host Seattle.

No top 10 women remain at Wimbledon

Associated Press

LONDON — Not one top-10 seed has made the women's quarterfinals at Wimbledon. Serena Williams will be there, though, after she moved a step closer to an eighth title at the All England Club.

Williams reached her 13th Wimbledon quarterfinal by beating Russian qualifier Evgeniya Rodina 6-4, 6-2 on Monday, and never looked likely to join the parade of favorites who have been eliminated.

No. 7 Karolina Pliskova became the last of the top-10 seeds to be knocked out, losing to Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands.

Since seeds were introduced in the 1920s, it's the first time none of the top 10 have reached the women's quarterfinals at Wimbledon. It's also a first for any Grand Slam tournament in the 50-year professional era.

Williams is seeded 25th after returning from having a baby, but is looking like her usual dominant self on the grass courts. In a matchup of the only two mothers remaining in the draw, she jumped into a 3-0 lead in both sets and wrapped up the win in 62

minutes.

Rodina, who upset 10th-seeded Madison Keys in the previous round, broke back for 3-2 in the second set but was broken to love straight away.

"It was tougher than the scoreline," Williams said. "I knew we were both moms, and I'm not sure how often that's happened, if ever. So it's really cool. You can be a mom, you can still play tennis and you can still be great."

In the men's tournament, Roger Federer advanced to a record-extending 16th Wimbledon quarterfinal with a 6-0, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Adrian Mannarino of France.

The eight-time champion lost just five points in a 16-minute first set but faced break points for the first time in this year's tournament, saving all four. Federer has now won 32 consecutive sets at Wimbledon to move within one straight-sets victory of breaking his previous longest streak at the All England Club, when he won 34 in a row between the third round in 2005 and the final in 2006.

Ninth-seeded American John Isner, No. 13 Milos Raonic of Canada and No. 24 Kei

Nishikori of Japan also advanced.

Isner rode his big serve to beat Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (4). He next faces Raonic, who defeated Mackenzie McDonald of the U.S. 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2.

Bertens hit seven aces and saved eight of the 10 break points she faced to win 6-3, 7-6 (2) against Pliskova and complete the latest upset in the women's draw. She beat the ninth-seeded Venus Williams in the third round after coming from a break down in the third set.

Bertens next faces 13th-seeded Julia Goerges, who beat Donna Vekic of Croatia 6-3, 6-2 to secure her first Grand Slam quarterfinal appearance.

Jelena Ostapenko and Dominika Cibulkova will also meet in Tuesday's quarterfinals.

Ostapenko reached the last eight for the second straight year with a 7-6 (4), 6-0 victory over Aliaksandra Sasnovich, while Cibulkova beat Hsieh Su-Wei 6-4, 6-1.

Williams faces Camila Giorgi of Italy next, while 11th-seeded Angelique Kerber plays Daria Kasatkina of Russia.

BMC holds off Team Sky in Tour de France trial

Associated Press

CHOLET, France — Chris Froome's Team Sky came up four seconds short of winning the team time trial in the third stage of the Tour de France on Monday, as Greg Van Avermaet of victorious BMC claimed the yellow jersey.

BMC, led by Australian hope Richie Porte, clocked 38 minutes, 46 seconds over the 22-mile route that began and ended in Cholet near the Atlantic coast.

Sky finished second and Quick-Step Floors came third, seven seconds behind. World champion Sunweb featuring Tom Dumoulin finished fifth, 11 seconds back.

Former leader Peter Sagan was dropped by his Bora Hansgrohe teammates and fell to 80th overall, three minutes behind.

Van Avermaet, a Belgian who excels at single-day classics, isn't a threat for the overall title but he could keep the lead through the cobblestoned Stage

9 ending in Roubaix.

Froome was left 55 seconds behind in the overall standings with another week of nervy rolling stages before hitting the Alps.

"It's a good time," said Froome, who dropped 51 seconds following a crash in Stage 1. "There are a lot of other good teams. As I've said from the start, the legs are good. It was a good test for us and the team. I'm very happy with the other riders."

Froome is aiming to join Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain as the only riders to win the Tour five times.

Van Avermaet earned the yellow jersey by leading BMC over the line, just ahead of American teammate Tejay van Garderen, who moved up to second overall, with the same time as Van Avermaet.

Geraint Thomas of Sky was third overall, three seconds behind.

Among the overall favorites, Dumoulin was seventh (11 seconds behind), last year's runner-up Rigoberto Uran was 10th (:35), Porte was 14th (:51), Movistar teammates Alejandro Valverde and Mikel Landa were 17th (:53), Froome was 18th (:55), Adam Yates was 20th (1:00) and 2014 champion Vincenzo Nibali was 22nd (1:06).

Squad leaders traded turns on the front of the team "trains," with the ability to constantly maintain a fast pace the decisive factor over a challenging — if not highly technical — route featuring a few minor hills.

Times were taken from the fourth rider on each eight-man team to cross the line.

BMC, which is searching for a new title sponsor, also won the previous team time trial on the Tour in 2015.

"I don't think it is a bad thing to have the yellow jersey for a team looking for a sponsor," said Porte, who crashed out of

last year's Tour and lost time in Stage 1 of this edition.

"I feel maybe even better (than last year)," Porte said. "It wasn't ideal to throw 51 seconds away but we have taken some good time back on some of the other GC (general classification) guys today. It's a long way to go, we still have six more hectic days and then we have also got the Alps and the Pyrenees."

The other members of BMC are Patrick Bevin, Damiano Caruso, Simon Gerrans, Stefan Kung and Michael Schar.

"Today, we just handled business," said Van Garderen, who has twice finished in the top five at the Tour but is riding this edition in a declared supporting role for Porte.

"Right now it is more about chest-thumping and psychological advantages. It just shows that we are here, too, and let's get it on."

Van Avermaet also wore the yellow jersey for three days on the 2016 Tour.