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US seeks to expand family detentions

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SANTA ANA, Calif. — The Trump administration is calling for the expanded use of family detention for immigrant parents and children who are stopped along the U.S.-Mexico border, a move decried by advocates as a cruel, ineffective attempt to deter families from coming to the U.S.

Immigration authorities on Friday issued a notice that they could seek up to 15,000 beds to detain families. The Justice Department also has asked a federal court in California to allow children to be detained longer and in facilities that don't require state licensing while they await immigration court proceedings.

"The current situation is untenable," August Flentje, special counsel to the assistant attorney general, wrote in court filings seeking to change a longstanding court settlement that governs the detention of immigrant children. The more constrained the Homeland Security Department is in detaining families together during immigration proceedings, "the more likely it is that families will attempt illegal border crossing."

The proposed expansion comes days after a public outcry moved the administration to cease the practice of separating children from their migrant parents on the border. More than 2,300 children have

been taken from their parents since Homeland Security announced a plan in April to prosecute all immigrants caught on the border.

In all, about 9,000 immigrants traveling in family groups have been caught on the border in each of the past three months, according to federal authorities.

Immigrant advocates contend detention is no place for children and insist there are other alternatives to ensure they and their parents attend immigration court hearings, such as ankle bracelets or community-based programs. The federal court ruled several years ago that children must be released as quickly as possible from fam-

ily detention.

"It is definitely not a solution under any circumstances," said Manoj Govindaiah, director of family detention services at the RAICES advocacy group in Texas. "At no point should a child be incarcerated, and children need to be with their parents."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement currently has three family detention facilities — a 100-bed center opened in Pennsylvania in 2001 and two much larger facilities opened in Texas in 2014. Only the Pennsylvania facility can house men, and all of the detainees at the Texas centers are women with children.

Trump tries to change focus of border debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump tried to cast doubt Friday on wrenching tales of migrant children separated from their families at the border, dismissing "phony stories of sadness and grief" while asserting the real victims of the nation's immigration crisis are Americans killed by those who cross the border unlawfully.

Bombarded with criticism condemning the family-separation situation as a national moment of shame, Trump came back firing, sometimes twisting facts and changing his story but nonetheless highlighting the genuine grief of families on the other side of the equation.

"You hear the other side, you never hear this side," said Trump, standing with a dozen of what he calls the "angel families" who lost loved ones at the hands of people in the country

illegally. He focused on the fact that young migrants separated from parents are likely to be reunited, unlike the victims of murders.

"These are the American citizens permanently separated from their loved ones. The word 'permanently' being the word that you have to think about. Permanently — they're not separated for a day or two days, these are permanently separated because they were killed by criminal illegal aliens."

Amid mushrooming bipartisan concern over depictions of terrified migrant children separated from their parents, Trump on Wednesday abruptly reversed course and signed an executive order to overturn the policy, although up to 2,000 children are still believed to be separated from their parents. But that rare moment of public capitulation was brief from

the president, who laced his remarks at a rally in Minnesota that night with hard-line rhetoric that continued Friday. In a tweet, Trump raised questions about whether the migrants' hardships really existed.

"We must maintain a Strong Southern Border," the president tweeted. "We cannot allow our Country to be overrun by illegal immigrants as the Democrats tell their phony stories of sadness and grief, hoping it will help them in the elections. Obama and others had the same pictures, and did nothing about it!"

Trump's suggestion that the stories were erroneous was likely fueled by revelations Friday about one of the defining images to this point in the crisis, a 2-year-old Honduran girl crying as her mother was stopped by a Border Patrol agent. But the girl in the pho-

tograph, who ended up on the cover of Time Magazine this week, was not separated from her mother but was detained with her, the child's father told the Daily Mail. Time Magazine said it stood by the image because it captures "the stakes of this moment."

Some conservatives seized hold of the migrant photo faux pas to attack the media, and White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders tweeted, "It's shameful that Dems and the media exploited this photo of a little girl to push their agenda."

A number of Democrats aggressively pushed back against Trump's claims. Rep. Peter Welch of Vermont said Friday that Trump's assertion was "bizarre" and that the border patrol processing center he visited in Texas in recent days was "nothing short of a prison."

Army scientists study paratroopers in field

The Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer

Imagine a world where Army leaders can monitor their soldiers much as you would a video game character — with something akin to a health bar and real-time tracking of physical and mental readiness.

That's what the 82nd Airborne Division wants. And now, a group of scientists led by the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center are working to make it happen.

On Wednesday, leaders from across the Army were given a peek at how that work is coming along.

At Green Ramp, officials from Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center and eight other organizations that are partnered for the a first-of-its-kind, multi-domain study provided an overview of their efforts so far and what's to come.

Erika Hussey, a research psychologist on NSRDEC's Cognitive Science Team and one of the program leads for the Monitoring and Assessing Soldier Tactical Readiness and Effectiveness, or MASTR-E, study, said researchers had measured hundreds of metrics with the help of Fort Bragg paratroopers earlier this month with a goal of identifying the human performance "x-factors" that can reliably predict sustained soldier and squad lethality.

The data collected included heart rate, body temperature, stress levels, energy intake and shot accuracy during a 72-hour

live-fire training exercise conducted by soldiers with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

More than 60 paratroopers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment took part in the study, setting baseline measures across four categories — health, physical, social-emotional and cognitive.

The soldiers then wore a variety of sensors during a field exercise. They included GPS trackers to measure swarm behavior and social distance; pods that tracked walking speed acceleration; bioharnesses that measured heart rate, breathing patterns, balance and body temperature; wrist sensors that measured sleep and activity; and sensors on their helmets that tracked their head movements.

Scientists also measured stress, muscle fatigue and immune system functions through saliva samples and measured water intake throughout the exercise.

Officials established baseline measures before the exercise and also tracked how the soldiers recovered in the days following the mission.

The big question Wednesday: "What are we going to do with all this data?" Hussey said.

Officials said the study still under way could eventually help enable leader decisions on the battlefield and inform better training on the homefront. It is also helping to drive the development of other research

projects, including the development of exoskeletons meant to reduce physical injuries while increasing speed and strength.

The MASTR-E study is a collaboration between NSRDEC and several other Army and academic organizations, including the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the United States Military Academy at West Point, the Army Research Institute and the Center for Applied Brain and Cognitive Sciences, which is co-directed by NSRDEC and Tufts University.

Hussey said that more than 100 scientists and researchers have participated in the effort.

The partnership between NSRDEC and the 82nd Airborne Division began roughly two years ago, officials said.

Maj. Gen. Erik Kurilla, commanding general of the 82nd Airborne, challenged Army scientists to "solve for x" to help the division better track the cognitive and physical ability of its paratroopers and, if needed, adjust training to get the most out of its soldiers.

The goal, he said, was to make paratroopers more lethal.

Kurilla said he envisioned being able to see the status of paratroopers in much the same way one would view a character in the popular Call of Duty or Halo video games series.

Douglas A. Tamilio, director of NSRDEC, said the Army is

seeking a dashboard not unlike one found in a car, with a gas gauge and measures of the car's performance.

Officials said such a dashboard could eventually track not only physical measures, but also the amount of ammo a soldier is carrying and could help predict injuries and fatigue before they occur.

The information would be viewable by commanders overseeing the mission or by leaders on the ground using handheld technology already available to soldiers.

Tamilio said the partnership between NSRDEC and the 82nd Airborne Division was unlike anything that has been done before.

But it could open the doors to even more partnerships, he said, with officials from the 10th Mountain Division, 25th Infantry Division and 101st Airborne Division having reached out to potentially follow in the 82nd Airborne Division's footsteps.

But first, officials are pouring over the data collected from the 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers with the hopes of refining future data collection.

Officials said the multi-domain study allows researchers to see how the human body works as a whole and identify which measures are most important.

And by studying soldiers working as a squad, researchers also hope to pinpoint characteristics that make a good team and a good team leader.

Pakistani Taliban pick new chief to replace Fazlullah

Associated Press

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — Pakistani Taliban militants chose a religious scholar as their new chief in place of Mullah Fazlullah, the insurgent leader who ordered the assassination of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai and was killed earlier this month in a U.S. drone strike.

Mohammad Khurasani, a spokesman for the Pakistani Taliban, said Saturday that the executive council of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan appointed Mufti Noor Wali Mahsud as its new chief and Mufti Mazhim, aka Mufti Hafzullah, as his deputy.

Khurasani conceded for the first time that Mullah Fazlullah was killed in the drone attack in Afghanistan's Kunar prov-

ince. He did not say when and where the TTP executive council met to choose the new leader.

A ruthless leader, Fazlullah ordered the beheading of dozens of opponents when his band of insurgents controlled Pakistan's picturesque Swat Valley from 2007 until a massive military operation routed them out in 2009.

Court: Warrant needed to track cellphone info

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Police generally need a warrant to look at records that reveal where cellphone users have been, the Supreme Court ruled Friday in a big victory for privacy interests in the digital age.

The justices' 5-4 decision marks a big change in how police may obtain information that phone companies collect from the ubiquitous cellphone towers that allow people to make and receive calls, and transmit data. The information has become an important tool in criminal investigations.

Chief Justice John Roberts, joined by the court's four liberals, said cellphone location information "is detailed, encyclopedic and effortlessly compiled." Roberts wrote that "an individual maintains a legitimate expectation of privacy in the record of his physical movements" as they are captured by cellphone towers.

Roberts said the court's decision is limited to cellphone tracking information and does not affect other business records, including those held by banks. He also wrote that police still can respond to an emergency and obtain records without a warrant.

But the dissenting conservative justices, Anthony Kennedy, Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch, cast doubt on Roberts' claim that the decision was limited. Each wrote a dissenting opinion and Kennedy said in his that the court's "new and uncharted course will inhibit law enforcement" and "keep defendants and judges guessing

for years to come."

Roberts does not often line up with his liberal colleagues against a unified front of conservative justices, but digital-age privacy cases can cross ideological lines, as when the court unanimously said in 2014 that a warrant is needed before police can search the cellphone of someone they've just arrested.

The court ruled Friday in the case of Timothy Carpenter, who was sentenced to 116 years in prison for his role in a string of robberies of Radio Shack and T-Mobile stores in Michigan and Ohio. Cell tower records spanning 127 days, which investigators got without a warrant, bolstered the case against Carpenter.

Investigators obtained the records with a court order that requires a lower standard than the "probable cause" needed for a warrant.

The judge at Carpenter's trial refused to suppress the records, finding no warrant was needed, and a federal appeals court agreed. The Trump administration said the lower court decisions should be upheld.

The American Civil Liberties Union, representing Carpenter, said a warrant would provide protection against unjustified government snooping.

"This is a groundbreaking victory for Americans' privacy rights in the digital age. The Supreme Court has given privacy law an update that it has badly needed for many years, finally bringing it in line with the realities of modern life," said ACLU attorney Nathan Freed Wessler, who argued the Supreme Court case in November.

Severe storms hit across U.S.

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Helicopters rescued people stranded by flooding in Texas and Montana, including 140 children and counselors stuck in a mountain bible camp for two days, as severe storms swept the Rockies and the Midwest.

Campers attending the Montana Wilderness School of the Bible near the small town of Augusta were airlifted out Thursday after a washed-out road cut off the only exit. Montana was just drying out from spring flooding caused by near-record snowfall over the winter when a storm unleashed heavy rains last weekend.

Texas also saw deluges all week. The soaking in both states comes in stark contrast to the tinder-dry conditions of the Southwest.

Officials in south Texas also used helicopters Thursday to rescue residents from flooded areas.

Texas Department of Public Safety Lt. Johnny Hernandez said residents were being rescued by land and air in the Mission area, along the border with Mexico.

In western Pennsylvania, residents and business owners were cleaning up after a storm dumped nearly 4 inches of rain, killing at least one person and prompting scores of evacuations as powerful floodwaters carried off cars and damaged buildings.

In northwest Iowa, a freight train leaked crude oil into flooded fields along the track after it derailed Friday, leading to the evacuation of four nearby homes. It was not immediately clear what caused the derailment.

Suspect in NYC bike path killings speaks in court of 'Allah'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The man charged with murdering eight people on a New York City bike path and injuring many more spoke out in court Friday over a prosecutor's objection, invoking "Allah" and defending Islamic State.

Sayfullo Saipov, 30, raised his hand to speak immediately after U.S. District Judge Vernon S. Broderick set an Oct. 7, 2019, date for the Uzbek immigrant's trial.

Earlier, he had pleaded not guilty through his lawyer to the latest indictment in the Oct.

31 truck attack near the World Trade Center. A prosecutor said the Justice Department will decide by the end of the summer whether to seek the death penalty against Saipov, who lived in Paterson, N.J., before the attack.

Speaking through an interpreter for about 10 minutes, Saipov said the decisions of a U.S. court were unimportant to him. He said he cared about "Allah" and the holy war being waged by ISIS.

At the prompting of Assistant U.S. Attorney Amanda Houle, Broderick interrupted

Saipov to read him his rights, including that anything he said in court could be used against him.

"I understand you, but I'm not worried about that at all," Saipov said.

After Saipov spoke more, Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Beaty interrupted him to object that the judge was letting Saipov make the kind of statement publicly that special restrictions placed on him in prison would otherwise prevent, including discussing "terrorist propaganda."

The judge said he believed

Saipov was nearing the end of his remarks and let him finish before warning him that he was unlikely to let him speak out in court again in a similar manner.

Prosecutors had been seeking an April 2019 trial date. Houle said the families of the dead and the dozens who were injured deserve a "prompt and firm trial date."

Defense lawyers have said the government should accept a guilty plea and a sentence of life in prison without parole to provide victims' families and the public with closure.

Trump: N. Korea still poses threat to US

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Friday that North Korea still poses an “extraordinary threat” to the United States.

In an executive order, the president extended for one year the so-called “national emergency” with respect to the nuclear-armed nation, re-authorizing economic restrictions against it.

While expected, the declaration comes just nine days after Trump tweeted, “There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea,” following his summit with North Ko-

rean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore.

The order appears to undermine the president’s claim.

It states that “the existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material” and the actions and policies of the North Korean government “continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.”

The national emergency has been in place since 2008 and is a sign of the enduring tensions between the U.S. and North Korea that spiked last year as the North moved closed to per-

fecting a nuclear-tipped missile that could reach American soil, but ebbed with the June 12 summit where Kim agreed to “complete denuclearization” of the Korean Peninsula.

The two sides, however, still have to negotiate the terms under which the North would give up its nukes and win relief from sanctions — a goal that has eluded U.S. administrations for a quarter-century.

Trump claimed at a Cabinet meeting Thursday that denuclearization had already begun, although Defense Secretary James Mattis told reporters a day earlier that he wasn’t aware that North Korea had taken any

steps yet toward denuclearization, and that detailed negotiations have not yet begun.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon said Friday evening that it has “indefinitely suspended” a major military exercise with South Korea, known as Freedom Guard and scheduled for August, as well as two Korean Marine exchange training exercises.

Officials had announced Monday that planning for Freedom Guard had been suspended in line with Trump’s decision to halt what he called U.S. “war games” in South Korea.

More exercises with S. Korea suspended

BY KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The United States canceled more planned military exercises in South Korea, saying the suspension was indefinite amid negotiations over North Korea’s nuclear weapons program.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis made the announcement Friday after a high-level meeting, in which leaders began work on a plan of action to follow through on promises made by President Donald Trump in his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12.

During the meeting, Mattis met with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and National Security Adviser John Bolton.

Trump called the war games “provocative” and “very expensive” during a press conference after the summit in Singapore.

North Korea hates the military exercises, which it considers rehearsals for an invasion, despite insistence by the allies that the drills are defensive in nature and necessary to maintain readiness.

The military previously announced it was halting all plans for a massive command post exercise known as Ulchi Freedom Guardian, which had been set to begin in August.

The Pentagon said Friday that the suspension would include two joint Marine training exercises that had been “scheduled to occur in the next three months.”

“To support implementing the outcomes of the Singapore Summit, and in coordination with our Republic of Korea ally, Secretary Mattis has indefinitely suspended select exercises,” spokeswoman Dana White said.

She said additional decisions would depend on North Korea “continuing to have productive negotiations in good faith.”

The Marine Corps is the only branch of service that doesn’t have a major presence on the divided peninsula. Instead, it regularly sends troops to train with the South Koreans in what is known as the Korean Marine Exchange Program.

US preps for return of war dead remains

BY KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. military sent 100 wooden coffins to the truce village on the border with North Korea on Saturday as it steps up preparations for the return of the remains of American soldiers killed in the 1950-53 war, according to the U.N. command.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un agreed to repatriate the remains as part of the four-point agreement reached during his June 12 summit with President Donald Trump.

No date has been set for the return, which would be overseen by the U.S.-led United Nations Command, but military officials have said it’s expected to happen soon.

The agency that oversees POW/MIA issues has cited North Korean officials as saying they have as many as 200 sets of remains that have been recovered over the years and are ready to be returned.

The military moved “100 wooden temporary transit cases” that were built in Seoul to the Joint Security Area on Saturday “so that we are ready

to receive remains and be able to transport them in a dignified manner,” according to the U.N. Command’s public affairs office.

The command also was in the process of moving flags and trestles on which the boxes can stand to the JSA, the area in the truce village of Panmunjom that marks the only spot in the heavily fortified border where the sides come face-to-face.

Meanwhile, it was sending 158 metal transfer cases that could be used to send the remains home from Seoul’s Yong-san Army Garrison south to Osan Air Base, the command said.

It would be the first such repatriation in more than a decade and would be the first tangible concession from the North after the summit.

More than 36,000 U.S. troops died in the three-year war, which ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

That number includes 7,702 who are missing in action, with an estimated 5,300 believed to have been lost in the North, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Emu named Charles is back in sanctuary

NY GRAFTON — Charles the emu is back home in an upstate New York bird sanctuary after spending the week wandering the countryside.

The ostrich-like bird escaped his fenced enclosure at the Berkshire Bird Paradise in rural Grafton near the Vermont border Tuesday. Peter Dubacher, who runs the sanctuary, put out the word to the public to be on the lookout for the wayward bird.

Dubacher said on Facebook that Charles was captured Friday morning.

Police: Men use blanket to attack woman

GA STONE MOUNTAIN — Police said a woman was attacked inside a department store where two men threw a blanket over her head and began shaking and shoving her.

Gwinnett County police said the woman fought back against the men and broke free from the May 12 attack near Stone Mountain, east of Atlanta. The suspects then fled the store.

Police on Thursday released an image from surveillance video showing the men carrying the blanket inside the store.

Woman gets prison for pasture-rental scam

NE HARRISON — A woman was given one to three years in prison for her role in a pasture-rental scam in the northern Nebraska Panhandle.

Sioux County District Court records say Kelley Heller, 52, of Crawford, was sentenced June 12.

Heller and her daughter, Calinda Barthel Vantine, were arrested in February 2017. Prosecutors said the scheme was orchestrated by Vantine and resulted in more than \$44,000 in losses to the five victims. The two didn't own the pasture they'd rented to the five people from Nov. 1, 2015, through Feb. 15, 2017.

Vantine, 28, was sentenced to prison in October.

Robbery suspect gives ID, tracked by police

OH COLUMBUS — Police said a quick-thinking bank teller in Ohio convinced a suspected robber to hand over his own license.

Authorities said the man walked into a Huntington Bank in Columbus on June 4 and gave the teller a note saying he was armed and demanding money.

The teller gave the man a stack of cash, but then he demanded more money from the electronic cash recycling machine in the bank's lobby.

Police said the teller told the man the machine needed a driver's license to dispense cash, so the man handed his own license over.

The license led police to the 51-year-old man who was arrested June 15 and was charged with aggravated robbery and threatening with a deadly weapon.

Caller told to put dog in truck; dog later dies

KS HUTCHINSON — Police in Hutchinson say a dog died inside a sweltering animal control truck due to bad advice from a 911 dispatcher and lack of communication to animal control staff.

The Hutchinson News reported that a resident on May 27 called 911 about a loose dog and was told to put it into an animal

control truck compartment.

But the information was never relayed to anyone. The shelter was closed for the Memorial Day weekend, when temperatures neared 100 degrees.

The dog was found dead days later.

Police Capt. Troy Hoover said the dispatcher's direction to put the dog in the truck was not based on protocol.

Grocery firm apologizes to banned black man

ME SACO — A grocery chain has apologized to a black man who was told not to return to a store in Maine after he questioned whether he and his wife were being treated unfairly due to race.

Rory Ferreira told the Portland Press Herald that he asked to speak to a manager at a Shaw's store in Saco after a clerk told him that both he and his wife needed to present ID to buy alcohol.

He told the manager he wanted to ensure he was treated the same as everyone else. He said the manager then refused to finish selling him the groceries and had police give him a no-trespass order.

Ferreira said he met with company executives, who apologized.

WWII vet surprised with high school diploma

NJ EAST RUTHERFORD — A New Jersey township high school surprised a 92-year-old World War II veteran with the high school diploma he would have earned if he hadn't dropped out to join the Army.

Vito Trause was presented with his "East Rutherford High School" diploma Wednesday, in a nod to Becton Regional High School's name during Trause's era. The Record reported he was escorted by active-duty

commanders and sergeants from the military.

Trause dropped out of high school 75 years ago to join the Army.

Trause forged a connection with the Becton Class of 2018 when he came to speak to the seniors on June 11.

Deputies: Tongue cut from horse's mouth

WA SEATTLE — Authorities said a horse's tongue found severed at a property in western Washington state was intentionally cut off the animal.

KCPQ-TV reported the 28-year-old horse named Annie was euthanized Wednesday because the animal could not eat or drink without a tongue.

Thurston County Sheriff's Deputy Carrie Nastansky said the horse's owner discovered the severed tongue in the backyard of her Yelm property Tuesday and found the horse bleeding from her mouth.

Authorities say rewards are being offered for information leading to an arrest.

Baby osprey tangled in balloon ribbon freed

NJ BERKELEY TOWNSHIP — Conservationists in New Jersey freed a baby bird that was entangled in a balloon ribbon.

Members of Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey found the young osprey on Island Beach State Park with a red ribbon wrapped around its leg. The nest, which is about 35 feet off the ground, was littered with plastic debris.

The group said ospreys collect nesting material, including trash, from within view of their nests.

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Sabres take Dahlin first in NHL Draft

Associated Press

DALLAS — Rasmus Dahlin went first overall to the Buffalo Sabres, Commissioner Gary Bettman was booed relentlessly by the crowd all night and trade chatter didn't amount to a whole lot of movement.

With the exception of one trade by the Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals, the first round of the NHL Draft went off without many surprises. Only two players and a handful of picks were traded Friday night, leaving general managers hoping for more on Day Two.

"That was kind of a boring first day or first round," Philadelphia Flyers GM Ron Hextall said. "It's not typical for this day."

The Sabres picking Dahlin at No. 1 and the Carolina Hurricanes taking Russian winger Andrei Svechnikov at No. 2 got the draft itself off to a predictable start. Montreal taking Finnish center Jesperi

Kotkaniemi third and Arizona going a bit off the board with center Barrett Hayton fifth allowed high-scoring Czech winger Filip Zadina to fall to Detroit with the sixth pick.

"I'm telling my agent if they will pass on me, I will fill their net with the puck," Zadina said. "I want to prove them that they have done, like, bad decision."

Not a whole lot of big decisions happened Friday night at American Airlines Center. The Sabres taking Dahlin was automatic since they won the draft lottery in April, and the 18-year-old wore a Buffalo Bills hat Friday prior to the selection. Svechnikov got to try on the Hurricanes' draft hat before he was the No. 2 pick just as general manager Don Waddell acknowledged recently.

Dahlin is the second Swedish player to be taken No. 1 and the first since Mats Sundin in 1989. Sundin went on to a Hall of Fame career.

"It's pretty crazy, actually,"

Dahlin said. "He's a legend in the hockey world. It's kind of weird but amazing."

GMs found it weird that there weren't more trades consummated. A few teams swapped picks late in the first round, but the big shakeup came a half-hour before the draft when the Capitals traded veteran defenseman Brooks Orpik and backup goaltender Philipp Grubauer to the Colorado Avalanche for a second-round pick.

The trade netted Washington the 47th pick but most importantly cleared significant salary-cap space to attempt to re-sign pending free agent defensemen John Carlson and Michal Kempny. MacLellan said he was close to getting a deal done with Carlson, so he had to prepare.

"It's hard to do, but we had to create some room to sign some players," MacLellan said.

Grubauer was the first domino to fall in what could be a fascinating goaltending mar-

ket. Ottawa's Craig Anderson is reportedly available, and Columbus might have to make a decision on Sergei Bobrovsky if, like winger Artemi Panarin, the two-time Vezina winner isn't willing to talk about a contract extension with just a year left before free agency.

The Capitals and Hurricanes discussed a trade for Grubauer that would've given Washington a higher second-round pick, but MacLellan opted to send the 26-year-old German to the Western Conference rather than giftwrap him for a division rival, and Colorado's Joe Sakic was willing to take on Orpik's salary to get Grubauer.

"We knew the asking price was high and we had the cap room that we can give cap flexibility for us to not have to give up more than we did," said Sakic, who added he'll look to trade Orpik or buy out the 37-year-old. "We felt it was important to get Grubauer. We just like what he can do for us."

College World Series roundup

Arkansas ousts Florida, advances to title series

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Arkansas coach Dave Van Horn had a simple message for his Razorbacks before they played Florida for a spot in the College World Series finals Friday night.

"I don't care if they have the best player in the SEC and the best pitcher in the SEC, we have to take it to them tonight," Van Horn said he told them.

Isaiah Campbell, a 24th-round draft pick who got rocked by Florida three months ago, won his matchup against Southeastern Conference pitcher of the year and first-rounder Brady Singer in convincing fashion.

Arkansas freshman third baseman Casey Martin went 4-for-5 and scored three times. His counterpart at third, SEC player of the year and No. 5

overall draft pick Jonathan India, was 0-for-4.

The Razorbacks took it to them, just like Van Horn wanted, and earned their way into the best-of-three finals next week with a 5-2 win over the defending national champion Gators.

Arkansas (47-19) has never gone to the CWS finals since the NCAA Tournament went to its current structure in 1999. The Razorbacks were runners-up in 1979 in their only appearance in a championship game.

Florida (49-21), the No. 1 overall seed, lost for the first time in eight NCAA elimination games. The Gators were looking to get to the finals for the second straight year and fourth time since 2005.

Martin, who grew up three hours from Fayetteville in Leno, population 4,200, grew

up watching the Razorbacks and choked up when discussing what it meant to be in the finals.

"Honestly, I never thought I'd be here," he said. "I dreamed about it my whole life. Dreamed to play for this team. Dreamed to start my freshman year. I'm just super excited to play for these guys. Some careers end here and some don't. I just want to do what I can for each of them."

Oregon State 12, Mississippi State 2: At Omaha, Neb., the Beavers used a five-run second inning to build a big lead and Brandon Eisert pitched a season-best 5¹/₃ innings of one-hit shutout relief in their victory over the Bulldogs.

Oregon State (51-11-1) has staved off elimination three times since losing its CWS opener to North Carolina last

Saturday. The Beavers beat Washington, North Carolina and now Mississippi State. Another win over the Bulldogs (39-18) on Saturday would send Oregon State to the best-of-three CWS finals for the first time since 2007.

Oregon State won the first of two straight national titles in 2006 after losing its first game in Omaha. The only other team since then to make it to the finals after a loss in its opener was the 2010 South Carolina championship team.

The Beavers continued their offensive tear against a Mississippi State that came into the game having allowed just two runs in 18 innings.

Oregon State is batting .377 and averaging 10.8 runs in Omaha after collecting 15 hits and scoring in double digits for the third time in four games.

Belgium impressive in rout of Tunisia

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Belgium seems to be getting better and better — maybe even the best yet at the World Cup.

It's still early, but a hugely talented Belgian squad made a big statement on Saturday in its 5-2 rout of Tunisia. No team has scored more goals than Belgium's eight, and only Cristiano Ronaldo can match Romelu Lukaku's tally of four.

Belgium has yet to face South American or European opposition, however, and playing England on Thursday should decide who advances to the round of 16 as the winner of Group H.

"In the end, we need to play better teams and have better focus," said Lukaku, who has scored two goals in each of Belgium's two victories.

No player has had back-to-back World Cup games like that since Diego Maradona in 1986, though Argentina's iconic captain did it in the quarterfinals and semifinals — against Belgium — before lifting the trophy.

Though Belgium is a long way from a first World Cup title, it has looked like the most complete attacking force in Russia.

On Saturday, Eden Hazard

also scored twice in the dominant display that produced the highest scoring game of tournament.

It could have been more. After replacing Hazard in the 68th minute, substitute Michy Batshuayi had several good chances before scoring one in stoppage time.

"I think the whole of Belgium should celebrate," said coach Roberto Martinez, who has overseen a 21-game unbeaten run since losing to his native Spain in his first game in charge in September 2016.

If Belgium had one worry, though, it was allowing Tunisia to quickly score after extending its lead. The tenacious North Africans also got five of their 15 shots on target.

The Belgians were rampant at times and had the luxury of taking off Lukaku and Hazard early in the second half to nurse injury concerns. Martinez said Lukaku had pain in his right ankle and Hazard hurt a calf muscle. Still, it could suit the coach to rotate his lineup against England with more decisive games ahead.

"In a tournament like the World Cup you're only as good as the 23 players, so there will be opportunities for the other

players," Martinez said.

Slow starters against Panama, Belgium got things done early on Saturday despite the warm conditions at Spartak Stadium. Hazard scored with a sixth-minute penalty kick he earned by being tripped, and Lukaku angled a low, left-foot shot into the corner of Tunisia's goal in the 16th.

"We knew that if we scored early, the game would be easy," Hazard said. "So after five minutes we scored, and we controlled the game."

The Tunisians cut the lead when defender Dylan Bronn headed in a goal in the 18th minute, but Belgium wasn't done.

Lukaku clipped a right-foot shot over advancing goalkeeper Farouk Ben Mustapha in first-half stoppage time. Hazard then ran on to a long pass in the 51st, flicked the ball around Ben Mustapha and shot into an empty net.

Tunisia captain Wahbi Khazri then scored with almost the last kick of the match.

Group dynamics: Belgium is close to advancing from Group G with two wins and will move on to the round of 16 on Sunday if England beats Panama.

A point from Belgium's

last game against England on Thursday in Kaliningrad will ensure a place in the knockout round. Belgium's goal difference of plus-six is another big factor in the unlikely event of a three-way tie.

Key to success: Belgium pressed Tunisia into giving up the ball in its own half, and attacked with pace and skill in a dizzying mix of talented play.

Tunisia also used pace and direct running to expose Belgium's defense, though tested goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois too rarely.

No goal-less games: A World Cup record was broken when Hazard scored his sixth-minute penalty kick.

The first 27 games have all delivered at least one goal, breaking a mark set at the 1954 World Cup. Then, a 26-game tournament in Switzerland failed to produce a goalless draw.

Royal command: Belgium's King Philippe was in the VIP section to watch the game, with his two sons, Princes Gabriel and Emmanuel.

Midfielder Yuri Tielemans told Belgian TV the king came to the locker room to tell players he was proud of how they represented their country.

Mexico tops South Korea, moves closer to round of 16

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ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Carlos Vela and Javier Hernandez scored a goal each to move Mexico closer to a spot in the round of 16 by beating South Korea 2-1 Saturday at the World Cup.

Mexico, which upset defending champion Germany in its opening match, took the lead when Vela converted from the penalty spot in the 26th minute. The Mexicans were awarded the penalty after Jang Hyun-soo handled the ball while trying to stop a cross from Andres Guardado.

Hernandez added the second

in the 66th, scoring his 50th goal for Mexico. He hit the ball low past goalkeeper Jo Hyeon-woo after collecting a pass from Hirving Lozano.

Son Heung-min scored a consolation goal for South Korea in injury time, sending a powerful shot past goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa.

The South Koreans, who have lost their opening two matches, kept Ochoa under pressure throughout the match with Son often out-sprinting the Mexican defense.

Mexico relied on keeping possession and long-range shots, with a powerful attempt from Andreas Guardado forc-

ing an athletic save from Jo in the second half. A volley from Vela skimmed the bar minutes later.

Mexican fans avoided using a chant, which is considered to be homophobic by FIFA, against the opposing goalkeeper. The chant earned the country's soccer federation a fine after the previous match.

In other World Cup news:

■ Brazil doctors have been busy lately, with even the team's coach needing medical attention.

Douglas Costa and Danilo have been ruled out of the match against Serbia on Wednesday, the team said Saturday, but

added Brazil coach Tite was doing just fine despite undergoing treatment after pulling a muscle while celebrating a goal.

Tite pulled a muscle during his wild celebrations after Philippe Coutinho's late goal in the team's 2-0 win over Costa Rica on Friday. He was unintentionally pushed to the ground by substitute goalkeeper Ederson Moraes as the coach ran onto the field from the dugout after the goal in the first minute of injury time.

"He started rehabilitation work, but taking everything into consideration, he is fine," Lasmar said, laughing.

Martinez HR helps Boston outlast Seattle

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BOSTON — In a showdown of All-Star sluggers, Nelson Cruz had more RBIs, but J.D. Martinez had more help.

Martinez homered and drove in five, and the Boston Red Sox rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the Seattle Mariners 14-10 on Friday despite a monster night from Cruz.

Cruz had two three-run homers and drove in seven, but the Mariners still lost their season-worst fifth consecutive game, including three at Yankee Stadium. Seattle led 4-0 and 10-5 before a wild Red Sox rally fueled by RBIs from eight players.

"That's some fight. We've got a great group in here and that was a good one for us," said Mitch Moreland, who had three hits including a triple as the Red Sox set a season-high with 20 hits.

Martinez went 4-for-5, including a two-run homer in the sixth and two doubles as he and his teammates avenged a 1-0 loss at Seattle against Wade LeBlanc six days earlier. LeBlanc started again Friday but did not fare so well in Boston.

"He pitched a great game against us last time. We all had a little chip on our shoulder coming into today," said Martinez, who has 23 homers.

Reliever Matt Barnes (1-2) got the win with one scoreless inning, and Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth.

Juan Nicasio (1-4) took the loss, allowing five runs on four hits in one-third of a lousy seventh inning.

"We were in control after a crazy first inning. We banged it around and they banged it around some, but our guys kept tacking on there. Just couldn't hold them off at the end," Seattle manager Scott Servais said.

The only flaw to the second half of the game for Boston: shortstop Xander Bogaerts left in the seventh with a sprained index finger on his left hand.

After Cruz put Seattle up 3-0 in the first with his 19th home run, Ryon Healy added a solo shot during Seattle's four-run first inning as the Mariners got to knuckleballer Steven Wright. Seattle added two more off Wright in the second after Boston's five-run bottom of the first.

Despite allowing 10 runs on 10 hits, Wright got a no-decision.

"I might go buy a lottery ticket now because that never happens," Wright said.

Seattle scored four in the fourth, including Cruz's second shot of the game, but Boston's bullpen shut down Seattle the rest of the way while the Mariners' imploded.

Herrera homers in 5th straight as Phils pound Nats

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WASHINGTON — Odubel Herrera homered for the fifth consecutive game and finished with four hits as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Washington Nationals 12-2 on Friday night.

Herrera hit a tiebreaking two-run shot in the third for his 13th homer, matching the club record for consecutive games with a long ball. He has connected in six of his last seven overall.

Chase Utley (twice in 2008), Bobby Abreu (2005), Mike Schmidt (1979) and Dick Allen (1969) also homered in five consecutive games for the Phillies. Ken Griffey, Jr. (1993), Don Mattingly (1987) and Dale Long (1956) share the major league record with homers in eight consecutive games.

Herrera is hitting .472 with six homers, 11 runs and 10 RBIs in his past eight games.

Zach Eflin (5-2) allowed baserunners in every inning except the first, but limited the damage to two runs in five innings to win his fourth straight start.

Washington's Tanner Roark (3-8) gave up six runs in 4¹/₃ innings.

Dodgers 5, Mets 2: Cody Bellinger hit a grand slam to break a scoreless tie in the sixth

inning and visiting Los Angeles beat sinking New York behind Alex Wood's effective pitching.

Yasiel Puig added a solo home run in the ninth, and the defending NL champions won their 10th consecutive against the Mets dating to May 2016. Los Angeles has outscored New York 75-20 in those games, winning each of the past eight by at least three runs — a first in Dodgers history against any opponent, according to STATS.

Orioles 10, Braves 7 (15): Manny Machado hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the 15th inning for visiting Baltimore after each team staged dramatic ninth-inning rallies.

Atlanta gave up six runs in the ninth, and then scored four in the bottom of the inning.

Peter Moylan, Atlanta's eighth pitcher, hit Craig Gentry to open the 15th. Gentry moved to second on Austin Wynns' sacrifice.

With first base open, the Braves pitched to Machado and the slugger lined his 19th homer into the Orioles' bullpen. Moylan (0-1) gave up another run on singles by Colby Rasmus and Jonathan Schoop.

Mike Wright Jr. (1-0), Baltimore's seventh pitcher, threw two scoreless innings.

Reds 6, Cubs 3: Eugenio Suarez hit a go-ahead homer

off Jose Quintana in the fifth inning, and host Cincinnati held on for its fifth consecutive victory.

The Reds have won the first two games in the series, a recent rarity in the rivalry. It's only the second time in the past two years that they've won back-to-back games in a series against the Cubs.

Brewers 2, Cardinals 1: Jesus Aguilar homered to break up rookie Jack Flaherty's no-hit bid in the seventh, then homered in the ninth to lift host Milwaukee over St. Louis.

Angels 2, Blue Jays 1: Andrew Heaney (4-5) pitched seven innings in another quality start for host Los Angeles, allowing just one run and nine hits. The lefty has gone at least seven innings in three of his last four starts.

Rangers 8, Twins 1: Mike Minor threw six solid innings, Shin-Soo Choo homered and Texas beat host Minnesota for its sixth consecutive victory.

Diamondbacks 2, Pirates 1 (13): Ketel Marte's two-out single in the 13th inning led visiting Arizona to a victory over Pittsburgh.

Royals 1, Astros 0: Rookie Rosell Herrera kept the game scoreless with a home-run robbery in the eighth and hit an RBI triple in the ninth as Kan-

sas City beat host Houston.

Rockies 11, Marlins 3: Jon Gray struck out 12 in seven dominant innings, Nolan Arenado homered in a six-run fourth, and Colorado won its fourth in a row by beating visiting Miami.

Indians 10, Tigers 0: Rookie Shane Bieber struck out nine in a career-high seven innings, Yonder Alonso hit a grand slam and host Cleveland beat Detroit for its fifth consecutive victory.

Padres 6, Giants 2: Clayton Richard (7-6) pitched three-hit ball over six innings for his fourth consecutive win as visiting San Diego beat San Francisco. He retired 17 straight during one stretch, allowed only two runners past second base and struck out four.

Athletics 11-4, White Sox 2-6: Lucas Giolito (5-7) pitched into the eighth inning before Xavier Cedeno worked out of a jam, and host Chicago snapped an eight-game losing streak by beating Oakland to salvage a doubleheader split..

Rays 2, Yankees 1: Six pitchers combined on a five-hitter as host Tampa Bay beat New York. Utilizing a bullpen day, the Rays improved to 14-31 against teams with a .500 or better record with the victory over the team with the majors' best record.