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World powers work to salvage nuke deal

Associated Press

VIENNA — Diplomats from Iran and five world powers recommitted Sunday to salvaging a major nuclear deal amid mounting tensions between the West and Tehran since the U.S. withdrew from the accord and reimposed sanctions.

Representatives of Iran, Germany, France, Britain, China, Russia and the European Union met in Vienna to discuss the 2015 agreement that restricts the Iranian nuclear program.

“The atmosphere was constructive, and the discussions were good,” Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi told reporters after the meeting ended.

“I cannot say that we resolved everything” but all the parties are still “determined to save this deal,” he added.

Fu Cong, the head of Chinese delegation, said that while there were “some tense moments” during the meeting, “on the whole, the atmosphere was very good. Friendly. And it was very professional.”

Both diplomats said there was a general agreement to organize a higher-level meeting of foreign ministers soon, but also that preparations for such a summit needed to be done well. A date has not been set.

Iran is pressuring the remaining parties to the deal to offset the sanctions President Donald Trump reinstated after pulling out. The country recently surpassed the uranium stockpile and enrichment limits set out in the agreement, saying the action could be reversed if the other parties came up with economic incentives.

Experts warn that higher enrichment level and a growing uranium stockpile narrow the one-year window that Iran would need to have enough material to make an atomic bomb, something Iran denies it wants but that the deal prevented.

So far, neither Iran’s announcement that it exceeded the amount of low-enriched uranium allowed under the deal nor its revelation it had begun enriching uranium past the 3.67% purity allowed, to 4.5%, are seen as violations likely to prompt the European parties to invoke a dispute resolution mechanism.

Both of Iran’s actions were verified by the U.N.’s nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

At the Sunday meeting, Fu said, the Europeans urged Iran to come back to full compliance and Iran urged the European Union, France, Britain and Germany to implement their part of the deal.

Fu said all sides expressed strong opposition against the unilateral imposition of sanctions by the U.S., especially the extraterritorial application of the sanctions. They also voiced support for China’s efforts to maintain normal trade and oil relations with Iran, Fu added.

In addition to trade with China, Iran is especially keen on the activation of a barter-type system set up by the Europeans that would allow the continent’s businesses to trade with Tehran without violating the U.S. sanctions.

Araghchi said the European system was “not functioning yet, but it is in its final stages.”

In the meantime, Iran has taken increasingly provocative actions against ships in the Gulf, including seizing a British tanker and downing a U.S. drone. The U.S. has expanded its military presence in the region, and fears are growing of a wider conflict.

A Royal Navy warship arrived Sunday in the Gulf to accompany British-flagged ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz. Britain’s Ministry of Defense said the HMS Duncan will join the Frigate HMS Montrose in the Gulf to defend freedom of navigation until a diplomatic resolution is found to secure the key waterway again.

Trump pulled the U.S. out of the nuclear deal last year unilaterally, saying he wanted to negotiate a better one.

Under the provisions of the accord, signatories provided Iran with economic sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on the country’s nuclear program, but the latest U.S. sanctions have highlighted the inability of the Europeans, as well as Russia and China, to keep up with their commitments.

Iran’s recent moves — which it defends as permissible after the U.S. withdrawal — are seen as a way to force the others to openly confront the sanctions.

At the same time, Europe is under pressure from the U.S. to abandon the Iran nuclear accord entirely and is also being squeezed by Iran to offset the ever-crippling effects of American economic sanctions.

New leader of Naval Academy cites priorities

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The new superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy says infrastructure and preventing sexual assault are two of the top challenges facing the institution.

The Capital newspaper reported that Vice Adm. Sean Buck said infrastructure must improve to meet modern tech-

nological demands and rising tides on the Severn River.

He also said the prevention and elimination of sexual assault and harassment remain at the forefront of his mind. In the 2017-18 school year, there were 32 reports of sexual assault, the highest number in more than a decade.

Buck relieved the former su-

perintendent, Vice Adm. Walter “Ted” Carter, at a ceremony at the academy Friday.

Carter is set to retire as one of the longest-serving superintendents in the school’s history. He was superintendent for more than five years.

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and rising Severn tides,” Buck said. “The prevention and elimination of sexual assault and sexual harassment remains at the forefront of my mind.”

Last year the Navy said it would raise a sea wall by 2.62 feet to prevent damage from sea level rise. The academy formed a Sea Level Rise Council in 2015.

1 killed, 11 hurt at annual Brooklyn event

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Late night gunfire at a large, outdoor event in Brooklyn, N.Y., killed one man, wounded 11 others and sent hundreds and perhaps thousands of people running for cover.

The shooting erupted just as the crowd at the annual Old Timers Event in the Brownsville neighborhood was beginning to disperse Saturday, witnesses said.

“There were a lot of people just chilling and having a good time,” Kaseem Collins, 19, told the Daily News. Then, when shots rang out, “we all started running,” he said. “I ran as fast as I could away from everyone. I thought I was going to get shot.”

The New York Police Department believes two shooters were involved in the gunfire. NYPD Commissioner James

O’Neill said the shooting “was a tragic end to a wonderful weekend.”

Thousands of people and more than 100 officers had spent Friday and Saturday at the annual celebration.

Police officials said investigators were still canvassing the scene. One gun has been recovered, but no arrests have been made. Authorities are asking anyone with cellphone video or other information to get in touch.

“I heard shots and I saw a stampede running toward me,” Diamond Perez, 38, told the newspaper.

O’Neill told NY1 that 12 people were shot but that it wasn’t clear what led to the gunfire. A 38-year-old man died with a single bullet wound to his head, a New York City police spokesman said. His

identity was not released.

O’Neill said six of the wounded have been released from the hospital. He did not address the conditions of the five others. Hours earlier, a New York City fire department spokesman said some were in serious condition.

The police commissioner said 2,000 to 3,000 people were attending the event next to a playground, and that more than 100 police officers were stationed there.

A 2010 newsletter from the parks department described the Old Timers Event as a celebration of former members of the Brownsville Recreation Center “who went on to success and fame in sports and other endeavors.”

It said the event has grown over the years to include concerts and other features.

Trump attacks district represented by nemesis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday denigrated a majority-black district represented by a congressional nemesis as a “disgusting, rat- and rodent-infested mess,” broadening a campaign against prominent critics of his administration that has exacerbated racial tensions.

Trump lashed out in tweets against Rep. Elijah Cummings, the powerful House Oversight Committee chairman, claiming his Baltimore-area district is “considered the worst run and most dangerous anywhere in the United States.” It was the president’s latest assault on a prominent lawmaker and the people he represents two weeks after he sparked nationwide controversy with what were widely regarded as racist tweets directed at four congresswomen of color.

His comments against Cummings, who leads multiple investigations into the president’s governmental dealings, drew swift condemnation from Democrats, including would-be

presidential rivals. Statements from a spokesman for the state’s Republican governor and from the lieutenant governor defended Cummings’ district and its people.

Trump called Cummings a “brutal bully” after his public tongue-lashing of top Homeland Security officials over conditions for migrants detained along the southern border.

“As proven last week during a Congressional tour, the Border is clean, efficient & well run, just very crowded,” Trump tweeted. “Cummings District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess.”

Cummings replied directly to Trump on Twitter, saying, “Mr. President, I go home to my district daily. Each morning, I wake up and I go and fight for my neighbors. It is my constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch. But it is my moral duty to fight for my constituents.”

Cummings has also drawn the president’s ire for investigations touching on his family members serving in the White House.

Plan ends to house migrant children at Oklahoma base

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Trump administration no longer needs to detain migrant children at an Oklahoma Army base and preparations to house them there have stopped, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement.

“Over the last several weeks, HHS has experienced a decrease in Department of Homeland Security referrals of unaccompanied alien children (UAC),” said Evelyn Stauffer, spokeswoman for the agency’s Administration for Children and Families. “Additionally, HHS has been placing UAC with sponsors at a historically high rate. As such, the UAC Program does not have an immediate need to place children in (holding) facilities.”

Stauffer, who did not immediately reply to messages seeking further information, said no children have been held at the base at Lawton, about 80 miles southwest of Oklahoma City.

Homeland Security officials said earlier this month there was a 28% drop in the number of migrants encountered by

Customs and Border Protection in June amid a crackdown on migrants by Mexico.

There were 104,344 migrants in June, down from 144,278 the month before.

Dream Action Oklahoma, which helped organize a rally and march of an estimated 400 people to Fort Sill earlier this month to protest plans to use the base, said they were pleased by the announcement.

Japanese Americans and Native Americans were among those who took part in last weekend’s march and rally in front of one of the entrances to Fort Sill, where hundreds of Japanese and Japanese American people were detained by the federal government during World War II.

Fort Sill also housed migrant children in 2014 under the Obama administration and was used to hold Apache prisoners of war from 1894 to 1910.

Donelle Harder, a spokeswoman for Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, said the White House notified Stitt of the change of plans Friday and said the base could still be used for temporary housing.

Syrian rebel town pounded; at least 11 killed in airstrike

Associated Press

BEIRUT — A Syrian government airstrike hit a busy open-air market in the country's northwest on Saturday, killing at least 11 people, most of them children, according to activists. The town of Ariha has been particularly targeted over the last week as the government escalates its offensive against the country's last rebel stronghold.

The airstrike in Ariha left an 18-month-old girl with an amputated leg, according to Dr. Mohamad Abrash, a surgeon and chief of Idlib's central hospital. He said the girl's father and brother died in the bombing, while her mother is

in the intensive care unit in the bed opposite her with a chest injury and internal bleeding in the head.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war, and another activist collective called Ariha Today said most of those killed were children. Ariha Today named six children under the age of 14 who it said were killed in the airstrike.

Ariha has been repeatedly targeted over the past week as Syria's government looks to regain momentum in its stalled offensive.

It is one of the main towns in Idlib province, which along with the surrounding rural areas of Hama province are

home to 3 million people.

Separately, local doctors said two medics and an ambulance driver were killed when an airstrike targeted their vehicle in Kfar Zita, a town on the front line in Hama province, at the edge of the rebel stronghold.

Ghayath, an activist in Ariha who gave only his first name out of fear for his safety, said the strike hit the town during the busy weekly bazaar when people come to buy food and other necessities.

He said the death toll could have been higher if it were not for the warning from the local civilian defense team against large gatherings.

Israel, US: Defense system test successful

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel and the United States say they have successfully tested a jointly developed missile defense system in Alaska.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at a Cabinet meeting Sunday that the Arrow 3 gives his country the "ability to act against ballistic missiles fired against us from Iran and from any other location."

The U.S. Missile Defense Agency says in a statement that Arrow 3's interception of a missile outside the atmosphere is a "major milestone" in its development.

Arrow 3, along with the Iron Dome, David's Sling and the Arrow 2 systems, is part of the multilayered shield Israel is developing to defend against rockets fired from Gaza and Lebanon, as well as Iran's long-range missiles.

Blast, gunbattle at Afghan VP candidate's office kill at least 2

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The political offices of the Afghan president's running mate were hit by a large explosion and stormed by an unknown number of attackers, Afghan officials said Sunday.

The attack in the capital, Kabul, killed at least two people and came on the first day of campaigning for presidential elections, scheduled for late September.

Nasrat Rahimi, the Interior Ministry spokesman, said the attack targeted the Green Trend party headquarters in the Afghan capital, Kabul, but denied reports that vice presidential candidate Amrullah Saleh was wounded in the attack.

Ferdous Faramarz, the spokesman for Kabul's police chief, said the explosion was likely a suicide car bomb and that the gunfight was still ongoing.

At least two people were killed and 25 wounded, according to Wahidullah Mayar, the Health Ministry spokesman.

The blast was large enough to be heard throughout the capital.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack in Kabul, but both Taliban insurgents and Islamic State are active in the capital and have carried out attacks in the past.

President Ashraf Ghani is seeking a second term on promises of ending the 18-year war but has been largely sidelined over the past year as the U.S. has negotiated directly with the Taliban.

The Taliban, who effectively control about half of the country, have continued to carry out daily attacks on Afghan security forces.

Elsewhere, a Taliban suicide bomber killed four police early Sunday in an attack on a police station in the eastern Ghazni

province, according to Ahmad Khan Serat, a spokesman for the provincial police.

U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who is currently visiting Kabul, has held several rounds of talks with the Taliban in recent months in a bid to end America's longest war.

The two sides appear to be closing in on an agreement in which the U.S. would withdraw its forces in return for a pledge from the Taliban to keep the country from being used as a launch pad for global attacks.

The Taliban and ISIS are sharply divided over ideology and tactics, with the Taliban largely confining their attacks to government targets and Afghan and international security forces. The Taliban and ISIS have fought each other on a number of occasions, and the Taliban are still the larger and more imposing force.

UK: Soldier in Syria killed by friendly fire

Associated Press

LONDON — Officials say a British special forces soldier who died fighting Islamic State in Syria was killed by friendly fire rather than by a roadside bomb as previously believed.

Sgt. Matt Tonroe died in March 2018 alongside U.S. commando Master Sgt. Jonathan J. Dunbar while on a joint operation in Manbij, northern Syria, with American special forces.

The Pentagon had said they died from improvised explosive devices. But investigators have concluded that Tonroe, 33, was killed by an explosive carried by a colleague.

More tear gas fired at Hong Kong protests

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Police fired tear gas at protesters in Hong Kong on Sunday for the second night in a row in another escalation of weekslong pro-democracy protests in the semiautonomous Chinese territory.

Protesters occupied two areas at opposite ends of central Hong Kong following a midafternoon rally against police use of tear gas the previous Sunday.

As night fell, one group that had blocked a road near the Chinese government's liaison office began to move forward. The police issued warnings, and protesters were seen throwing eggs at them. Officers fired tear gas to halt the advance.

Protesters had rallied earlier at a park in Hong Kong's financial district before marching out in several directions despite not winning police approval for a public

procession. It was the second straight day that protesters took to the streets without official permission.

A sea of black-shirted protesters, some with bright yellow helmets and masks but many with just backpacks, streamed out of Chater Garden park. Chanting, "add oil," a phrase that roughly means "keep up the fight," a huge crowd marched east down a wide thoroughfare in what has become a summer of protests.

They stopped near the Sogo department store and set up barricades to block off the area and defend it against police.

Another group headed west toward mainland China's liaison office. Protesters egged the office the previous weekend and splattered black ink on the national emblem, eliciting an angry reaction from the Chinese government.

They stopped about two blocks short of

the office and used orange and white construction barricades to build a wall spanning a major road.

They massed behind the barriers as night fell, with umbrellas pointed forward to shield their identities and ward off any police move to clear them.

Some nearby stores shuttered early as police in riot gear gathered nearby ahead of the all-but-inevitable clearing operation.

Hong Kong has been wracked by protests for seven weeks as opposition to an extradition bill has morphed into demands for the resignation of the city's leader and an investigation into whether police have used excessive force in quelling the protests.

Underlying the movement is a broader push for full democracy in the territory. The city's leader is chosen by a committee dominated by a pro-Beijing establishment rather than by direct elections.

2 US teens jailed after Italian officer is slain

Associated Press

ROME — Two American teenagers who were classmates at a California high school spent a second night in a Rome jail Saturday after they were interrogated for hours about their alleged roles in the murder of an Italian policeman.

Investigators contended in written statements Saturday that the pair had confessed to their roles in the grisly slaying. Vice Brigadier Mario Cerciello Rega, a member of the storied Carabinieri paramilitary corps, was stabbed eight times, allegedly by one of the teens, leaving him bleeding on a street close to the teens' upscale hotel near Rome's Tiber River.

Italian authorities identified the two as Gabriel Christian Natale-Hjorth, 18, and Finnegan Lee Elder, 19, and said they were born in San Francisco.

Police said they were apparently vacationing in the Italian capital without family members.

In the detention order, Elder is described as repeatedly stabbing the officer, 35, who had just returned to duty a few days

earlier from his honeymoon.

Investigators said Cerciello Rega, along with another Carabinieri officer, were both in plainclothes when they confronted the Americans about 3 a.m. Friday in the wake of a drug deal gone wrong. Natale-Hjorth was described in the document as having repeatedly punched Cerciello Rega's partner.

Under Italian law, persons who participated in a killing but didn't actually carry out the slaying itself risk being charged with murder. Both suspects are also being investigated for attempted extortion.

Like all European Union countries, Italy doesn't have the death penalty.

Elder's lawyer, Francesco Codini, said his client had exercised his right not to respond to questions during a hearing before a judge at the jail Saturday to determine whether the suspects remain locked up.

Italian state radio reported Sunday the judge ruled that the Americans must stay in jail while the investigation goes forward.

Over 1,300 detained in Moscow for protesting

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Nearly 1,400 people were detained in a violent police crackdown on an opposition protest in Moscow, a Russian group that monitors police arrests said Sunday, adding that it was the largest number of detentions at a rally in the Russian capital this decade.

OVD-Info, which has monitored the arrests since 2011, said the number of the detentions it logged for Saturday's protest reached 1,373 by early Sunday. The overwhelming majority of people were soon released, but 150 remain in custody, OVD-Info and a lawyers' association providing legal aid to the detainees said Sunday.

Russian police violently dispersed thousands of people who thronged the streets of Moscow on Saturday to protest election authorities for disqualifying independent candidates from the Sept. 8 vote for the Moscow city council.

Several protesters reported broken limbs and head injuries. Police justified their response

by saying the rally was not sanctioned by authorities.

Along with the arrests of the mostly young demonstrators, several opposition activists who wanted to run for the Moscow City Duma were arrested throughout the city before the protest.

They were released later in the day, only to be rearrested in the evening.

Police eventually cordoned off City Hall and dispersed protesters from the area, but thousands of demonstrators reassembled in several different locations nearby where new arrests began.

Russian police beat some of them to the ground with wide truncheon swings, while other demonstrators tried to push police away.

Police said the protesters numbered about 3,500 people, but aerial footage from several locations where people were rallying simultaneously suggests at least 8,000 protesters.

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow on Sunday decried the violent crackdown as "use of disproportionate police force."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Statue of Liberty replica is stolen

ND FARGO — Authorities said Fargo's 8-foot-tall replica of the Statue of Liberty has been stolen.

KFGO radio reported the 150-pound statue that was mounted on a pedestal at the entrance of the Veterans Memorial Bridge was reported missing July 22.

Mayor Tim Mahoney said a construction camera near the area that takes hourly photos indicates the theft took place early July 21.

Mahoney called the theft "disrespectful" but said no charges will be filed if it is returned.

Zoo awaits bloom of smelly corpse flower

OH CLEVELAND — A zoo in Cleveland is awaiting the odiferous bloom of what's known as the corpse flower for just the fourth time in the last 25 years.

WEWS-TV reported the rare titan arum flower stinks for around 24 hours when it blooms and can grow to a height of 10 feet. The plant is at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Rainforest.

At the other end of the state, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden officials are anticipating the bloom of their newly acquired corpse flower named "Morticia."

They describe the odor it emits as a combination of Limburger cheese, garlic, rotting flesh and smelly feet.

Man sentenced for Apple Store thefts

OR PORTLAND — A man who almost daily stole hundreds of dollars

of electronics from the downtown Portland Apple Store to feed a \$150-a-day heroin habit has been sentenced to nearly four years in prison.

The (Portland) Oregonian/OregonLive reported Todd Billingham, 39, was sentenced Friday after pleading guilty as part of a plea deal to theft and robbery at Sunglass Hut and Ross Dress for Less. That was on top of earlier guilty pleas for first-degree aggravated theft from the Apple Store.

Prosecutors said Billingham would run into the Apple store, grab an average of about \$700 worth of merchandise and escape within 20 seconds.

Vegas grasshoppers unusual but harmless

NV LAS VEGAS — A migration of mild-mannered grasshoppers sweeping through the Las Vegas area is being attributed to wet weather.

Nevada state entomologist Jeff Knight told reporters Thursday the number of adult pallid-winged grasshoppers traveling north to central Nevada is unusual but not unprecedented and they pose no danger.

Knight said the insects don't carry disease, don't bite and probably won't damage anybody's yard before they're gone in several weeks.

Female runner chases down male flasher

MA CAMBRIDGE — A runner captured on video chasing down a man who exposed himself to her said she turned the tables on him.

Aia Polansky, 33, said she didn't hesitate to run the man down after he pulled down his pants as she ran along the Charles River in Cambridge on July 18.

Surveillance video released by Massachusetts State Police showed the unfazed and infuriated former Israeli army soldier sprinting to overtake the man.

Polansky said that she grabbed the man's arm and called for help, but the man slipped from her grip and escaped when she reached for her phone to call police.

Kayaker witnesses snake eating cicada

AR OZARK — Charlton McDaniel, of Fort Smith, said he was "fascinated and captivated" to see a copperhead eat a newly emerged cicada.

McDaniel, 42, told The Associated Press that he was in the forest for some moonlight kayaking when he noticed a molting cicada.

McDaniel said the snake showed up, and he twice scared off the reptile.

McDaniel said he went to his vehicle and when he returned the snake grabbed the insect.

McDaniel said the copperhead became aware of his presence, finished swallowing the cicada and slithered off.

Man crawls through window to rob shop

AK ANCHORAGE — Police are searching for a man who robbed a drive-through coffee shop in Anchorage after entering through the ordering window.

Police said the man walked up to the Perkup Espresso on West Potter Drive on Thursday afternoon and crawled in through the window while holding a gun.

According to police, the man took cash and left. Two workers there at the time were not hurt.

Suspicious package an umbrella, thermos

NY NEW YORK — Police said a suspicious package left on a New York City subway platform before a man jumped in front of a train turned out to be an umbrella and a thermos.

The unidentified man jumped in front of a Manhattan-bound A train at the 80th Street station in Queens about 6:45 a.m. Friday. He was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Bystanders told police the man had left a backpack on the platform before he jumped.

Subway service in the area was suspended while the bomb squad investigated.

Ex-coach's aide guilty of underwear thefts

KS LAWRENCE — A former University of Kansas assistant volleyball coach has admitted stealing underwear from team members.

Skyler Yee, 24, pleaded no contest Friday to two felony counts of burglary in exchange for prosecutors dropping 13 other charges.

Judge Peggy Kittel found Yee's crimes were sexually motivated. He must register as a sex offender for the next 15 years.

The Lawrence Journal-World reported Kittel granted Yee's request to serve his sentence in Oregon, where he lives. However, Oregon must accept him, which may require him to serve part of his sentence in Kansas.

Yee was charged in February with 15 counts, including four felonies. The charges include burglary, property damage and theft.

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Football Hall collection keeps growing

By TERESA M. WALKER
Associated Press

Visitors to the Pro Football Hall of Fame can see both the football Drew Brees threw in becoming the NFL's all-time passing yards leader and the uniform the Saints quarterback wore while making history.

Hall of Fame officials had been monitoring Brees' chase of Peyton Manning's record, hoping the quarterback would set the mark Oct. 8 at home in New Orleans. Brees did just that before halftime — with a touchdown no less — allowing the game to be stopped. Brees walked to the sideline and handed the ball to David Baker, the hall's president and chief executive officer.

"It was perfect," said Saleem Choudhry, vice president of exhibits and museum services. "He threw a 62-yard touchdown and eclipsed a record. We stopped the game. He comes over, shakes David's hand, hands him the ball. It was a very unique moment. I just kick myself sometimes that I was right down there to observe that, but those are some great moments that occur ... that you can plan for it."

Some NFL records, such as Tennessee running back Derrick Henry matching the longest touchdown run at 99 yards last December, mean a quick email to the team asking for

an item to commemorate the moment. Henry and the Titans sent his No. 22 jersey, just one of approximately 50 significant moments in the 2018 season marked by the hall.

"The great part of a football uniform, there's lots of pieces and parts," Choudhry told The Associated Press.

Displaying all those items is both the task and challenge of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the museum for a game in which the NFL enters its 100th season this fall with both history and records made regularly. Since opening in 1963 in Canton, Ohio, the hall just keeps growing, with a now 135,000-square-foot building still not enough space to display all the jerseys, helmets, balls, gloves, Super Bowl rings and, of course, Hall of Fame busts.

"We have a massive exhibit area but have probably close to 97% of the information, documentation and artifacts that we preserve here not on display," archivist Jon Kendle said.

The Hall of Fame has more than 40 million pages of documents, including one showing the birth of pro football in 1892 in Pennsylvania with a \$500 payment by a team called the Allegheny Athletic Association to play in a game against a big rival. It was found in a closet of the Pittsburgh Steelers. There are more than six million pho-

tos in a collection that keeps growing.

As a museum, the hall's mission includes preserving the history of pro football and the game's big moments. And yes, officials know exactly where every piece is, especially those in storage; everything is catalogued and accessible.

"We constantly are plucking things in and out from our collection to feature in an exhibit if we're developing something, or in a traveling exhibit, or as we continually refresh our exhibits in the hall itself," Choudhry said.

Preservation comes first. An item such as a leather helmet that may be more than 75 years old might need to be stored in a box away from light and avoid being put on display for the 363 days the hall is open each year; it's closed for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Or a jersey that's been on display for a couple of years could need some time to simply rest on a shelf.

"We're fortunate enough that we have several Johnny Unitas jerseys, so we could just swap it out for another, or we showcase another player that we'd like to bring into the limelight," Choudhry said.

Approximately 250,000 visitors tour the hall annually, a group that includes rookies from the Cleveland Browns and Philadelphia Eagles this year alone.

Small groups can go behind the scenes touring the Ralph Wilson Jr. Pro Football Research and Preservation Center with an archivist.

An additional 700,000 are expected to attend at least one of the events at this year's enshrinement ceremonies, which feature a new locker exhibit with items from the inductees, such as two Super Bowl commemorative jackets owned by the late Broncos owner Pat Bowlen. Or Tony Gonzalez's Kansas City Chiefs jersey worn Jan. 1, 2005, when he broke the NFL record for most catches in a season by a tight end.

Gonzalez has been to the hall four times, including for the inductions of Warren Moon, Marcus Allen and Michael Strahan. The coolest place? The Hall of Fame gallery with all the busts where no music is piped in and voices stay low as if in a church.

"When you walk in there and see all the busts with the stories underneath, that's the goose bumps," Gonzalez said. "That's the 'Oh my God, this is where it's at.' And to be sitting there when I was younger and I went to Warren's or Marcus', I didn't even let my mind go there because I knew getting wrapped up in the future is not going to help me now. When I think of my family, my mom, I can't wait for them to see that part of it."

Holloway keeps belt, Cyborg wins at UFC 240

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Reigning featherweight champ Max Holloway defended his belt Saturday, overwhelming former lightweight champ Frankie Edgar at UFC 240.

Holloway (21-4-0) won a unanimous five-round decision.

The 27-year-old Hawaiian kept Edgar at a distance throughout the fight, stinging him with jabs and uppercuts in the first round and bloodying his nose in the second.

Holloway resisted all but

one attempt by Edgar (22-7-1) to take him down, and said he was proud to be able to go the distance.

"Everybody said I wouldn't be able to stay with this pace. I wanted to be able to stay for five rounds," Holloway said.

Holloway has never lost in the featherweight category. He was coming off a lightweight division loss to Dustin Poirier in April, his first loss in five years.

It was one of two headline fights.

In the other headline bout, Brazilian MMA legend Cris

Cyborg pummeled Montreal's Felicia Spencer with punches, leg kicks and knee shots to win a unanimous decision.

Cyborg (21-2, 1 NC), with blood spilling down her face from taking an elbow in the first round, pounded Spencer and deflected multiple attacks to put her in a clinch or take her down in the women's featherweight fight.

Spencer (7-1) had the crowd cheering as she withstood the assault and launched a few counterstrikes, her white shirt stained red with Cyborg's

blood. "I trained really hard. Thanks to Felicia for giving me my first cut. I'm happy. I just want to come back and do my job. Thank you, God. I feel very blessed to be here," Cyborg said.

The 34-year-old Cyborg is trying to rebuild her brand after coming off a loss to Amanda Nunes in a featherweight championship fight in December, Cyborg's first defeat in 13 years.

This was the last fight on her UFC contract.

Dressel breaks Phelps' medal record

Associated Press

GWANGJU, South Korea — This time, Caeleb Dressel stands alone.

The American won his record eighth medal at the world swimming championships Sunday, helping the U.S. to silver in the 4x100-meter medley relay after anchor Nathan Adrian got overtaken for gold in the closing meters.

"Part of me is very happy," Dressel said. "Part of me wants to cry that I'm done with it. I've got pimples on my face from just the stress of the meet. I'm probably losing some hair."

One night after becoming the first swimmer to win three golds in one night at a worlds for the second time, Dressel's haul included six golds at the biggest meet after the Olympics.

"It was a very tough week," he said. "I knew I was going to have to come with fire, passion and pride in every single race."

Two years ago in Hungary, Dressel tied Michael Phelps' record of seven golds at a single worlds, including three in one night.

Dressel hauled the U.S. from fourth to first on his butterfly leg with a split of 49.28 seconds. Adrian found himself in a three-way fight with Britain and Russia coming down the stretch.

Brit Duncan Scott surged ahead approaching the wall and got there first with a split of 46.14 to Adrian's 47.60.

"That last 15 meters, it's tough," Adrian said. "I was trying to be strong, I was trying to hold on, but this time I couldn't do it."

Luke Greenbank, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Scott took gold for Britain in 3 minutes, 28.10 seconds.

Ryan Murphy, Andrew Wilson, Dressel and Adrian finished in 3:28.45. It was just the second silver, and first since 1998, in an event the Americans have won 13 times.

"There's a time to get silver in relays and it's at a world championships, that's for sure," Adrian said.

Russia earned bronze.

Dressel's golds came in the 50 and 100 free, 50 and 100 butterfly, mixed 4x100 free relay and 4x100 free relay. His other silver was in the mixed 4x100 medley relay. He was named the FINA male swimmer of the meet.

"He's a phenomenal talent," South Africa's Chad le Clos said. "He seems to get better throughout the days."

The U.S. team finished atop the medals table with 27, including a leading 14 golds.

Australia was second with 19

and five golds.

Simone Manuel completed a sweep of the 50 and 100 freestyles, the first American woman to achieve the feat. She won four golds and six medals overall in the eight-day competition.

She came back later to anchor the U.S. to an easy victory in the 4x100 medley relay. Regan Smith, Lilly King, Kelsi Dahlia and Manuel won in 3:50.40, lowering the mark of 3:51.55 set two years ago in Hungary.

Manuel outdid Australia's Cate Campbell on the final leg, with the Americans winning by 3.02 seconds.

Smith set a world record of 57.57 on her opening 100 backstroke leg. She won the 200 back in world-record time, too, but didn't qualify in the individual 100 back.

"That really pumped us all up," Manuel said.

The Aussies settled for silver and Canada took bronze.

In the 50 free, Manuel raced one length of the pool in 24.05.

She held off Sarah Sjöström of Sweden, who took silver in 24.07, and Campbell, who earned bronze in 24.11.

In the 100 free, Manuel topped Campbell and Sjöström finished third.

Manuel's other medals came in relays: gold in the 4x100

medley and mixed 4x100 free, and silvers in the 4x100 free and 4x200 free.

Sjöström made a mark of her own. She became the first woman to win five medals in individual events at a single worlds. She won the 50 butterfly, silvers in the 100 fly and 50 free, and bronzes in the 100 free and 200 free, and earned FINA female swimmer of the meet.

Lilly King won the 50 breaststroke, giving the American two victories over Russian rival Yuliya Efimova.

They were denied a third meeting when King was disqualified in the heats of the 200 breast for not putting both her hands on the wall at the same time in a turn.

King touched in 29.84, the only swimmer under 30 seconds in the final.

Benedetta Pilato, a 14-year-old Italian, earned a surprise silver in 30 seconds flat and reacted by crying.

Efimova, who won the 200 and finished second to King in the 100, settled for bronze in 30.15.

Katinka Hosszu of Hungary extended her domination of the 400 individual medley, becoming the first woman to win five titles in one event. She swam the four-stroke race in 4:30.39 seconds.

Colombia's Bernal wins first Tour de France

Associated Press

PARIS — A Tour de France for the ages ended with a champion of an unusually young age: 22-year-old Egan Bernal, who became South America's first winner of cycling's greatest race when he rode to the finish in yellow on the Champs-Élysées in Paris on Sunday night.

The slightly built Colombian with a killer instinct on the road proved to be the strongest of the 176 strong men who roared off from the start in Brussels, Belgium, on July 6 on their three-week, 2,092-mile odyssey that delivered the most absorbing, drama-packed Tour in decades and a new cycling superstar in the making: Bernal.

Colombian fans were partying in Paris even before the surviving 155 riders roused

their tired legs for the 21st and final stage from Rambouillet west of Paris.

Keeping with race tradition on the Tour's final day, the stage started at a pedestrian pace and in a joyful atmosphere. Bernal chatted with French rival Julian Alaphilippe and raised a glass of champagne near his Ineos team car.

Speaking in French before the start, Bernal thanked "France for organizing the most beautiful race in the world, and the most beautiful victory of my life."

While Colombia celebrated its new national hero, the millions of French fans who had lined the roads through east, central and southern France, and up into the thinning air of the Pyrenees and Alps, were ruing a bitter-sweet Tour.

First, their hearts soared with fabulous racing from French riders Alaphilippe, who held the iconic yellow jersey for 14 days, and Thibaut Pinot, who won on the first of seven 6,500-foot peaks scaled by the highest Tour in history.

But joy turned to sorrow when Alaphilippe and Pinot's prospects of becoming France's first winner since 1985 were cruelly dashed just two days before the grand finale in Paris, on an epic Stage 19 where Mother Nature became a party-pooing guest. An almighty dump of torrential rain and hail severed the Tour route just as Bernal was succeeding in ripping the race lead off Alaphilippe, who'd clung to it like a kid with a favorite toy.

A's hold off Rangers as tempers flare

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers manager Chris Woodward insists reliever Rafael Montero wasn't intentionally trying to plunk Ramon Laureano with a pitch two innings after the Oakland hitter took a slow home run trot.

Laureano isn't so certain.

"The pitching coach (Julio Rangel) went up there two pitches before so that's a little suspicious," Laureano said after the Athletics posted a testy 5-4 win over Texas on Saturday night. "But hey, it is what it is. Just keep playing ball. We got the win."

Matt Chapman hit his 23rd home run, Marcus Semien and Mark Canha also homered for Oakland. Homer Bailey pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning as the A's ended a three-game losing streak.

Laureano's trot after hitting a towering homer off starter Adrian Sampson in the sixth stirred strong feelings between the two clubs stemming from an incident in June. As Sampson came off the mound and yelled this time, Laureano pointed to his bat, then headed toward first.

"I guess that's what they do here, look at their homers too long," Sampson said. "I don't believe it belongs in this game and I let him know."

Umpires eventually stepped in as the two continued to exchange words, and plate ump Sean Barber warned both teams.

Things got more heated two innings later and both dugouts emptied after Laureano was hit by a pitch from Montero. Barber ejected Woodward and Montero.

Woodward said he sent Rangel out to get Montero to slow down his delivery before

the reliever hit Laureano.

"We have a runner at first with two outs, the last thing we thought about was trying to hit him right there," Woodward said. "Laureano plays really hard and he's very passionate. A lot of times that passion comes out in ways that will maybe annoy the other team. We have a few guys like that."

It was similar to an incident in June when Sampson took exception to Canha taking his time running after hitting a home run, calling it disrespectful. Laureano accused Sampson of purposely stepping on his bat in the same game after retiring Laureano on an inning-ending play.

Laureano's message to Sampson this time?

"I let him know, 'You remember when you stepped on my bat, so you can step on it again,'" Laureano said.

Roundup

Yelich HR sets up Hiura's winner over Cubs

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Thanks to Christian Yelich and Keston Hiura, the first round of anticipated matchups with recently acquired Cubs closer Craig Kimbrel went decidedly in favor of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Yelich and Hiura hit home runs in the 10th inning off Kimbrel to rally the Brewers past Chicago 5-3 on Saturday night, the Brewers' second consecutive comeback win over the Cubs.

Yelich opened the 10th with his major league-leading 36th homer, tying it at 3. Pinch-hitter Tyler Saladino drew a walk from Kimbrel (0-2) and Hiura followed with his 11th homer, driving a breaking ball the opposite way for his first career walk-off.

"He's a tremendous pitcher as he's proven throughout his career. Once the Cubs signed him, we knew that we were going to get a lot of him," Hiura said of Kimbrel. "He got me in a hole and I was just trying put the ball in play, but able to put the barrel on it."

Hiura, the Brewers' first-round draft choice in 2017, had five homers during his first

17-game stint with the Brewers, and his hit six since being called up again on June 28 — one day after the Cubs called up Kimbrel, who was signed as a free agent in early June.

"We came back, they snatched it back and we had a great 10th off Kimbrel and that's not easy to do," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "I thought it was great. Keston's ball was an absolute laser. That was a breaking ball that was an absolute laser. You don't see a breaking ball hit like that. It shows you how special he is."

Red Sox 9, Yankees 5: J.D. Martinez and Andrew Benintendi homered as the Boston Red Sox again hit balls all over and out of Fenway Park.

Dodgers 9, Nationals 3: Rookie catcher Will Smith homered and drove in six runs, leading Clayton Kershaw and Los Angeles over host Washington.

Kershaw (9-2) allowed two first-inning runs and gave up three hits while striking out nine with three walks through the sixth.

Blue Jays 10, Rays 9 (12): Teoscar Hernandez led off the 12th inning with a home run and host Toronto completed

a comeback from a seven-run deficit to beat Tampa Bay.

Mariners 8, Tigers 1: Ryan Court drove in three runs in his first big league start, rookie Austin Nola also had three RBIs and host Seattle beat Detroit.

Braves 15, Phillies 7: Ozzie Albies hit a grand slam, Ronald Acuna Jr., Ender Inciarte and Adam Duvall also homered and Atlanta routed host Philadelphia.

Diamondbacks 9, Marlins 2: Nick Ahmed hit a grand slam and an RBI double in leading Arizona past host Miami.

Reds 3, Rockies 1: Eugenio Suarez hit a two-run homer, Josh VanMeter added a solo shot, and host Cincinnati beat Colorado.

Mets 3, Pirates 0: Steven Matz threw an efficient five-hitter for his first complete game in 90 major league starts, and host New York got home runs from Michael Conforto and J.D. Davis in a win over struggling Pittsburgh.

Astros 8, Cardinals 2: Carlos Correa hit his first career grand slam and Houston withstood yet another home run by Paul Goldschmidt in beating host St. Louis.

Indians 9, Royals 1: Jason Kipnis hit a grand slam in the first inning, and Cleveland's Mike Clevinger struck out seven and remained perfect against host Kansas City.

White Sox 5, Twins 1: Yoan Moncada homered, Ivan Nova threw two-hit ball through six innings and host Chicago snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over Minnesota.

Padres 5, Giants 1: Rookie Fernando Tatis Jr. hit a two-run home run one pitch after diving out of the way of a knock-down pitch in the fifth inning and host San Diego snapped an eight-game home losing streak with a win over San Francisco.

Orioles 8, Angels 7: Hanser Alberto put Baltimore ahead with a two-run single in the eighth inning and the visiting Orioles set a major league record with multiple home runs in their 10th straight game.

Pedro Severino and Jonathan Villar homered for Baltimore, whose 1987 and 1996 teams were among the other five clubs to hit at least two homers in nine straight games.