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All eyes on Singapore summit

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SINGAPORE — On the eve of his high-stakes summit with North Korea, President Donald Trump expressed optimism Monday as officials from both sides worked until the last minute to try to hammer out a nuclear agreement.

In a rare move, North Korea also broadcast news of what it called the “historic summit” with photos of leader Kim Jong Un’s arrival Sunday in Singapore splashed on the front page of the main official newspaper.

“We’ve got a very interesting meeting in particular tomorrow,” Trump said during a meeting with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. “I think things could work out very nicely.”

Tuesday’s summit — the first ever between a North Korean leader and a sitting U.S. president — will be a major breakthrough in itself after decades of hostility between the two nations. Expectations are low that it will result in a major agreement on the North’s nuclear weapons program, but the turn toward diplomacy has tamped down tensions that had raised

Vets urge Trump to seek recovery of war remains

BY NIKKI WENTLING

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WASHINGTON — One nationwide veterans organization hopes when President Donald Trump meets with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Tuesday he’ll push for the recovery of remains of American servicemembers killed during the Korean War.

Remains of an estimated 5,300 missing American servicemembers are in North Korea and are potentially recoverable. Because of an intensely strained relationship between the two countries, there’s been no successful effort to collect

the remains since 2005.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars sent a letter to Trump on Wednesday, urging him to include a potential repatriation agreement in his discussions with Kim. The highly anticipated summit between the two leaders was set to take place Tuesday in Singapore.

“As the leader of the free world, we urge you to do everything in your power to ensure that those who paid the ultimate price for freedom during the Korean War are finally returned home to their families,” wrote Keith Harman, commander in chief of the VFW.

fear of a nuclear war last year.

The meeting is due to begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the luxury Capella Hotel on Singapore’s Sentosa Island, a tropical resort area known for its golf courses

and an amusement park.

Trump and Kim planned to shake hands, then to hold a one-on-one meeting with only translators present before being joined by advisers, an any-

mous U.S. official was quoted as saying by The Associated Press.

Trump said Saturday that he’ll size up Kim “within the first minute” of the summit, adding that he believes the North Korean leader will “surprise on the upside.”

The president also has said it will be the start of the process, suggesting that the meeting will set the stage for more detailed negotiations in coming months.

That was a reversal from the administration’s previous all-or-nothing stance.

The president has placed high priority on the possibly legacy-defining meeting and has welcomed suggestions that he may win the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

The key will be whether the two leaders can narrow their differences over the definition of denuclearization.

The Trump administration seeks the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantling of the North’s nuclear weapons program. Pyongyang wants a step-by-step approach that would include economic rewards and security assurances along the way.

Future of US troops in South Korea uncertain

BY KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

SINGAPORE — U.S. troops may not be on the table during Tuesday’s summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, but they are looming in the background.

Trump has said the future of some 28,500 American servicemembers based in South Korea will not be a bargaining chip in

nuclear talks with the North.

The former business tycoon has, however, hinted it may be part of cost-sharing talks with Seoul. “At some point into the future, I would like to save the money,” he said last month.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo declined to answer a question on the subject Monday, saying only that the U.S. was prepared to offer unprecedented “security assurances” to the regime in return for

denuclearization.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who was not in Singapore for the summit, said recently that the Americans are “not going anywhere” and “it’s not even a subject of the discussions.”

Maybe not now, but the U.S. presence on the divided peninsula has been a major sore point for the North Koreans since the Americans sided with the South in the 1950-53 war.

Some South Korean officials

and others contend the U.S. troop presence no longer would be required if the North abandons its nuclear weapons and peace is achieved.

Opponents argue that the Americans still would be needed to protect the South against a possible attack from the North, which maintains a massive arsenal of conventional weapons and more than 1 million soldiers on the other side of the heavily fortified border.

Plan could make ships return to US for repairs

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WASHINGTON — Navy ships based overseas could have to undertake a new, costly journey back to the U.S. for maintenance and repairs under a new provision of the defense policy bill, according to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office.

About 30 ships could be affected by the provision of the House-passed version of the next National Defense Authorization Act, H.R. 5515, at a cost of \$80 million a year, or \$400 million for five years, the federal agency found.

The provision “would require all vessels that are part of the U.S. naval fleet to be treated as though they are assigned to home ports in the United States or Guam for purposes of maintenance and repair,” the agency said. That is a change from the current requirement, as ships with over-

seas homeports “are usually exempt from the restrictions on maintenance and repair work in foreign shipyards.”

The Congressional Budget Office, which issues cost and budget analysis of proposed legislation on behalf of Congress, detailed the estimates as part of a larger look at the House version of the defense policy proposal, which could direct funding of about \$709 billion.

The agency also estimated the new Navy ship provision could cost \$40 million per year in fuel for ships to make the round trip from their overseas ports to the western U.S. coast. Those ships also could see about \$40 million in higher repair costs in the U.S. than in foreign ports.

As many as 30 ships could be affected by the overall effort. Of those, about 13 would be required to make the trip to the U.S. each year, the report states. Each trip could take ships offline for more than two months, the agency said.

Guam, while closer than the West Coast, doesn’t have dry dock capacity for such repairs, according to the report.

Navy ships under the Military Sealift Command as well as a handful of ships stationed in Bahrain, the Western Pacific, Japan, Italy and Spain would be affected by the proposed House-passed version of the NDAA, which requires the U.S. repairs.

The House version of the NDAA was passed last month in a vote of 351 to 66. The plan authorizes policy and spending for the Defense Department, but separate legislation actually funds the measures.

The House Appropriations Committee is slated to consider its defense funding measure on Wednesday.

The Senate is also slated to begin another wave of debate on its version of the defense bill Monday evening. The Senate Armed Services Committee passed its version of the defense bill last month.

GAO: Navy can learn from mistakes as it expands fleet

(Newport News, Va.) Daily Press

During the past decade, the watchdog arm of Congress has issued 26 reports on shipbuilding and has made 67 recommendations on how the Navy can improve cost estimates, follow schedules and eliminate mistakes.

During that same time, the Navy has often missed goals of cost, schedule, quality and performance, according to the Government Accountability Office, the watchdog arm of Congress.

Now, with the Navy embarking on its most significant fleet expansion in 30 years, the service has “an opportunity to improve its shipbuilding approach and avoid past difficulties,” the report states.

The 41-page document, released last week, summarizes key findings of GAO shipbuilding reports during the past decade. It says the Navy has implemented 29 of the 67 recommendations and agreed, in principle, with agency-identified best practices.

“In many cases, however, the Navy has not taken steps based

upon these best practices,” the report states.

On Friday, a who’s who of officials met in Hampton, Va., to discuss preparing the region’s workforce to meet the demands of a larger fleet. The GAO report also examines the other side of the ledger: How the Navy can present a good business case for building more ships.

Improving that process involves moving in a more orderly fashion through the three main steps: developing technology, design and construction, the report states. Programs ran into problems when those categories overlap.

Under pressure to secure funding, yet without a full picture of a ship’s complexities, “the Navy often initiates shipbuilding programs with weak business cases that over-promise the capability the Navy can deliver within the planned cost and schedule,” the report states.

For example, it cites the Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier, built at Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries.

The challenge of building a complicated warship was worsened when the Navy decided to proceed with construction even as other defense companies, not the shipyard, were struggling to develop critical technology.

The carrier was delivered to the Navy in May 2017, but it will not deploy until 2022 as it undergoes further development, construction and testing, the GAO says. A sound business case, the report says, involves attaining the right level of knowledge before making big investments.

Across the Navy during the past decade, lead ships cost \$8 billion more to construct than initially budgeted. While the Gerald R. Ford came in about 21 percent over budget, the two variants of littoral combat ships built at other shipyards exceeded estimates by more than 150 percent.

More new classes of ships are forthcoming as the Navy looks to expand the fleet. Here, GAO gives the service better marks.

That includes the Columbia-class submarine program, which is a partnership between HII-Newport News and Gen-

eral Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Conn.

That program “is aiming for a higher percentage design completion at the start of construction than many of the Navy’s other shipbuilding programs,” the report states.

On some matters, the GAO and the Navy simply disagree.

The Navy takes delivery of incomplete ships to relieve pressure from cost and schedule estimates because those estimates are often measured until delivery, the report states. It means that additional post-delivery work is needed before those ships are provided to the fleet.

The Navy’s ship delivery policy provides that it accept ships that are defect-free and capable of performing missions. But that policy “lacks clarity regarding what constitutes a defect and by when defects should be corrected.”

The GAO has recommended the Navy change its policy, but the Navy disagrees that its policy is unclear.

F-15 crashes off Japan; pilot seriously hurt

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — An Air Force pilot was in “serious condition” Monday after a fighter jet crashed into waters south of Okinawa, in southern Japan.

The pilot of the F-15C Eagle from Kadena Air Base “successfully ejected and was safely recovered” by a Japan Air Self-Defense Force helicopter, according to statements from the 18th Wing and the Okinawa Defense Bureau. The incident happened about 6:36 a.m. local time during a routine training mission.

The pilot was taken to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Foster, according to Kadena’s official Twitter account, which later said he was in serious condition.

Col. Richard Tanner, 18th Wing vice commander, thanked the Naha-based rescue squadron for its quick response.

“I sincerely appreciate the strong support of our Japanese partners in this difficult situation,” he said in an 18th Wing statement issued Monday evening.

A board of officers will conduct a “thorough investigation, examining the facts and circumstances that led up to the accident.”

Kadena has temporarily

paused F-15 training while the 18th Wing reviews “operational, maintenance and safety procedures with unit personal,” the statement added.

The incident marks the 12th crash involving U.S. military aircraft this fiscal year.

After Monday’s incident, Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera once again called on the U.S. military to ensure the safety of its aircraft and prevent future occurrences.

“Accidents of U.S. military aircraft are occurring repeatedly,” he said, according to the Kyodo news agency. “We would like to continue asking for their flight safety.”

Onodera said he hopes to

obtain a detailed report on the crash because the JASDF also flies F-15s.

Okinawa government officials asked the U.S. military to suspend F-15 flights until their safety could be confirmed, Kyodo reported. They are also expected to lodge formal protests with the U.S. military.

Okinawa’s anti-base Gov. Takeshi Onaga called such incidents a threat to Okinawa’s future, according to the Kyodo report.

“We cannot fulfill our responsibilities for our children and their children if such a situation becomes the norm,” he said.

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Military spouses to receive free LinkedIn Premium resources

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WASHINGTON — LinkedIn, a career-focused social media network, announced Monday that it would give free job-searching resources to military spouses, a population whose employment lags behind the rest of the country.

Through a partnership with the Defense Department, LinkedIn will expand its program for veterans and service-members to include spouses. Starting in July, it will provide spouses with one year of free membership to LinkedIn Premium, which offers job seekers more search tools and online courses. Premium memberships typically range from \$30 to \$100 each month.

The year of free membership will be available to spouses each time they move to new installations and again when their spouses leave the military, LinkedIn officials said.

“Faced with frequent moves and deployments, military spouses have a unique challenge when it comes to growing their careers,” LinkedIn wrote in a statement. “In order to help set them up for suc-

cess, reskilling and retraining are key, as well as identifying remote and flexible work options.”

President Donald Trump’s administration has said it would take up military spouse employment as a priority. In May, Trump signed an executive order encouraging federal agencies to hire more military spouses.

“As a federal government, if we are going to be working with our private sector and asking for others to hire military spouses, we need to lead by example,” Jennifer Korn, a special assistant to the president, said at the time.

Based on a survey, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimated the unemployment rate for military spouses was 16 percent in 2017. In comparison, the overall unemployment rate in the United States was 3.9 percent as of April. The veteran unemployment rate in April fell to 3.7 percent.

The frequent moves, often with little notice, are viewed as the biggest challenges facing military spouse employment.

Advocates: Military fails to advise sex assault victims of civilian court option

USA Today

WASHINGTON — Thousands of victims of sexual assault in the military have not been advised of their right to request civilian prosecution of their cases, according to research by an advocacy group.

Civilian prosecutors and courts often have more experience and expertise in handling sexual assault cases than military lawyers and are better equipped to try them, said Don Christensen, president of Protect Our Defenders and the former chief prosecutor for the Air Force.

The group petitioned the military services for their records on compliance with the 2015 law, sued for documents and surveyed survivors.

“Literally every survivor whose case came out has said they haven’t been told,” Christensen said. “Some of them were told that civilians won’t take it seriously, that they’re too busy. Some were talked out of it. Thousands have not been told or have been poorly advised.”

The Pentagon maintains that it has followed the 2015 law and

advises victims appropriately but that it is not required to track compliance. The law has been incorporated into court-martial manuals and the military services train personnel to emphasize it, said Air Force Maj. Carla Gleason, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

“If the victim expresses a preference for civilian prosecution, all military departments convey that preference to the appropriate civilian prosecutorial authority,” Gleason said.

The Army is the only service that has collected data on counseling victims about the option of civilian prosecution. It has done so since November 2017 for a small portion of its sexual assault cases. In 38 notifications to victims, 35 victims preferred military prosecution, two had no preference and one preferred civilian prosecution.

The Army also is the only service that has a form that notifies victims of their right to seek a civilian court.

The 38 notifications by the Army represent a fraction of the 1,564 sexual assault cases it completed in 2017.

In latest vote setback, fire engulfs warehouse storing ballots in Iraq

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — A fire engulfed a depot on Sunday where ballots from Iraq's national elections were being stored ahead of a full manual recount, the latest setback for a process that had already been mired in accusations of fraud and other violations.

The blaze sent black plumes that could be seen for miles around the capital. There were fears that the destruction of ballots further risks the legitimacy of last month's election, which saw a major shift in Iraq's political order.

Saad Maan, a spokesman for Iraq's Interior Ministry, said the fire had broken out in a warehouse where electronic voting machines and some ballot boxes were stored. He said it was one of four storage facilities for ballots on the site, belonging to Iraq's Ministry of Trade, and that the three depots with the majority of returns had been spared.

The cause of the fire is unknown, he said, and will be investigated once the blaze is contained by the nine teams of firefighters at the scene in the Rasafa district of Baghdad.

The warehouses contained ballots from the largest voting district in the capital.

It was not immediately clear how the damage would affect the results of the election, which have been called into question amid persistent claims of significant irregulari-

ties and mismanagement.

Salim al-Jubouri, the outgoing speaker of parliament who lost his seat in the election, called for an entirely new vote because of the fire.

The fire broke out on the same day a panel of judges had been formed to officially take over the election recount from the ostensibly autonomous Independent High Electoral Commission, the body that administered the vote and had since come under intense criticism for its performance.

Last week, Iraq's parliament voted to dismiss the commissioners and replace them with judges, while calling for a full hand recount of the approximately 11 million votes. Some parties condemned the measure, saying it was spearheaded by groups of lawmakers who had lost their seats.

A ticket backed by the Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a longtime opponent of American influence in Iraq, won the most seats in the initial count, with 54 out of 329 — placing him in prime position to select the nation's next leader. A coalition of figures from influential Shiite militias placed second, with 47 seats.

Iraq's prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, whose ticket had placed third in the May 12 election, approved of the recount idea, saying the election commission was to blame for what he described as widespread irregularities.

Supreme Court OKs Ohio purge of voter rolls

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States can target people who haven't cast ballots in a while in efforts to purge their voting rolls, the Supreme Court ruled Monday in a case that has drawn wide attention amid stark partisan divisions and the approach of the 2018 elections.

By a 5-4 vote that split the conservative and liberal justices, the court rejected arguments in a case from Ohio that the practice violates a federal law intended to increase the ranks of registered voters. A handful of other states also use voters' inactivity to trigger a process that could lead to their removal from the voting rolls.

Justice Samuel Alito said for the court that Ohio is complying with the 1993 National Voter Registration Act. He was joined by his four conservative colleagues.

The four liberal justices dissented.

Partisan fights over ballot access are being fought across the country. Democrats have accused Republicans of trying to suppress votes from minorities and poorer people who tend to vote for Democrats. Republicans have argued that they are trying to promote ballot integrity and prevent voter fraud.

Under Ohio rules, registered voters who fail to vote in a two-year period are targeted for eventual removal from registration rolls, even if they haven't moved and remain eligible. The state said it only uses the disputed process after first comparing its voter lists with a U.S. postal service list of people who have reported a change of address. The state asks people who haven't voted in two years to confirm their eligibility. If they do, or if they vote over the next four years, voters remain registered. If they do nothing, their names eventually fall off the list of registered voters.

"Combined with the two years of nonvoting before notice is sent, that makes a total of six years of nonvoting before removal," Alito wrote.

Justice Stephen Breyer, writing in dissent, said the 1993 law prohibits removing someone from the voting rolls "by reason of the person's failure to vote. In my view, Ohio's program does just that."

In a separate dissent, Justice Sonia Sotomayor said Congress enacted the voter registration law "against the backdrop of substantial efforts by states to disenfranchise low-income and minority voters." The court's decision essentially endorses "the very purging that Congress expressly sought to protect against," she wrote.

Google bans development of artificial intelligence software for weaponry

The Washington Post

Google is banning the development of artificial intelligence software that can be used in weapons, chief executive Sundar Pichai said Thursday, setting strict new ethical guidelines for how the tech giant should conduct business in an age of increasingly powerful AI.

The new rules could set the tone for the deployment of AI far beyond Google, as rivals in Silicon Valley and around the world compete for supremacy in self-driving cars, automated assistants, robotics, military AI and other industries.

"We recognize that such powerful technology raises equally powerful questions about its use," Pichai wrote in a blog post. "As a leader in AI, we feel a special responsibility to get this right."

The ethical principles are a response to a firestorm of employee resignations and public criticism over a Google contract with the Defense Department for software that could help analyze drone video, which

critics argued had nudged the company one step closer to the "business of war." Google executives said last week that they would not renew the deal for the military's AI endeavor, known as Project Maven, when it expires next year.

Google, Pichai said, will not pursue the development of AI when it could be used to break international law, cause overall harm or surveil people in violation of "internationally accepted norms of human rights." The company will, however, continue to work with governments and the military in cybersecurity, training, veterans health care, search and rescue, and military recruitment, Pichai said. The web giant — famous for its past "Don't be evil" mantra — is in the running for two multi-billion-dollar DOD contracts for office and cloud services.

Google's \$800 billion parent company, Alphabet, is considered one of the world's leading authorities on AI and employs some of the field's top talent.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Warning issued before fatal alligator attack

FL DAVIE — Two days before a South Florida woman was fatally attacked by an alligator, an emailed warning about a trespassing gator was sent out to homeowners in the waterfront community where she lived.

The Sun Sentinel of South Florida reported Sunday it was unknown if Shizuka Matsuki ever got the warning.

The email from the Isla de Sol Homeowners Association in Plantation notified residents that an alligator had been trapped at a resident's front door. It warned residents to be mindful that gators, snakes and other wildlife lived in the area.

Matsuki's body was found Friday in a lake in Davie hours after she had gone missing.

Giant hog statue put up near campus

AR FAYETTEVILLE — A 25-foot-tall statue of a hog was installed Sunday in Fayetteville, close to the University of Arkansas campus.

The statue is of a signature razorback with its hooves in the air and its snout pointed to the sky.

Video posted by KHBS/KHOG showed a crane lifting the statue and putting it in place.

Local artist Eugene Sargent designed the sculpture.

Police cat guest at kittens' baby shower

MI WESTLAND — The Michigan Humane Society hosted a baby shower for kittens, and a suburban Detroit police feline was a special guest.

The Kitten Shower on Sunday at the Berman Center for Ani-

mal Care in Westland included a visit with the Troy Police Department's Pawfficer Donut, as well as kitten snuggling, games and a presentation in which guests learned how to volunteer as kitten caregivers.

The shower helped provide supplies and training to animal foster caregivers.

Guests could get paid to get flu at hotel

MO ST. LOUIS — Guests can get paid \$3,500 to stay at a St. Louis hotel for up to 12 days with catered meals, as long as they sign up to be exposed to the flu virus.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that a research unit at St. Louis University is testing the effectiveness of flu vaccines by paying volunteers to stay at its Salus Center.

Participants will be given a flu shot or a placebo, and then receive a dose of a flu virus through nasal spray.

The volunteers will then be observed for flu symptoms, such as fever, runny nose, sneezing or coughing.

The university spent about \$350,000 to convert 24 hotel rooms into a quarantined medical unit.

Dogs, cats, pig rescued from fire

IN MUNCIE — Muncie firefighters rescued more than a dozen dogs and cats from a burning house.

Fire Capt. Brian Manship told the (Muncie) Star Press that a pet rat and three birds died as a result of the fire Friday.

Manship said investigators believe the blaze was caused by electrical problems.

Three of the 12 dogs taken from inside the house were given oxygen after suffering smoke inhalation.

Two other dogs in the back-

yard were uninjured. A pot-bellied pig housed in a front porch cage was unscathed.

Deputy leaves gun in Burger King restroom

FL NEW PORT RICHEY — Authorities found a gun that a Florida deputy left in the bathroom of a fast-food restaurant.

A Pasco County Sheriff's Office news release said that the gun was found with the help of a police dog in a wooded area early Saturday.

The gun was left at the Burger King restaurant in New Port Richey shortly before noon Friday and was gone when the plainclothes detective returned 45 minutes later.

Deputies questioned a man who appeared in surveillance video.

Wandering caterpillars make for slippery road

ME BLUE HILL — Drivers: Better watch out for caterpillars in one Maine town.

The Maine Department of Transportation posted an alert for two days that the insects were making things slippery along Route 15, or Mines Road, in Blue Hill.

WMTW-TV reported the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry said the caterpillars are wandering as they eat oak tree leaves. Officials said the main culprit is the forest tent caterpillar. They should finish feeding toward the end of June.

Busch brewery set for reopening

VA WILLIAMSBURG — After a 20-year hiatus, visitors can again tour the

Anheuser-Busch brewery in Williamsburg.

Anheuser-Busch is bringing back tours of the Virginia facility on weekends this summer. Adults must pay \$25 for the tour, which takes about 90 minutes.

The Virginian-Pilot reported visitors will be able to sample fresh beer straight from the brewery's finishing tanks. Samples are also provided at the lagering tanks, where the yeast has not yet been filtered.

The brewery tour was once a highlight of a visit to the nearby Busch Gardens theme park — a monorail connected the brewery and the park, which at the time was owned by the brewer.

Woman downsizes 'Impeach Trump' sign

IL ELGIN — A 94-year-old Illinois woman has downsized a large sign she placed in her front yard that calls for President Donald Trump's impeachment because of city code.

Myra Becker put the sign up outside her Elgin home in February. It measured about 3 feet wide by 4 feet tall and said "Impeach President Trump Now!"

The city received an anonymous inquiry last month about whether the sign complied with city code, said Molly Center, an Elgin spokeswoman. An Elgin code enforcer officer informed Becker that the sign had to be removed because it exceeded the size allowed by city ordinance.

The sign has since been replaced with a smaller version that adheres to city code, Center said.

Becker said she put up the sign because she wanted to make a statement but can't attend marches or protest because of her age.

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Bowyer picks up rain-shortened win

Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — After 120 laps and two stages, the race could now be official. Any driver in the lead might conceivably win if rain intervened.

Clint Bowyer had finished second to teammate Kevin Harvick in the second stage, and both came to pit road. Bowyer took only two tires — and felt that decision by crew chief Mike Bugarewicz ultimately won him the race.

“It was a gamble on his part,” Bowyer said. “It was uncharacteristic for him. That’s part of growing and blossoming as a crew chief and being one of the elite.”

After that quick pit stop, Bowyer had outside position on Harvick on the ensuing restart and was able to take the lead. Rain halted the race not long after that, giving Bowyer his second NASCAR Cup Series win of the year.

Harvick finished second, and pole winner Kurt Busch finished third, completing a sweep of the top three for Stewart-Haas Racing. Kyle Busch was fourth, the lone Toyota near the top in a race dominated by Ford. Four more Fords — Paul Menard, Brad Keselowski, Joey Logano and Ryan Blaney — rounded out the top eight.

Blaney won the first stage and Harvick took the second. On the pit stop moments later, Bugarewicz made the decision to go with only two tires, figuring other leaders would do the same, since bad weather could arrive shortly and track position was important.

“When we were coming on pit road, I was 100 percent sure two tires was the right call. We got about three-quarters of the way down pit road, I was about 70 percent sure,” Bugarewicz said. “When he slid into the pit box, I was about 50 percent sure. By then, we were leaving. It was too late.

“Clint asked, ‘Are we the only one with two?’ ‘Yeah, we’re the

only one with two.’”

Bowyer didn’t have to race much longer in his No. 14 car. He had the lead when Ricky Stenhouse Jr. went into the wall, bringing out a caution. The rain put a stop to the race after 133 of the planned 200 laps on the 2-mile track at Michigan International Speedway.

“As the leader, you don’t want to be that guy that’s calling in every single second saying, ‘It’s pouring! It’s a monsoon!’” Bowyer said. “That doesn’t hold any weight, but it really was. I was just hoping somebody else was saying the same thing.”

The race was delayed by rain at the start. Three Joe Gibbs Racing drivers — Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin and Erik Jones — had to start at the back because of inspection failures related to the splitter. Busch made it back into the top five, Hamlin finished 12th and Jones was 15th.

Harvick led a race-high 49 laps and secured his 11th top-five finish in 15 races this season. Bowyer led only eight laps. This was his 10th career victory and first at Michigan.

“I’ve been on both sides of this,” said Harvick, who was denied another chance to overtake Bowyer by the weather. “If you’re going to have racing luck work against you, you want to at least stay on your own team.”

Kyle Busch kept the points lead, by 75 over Harvick.

The 1-2-3 finish in a Cup race was a first for Stewart-Haas Racing, and the first time any team had pulled it off since Roush Fenway Racing swept the top three spots at Dover in September 2008 — with Greg Biffle, Matt Kenseth and Carl Edwards.

“To finish third, rain-shortened, of course you always want to go back racing again, but to see the two cars in front of me at the end, the 4 and the 14, that’s a big day for Stewart-Haas Racing,” Kurt Busch said. “It’s very special to finish 1-2-3.”

Flag confusion doesn’t keep Vettel from F1 win

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Sebastian Vettel led from the pole to the checkered flag — and then some — to claim a long-awaited Ferrari victory at the Canadian Grand Prix.

The four-time world champion sped on after the checkered flag was waved one lap too early, finishing his wire-to-wire victory at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve on Sunday to claim his third win of the year and the lead in the Formula One standings.

“I was a bit confused. I told them I don’t think the race is over yet,” said Vettel, who confirmed on the counter in his car and with his team that he was only completing his 69th of the scheduled 70 laps.

“Some of the marshals were already celebrating,” he said. “I was just worried that people don’t jump on the track and start celebrating. We’re still going at full pace.”

Canadian model Winnie Harlow blamed race officials for telling her the wrong time to wave the flag. Formula One regulations say that if a checkered flag is waved too early, the race is over as of the last completed lap, making the results official as through 68 laps.

F1 spokesman Matteo Bonciani said there was confusion getting the message from a course official to Harlow on the platform.

“WHEN THEY TELL YOU TO WAVE THE FLAG A LAP TOO EARLY!” Harlow wrote on Instagram. “You had one job sir!!! Hahaha but so grateful everyone was safe today and no one got hurt!”

Had any passing occurred on the 69th or 70th laps, it would not have counted, Bonciani said. But there was not, and Vettel picked up the 50th win of his career, his second in Montreal and the first for Ferrari at the track since Michael Schumacher won three in a row from 2002-04.

Mercedes was second with Valtteri Bottas — not erstwhile championship leader Lewis

Hamilton — about six seconds back after never really challenging for the win. Max Verstappen was third and the other Red Bull car, driven by Daniel Ricciardo, was fourth.

Hamilton, who was fifth on Sunday, fell from the top of the Formula One standings and now trails Vettel by one point, 121-120. He had been going for a record-tying seventh victory in Montreal and a third win in four races.

“I’m the opposite of confident,” said Mercedes executive director Toto Wolff, whose team failed to deliver with an engine upgrade in time for the weekend and also botched its tire strategy in practice.

“I think this is a major wake-up call for every member of the team,” he said. “Everybody needs to assess how to improve performance. ... Those marginal gains are going to make all the difference.”

Starting cleanly, Vettel was pulling away from the field when a crash between Brendon Hartley and hometown favorite Lance Stroll brought out the safety car in the very first lap. On the restart, Sergio Perez skidded onto the grass but managed to straighten himself out and rejoin the race.

Vettel had no such trouble, leaving the jostling behind him as he steered through the 2.71-mile track named for the Ferrari driver and Montreal native who earned his first Formula One victory here 40 years ago.

“Grazie,” the German said to his Italy-based team before grabbing a red and yellow Ferrari flag and waving it on his way to the podium.

“They’ve been waiting long enough for Ferrari to win here,” Vettel said. “Forty years after Gilles won his Grand Prix here, it’s nice to show Ferrari is still alive. It’s nice to become part of that story, hopefully a little bit more in the future.”

Bottas finished second for the fourth time in seven races this season. The fifth place finish was Hamilton’s worst of the year.

Super regional roundup

Huskies, Bulldogs reach CWS

Associated Press

Before Sunday, Washington was the only baseball team in the tradition-rich Pac-12 to never make it to the College World Series.

The Huskies finally are going to Omaha.

Kaiser Weiss' bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 10th inning gave Washington a 6-5 win over host Cal State Fullerton in a wild Game 3 of their NCAA Tournament best-of-three super regional.

Mississippi State also locked up a CWS berth Sunday night with a 10-6 win over host Vanderbilt in 11 innings.

The Huskies and Bulldogs join Oregon State and North Carolina in the CWS starting Saturday.

"This weekend, we've been working this whole year for it," said Weiss, wearing a "Destination Omaha" cap moments after the game. "We always say, 'Omaha no matter what.' We grind it and we just wanted the opportunity. We had the opportunity and we seized it. It's a team effort, all around, everyone."

The rest of the eight-team CWS field was to be filled out Monday after four winner-take-

all Game 3s. Auburn, Texas, South Carolina and Duke won Sunday to force those deciding games.

Washington was cruising along against Fullerton with Joe DeMers carrying a perfect game until Hank LoForte doubled leading off the seventh inning.

The Titans scored three runs in the ninth to go up 4-3, but Washington got the run back in the bottom half. LoForte barely cleared the right-field wall with two outs in the top of the 10th for his second home run of the season and a one-run lead for Fullerton. But two errors in the bottom half allowed Washington to load the bases before Weiss lifted his winning sacrifice fly to left.

Mississippi State completed an improbable journey to the CWS by beating a Vanderbilt team that had swept three regular-season games in Starkville, Miss., by a combined score of 19-4.

The Bulldogs went through an in-season coaching change and needed to sweep Florida in their final regular-season series to secure an NCAA at-large bid. They've staved off elimination five times and will head to the CWS for the first time

since 2013 after Tanner Allen doubled in the go-ahead run in a four-run 11th.

"So many times this year, we continuously had our backs against the wall—getting swept opening weekend, starting off 2-7 in SEC play," Bulldogs center fielder Jake Mangum said. "We had everybody stick with us. The fan base stuck with us, teammates all stuck together. We never gave up, whether we're down to our last pitch in Tallahassee or getting walked off last night. We're going to Omaha."

Luke Jarvis' walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Auburn a 3-2 win over the defending national champion and No. 1 overall seed Gators in Gainesville, Fla.

Kody Clemens homered and doubled, and Texas pitchers held Tennessee Tech to a season-low three hits in a 4-2 win in Austin.

LT Tolbert hit a grand slam for one of South Carolina's three homers in an 8-5 win over Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

Joey Loperfido and Max Miller each doubled and tripled, and Duke combined for 10 runs in the fourth and fifth innings in an 11-2 win over Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

Pistons hire ex-Raptors coach Casey

Associated Press

DETROIT — Dwane Casey did not stay out of the NBA for long.

A month after being fired by the Toronto Raptors, Casey agreed to a five-year deal to become head coach of the Detroit Pistons, two people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Monday. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the move, which was first reported by ESPN.

Casey led Toronto to a franchise-record 59 wins this year and helped them earn the top seed in the Eastern Conference for the first time. The NBA coach of the year finalist was fired shortly after Toronto was swept by the Cleveland Cavaliers with one year remaining on a three-year, \$18 million dollar extension. He was 320-238 in seven seasons and is Toronto's winningest coach.

Casey is getting his third shot to lead an NBA team.

He coached the Minnesota Timberwolves for a little more than one season, going 53-69. He also has experience as an assistant with Dallas and Seattle.

Golf roundup

Johnson wins St. Jude Classic, reclaims No. 1 rank

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Dustin Johnson emphatically reclaimed the No. 1 ranking Sunday, holing out for eagle from 170 yards on the final hole for a six-stroke victory in the St. Jude Classic.

Johnson shot a 4-under 66 for his second PGA Tour victory this year and 18th of his career to take back the No. 1 ranking he held for 64 straight weeks before dropping down a month ago. He won the event for the second time, finishing with the eagle, three birdies and a bogey for a 19-under 261 total.

Andrew Putnam started the final round with a share of the lead for the first time in

his career. He shot 72, finishing at 13 under.

Curtis Cup: At Scarsdale, N.Y., Kristen Gillman led a U.S. singles sweep Sunday in the biggest blowout in Curtis Cup history.

Gillman, the 20-year-old University of Alabama star from Austin, Texas, beat 16-year-old Annabell Fuller 5 and 4 to cap a perfect weekend at Quaker Ridge in the amateur competition.

The Americans won 17-3, breaking the record for margin of victory of 11 set at Denver Country Club in 1982. They improved to 29-8-3 in the series.

Gillman, the 2014 U.S. Women's Amateur champion, joined American Stacy Lewis (2008) and England's Bronte Law (2016) as

the only players to go 5-0-0 since the format was changed to three days in 2008.

LPGA: At Galloway, N.J., Annie Park won the ShopRite LPGA Classic for her first LPGA Tour victory, closing with an 8-under 63 for a one-stroke victory over Sakura Yokomine.

The 23-year-old Park, from Levittown, New York, had an eagle and six birdies on a cloudy day over the Bay Course at Stockton Seaview to complete 54 holes at 16-under 197, a stroke off the tournament record.

Champions Tour: Tom Lehman won the Principal Charity Classic when final-round play was washed out at Wakonda Club in Des Moines, Iowa.

SS Crawford goes 4-for-4 to best Nats

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brandon Crawford did something on Sunday that few hitters have done this season. He got the best of Max Scherzer.

Crawford went 4-for-4 with a two-run homer, and the Giants dealt Scherzer his first loss in more than two months, defeating the Nationals 2-0 to win the three-game series.

After Pablo Sandoval walked leading off the fourth, Crawford homered into the second deck in right for his eighth of the season. He singled in the first and doubled in the sixth off Scherzer and added a double off Matt Grace in the eighth.

"I threw good pitches to him. He put great swings on them. He wins, I lose," Scherzer said. "That's as simple as that. He's hot. I have to be better than him. Today, he was great."

Crawford has been great for the past six weeks. Since May 1, he is hitting an MLB-best .439 (58-for-132) and has raised his average to .338.

"It's been impressive. It really has. To sustain the quality at-bats that he has for this long. That's why yesterday I gave him a day," said manager Bruce Bochy, who limited Crawford to a pinch-hitting appearance on Saturday.

Crawford admitted he might have cost himself the cycle when he lashed a hit down the left-field line in the eighth and ended up with his second double.

"Right when I hit it I was thinking about it and I was running hard out of the box and then I saw it was curving pretty hard and I thought it was going to go foul and I slowed up for second," he said. "I was a little disappointed in myself."

Derek Holland (4-6), a 10-year veteran

facing Washington for the first time, allowed three hits and two walks in five innings as five pitchers combined for the three-hitter. Hunter Strickland pitched the ninth for his 13th save.

Scherzer (10-2) had won nine straight decisions since his last loss on April 4. He allowed two runs and four hits while striking out nine over seven innings. He struck out the side on 11 pitches in the second inning in the midst of six straight strikeouts.

Austin Jackson had the Giants' only other hit against Scherzer.

Holland allowed the first two Nationals to reach in the second but induced a double-play grounder from Michael A. Taylor and struck out Wilmer Difo.

"I knew going into the game I can't make any mistakes," Holland said. "He's Max Scherzer. I mean he's been doing a great job this year. He held us to two runs."

MLB roundup

Indians' Kluber continues Central dominance

Associated Press

DETROIT — Eventually, a team from the AL Central will figure out a way to beat Cleveland Indians ace Corey Kluber.

Kluber continued his dominance of the division on Sunday, allowing two runs in eight innings as the Indians beat the Detroit Tigers 9-2.

The win improved Kluber (10-2) to 5-0 with a 0.76 ERA in five starts against division rivals this season, and he has won his last 11 decisions against teams from the AL Central.

Kluber allowed five hits and struck out eight without walking a batter. He has 46 strikeouts and zero walks in his last six starts.

Melky Cabrera and Erik Gonzalez each drove in three runs for Cleveland, which expanded its divisional lead to five games over the Tigers.

Artie Lewicki (0-2) took the loss, allowing three runs on six hits and a walk in five innings. He struck out four in his third major-league start.

Mets 2, Yankees 0: Seth Lugo (2-1) pitched six dominant innings in a stellar spot start, Todd Frazier hit a two-

run homer off Luis Severino (9-2), and the Mets snapped an eight-game skid.

Frazier went deep for the second consecutive night to help the Mets prevent a Subway Series sweep at Citi Field. They ended a 10-game home losing streak and avoided an 0-9 homestand that would have matched the worst in team history.

Padres 3, Marlins 1: Clayton Richard became the latest pitcher to flirt with the first no-hitter in San Diego franchise history, losing his bid with two outs in the seventh inning against host Miami.

The Padres are the only team in the majors that has never thrown a no-hitter.

Astros 8, Rangers 7: George Springer scored the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning on a balk after homering on the first pitch, and visiting Houston swept their Texas rivals in a four-game series for the first time, beating the Rangers despite blowing a six-run lead.

The World Series champion Astros won their fifth straight and moved a season-high 17 games over .500 (42-25) despite Dallas Keuchel failing to hold a

6-0 lead. He matched a career worst by allowing 13 hits while throwing 106 pitches in just 4¹/₃ innings.

Reds 6, Cardinals 3: Center fielder Billy Hamilton made a bunch of key defensive plays and host Cincinnati ended its 13-game losing streak to St. Louis. Hamilton threw out two runners, then made outstanding catches against the wall in the eighth and ninth innings. He also tripled and scored twice.

Mariners 5, Rays 4: Right fielder Mitch Haniger threw out Johnny Field at the plate to end the game, and visiting Seattle held off Tampa Bay for its 17th win in 22 games. Field tried to score from first on a two-out, bloop single by Carlos Gomez.

Dodgers 7, Braves 2: Max Muncy homered in his third straight game, Logan Forsythe and Enrique Hernandez also connected, and host Los Angeles beat Atlanta.

White Sox 5, Red Sox 2: Reynaldo Lopez pitched into the seventh inning, Daniel Palka had a two-run double and visiting Chicago beat Boston.

Blue Jays 13, Orioles 3: Curtis Granderson had four hits and

a career-high six RBIs, Marco Estrada pitched six innings to snap an eight-start winless streak and host Toronto routed struggling Baltimore to complete a four-game sweep.

Phillies 4, Brewers 3: Zach Eflin tied his career high with nine strikeouts over six innings and Philadelphia snapped a four-game losing streak by holding off visiting Milwaukee.

Twins 7, Angels 5: Jake Cave had a career-high three hits, including a home run, and host Minnesota held on to beat Los Angeles.

Pirates 7, Cubs 1: Josh Harrison led off the game with a home run and Gregory Polanco hit a bases-loaded triple, leading Ivan Nova and visiting Pittsburgh over Chicago.

Diamondbacks 8, Rockies 3: Paul Goldschmidt doubled and tripled and had two RBIs to finish off a dominating series and Arizona earned a victory over host Colorado.

Athletics 3, Royals 2: Matt Chapman homered leading off the eighth, moments after shortstop Marcus Semien's defensive gem, and host Oakland beat Kansas City.