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Cutter departs, 2nd deploys to Pacific

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — As the Coast Guard cutter Bertholf concluded six months deployed in the Western Pacific, its sister ship, the cutter Stratton, left its homeport in California on Wednesday to take its place, according to the Coast Guard.

While operating in the Pacific under the aegis of the 7th Fleet, the Bertholf sailed with a Navy destroyer through the Taiwan Strait, the first Coast Guard cutter to do so. It also sailed through the contentious waters of the East China Sea and exercised with ships of the Philippine coast guard near Scarborough Shoal, a ring of sand in the South China Sea claimed zealously by China.

Sending the Bertholf and the Stratton, both national security cutters, represents a law enforcement approach to a prob-

lem of international relations. The Coast Guard has operated in the Western Pacific previously but not in such high-profile fashion.

“This is, for us, just a return to engagement in an area that we have been and conducted operations in before and consistent with international law,” Vice Adm. Linda Fagan, commander of the Coast Guard Pacific Area, said in a conference call with reporters Tuesday.

In addition to exercising rights of free navigation in the Western Pacific, the Bertholf also policed ship-to-ship transfers of goods barred by international sanctions from entering North Korea.

Coast Guard vessels, with their white hulls and orange bands, represent something less than a military threat to potential adversaries. U.S. vessels in the Western Pacific are often shadowed by Chinese ships.

Fagan said that while discussing Pentagon resourcing a few years ago the service committed to provide the Defense Department “a ship into the Western Pacific to partner and engage and bring our unique Coast Guard authorities and access into the region.”

Philippine Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jay Terriela, during an April presentation to the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies, said Indo-Pacific nations are increasingly engaging in “white hull” diplomacy, using their coast guards — not always their navies — to challenge China’s maritime territorial claims.

“(The) China trend is a reason why the coast guard is getting bigger, but only in the last decade,” he said of the increasing coast guard presence in the Indo-Pacific.

Fagan in a January press release called the Bertholf’s deployment a “force multi-

plier” in its work with the Defense Department. She said the Coast Guard is committed to a “free and open Indo-Pacific and a rules-based international system.”

Defense officials commonly use that phrase when referring to growing challenges in the region as countries — most notably, China — make claims to land features in the South China Sea not recognized by international law.

With each land mass claimed comes the assertion that the 12 nautical miles around the islets are the country’s territorial waters. China claims 27 features in the South China Sea, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative. The Chinese navy regularly follows foreign vessels that come within the 12 nautical miles without first seeking permission.

CENTCOM: Rebel downing of US drone hints at Iranian role

BY CHAD GARLAND

Stars and Stripes

Iran-backed rebels in Yemen shot down a U.S. MQ-9 Reaper drone at an altitude that U.S. Central Command said Sunday shows improved capability and likely assistance by Iran.

A CENTCOM statement confirmed previous reports of the incident, which took place earlier this month, and comes as the U.S. has accused Iran of attacking merchant ships in the region amid rising tensions in a standoff between Washington and Tehran.

The drone was shot down June 6 by what officials believe was an SA-6 missile. About

a week later, on Thursday, a second surface-to-air missile — a modified SA-7, CENTCOM said — was launched at another MQ-9 over the Gulf of Oman but missed its target by about half a mile.

In that case, the unmanned aircraft had arrived minutes earlier over the M/T Front Altair, which was on fire following what U.S. officials have attributed to a mine attack by the Iranian Republican Guard Corps. Tehran has denied involvement in the incident.

“Subsequent analysis indicates that this was a likely attempt to shoot down or otherwise disrupt the MQ-9 surveillance of the IRGC attack

on the M/T Kokuka Courageous,” CENTCOM spokesman Lt. Col. Earl Brown said in a statement.

The missile shot could explain confusion over the incident in the Strait of Hormuz, which the Japanese tanker ship’s owner said he believed was caused by flying objects that caused an explosion and put a hole in the ship. Some of the crew reported seeing two shots.

Company officials had said Thursday that the vessel first had been hit toward the stern by what appeared to be an artillery shell, causing a fire in the engine room. The tanker was carrying methanol from

Saudi Arabia to Singapore at the time. The crew was able to extinguish the fire.

The U.S. has said the vessel was attacked by limpet mines, and last week released a video showing what it said was an Iranian vessel removing an unexploded mine from one of the ships. Officials have said Iran took the device to hide evidence of its involvement.

Limpet mines are designed to disable a vessel without sinking it.

But Yutaka Katada, president of Kokuka Sangyo, theorized that a mine would have caused more widespread damage than what the Kokuka Courageous suffered.

Study: More opioids given to rural vets

BY WYATT OLSON

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Rural veterans are given almost a third more opioids than urban vets, according to a study that analyzed outpatient prescribing practices in 2016 by doctors within the Veterans Health Administration.

While opioid prescribing by the VHA among rural veterans declined significantly from 2012 to 2016, it remains “unclear as to why rates remain 32% higher than urban counterparts,” concluded the study, published in the most recent issue of the journal *Military Medicine*.

Most of the difference between rural-urban opioid prescribing was due to differences in long-term use by veterans, with rates of short-term use similar between the two groups, the study said.

The study did not assess whether this higher rate of rural prescribing has played a role in America’s growing opi-

oid epidemic, which has led to a dramatic increase in deaths and overdoses, particularly in rural states such as Kentucky, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported earlier this year that the nation’s overall total of opioid-related deaths increased by 12% from 2016 to 2017, with 47,600 deaths attributable to opioids in that latter year.

The higher rate of prescribing opioids to veterans in rural areas due to long-term use is “a potentially concerning thing,” said Dr. Hilary Mosher, one of the study’s co-authors and a hospitalist at Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center. “There is good evidence that long-term opioid prescribing has more risks than benefits,” she said.

A 2017 study published in the journal *Pain* looked at opioid prescriptions among veterans who had served between 2009 and 2012 and concluded the pain medication’s use was

“characterized by moderate doses that are used over relatively long periods of time by a minority of veterans.”

The 2017 study found, however, that a major factor associated with prolonged opioid use by those veterans was their location in rural areas.

The new study, authored by researchers at the Iowa City VA Healthcare System, examined VHA data from 2016 representing almost 5 million patients, roughly 800,000 of whom received at least one opioid prescription.

The types of opioids considered in the study were noninjectable doses of butorphanol, fentanyl, hydrocodone, hydro-morphone, levorphanol, meperidine, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, pentazocine and tapentadol. Only outpatient prescriptions were included. For comparison purposes, the researchers measured the prescription volume of those diverse opioids using “morphine milligram equiva-

lents” dispensed per capita.

The VHA in 2016 prescribed 1,038 morphine milligram equivalents per capita, nationwide, which would equate to nearly five weeks of regular opioid use for every veteran under VHA care, the study said.

In rural areas, the VHA prescribed opioids at a rate of 1,306 morphine milligram equivalents per capita, significantly higher than urban use, at 988 equivalents.

The findings suggest that rural veterans with chronic pain use opioids for long periods because alternative treatments are available primarily in urban areas.

“Do they have access to physical therapy, massage therapy, acupuncture, chiropractic?” Mosher said. “Do you have access to pain specialists who can put together a multimodal approach to treat chronic pain?”

“Bottom line, those kinds of services may be easier to access or locate in an urban setting.”

Army investigation: No anti-Muslim bias in hijab case

The (Colorado Springs, Colo.) Gazette

When the story broke in March, an incident at Fort Carson was portrayed as a clear-cut example of anti-Muslim bigotry.

But a lengthy Army investigation released to *The Gazette* shows something far more complex: Army regulations clashing with Islamic concepts of modesty and a recent convert to the faith whose religious life conflicted with her military duties.

The Army debunked the discrimination claim, but investigators admit leaders need to learn more about the interaction with a faith that’s unfamiliar to most Americans and a source of contention for many soldiers.

The Army’s investigation was triggered by a March 6 incident that occurred as soldiers from the post’s 2nd Brigade Combat Team attended a suicide prevention class. Sgt. Cesilia Valdovinos, a cook, was in the class along with one of her bosses, Command Sgt. Maj. Kerstin Montoya. The sergeant major told investigators she spotted something amiss with Valdovinos’ hair under a hijab, a head covering commonly worn by Muslim women.

“Even though Sgt. Valdovinos was wearing a religious head cover, I could see that the bulk of her hair did not meet regulatory standards,” Montoya wrote, citing an Army rule that requires women to wear long hair in a bun.

Montoya talked to a chaplain and her boss, a female captain,

before taking a step that wound up going viral worldwide: She took Valdovinos and the captain outside for a closeup inspection of the sergeant’s hair.

Valdovinos removed her hijab as ordered, but then complained to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation and its founder, Mikey Weinstein, who launched a media offensive, with the Muslim sergeant as the star of the show. Newspapers as far away as Great Britain picked up the tale, along with television networks and websites by the dozen.

“I felt naked without it,” Valdovinos told the *Colorado Springs Independent*. “It’s like asking you to take off your blouse. It felt like I was getting raped, in a sense.”

Weinstein called post leaders liars for their story about Val-

dovinos’ hair.

“Fort Carson is simply, shamefully and dishonestly falsely reporting about this shocking incident of blatant Islamophobic bigotry perpetrated by one of its highest ranking NCO’s on the installation,” Weinstein said on his website.

Col. David Zinn, who commanded the brigade, assigned Capt. Jeremy Kinder to investigate the conflagration, documents released to *The Gazette* under the Freedom of Information Act show.

Kinder conducted more than a dozen interviews in assembling a 67-page report. It cleared the Army of the discrimination claims but also showed the service has plenty of learning to do.

2020 race brings free college debate back to national stage

Associated Press

After receding from the national stage, the free college movement is resurfacing as a central rallying point for Democrats as they set their sights on the White House.

At least 18 of the party's 23 presidential contenders have come out in support of some version of free college. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts, promises free tuition at public colleges and universities. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, of Minnesota, says it should be limited to two years of community college. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, of New York, wants to provide free tuition in exchange for public service.

The candidates are responding to what some say is a crisis in college affordability, an issue likely to draw attention in the first primary debates later this

month. Year after year, colleges say they have to raise tuition to offset state funding cuts.

Students have shouldered the cost by taking out loans, pushing the country's student debt to nearly \$1.6 trillion this year. Even for many in the middle class, experts say, college is increasingly moving out of reach.

Free college, a catchall term for a range of affordability plans, is increasingly seen as a solution. Nearly 20 states now promise some version of free college, from Tennessee's free community college program to New York's Excelsior Scholarship, which offers up to four years of free tuition at state schools for residents with family incomes below \$125,000 a year.

But research on the effectiveness of state programs has been mixed. Critics say the of-

fers are often undermined by limited funding and come with narrow eligibility rules that exclude many students.

"This is a problem that has not gone away but has gotten worse in many communities," said Mark Huelsman, associate director of policy and research for Demos, a liberal think tank. "It's enough of a problem that people expect some action on it and they expect some plan for how to get there."

Plans from Warren, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and former President Barack Obama housing chief Julian Castro aim to eliminate tuition at all public institutions.

Others, including Klobuchar and former Vice President Joe Biden, have backed more moderate plans to provide two years of free tuition at community colleges, similar to an idea pushed by Obama in 2015.

Census: More than 60% of men in the US are fathers

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Fathers in the U.S. tend to be better educated than men without children, and relatively few men have children over age 40.

These are some of the conclusions in a report released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau, just in time for Father's Day.

The data in the report comes from 2014 when the bureau for the first time asked both men and women about their fertility histories. The goal of the report was to shed greater light on men's fertility, a topic less known than that of women's fertility, according to the Census Bureau.

It found more than 60% of the 121 million adult men in the U.S. were fathers. About three-quarters of fathers were married. Almost 13% of dads were divorced and 8% had never been married.

Just under a quarter of U.S. men between ages 40 and 50 were childless, and about 17% had never been married by the time they were in their 40s.

There were also noticeable differences in workforce participation between fathers and mothers with young children. Nearly 90% of fathers whose youngest child was under age 6 were employed, while that figure was only around 60% for mothers, according to the report.

Fatherhood also varied by race, ethnic background and age.

Almost 30% of Hispanics in their 20s were fathers. That was true for about a quarter of black men, more than a fifth of white men and an eighth of Asian men.

By the time men were in their 40s, those disparities had narrowed. More than 83% of Hispanics were fathers, around 80% of black and Asian men were dads and around three-quarters of white men were fathers.

Financial disclosures: Ivanka Trump, Kushner took in up to \$135M last year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner took in as much as \$135 million in revenue during their second year as aides to President Donald Trump, generated from their vast real estate holdings, stocks and bonds and even a book deal, according to their financial disclosures released Friday.

Ivanka Trump's stake in her family's Washington hotel down the street from the Oval Office generated \$3.95 million in revenue in 2018, barely changed from a year earlier. The hotel, a favorite gathering spot for foreign diplomats and lobbyists, is at the center of two federal lawsuits claiming Donald Trump is violating the Constitution's ban on foreign government

payments to the president.

Another big Ivanka Trump holding, a trust that includes her personal business selling handbags, shoes and accessories, generated at least \$1 million in revenue in 2018, down from at least \$5 million the year before. Ivanka Trump announced in July of last year that she planned to close her fashion company to focus on her work as a White House adviser for her father.

The disclosure for her husband, Jared Kushner, shows that he took in hundreds of thousands of dollars from his holdings of New York City apartments and that he owns a stake in the real estate investment firm Cadre worth at least \$25 million.

The disclosures released by the White House and filed with

the U.S. Office of Government Ethics show minimum revenue for the couple of \$28 million last year generated from assets valued at more than \$180 million. The disclosures filed by federal government officials each year show revenue, assets and debts in broad ranges between low and high estimates, making it difficult to precisely chart the rise and fall of business and financial holdings.

Among the dozens of sources of income for Ivanka Trump was a \$263,500 book advance for "Women Who Work: Rewriting the Rules for Success," published in 2017.

Kushner's holdings of apartment buildings through his family real estate firm, Kushner Cos., were the source of much of his income.

Big Hong Kong demonstrations continue

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong residents were gathering Sunday for another massive protest over an unpopular extradition bill that has highlighted the territory's apprehension about relations with mainland China, a week after the crisis brought as many as 1 million into the streets.

A steady stream of mourners were stopping by a makeshift memorial, meanwhile, to lay flowers and pray for a man who fell to his death Saturday after hanging a protest banner.

The man slipped from the grasp of rescuers after clinging for a time to scaffolding outside a shopping mall. He missed a big cushion set up to capture him and was declared dead at a nearby hospital.

The banner read, "Make Love, No Shoot" and "No Extradition to China."

"I'm really sad. I'm grieving," said one visitor, Peron Kwong, after tying a white ribbon to a street rail. "As a person born and raised in Hong Kong, I'm heartbroken when I see Hong Kong become like this."

Pro-democracy activists were calling for a general strike on Monday despite Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam's decision to suspend work on the legislation. Some labor unions, teachers associations and other groups were planning boycotts of work and classes.

"We encourage all the public to carry on the campaign," said Bonny Leung and other leaders of the pro-democracy Civil Human Rights Front.

Many opponents of the extradition legislation are urging Lam to step down and want her to drop the legislation, which many fear would undermine freedoms enjoyed by this former British colony but not elsewhere in China.

The communist government in Beijing issued multiple statements backing Lam's decision, which she announced in a news conference Saturday.

The battle over legislation has evolved into Hong Kong's toughest political test since the Communist Party-ruled mainland took control in 1997 with a promise not to interfere with the city's civil liberties and courts.

Marchers wearing black fanned themselves in sweltering heat as they gathered at the

city's Victoria Park ahead of the midafternoon protest. A week earlier, up to 1 million rallied in protest, and demonstrations on Wednesday turned violent, with dozens injured as police fought back with tear gas, rubber bullets and other forceful measures.

Lam has said the extradition legislation is needed if Hong Kong is to uphold justice, meet its international obligations and not become a magnet for fugitives. The proposed bill would expand the scope of criminal suspect transfers to include Taiwan, Macau and mainland China. China has been excluded from Hong Kong's extradition agreements because of concerns over its judicial independence and human rights record.

Notre Dame holds 1st Mass since devastating fire

Associated Press

PARIS — The archbishop wore a hard-hat helmet, burnt wood debris was still visible and only about 30 people were let inside, but Notre Dame Cathedral on Saturday held its first Mass since the devastating April 15 fire that ravaged its roof and toppled its masterpiece spire.

Exactly two months after the blaze engulfed the landmark Gothic building in the French capital, the service was cele-

brated by Paris Archbishop Michel Aupetit in a chapel behind the choir, a place confirmed by construction experts as safe.

French Culture Minister Franck Riester said last week the cathedral remains in a "fragile" state, especially its vaulted ceiling, which is still at risk of collapsing.

For security reasons, only about 30 people — mainly priests, canons and church employees — were admitted inside the cathedral for the service, while Aupetit and others wore

construction worker's helmets. Some of the workers rebuilding the church were also invited.

Other worshippers could watch the Mass live on a Catholic TV station. The video showed some burnt wood still in the church but a famous statue of the Virgin and Child appeared intact behind wooden construction planks.

The annual Dedication Mass commemorated the cathedral's consecration as a place of worship.

"This cathedral is a place of

worship; it is its very own and unique purpose," Aupetit said.

One French priest called the service "a true happiness, full of hope."

"We will rebuild this cathedral. It will take time, of course — a lot of money, lot of time, lot of work — but we will succeed," Father Pierre Vivares told The Associated Press outside the cathedral. "Today it's a small but a true victory against the disaster we have had."

It is unclear when the cathedral will reopen to the public.

Wash. state asks waterfront owners to take dead whales

Associated Press

PORT HADLOCK, Wash. — At least one Washington state waterfront landowner has said yes to a request to allow dead gray whales to decompose on their property.

So many gray whale carcasses have washed up this year that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries says it has run

out of places to take them. In response, the agency has asked landowners to volunteer property as a disposal site for the carcasses. By doing so, landowners can support the natural process of the marine environment, and skeletons left behind can be used for educational purposes, officials said.

But the carcasses can be up to 40 feet long. That's a lot to decay, and it could take

months. Landowner Mario Rivera, of Port Hadlock, Wash., told KING5-TV that the smell is intermittent and "isn't that bad."

"It is really a unique opportunity to have this here on the beach and monitor it and see how fast it goes," said his wife, Stefanie Worwag.

The federal agency said about 30 whales have stranded on Washington's coast this year,

the most in two decades.

On the U.S. West coast, about 70 whales have been found dead this year along California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, the most since 2000. About five were found on British Columbia beaches. Still, that's a small fraction of the total number because most sink or wash up in remote areas and are unrecorded.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Fans wait hours for Hagrid's roller coaster

FL ORLANDO — Universal Orlando Resort's new Harry Potter-themed roller coaster opened last week, and visitors were waiting in line for multiple hours to ride it.

Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure opened Thursday at the resort's Islands of Adventure park. The wait to get on the ride was more than five hours, and even hours longer at some points in the day.

Fans started lining up in pre-dawn hours.

The ride opened late on Friday morning due to its popularity the day before. The ride operated past midnight due to the number of people waiting in line. Universal officials said the late opening on Friday allowed for proper maintenance.

Apollo 11 exhibition to land in Cincinnati

OH CINCINNATI — The last of five stops for a special exhibition for the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing will be in Cincinnati.

"Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission" will open at the Cincinnati Museum Center on Sept. 28 and run through Feb. 7, 2020. The exhibition features the Columbia command module and more than 20 objects flown on the Apollo 11 mission.

There are also models and videos exploring the birth and development of the U.S. space program.

Detroit marks a Negro Leagues centennial

MI DETROIT — A new exhibit celebrates the centennial anniversary of a Negro Leagues professional

baseball team and Detroit's black baseball history.

"Detroit Stars & The Negro Leagues" opened Saturday at the Detroit Historical Museum. A reception is scheduled to include remarks by Joyce Stearnes Thompson, daughter of Stars' outfielder Norman "Turkey" Stearnes.

The exhibition includes graphic display panels, including a life-sized painting of Stearnes, as well as artifacts and a timeline of black baseball in the city. A display also chronicles the history of women in black baseball.

Graduation speech criticizes school staff

CA SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Union-Tribune reported San Ysidro High valedictorian Nataly Buhr initially thanked parents, friends and some teachers.

Then she thanked a school counselor for teaching her to fend for herself by never being available and the main office staff for not informing her of scholarships until a day before the deadline.

Buhr also thanked a teacher she said was regularly intoxicated for being an example of "the dangers of alcoholism."

The district says Buhr's speech didn't follow her pre-approved version and was inappropriate. But Buhr's mother said she couldn't be prouder.

Moose breaks into vacant pizza parlor

ME DOVER-FOXCROFT — Police said a moose smashed through the window of a vacant pizzeria.

Piscataquis County corrections officer Matt Poole snapped a photo of the moose stepping through broken glass onto East Main Street early

Friday in Dover-Foxcroft.

The Dover-Foxcroft Police Department posted on Facebook, "We found the suspect and they are not in custody. Boring right?"

University to display Hefner's typewriter

IL URBANA — An exhibit of unique typewriters, including one used by the founder of Playboy, will open later this month at the University of Illinois.

The university's Rare Book & Manuscript Library will feature typewriters used by Hugh Hefner and Roger Ebert. Both men were alumni of the university.

Hefner's Underwood Standard portable typewriter that he used in college and to write for Playboy is one of the main exhibits. It is on loan to the library after being sold at auction in December for \$162,500.

The typewriters used by poet Carl Sandburg and novelist James Jones will also be featured.

The exhibit is called "Writers & Their Tools: Parchment-Paper-Processors." It opens Monday and ends in August.

WWII veteran gets Legion of Honor

GA KENNESAW — A World War II veteran has been bestowed with a high honor for his valor on the front lines in France.

WXIA-TV reported the French Consulate on Thursday awarded Alan Hall with the French Legion of Honor, an award given to French citizens and foreign nationals who "served France or the ideals it upholds," chiefly the Americans who risked their lives fighting on French soil.

Hall, of Kennesaw, began

his service in the U.S. Navy in January 1944. He landed on the beaches of Normandy six months later, on June 11, as part of the Allied Invasion.

He went on to fight in several combat missions to help liberate the French cities of Le Havre and Nantes.

Police: Student stabbed principal

NJ RUTHERFORD — Authorities said a principal was stabbed at a school during a rehearsal for eighth-grade graduation.

A Rutherford police news release said a 14-year-old male student ran across the Washington School gymnasium on Friday morning and struck the Union School principal in the chest several times. The student then turned around, dropped the knife and put his hands in the air.

The principal was identified as Kurt Schweitzer. Both he and the student were treated at a hospital for non-life-threatening wounds. Rutherford Public Schools Superintendent Jack Hurley said Schweitzer was shaken but fine.

Man mows lawns for veterans across US

AL BIRMINGHAM — An Alabama man said he has completed his quest to mow lawns for veterans in all 50 states.

Rodney Smith Jr. tweeted Friday that he's headed home from Hawaii after cutting grass in Oahu. He got to his last state with help from Delta Air Lines.

He said he will continue providing free lawn care to the elderly, disabled, single mothers and veterans in Alabama.

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US women shut out Chile

Associated Press

PARIS — Carli Lloyd scored a pair of goals for the United States in a somewhat subdued 3-0 victory over Chile that advanced the defending Women's World Cup champions to the round of 16.

The United States were criticized after its record-breaking 13-0 rout of Thailand when players celebrated goals even after the victory was well in hand. The Americans were more muted in this one, and all three goals were in the first half.

Sweden also advanced out of Group F with a 5-1 victory over Thailand earlier Sunday in Nice. Japan, playing in Group D with England, also went through to the knockout stage because both the United States and Sweden won.

Lloyd earned the start after coming in off the bench in the opener, and in the 11th minute became the first player to score in six straight World Cup matches.

She added another on a header off a corner in the 35th minute for her 10th career World Cup goal, which moved her into third

on the all-time U.S. list behind Abby Wambach (14) and Michelle Akers (12).

Four years ago at the World Cup in Canada, Lloyd scored three goals in the opening 16 minutes of the finale to lead the United States to a 5-2 victory over Japan for the team's third overall title.

She nearly got another hat trick but her penalty kick in the 81st minute went wide left.

After routing Thailand in their opener, Jill Ellis made sweeping changes to the starting lineup against Chile with a new front line: Lloyd, Christen Press and Mallory Pugh. Morgan was moved to the bench along with Megan Rapinoe and Tobin Heath.

Becky Sauerbrunn, who sat out of the match against Thailand because of a minor quad injury, returned and anchored a backline that included 20-year-old Tierna Davidson, who was making her World Cup debut. Davidson is the youngest player to start for the U.S. in the World Cup since Tiffany Roberts against Norway in 1995.

Lakers, Pelicans strike Davis deal

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis will wind up with LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers after all.

The New Orleans Pelicans have agreed to trade the disgruntled Davis to the Lakers for point guard Lonzo Ball, forward Brandon Ingram, shooting guard Josh Hart and three first-round draft choices, several people familiar with the situation said Saturday.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the trade cannot become official until the new league year begins July 6. ESPN first reported the trade.

The deal ends a nearly five-month saga that became an awkward NBA sideshow, arguably derailed the Lakers' push to make the playoffs and even cost people jobs after Davis requested a trade in late January through his agent, Rich Paul, who also represents James.

Now the 26-year-old Davis, a six-time All-Star, will bring his dynamic, up-tempo, above-the-rim play to Hollywood alongside the 34-year-old James, a three-time NBA champion and Finals regular.

In return, the Pelicans receive the promise of a young core the Lakers are blowing up in order to make the deal, as well as the opportunity to add more; New Orleans already had the first pick overall in Thursday's draft and will have the Lakers' fourth overall choice, giving new basketball operations chief David Griffin the chance to add another top-tier prospect to his presumed first pick of Duke star Zion Williamson.

Getting a deal done for Davis became a near-imperative for general manager Rob Pelinka and owner Jeanie Buss after the Lakers' latest round of front-office drama. On the final day of their franchise-record sixth straight non-playoff season, president of basketball operations Magic Johnson abruptly quit his job and criticized Pelinka for talking behind his back.

Johnson couldn't resist another backhanded shot at Pelinka on Saturday with a telling series of tweets that began: "Great job by Owner Jeanie Buss bringing Anthony Davis to the Lakers!" The Pelicans' biggest prize in the deal should be Ingram, if healthy.

The 21-year-old, 2016 No. 2 overall pick showed signs of becoming an elite scorer alongside James, and he is expected to recover fully from his blood clot problem and the resulting procedures.

The deal ends a tumultuous tenure with the Lakers for Ball, whose dream of playing for his hometown team lasted just two years.

Women's World Cup roundup

Thailand scores its first goal in loss

Associated Press

NICE, France — A couple of seconds elapsed before a disbelieving Kanjana Sungngoen raised her arms in celebration.

It really happened.

Thailand had finally scored at this Women's World Cup.

By the time Sungngoen found the net against Sweden in the first minute of stoppage time, Thailand was already trailing 4-0 Sunday.

But simply scoring was a triumph after Thailand's humiliating 13-0 opening loss to the United States. Coaches embraced on the bench and Thai flags were raised in the stands on the French Riviera.

They were still beaming after the final whistle, even after Elin Rubensson scored with the final kick of the game from the penalty spot to seal a 5-1 victory for Sweden, which advanced to the round of 16 with a game to spare.

"Everyone was very happy that we at least scored one," Kanjana said through a translator. "The whole team is very glad."

Even if it was only a consolation goal and the team remains bottom of Group F.

"It was a difficult goal and playing a great team like Sweden, it meant so much," Thailand coach Nuengrutai Srathongvian said through a translator. "It meant that all

of our preparation paid off. We had a lot of chances today. This one goal made us laugh, made us smile and makes us happy."

Forget that Thailand's 18 goals conceded equals the tournament record set by Argentina in 2007. And, Thailand still must face Chile in the group finale.

Even Sweden goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl, through the disappointment of not keeping a clean sheet, could see what scoring meant to the Thais.

"We are all human," Lindahl said, "and having had that defeat they had against the US, and now scoring their goal, you can feel some empathy for them."

Canada 2, New Zealand 0: Jessie Fleming and Nichelle Prince each had second-half goals and Canada advanced to the knockout round on Saturday night at Grenoble, France.

Fleming took a well-placed pass from Prince and scored in the 48th minute to break up a scoreless match. The Netherlands also made it through to the round of 16 with a 3-1 victory over Cameroon in the other Group E match earlier in the day.

Fleming, who made her debut with the senior national team at 15, currently plays for UCLA.

Prince got her goal in the 79th minute, a rebound of Christine Sinclair's header that hit the post.

Woodland preserves U.S. Open lead

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Gary Woodland hit a shank and a chunk and both times made par, and he made a birdie from a deep divot in the fairway. Such moments, even on a Saturday, can go a long way toward winning a U.S. Open.

Even better for Woodland was a 2-under 69 — and just two bogeys over 54 holes at Pebble Beach — for a one-shot lead over Justin Rose.

“I worked for this my whole life,” Woodland said. “I know what it takes to win. And my game is in a great spot. I’m at a beautiful golf course. I came here to win, and that’s what we’re going out to do tomorrow.”

He’s not alone in that thinking.

Rose was right where he wanted to be after working more short-game magic from bunkers and thick grass and awkward spots around greens that were getting a little firmer and faster, even under another day of thick marine layer that has blanketed the Monterey Peninsula all week. He has 34 one-putt greens through 54 holes, the last one an up-and-down from the bunker for birdie on the par-5 18th for a 68 that put him in the final group.

“One back gives me the freedom to feel like I’ve got everything to gain, nothing to lose,” said Rose, the 2013 U.S. Open champion at Merion. “I’m not chasing, really.

I’m so close to Gary that I have to go out and play my game tomorrow.”

Brooks Koepka thinks he can win because no one has been winning majors like him in the last two years. He played bogey-free for a 68, settling for par when he made a bold attempt to slash a fairway metal around a cypress on the 18th hole. Four shots behind is close enough for Koepka to have a shot at a record that has stood for 114 years as he tries to join Willie Anderson with a third straight U.S. Open title.

“I feel as confident as ever right now,” said Koepka, words that carry a little more weight from a guy who has won four of his last eight majors.

Briefly

Encarnacion traded by Mariners to Yankees

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CHICAGO — The New York Yankees acquired AL home run leader Edwin Encarnacion in a trade with the Seattle Mariners on Saturday night, adding another feared slugger to what could be baseball’s most powerful lineup when Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton return from injuries.

Seattle is sending the Yankees \$8,397,849, leaving New York to pay \$8 million of remaining \$16,397,849 Encarnacion is guaranteed. New York is sending 19-year-old minor league pitcher Juan Then to Seattle.

Speaking before the trade was announced, New York manager Aaron Boone declined comment. But asked about having room for another power bat, Boone coyly responded, “There’s always room for good players.”

The 36-year-old Encarnacion has hit 21 home runs this season and has averaged 37 homers and 109 RBIs in his last seven years. He is owed \$11,397,849 of his \$20 million salary this year plus a \$5 million buyout of a \$25 million club option for 2020.

Kings buy out veteran Phaneuf’s contract

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The Los Angeles Kings have bought out the final two years of defenseman Dion Phaneuf’s contract.

The Kings made the move Saturday.

The 34-year-old veteran spent 93 games with the Kings, who acquired him in February 2018. Phaneuf scored 16 points and racked up 68 penalty minutes, but the former Maple Leafs captain occasionally sat as a healthy scratch last season for the first time in his career.

Phaneuf had two years left on a seven-year, \$49 million contract through the 2020-21 season.

Henderson leads at Meijer LPGA Classic

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Brooke Henderson birdied the final three holes Saturday for a 3-under 69 and a two-stroke lead over Annie Park in the Meijer LPGA Classic, with Lexi Thompson three shots back after matching the course record with a 62.

Fury stops Schwarz to remain unbeaten

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tyson Fury put on a show before, during and after his first bout in the fight capital of the world.

The British heavyweight star stopped Tom Schwarz with 6 seconds left in the second round Saturday night, packing plenty of entertainment into his brief Las Vegas debut.

Fury (28-0-1, 20 KOs) made short work of his previously unbeaten German opponent, battering him with a jab before knocking him down to a knee in the second round right after Schwarz (24-1) landed a big punch. Fury pressed ahead after the knockdown and forced Schwarz’s corner to throw in the towel before the bell.

Fighting for the first time since he dramatically rose from a devastating 12th-round knockdown to secure a draw with Deontay Wilder, Fury confirmed his world-class ability following his comeback last year from a 2½-year ring absence.

“I came here to enjoy myself and put on a show for Las Vegas,” Fury said. “I hope everybody enjoyed it as much as I did.”

Although Fury already had memorable fights in New York

and Los Angeles, the Manchester native wanted something special in Sin City, which he once vowed never to visit before he got a fight here.

The performance by the world’s lineal heavyweight champion against an over-matched foe was just as dominant as expected, but Fury’s shenanigans before and after the bout at the MGM Grand Garden might prove to be even more memorable.

After Schwarz ring-walked to the mellow strains of Bob Marley, Fury appeared in red-white-and-blue gear — including a top hat — as he stepped through a cordon of showgirls. With a broad grin, he took the ring to James Brown’s “Living in America,” the entire entrance in homage to Apollo Creed’s famed fictional entrance at the MGM Grand in “Rocky IV.”

Unlike Creed, Fury survived and won.

And after the bout, Fury showed off his decent singing voice in what’s becoming a post-fight tradition. With the microphone in his boxing glove, Fury serenaded his wife, Paris, with Aerosmith’s “I Don’t Want to Miss a Thing.”

MLB roundup

Torres' HR helps Yankees past White Sox

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CHICAGO — Gleyber Torres hit a two-run homer and the New York Yankees stayed perfect when they use an opener, cooling off the Chicago White Sox with an 8-4 win Saturday night.

Torres capped New York's four-run fourth with his 15th homer off Reynaldo Lopez. He also had a sacrifice fly.

Gary Sanchez added three RBIs as New York leapfrogged Tampa Bay for the AL East lead. Cameron Maybin homered and Didi Gregorius had two hits.

The Yankees have been battling the Rays for the division lead for much of the season.

Chicago had won five of six to get back to .500 for the first time since April 5. But it was unable to overcome another shaky performance by Lopez (4-7), who permitted five runs and six hits in six innings after the start of the game was delayed 32 minutes by rain.

Athletics 11, Mariners 2: Frankie Montas struck out nine in six innings for his team-leading ninth win, and host Oakland beat Seattle.

Marcus Semien homered and scored three runs for the A's, extending his career-high hitting streak to 12 games. Jurickson Profar had three hits

and drove in four runs.

Red Sox 7, Orioles 2: Chris Sale struck out 10 over six sharp innings, J.D. Martinez homered in a third straight game and Boston won at Baltimore.

Sale (3-7) gave up two runs, six hits and a walk. Both runs came in the sixth, after the left-hander extended his streak of innings without allowing an earned run to 22. Sale ended his outing by blowing a third strike past Keon Broxton with runners on the corners and Boston nursing a 3-2 lead.

Angels 5, Rays 2: Charlie Morton lost for the first time in 22 starts and Los Angeles hit three homers in a win at Tampa Bay.

Morton (8-1) struck out nine in six innings, giving up four runs on five hits in his first loss since Aug. 11.

Phillies 6, Braves 5: Cesar Hernandez singled in two runs off closer Luke Jackson in the ninth inning, and visiting Philadelphia rallied from a one-run deficit to snap Atlanta's eight-game winning streak.

It was a big comeback for the Phillies, who looked poised to lose for the fifth time in six games and fall 3½ games behind their rivals in the NL East race.

Astros 7, Blue Jays 2: Yordan Alvarez homered and Jack Mayfield hit three doubles as

Houston's rookies led the way in a win over visiting Toronto.

Alvarez became the fourth player in major league history to hit four home runs in his first five games. He sent a solo drive into the upper deck in right field and finished with three hits.

Rangers 4, Reds 3: Jeff Mathis had a pair of hits and drove in a run, Mike Minor pitched into the seventh inning for his first win in nearly a month, and Texas won its second straight at Cincinnati.

The Rangers took advantage of three Reds errors and finally got some runs for Minor (6-4).

Giants 8, Brewers 7: Catcher Steven Vogt hit two triples and left fielder Mike Yastrzemski made a nifty catch for the final out to help host San Francisco beat Milwaukee.

The Giants rallied from a 5-1 deficit for their fourth straight win.

Diamondbacks 10, Nationals 3: Ketel Marte hit two of Arizona's four solo homers off Stephen Strasburg in a win at Washington.

Strasburg (7-4) allowed four homers in a game for the second time in his career, the first since August 8, 2014, at Atlanta. Strasburg gave up a season-high nine hits and tied a season-high by allowing six earned runs.

Marlins 4, Pirates 3: Pablo

Lopez pitched seven strong innings and allowed three runs as host Miami edged Pittsburgh.

Garrett Cooper and Harold Ramirez each had three hits for the Marlins while Starlin Castro knocked in the go-ahead run in the fifth.

Mets 8, Cardinals 7: Second baseman Jeff McNeil made a game-saving throw from right field to home plate for the final out, and host New York held off St. Louis after starter Noah Syndergaard exited with a strained right hamstring.

Twins 5, Royals 4: C.J. Cron drove in the go-ahead run for host Minnesota with a sixth-inning double, making Jake Odorizzi the second 10-game winner in the majors this season and capping a comeback victory.

Cubs 2, Dodgers 1: Anthony Rizzo hit a go-ahead, two-run homer off closer Kenley Jansen in the ninth, lifting Chicago TO a win at NL West-leading Los Angeles.

Jansen hit Kris Bryant in the arm leading off the ninth. Rizzo followed with his 19th homer.

Rockies 14, Padres 8: Charlie Blackmon finished with four hits for the third straight game, Ian Desmond hit a grand slam and drove in five runs, and host Colorado beat San Diego in another wild Coors Field game.

Indians' Martin steals home; Bieber dominates

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DETROIT — Leonys Martin noticed Victor Alcantara putting his head down while preparing to pitch.

It was the right time for the Cleveland baserunner to take off for the plate.

"I wasn't afraid, man," Martin said.

Martin stole home in the eighth inning for an insurance run, and the Indians beat the Detroit Tigers 4-2 on Saturday behind an impressive start by Shane Bieber. Detroit managed only one baserunner in the

first six innings against Bieber, who lasted into the eighth.

Bieber (6-2) allowed four hits and struck out 12 in 7²/₃ innings. Detroit scored twice in the seventh but never led.

Martin provided the highlight of the game with two outs in the eighth, getting a good-sized lead and taking off from third on Alcantara.

"He keep the head down every single time," Martin said. "After I see a couple pitches, I said this is the right moment, this is a good opportunity. The third baseman helped me a little bit in that decision, be-

cause he was far away from the base."

Alcantara stepped off and threw to the plate, and although the ball arrived at the same time as Martin, the Cleveland runner's hand knocked the ball away as he reached for home.

The Indians led 4-2 after that play. Oliver Perez relieved Bieber and got the final out of the eighth, then Brad Hand finished for his 20th save in 20 chances.

Detroit manager Ron Gardenhire was ejected in the sixth. Bench coach Steve Liddle said there was a disagreement over the strike zone.