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Trump hails fallen on Memorial Day

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ARLINGTON, Va. — President Donald Trump expressed his nation's "boundless and undying" gratitude Monday to Americans who have fallen in battle and to the families they left behind, hailing as heroes the hundreds of thousands buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

In his first Memorial Day remarks as president, Trump told the stories of two soldiers who died in Afghanistan — Green Beret Capt. Andrew D. Byers, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and

Christopher D. Horton, of the Oklahoma National Guard — as Byers' parents and Horton's widow looked on.

Of them and all who died in military service, he said, "Words cannot measure the depth of their devotion, the purity of their love or the totality of their courage."

Horton, a sniper sent to Afghanistan in 2011, died in a gunbattle with the Taliban near the Pakistan border three months into his deployment.

Byers was on his third combat tour and ran through smoke and a hail of bullets to rescue

an Afghan soldier when he was killed.

"We stand in awe of your son and his courageous sacrifice," Trump told David and Rose Byers, the parents.

The president hailed Bob Dole, the former senator who suffered lifelong injuries in World War II and attended Monday's ceremony. And he singled out Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, for whom military sacrifice could not be any closer to home. Kelly led the U.S. Southern Command and lost his son, Robert Kelly, who

stepped on a land mine while on a Marine patrol in Afghanistan in November 2010. John Kelly's other son, Johnny, is preparing for his fifth military deployment, and Kelly's son-in-law, Jake, is a wounded warrior.

Trump placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns before his remarks. Afterward, he visited a section of the cemetery where military members killed in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are buried. Trump walked among the white marble headstones and greeted families.

WWII survivors pay tribute at DC memorial

BY LAUREN KING

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — They gathered Monday morning at the World War II Memorial to remember the fallen, but survivors feel that responsibility every day.

"We are gathered on the last Monday in May in solemn tribute to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice," said Josiah Bunting III, chairman of the Friends of the National WWII Memorial. "We should honor them not only on the last Monday in May but in the way we conduct our own lives as citizens of this great republic every day of the year."

Marine veteran Edward S. Kachinske was surrounded by family members following the ceremony. He shook hands with admirers and posed for photos. Behind him, his oldest son, Tim Kachinske, said he never knew much of his father's war experiences or wounds until he was well into adulthood.

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Tim Kachinske

son of WWII Marine veteran Edward S. Kachinske

Tim Kachinske said.

Pfc. Kachinske was an amphibious tank driver when he was wounded on Okinawa in 1945. He was riding on top of a tank when it hit a mine. He had a broken pelvis and shrapnel wounds, his son said. After he returned home, he was unable to continue as a dairy farmer because sitting was painful. He got a construction job at which sitting would have gotten him fired, his son quipped.

"He never felt sorry for himself," Tim Kachinske said.

That selfless mentality also was visible at the dawn of WWII.

Jim Downing, the second-oldest Pearl Harbor survivor, was having breakfast with his wife in Hawaii when he heard the attack at Pearl Harbor in 1941. He got into his car and rushed to

the dock, but he couldn't reach his ship, the USS West Virginia, Mike Hydeck said in his introductory remarks on Monday. The ship was on fire after having been struck by nine torpedoes. Downing jumped onto the nearby USS Tennessee, slid down the gun barrel and landed on the USS West Virginia.

Hydeck said Downing held a firehose in one hand and with his other hand studied the dog tags of dead sailors aboard his ship. He memorized their names so he could write to their families and tell them they were all heroes.

This survivor's work was not finished. That afternoon, he visited the hospital with a notebook and a pencil, Hydeck said. The sailor took down messages from the wounded so they could be sent home. For some of them,

those were their last words.

Dave Yoho, a Merchant Marine during World War II, said many survivors have asked themselves the same questions for years: "Did I lead a worthy life? Did I lead a worthy life? Did what I do count?" he said, banging on the lectern with each word. "And despite the reassurances from those who love us, the question remains: 'Did I lead a worthy life?'"

Both Yoho and Downing also talked to the crowd about their fellow veterans.

To those who suffered post-war from visible and invisible scars, inequality, survivors' guilt, unemployment or homelessness, or had committed suicide, Downing said they were heroes to him, and Yoho offered his prayers.

"Some are here with us today. Many more lie in eternal rest in a foreign soil or at the bottom of the sea in a watery grave," Yoho said. "Others live too distant to be here, and there are those whose health does not permit them to travel. They are all in our prayers."

Leap Frog SEAL dies in NJ after chute doesn't open

Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — In the shadow of the Statue of Liberty, a Navy SEAL team member fell to his death Sunday after his parachute failed to open during a Fleet Week demonstration over the Hudson River.

The accident occurred a few minutes after noon near Liberty State Park, a large New Jersey park across from Manhattan.

The parachutist, whose identity was not immediately released, was a member of an elite Navy parachute team called the Leap Frogs, a Navy spokesman said. The cause of the parachute malfunction is under investigation.

"I'm terribly saddened," said Nancy Malinowski, a Cranford, N.J., resident who was in Liberty State Park and knew something had gone wrong when she saw a parachute with nobody attached to it descend behind a building.

"I don't think 90 percent of the people there were aware," Malinowski said, describing a gathering in the park that included food trucks, a Navy band and lots of small children. "Everybody was out there to support the military."

She said the parachutist was among four who drifted down from high in the sky from two helicopters. One of the parachutists descended with a large American flag.

In a news release, the Navy said the parachutist was retrieved immediately from the water by U.S. Coast Guard personnel who were standing by in vessels to support the aerial demonstration that featured the coordinated parachute jump. Local fire department personnel who were also on standby responded as well. The Navy said the parachutist was pronounced dead at Jersey City Medical Center at 1:10 p.m.

The Navy said the identity of the victim would be released after family notifications were completed.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to his family, and I ask for all of your prayers for the Navy SEAL community who lost a true patriot today," said Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, commander of the Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

The accident came nearly two years after a U.S. Army skydiver, who had served five tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, died from injuries suffered in a midair collision with a Navy jumper during a stunt at the Chicago Air & Water Show that combined the Army Gold Knights and the Navy Leap Frogs parachute teams. The Aug. 16, 2015, accident claimed the life of Master Sgt. Corey Hood, 32, of Cincinnati.

VA drug thefts continue despite new measures

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities have launched dozens of new criminal investigations into possible opioid and other drug theft by employees at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals, a sign the problem isn't going away despite new prevention efforts.

Data obtained by The Associated Press show 36 cases opened by the VA inspector general's office from Oct. 1 through May 19. It brings the total number of open criminal investigations to 108 involving missing prescriptions, theft or unauthorized drug use. Most of those probes typically lead to criminal charges.

The numbers are an increase from a similar period in the previous year. The VA has pledged "zero tolerance" in drug thefts following an AP story in February about a sharp rise in reported cases of stolen or missing drugs since 2009. Doctors, nurses or pharmacy staff in the VA's network of medical centers and clinics are suspected of siphoning away controlled substances for their own use or street sale — sometimes to the harm of patients — or drugs simply went missing without explanation.

In February, the VA announced efforts to combat drug thefts, including employee drug tests and added inspections. Top VA officials in Washington led by VA Secretary David Shulkin pledged a more active role, holding conference calls with health facili-

ties to develop plans and reviewing data to flag problems. The department also said it would consider more internal audits.

Criminal investigators said it was hard to say whether new safeguards are helping.

"Prescription drug diversion is a multifaceted, egregious health care issue," said Jeffrey Hughes, the acting VA assistant inspector general for investigations. "Veterans may be denied necessary medications or their proper dosage and medical records may contain false information to hide the diversion, further putting veterans' health at risk."

In response, the VA said it was working to develop additional policies "to improve drug safety and reduce drug theft and diversion across the entire health care system."

The AP's story in February included figures documenting the sharp rise in drug thefts at federal hospitals, most of them VA facilities. Subsequently released DEA data provide more specific details of the problem at the VA. Drug losses or theft increased from 237 in 2009 to 2,844 in 2015 before dipping to 2,397 last year. In only about 3 percent of those cases have doctors, nurses or pharmacy employees been disciplined, according to VA data.

The Senate is expected to vote June 6 on legislation that would give the VA "the tools necessary to remove employees who are failing to perform at the high-quality level."

N. Korea conducts short-range missile test

By KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired a short-range missile into the sea off the divided peninsula's east coast on Monday, prompting President Donald Trump to accuse Pyongyang of disrespecting China.

The persistent missile tests — with nine so far this year — underscore the North's defiance as the international community weighs new sanctions to stop its nuclear weapons program.

Trump also has called on China to do more to curb the actions of its communist ally, and his administration has welcomed recent actions by Beijing to do so while saying it has more work to do.

He reiterated that sentiment after Monday's launch.

"North Korea has shown great disrespect for their neighbor, China, by shooting off yet another ballistic missile...but China is trying hard!" Trump said in a tweet.

China, meanwhile, called for restraint and urged the North to create conditions for a return to talks.

The missile was fired near the eastern Wonsan airfield and was tracked for six minutes before crashing in the sea, according to the U.S. Pacific Command.

The Japanese government condemned the launch, saying the missile was believed to have fallen into its exclusive maritime economic zone.

Democrats look to vets in bid to retake House

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Democrats hope to enlist military veterans in another type of fight — for majority control of the House.

Looking ahead to next year's elections, Democrats are trying to recruit at least two dozen military veterans to challenge Republican incumbents, arguing that candidates with military backgrounds on their resumes appeal to independent voters and can help the party break the GOP grip on Washington.

"Veterans have had the experience of putting the country first, before personal politics" and party dictates, said Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Mass, who did four tours of duty in Iraq, left the Marines as a captain and was elected to Congress in 2014. That tends "to attract the kind of independent voters who are looking for a good leader," Moulton said.

Several veterans already have announced their bids in some of the 79 Republican-held House districts that national Democratic Party leaders have identified as top targets.

For Democrats, who are struggling to return to the majority, military veterans provide potential candidates as the party deals with an electoral wipeout during Barack Obama's presidency, with the loss of more than 1,030 seats

in state legislatures, governor's mansions and Congress.

Moulton and Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., who lost both legs and partial use of an arm in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Iraq, have spoken to veterans in districts ranging from obvious Democratic targets to places where the path to victory isn't as obvious.

The party needs to pick up 24 seats to reclaim a House majority next November.

In the Philadelphia suburbs, former Air Force officer Chrissy Houlahan is challenging two-term Republican Rep. Ryan Costello in one of 23 districts where Democrat Hillary Clinton topped Trump in November. Outside Denver, former Army Ranger and combat veteran Jason Crow, a onetime campaign adviser to Obama, is running for the seat held by another veteran, five-term GOP congressman, Mike Coffman.

Both mentioned President Donald Trump as factors in their campaigns.

"All the bravado and the wailing and gnashing of teeth isn't the way we conduct ourselves as professional service-members," Houlahan said of Trump's rhetoric.

Said Crow, "I'm deeply troubled by President Trump and what he's trying to do to country and our democracy."

Drones eyed to help save overboard sailors

BY WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Keithley's moment of inspiration came during a drone demonstration by graduate students at the University of Hawaii.

Why couldn't the Navy use drones to find sailors who have fallen overboard in open sea?

A submarine officer, Keithley long had been aware of the challenges Navy ships face when searching for lost crewmembers because of their extremely low visibility on the water's surface.

More than 110 Navy personnel have fallen overboard since 2006, and eight of them died, the Naval Safety Center said.

Last year, Keithley, resource and assessments officer for Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, became involved with a pilot innovation project at the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific at Pearl Harbor.

Dubbed iLab, the tech-innovation initiative solicits ideas from rank-and-file sailors for ways to make their jobs safer and more efficient but keeping the cost down by using readily available consumer-level technology. The goal is

rapid transition from a sailor's idea to waterfront use.

In March, Keithley demonstrated the drone to a panel of judges during the Pacific Operational Science and Technology Conference as part of another Pacific Fleet innovation program geared toward surface ships called The Bridge. Pacific Fleet officials expressed interest in the search drone, he said.

Keithley and the team developing the concept are considering adapting a beacon system used by the Navy called the man-overboard indicator, or MOBI.

A MOBI transponder, about the size of a clamshell-style cellphone, is clipped onto each life jacket. If a sailor falls into the water, salt water activates the MOBI's beacon, which can be tracked aboard the ship.

The drone team is looking to develop a smaller transponder that would become part of a sailor's daily wear at sea, perhaps attaching to a belt. The transponder would switch on by a combination of seawater and detecting too much distance from the ship, he said.

The drone would be activated automatically and, using homing capability, it would find and hover near the man overboard.

Relative 'devastated' over Miss. mass slaying

Associated Press

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. — Head in hands, his voice strained, Vincent Mitchell sat outside his little yellow home and tried to make sense of how a family dispute led to a rampage that killed eight people, including the deputy who tried to keep them safe.

"I'm devastated. It don't seem like it's real," Mitchell said shortly after the arrest of his stepson-in-law, Willie Corey Godbolt. "Him and my stepdaughter, they've been going back and forth for a couple of years with that domestic violence."

Godbolt showed up at Mitchell's home in the Mississippi town of Bogue Chitto shortly before midnight Saturday to de-

mand that his estranged wife give up their two children.

"He'd come to get his kids. The deputy was called," and asked him to leave, and it seemed like Godbolt would comply at first, Mitchell said.

"He acted like, motioned like, he was fixing to go. Then he reached in his back pocket and grabbed a gun," Mitchell said. "He just started shooting everything."

Mitchell said he escaped along with Godbolt's wife, but Mitchell's wife, her sister and one of the wife's daughters were killed. Also slain was Deputy William Durr, a two-year sheriff's department veteran and former police officer in nearby Brookhaven,

where authorities said Godbolt fled and killed four more people.

Authorities on Monday said Godbolt was related to or acquainted with all the victims except Durr. The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation identified them as Barbara Mitchell, 55; Brenda May, 53; Tocarra May, 35; a child who was not identified; a 17-year-old boy who was not identified; Ferral Borage, 45; and Shelia Borage, 46.

Mississippi Bureau of Investigation spokesman Warren Strain said prosecutors plan to charge Godbolt, 35, with murder. Godbolt was hospitalized Monday at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson with a gunshot wound.

Police arrest 14th suspect in Manchester concert bombing

Associated Press

LONDON — British police arrested a 23-year-old man Monday on the south coast of England, hundreds of miles south of Manchester, in the widening inquiry into the deadly concert bombing.

Greater Manchester Police said the man was arrested in Shoreham-by-Sea on suspicion of terrorism offenses, and an address there was being searched.

The arrest means that 14 men are now in custody in Britain for suspected roles in the May 22 bombing at an Ariana Grande concert that killed 22 people and wounded nearly 120 others. It was Britain's worst attack in a decade.

The suspects have not been identified or charged. All are being held on suspicion of violating the Terrorism Act.

Police and security services have said very little about the network believed to be behind suicide bomber Salman Abedi, a Manchester native whose parents had moved to Britain from Libya. Abedi's elder brother Ismail is among the suspects being held in Britain, and a younger brother and Abedi's father have been detained in Libya.

Britain's intelligence services have launched an inquiry into how warnings about Abedi's radical views were handled amid indications that vital warning signs were

missed.

Police are scouring 12,960 hours of closed-circuit TV recordings in their search for clues, have collected more than 630 pieces of evidence and have searched 21 addresses.

Authorities say Abedi returned to Britain from Libya on May 18 and likely completed assembling his bomb at a rented apartment in central Manchester.

Britain's official terrorism threat level was set at "critical" in the days after the attack but was downgraded Saturday to "severe." The country remains on high alert as officials caution that some suspects who helped Abedi may still be at large.

McCain in Australia to talk security

Associated Press

SYDNEY — U.S. Sen. John McCain met with Australian leaders Monday for security talks in Australia's capital, where he received praise for his public support of the U.S.-Australia alliance following a diplomatic spat between the two countries earlier this year.

In February, the Republican senator leaped to Australia's defense after President Donald Trump got into a heated discussion with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull over an Obama-era agreement on the resettlement of refugees.

When reports of the testy conversation went public, McCain quickly reached out to Australia's ambassador to the U.S., and praised Australia for its history of military cooperation with the U.S. Australia has fought alongside America in every major conflict since World War I and is one of the largest contributors to the U.S.-led military campaign in Iraq and Syria.

On Monday, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop met with the senator in Canberra where she made a point to thank him.

"Thank you for your very strong words of support for the alliance earlier this year," Bishop told McCain. "We deeply appreciated it. It was wonderful to hear it from you."

McCain told Bishop, "We're certainly in very interesting times."

Later, McCain received a warm welcome in Parliament House, where Turnbull praised the Vietnam War veteran for his service.

"As a prisoner of war for 5½ years, he selflessly — despite torture and cruelty — refused to be transferred back to the United States in advance of his colleagues," Turnbull said in an address to lawmakers. "True leadership. True grit. True courage."

McCain, who is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was scheduled to visit the Australian War Memorial later Monday.

Polls find only half of people in Japan support clarifying legality of military

Associated Press

TOKYO — Poll results released Monday show that about half of Japan's population supports a constitutional revision that would clarify the legality of the country's military, a new approach Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is proposing as his party struggles to gain public support for a change.

Abe proposed recently that Japan in some way indicate the existence of the Self-Defense Forces, which is not spelled out in Article 9 of the constitution. The article renounces war and the use of force to settle international disputes.

He made the proposal this month in what was seen as a compromise, but opponents see it as a step to justify expanding Japan's military capabilities, which currently have to be kept to a minimum.

In the Nikkei newspaper poll,

51 percent of 1,595 respondents supported including a reference to the Self-Defense Forces in Article 9. Thirty-six percent opposed such an inclusion.

Recent polls by other major media outlets also showed mixed results.

Japan decided it had the right under the 1947 constitution to have a military for self-defense, but some legal experts have questioned that, though fewer people do so now.

Abe and his party have maintained the constitutionality of the Self-Defense Forces, saying every nation has the right of self-defense as allowed under the United Nations charter. Citing his party's position, opponents have grown skeptical over Abe's latest proposal and intention of bringing up the Self-Defense Force legality issue.

Experts say Abe's proposal

could lower a hurdle for public support and could be good enough for a symbolic first change to the constitution, which Abe said he wants enacted by 2020. Japan's 70-year-old constitution has never been revised.

Japan's ruling party has long advocated a more drastic revision, but the public generally supports the war-renouncing article. The party and its nationalistic supporters view the country's postwar constitution as the legacy of Japan's defeat in World War II and an imposition of the victor's world order and values weighing too much on individuals' rights.

The party-proposed revisions to the constitution released in 2012 called for upgrading the Self-Defense Forces to a full armed forces and establishing a military court.

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Swan statue stolen by naked man is found

FL LAKELAND — A large, black-and-white checkered statue of a swan that was stolen in Florida by a naked man was found on Friday.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said the statue was found by a 32-year-old man who was fishing on a pond in Lakeland. Officials said the swan, valued at \$25,000, doesn't appear to be damaged.

Surveillance video from May 19 showed a man holding a white bucket in front of his nude body as he tried to open doors at a storage center in Lakeland. The video showed him driving away from the storage center in a stolen truck with the swan.

Ronald Thompson, 47, was arrested in Tampa, police said. He's charged with the theft of the truck — but isn't talking about the swan, said Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd.

Brothers linked by birth, baseball team

MN WINONA — A band of brothers who just happen to be triplets are playing a big role in turning the season around for the baseball team at a high school in southeastern Minnesota.

The Winona Daily News reported that triplets Noah, Jake and David French share their love of playing baseball for Cotter High School. Their older brother, Sam, is an assistant coach for the team and graduated in 2015.

The team got off to a tough start but has played well the second half of the season. The Frenches played a big role — Jake is a strong hitter and third baseman, while David provides leadership as catcher. Noah pitches and plays outfield.

Police find man's body, possibly mom's coffin

TX LAREDO — A welfare check by police to a house overgrown with weeds and other plants revealed the decomposing body of an elderly man — and a makeshift coffin containing remains officials believe to be those of his mother.

The Laredo Morning Times reported the discovery was made May 22 at a house in Laredo. First responders said the man appeared to be in his 70s. Neighbors said they hadn't seen him for a week.

Laredo police spokesman Joe Baeza said investigators can't yet confirm the remains are those of the man's mother, but that's the suspicion. There were no signs of foul play.

Man who shot teen, took selfie appeals

PA GREENSBURG — A lawyer for a 19-year-old Pennsylvania man convicted of shooting a friend and then posing for a selfie with the dying teen has appealed his sentence.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported that the attorney for Maxwell Morton, of Jeanette, filed an appeal May 23 asking a judge to impose a lesser sentence than the 15 to 30 years in prison issued the previous week. Defense attorney Pat Thomassey said the "court did not give appropriate weight to the defendant's overwhelming remorse and regret regarding the accidental shooting of his friend."

Morton was convicted in February of third-degree murder for the 2015 shooting of Ryan Mangan, 16. He said he and Mangan were playing with a handgun he thought wasn't loaded when he pointed it at Mangan and pulled the trigger.

Woman on waterfalls slips, falls to her death

GA JACKSON — A Savannah woman died after authorities say she slipped while walking on the waterfalls at a Georgia state park.

Monroe County sheriff's Sgt. Lawson Bittick said the death happened Friday at High Falls State Park south of Atlanta.

Authorities said Daniella Flanagan, 38, was walking on the rocks of the falls with her husband when she slipped and fell. Bittick said the woman's husband called 911 about 5:45 p.m. Bittick said emergency crews were able to get her out of the water and performed CPR, but she died a short time later at a hospital.

Teacher loses appeal over shop class injuries

MI OTISVILLE — The Michigan appeals court won't stop a lawsuit against a teacher who is accused of downplaying the risks of a table saw at a high school in Genesee County.

Elizabeth Bellinger suffered severe injuries when her hand slipped while cutting wood in a shop class at Lakeville Memorial High School. She said teacher Julie Kram told students that a blade guard was necessary only when insurance inspectors visited the school.

Kram denies it, although she admits telling students the guard was optional.

Teens taunt fisherman over caught stingray

FL DAYTONA BEACH SHORES — Some teens in Florida tried to stop a fisherman who had caught a 300-pound stingray from walking away with the catch under the mistaken belief that

the aquatic animal was a protected species.

Officers with Volusia County Beach Safety responded to Daytona Beach Shores on Friday after the teens started taunting the fisherman, urging him to let the stingray go.

Capt. Mike Berard said there were no arrests but some of the juveniles were removed from the beach in handcuffs.

Woman accused in child assault is a no-show

HI WAILUKU — A woman found guilty of third-degree assault of a 17-month-old boy did not show up to serve her jail sentence and skipped her trial for another assault charge.

A \$20,000 bench warrant was issued last week for Rebecca Stapp, 42, who is accused of assaulting multiple children at her potty-training "boot camp" four years ago, The Maui News reported.

Stapp had been charged with two separate counts of third-degree assault against two different toddlers in May 2013.

Injured man rescued from a treehouse

PA HARRISON CITY — Authorities said a man had to be rescued from a western Pennsylvania treehouse after he was struck and injured by a branch.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported that emergency responders in Westmoreland County were called to the scene in Penn Township home just before 6 p.m. Saturday.

A county public safety department said the man was reported to be about 10 feet off the ground at a Cedar Court residence and had to be lowered to safety.

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Sato holds off Helio for Indy 500 win

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Takuma Sato had victory in sight once before at the Indianapolis 500. When he attempted a last-lap pass, Sato lost control of his car, crashed and Dario Franchitti went on to his third victory in “The Greatest Spectacle In Racing.”

In nearly the same position five years later, Sato leaned on lessons learned in that 2012 defeat and became the first Japanese driver to win the Indianapolis 500.

“I do feel after 2012 that I really needed to correct something I left over,” Sato said. “In 2012, going into Turn 1 with Dario was a big risk. But you always learn something from those situations, and this time we proved we had what it takes.”

In winning for just the second time in IndyCar, Sato had to hold off Helio Castroneves over the closing laps Sunday to deny the veteran a record-tying fourth Indianapolis 500 victory. The two swapped the lead, and Castroneves made one last attempt at a pass for the win that he couldn't make stick.

“When Helio was coming with three laps to go, on a big charge into Turn 1, we went side-by-side,” Sato said. “But

this time I ended up still pointing in the right direction and still leading. It was job done, and the last two laps the car worked beautifully.”

The win was the second straight for Andretti Autosport in the Indy 500 and third in the last four years. An Andretti driver has now won the 500 five times overall dating to 2005 with the late Dan Wheldon.

Last year, it was with rookie Alexander Rossi. This time it was with Sato, who joined the team this season and had largely been overlooked at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The Andretti camp expanded to six cars for the 500 to add Fernando Alonso, a two-time F1 champion who brought massive European interest to the race.

Six cars never seemed to spread the team too thin, and the main issue facing Andretti Autosport was the reliability of its Honda engines. Alonso put on a thrilling show and even led 27 laps but he was sent to the paddock when his engine blew with 20 laps remaining.

Still, his race was spectacular and Alonso simply fell victim to his engine late in the race. The crowd gave the Spaniard a standing ovation as he climbed from his car.

“It's a very nice surprise to come here with big names, big guys, the best in open-wheel racing and be competitive,” said Alonso, who didn't rule out a return.

“The last two weeks, I came here basically to prove myself, to challenge myself,” Alonso added. “I know that I can be as quick as anyone in an F1 car. I didn't know if I can be as quick as anyone in an Indy car.”

The Honda teams had a clear horsepower advantage over Chevrolet, but things were dicey in Indy for more than a week and certainly on race day: Before Alonso's failure, 2014 winner Ryan Hunter-Reay lost his engine and so did Charlie Kimball. Hunter-Reay led 28 laps and was a strong contender late.

Still, Honda had the winning engine at the end and six of the top 10.

“I'm really happy for Honda. They worked really hard to get us here,” team owner Michael Andretti said. “I know how big this news is going to be tomorrow when they wake up in Japan. It's going to be huge. I'm really happy for them, that we were able to give them a win with our Japanese driver here.”

In a Chevrolet for Team Pen-

ske, Castroneves briefly took the lead but couldn't hold it as Sato grabbed it back. Castroneves was disappointed to fall short of the four-time winners club — particularly since it was his third runner-up finish.

“Being second again sucks, being so close to getting my fourth,” Castroneves said. “I'm really trying. I'm not giving up this dream and I know it's going to happen.”

Ed Jones finished a career-best third and was followed by Max Chilton and Tony Kanaan, the highest finishers for Chip Ganassi Racing.

A joyful Sato dumped a bottle of 2 percent milk over his head, received a kiss from the Indy 500 Princess and raised his finger in the air. Andretti ran down pit lane to reach Sato's crew, then rushed to hug his driver. Even Franchitti made his way to victory lane to congratulate Sato, who was eager to see the impact of his win at home in Japan.

“This is going to be mega big,” he predicted. “A lot of the Japanese fans are following the IndyCar Series and many, many flew over for the Indianapolis 500. We showed the great result today and I am very proud of it.”

Dillon gambles, gets first Cup win at Charlotte

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Hall of Fame car owner Richard Childress finally let the emotions flow when he looked up at the Charlotte Motor Speedway's scoring board after the Coca-Cola 600 and saw the iconic No. 3 — driven by his grandson Austin Dillon — on top.

“Can you believe it?” Childress asked. “The Coke 600, Austin Dillon and the (No.) 3.”

Dillon passed an out-of-gas Jimmie Johnson two laps from the end for his first Cup victory.

It had been a long time coming for the number made famous by the late Dale Earnhardt, who drove for Childress during six of his seven championships. The last time the two celebrated was when Earnhardt won at Talladega on Oct. 15, 2000,

four months before The Intimidator's death in a horrific crash at Daytona.

“Today is special,” Childress said.

Especially with how Dillon accomplished it. Crew chief Justin Alexander decided that while much of the field would pit with about 35 to go, Dillon would stay out and gamble he'd have enough fuel to make it.

“It didn't make much sense to do anything else but that, really,” said Alexander, who replaced Slugger Labbe as Dillon's crew chief last Monday.

When Dillon saw Johnson run dry right ahead, he felt relieved and excited all at once. The No. 3, Dillon said, “was the best of all time. I'm just glad to add to the legacy of it.”

Dillon held off Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr., who led the most laps in the Coca-Cola 600 for a third straight year.

“It hasn't sunk in. I can't believe it,”

Dillon said. “We're in the chase, baby. It's awesome.”

Truex took the lead for the final time with 67 laps left, sweeping past Busch to move out front. Truex pitted a final time with 33 laps left, confident he'd be able to hold on after everyone cycled through a last stop.

Truex has led 756 of the past 1,200 laps in the 600, yet finished shy of the checker flag two of three times. “So that's a little tough to swallow,” he said.

Matt Kenseth was fourth, and Denny Hamlin fifth. Kurt Busch finished sixth, followed by rookie Erik Jones, Kevin Harvick, Ryan Newman and Dale Earnhardt Jr., who finished 10th in his final Coca-Cola 600 as a fulltime driver.

Johnson limped home to finish in 17th.

“I did all that I could from that point and just came up a little bit short,” he said.

Djokovic, Nadal cruise at French

Associated Press

PARIS — Back on the court where he completed his career Grand Slam, Novak Djokovic showed no sign of the crisis of confidence that has affected his game since winning the French Open last year.

With new coach Andre Agassi watching from the stands, the second-seeded Serb dispatched clay-court specialist Marcel Granollers 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 to reach the second round of the clay-court major Monday.

Trailing 0-40 on his serve in the final game, Djokovic won the next five points and sealed the match with a service winner.

Visibly happy with his performance, he then mingled with ball boys at the center of the court and thanked the crowd.

"Last year, I won here for the first time, it was really a special moment for me on the court, an important moment of my career, I'll never forget this feeling," Djokovic said, speaking in French.

Since beating Andy Murray in last year's final, Djokovic has failed to add any more major ti-

ties to his collection. He lost in the third round at Wimbledon, his earliest defeat in a Grand Slam in seven years, was beaten in the first round at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, reached the final of the U.S. Open, and lost early again at the Australian Open.

Djokovic, who lost his No. 1 ranking to Murray last year, has hired Agassi as part of his bid to win Roland-Garros and become the first man in the Open era to win each of the majors twice.

"It's incredible to have Agassi in my team, every day is special with him, everyday I'm learning something new," said Djokovic, who split with long-time coach Marian Vajda at the start of the month.

"I've changed everyone, but I will not change my wife," added Djokovic with a smile. "Never."

Under a hot sun, Djokovic was in a joyful mood on the showcase Philippe Chatrier court. After Granollers hit a delightful shot around the net post and inside the tramlines in the third set, Djokovic clapped and walked to the net to high-

five his opponent.

There was no hiccup on court Suzanne Lenglen for Rafael Nadal, who started his bid to win a 10th title at Roland Garros with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 defeat of Benoit Paire. The 14-time Grand Slam champion produced a clinical display, limiting his mistakes to 18 unforced errors.

In the women's draw, defending champion Garbine Muguruza began the day's play with a confidence-boosting 6-2, 6-4 win over Francesca Schiavone.

Schiavone, the 2010 champ, showed her usual fighting spirit and saved three match points before sending a forehand wide.

The fourth-seeded Muguruza won 15 points in a row from being up 3-2 in the first set and broke her Italian opponent five times.

"Schiavone can be a very tricky player," Muguruza said. "I think she has moments where she's unbelievable. I'm happy that I managed to play, to be able to be kind of composed out there, because I wasn't sure how I was going to react again in the center court, playing against an ex-champ."

Woods arrested for DUI

Associated Press

Tiger Woods was arrested early Monday on a DUI charge in Jupiter, Fla., and spent nearly four hours in a county jail before he was released.

Woods, the 14-time major champion who ranks second with his 79 career victories on the PGA Tour, has not played for four months. He is out for the rest of the season while he recovers from his fourth back surgery.

Woods was arrested on suspicion of DUI about 3 a.m. Monday in a suburban area and taken to the Palm Beach County jail, Jupiter Police spokeswoman Kristin Rightler said. He was arrested on Military Trail, south of Indian Creek Parkway.

Jail records show that Woods was booked into Palm Beach County jail at 7:18 a.m. and released on his own recognizance at 10:50 a.m.

Rightler said she did not have additional details about the circumstances leading to Woods' arrest, nor did she have any information about whether the arrest involved drugs or alcohol. She said an arrest report might be available Tuesday.

His agent at Excel Sports, Mark Steinberg, did not immediately respond to a voicemail from The Associated Press. PGA Tour spokesman Ty Votaw said the tour would have no comment.

Woods has not been seen at a golf tournament since he opened with a 77 at the Omega Dubai Desert Classic, withdrawing the next day because of back spasms. He was in Los Angeles for the Genesis Open, run by his Tiger Woods Foundation, but did not come to the course because of his back.

Langer sets mark with 9th senior major

Associated Press

STERLING, Va. — Bernhard Langer knew it wouldn't be easy to come from one stroke back to beat Vijay Singh, who's five years younger, drives the ball 30 yards farther and routinely competes with players young enough to be his sons.

Ultimately, the 59-year-old German star's confidence with the putter, a club that has frequently bedeviled him, was the difference as he edged past Singh in a tense back-nine duel to win the Senior PGA Championship at Trump National on Sunday.

Langer won his record ninth senior major and the only one that had eluded him during his dominant decade-long run on the 50-and-over circuit. He tied Jack Nicklaus' record of eight

majors last week with a comeback victory in the Regions Tradition. He's also the first player to win the career "super slam" of all five senior majors.

Langer pulled ahead of Singh with a 12-foot birdie on the par-4 16th. Singh three-putted 17 to give Langer a two-shot advantage. After Singh birdied 18, Langer calmly tapped in for par and a one-shot victory, embracing his daughter, who flew in from Seattle to surprise him, on the 18th green.

Langer shot a 4-under 68 to finish at 18-under 270. Singh closed with a 70.

Kisner wins Colonial

FORT WORTH, Texas — Kevin Kisner birdied the first three holes on the back nine to take the lead and held on to win

at Colonial despite a Sunday charge by defending champion Jordan Spieth.

Kisner shot a 4-under 66 to finish at 10-under 270, including a clutch par save on the 18th hole after a wayward tee shot and an approach that was off the back side of the green and well below the hole. He finished a stroke ahead of Spieth, Sean O'Hair and Jon Rahm.

Feng claims LPGA title

ANNARBOR, Mich. — Shanshan Feng shot a 4-under 68 to hold off Minjee Lee and Sung Hyun Park by a stroke in the LPGA Volvik Championship.

The Chinese star took a one-stroke lead into the final round, then kept the competition at bay at Travis Pointe Country Club.

Back-to-back homers in 15th lift Rays

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — In a game featuring 17 pitchers and 553 pitches, the Tampa Bay Rays and Minnesota Twins fittingly had to resort to previously scheduled starting pitchers to resolve the outcome.

Evan Longoria and Logan Morrison hit back-to-back homers off Hector Santiago in the 15th inning as Tampa Bay outlasted the Twins 8-6 on Sunday following a ninth-inning comeback by the Rays that extended the game to extra frames.

At 6 hours, 26 minutes, it was the longest game in the eight-season history of Target Field

and the longest game in the major leagues this year. The longest game in Twins history lasted 6:36, a 17-inning affair at Cleveland in 1995.

“Exhausting,” said Rays right fielder Steven Souza Jr. “Everybody emptied their clip today.”

Minnesota went to Santiago (4-4) in the 15th with nobody else available in the bullpen. He allowed the decisive home runs on consecutive pitches to the first two batters of the inning. Longoria has 16 home runs and 57 RBIs in 58 career games against the Twins.

But without Longoria’s timely hitting in the ninth in-

ning, the game wouldn’t have reached extras. With the score 5-3, Longoria delivered a pivotal RBI double to keep the game alive. Souza followed with an RBI single to hand Brandon Kintzler his second blown save.

Longoria scored on Souza’s single, but the Rays had to endure a replay review on the play at the plate that would have ended the game had Longoria been ruled out.

“From watching on the Jumbotron we were pretty comfortable it was going to stand,” said Rays manager Kevin Cash.

Erasmo Ramirez, Monday’s scheduled starter for Tampa

Bay, pitched a perfect 15th for his first save.

The Rays had taken the lead in the 14th when Corey Dickerson delivered a single off Justin Haley to make it 6-5. Pinch-hitter Robbie Grossman answered with an RBI single in the bottom half, but Jason Castro and Jorge Polanco both missed opportunities to win the game, striking out and flying out with a runner on third.

Despite allowing a run in the 14th, Rays closer Alex Colome (1-2) got the win.

Joe Mauer got four hits for the Twins, including a home run, and drew three walks.

Judge’s first slam sends Yankees past A’s

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just a little bit farther and Aaron Judge’s grand slam would have landed right in that mock jury box.

Judge sent his first career slam screaming toward his own rooting section, and the New York Yankees took full advantage of Oakland’s shoddy defense Sunday in a 9-5 victory over the Athletics.

“It was pretty cool,” Judge said with a smile.

Michael Pineda (6-2) tossed six innings of three-hit ball to win his third straight start and match last season’s win total. Aaron Hicks and Chris Carter each had an early sacrifice fly as the AL East leaders scored five unearned runs and took two of three in a well-pitched series.

Judge connected with two outs in the third for his 16th home run, tying Angels star Mike Trout for the major league lead. The drive landed in the right-field seats, not far in front of The Judge’s Chambers cheering area installed by the Yankees for the 6-foot-7 rookie at the start of this 4-2 homestand.

“He’s got a whole lot more fans than just right behind him in right field,” teammate Brett Gardner said.

Marlins 9, Angels 2: At Miami, Mike Trout sprained his left thumb stealing second base, and Los Angeles took a thumping without him.

Trout yelled in pain as he rose after sliding headfirst in the fifth inning. He was examined by a trainer, stayed in the game, but was replaced in the sixth.

White Sox 7, Tigers 3: Miguel Gonzalez took a perfect game into the seventh inning and Todd Frazier hit a two-run homer as host Chicago beat Detroit.

Gonzalez (4-5) retired his first 18 batters before Andrew Romine led off the seventh with a hard one-hop liner to shortstop Tim Anderson, who couldn’t field the ball cleanly and was originally charged with an error. Alex Avila followed with a single, and Romine’s ball was later changed to a hit.

Rangers 3, Blue Jays 1: Joey Gallo hit his 15th home run and Andrew Cashner posted a rare road win as Texas beat Toronto to snap its longest losing streak of the season at five.

Toronto had won five in a row.

Indians 10, Royals 1: Jason Kipnis went 4-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs while Josh Tomlin pitched his first complete game in two years as host Cleveland beat Kansas

City.

Mariners 5, Red Sox 0: Christian Bergman rebounded from a miserable start with seven shutout innings as visiting Seattle halted Boston’s season-high six-game winning streak.

Padres 5, Nationals 3: Ryan Schimpf hit a two-run homer as San Diego denied host Washington a three-game sweep.

The Padres had only one run and six hits with 31 strikeouts in back-to-back losses in games started by Washington’s Max Scherzer and Stephen Strasburg to begin the series. San Diego bounced back by matching its season high with 14 hits, with 12 coming off starter Joe Ross (2-1).

Dodgers 9, Cubs 4: Cody Bellinger and Kike Hernandez led an offensive outburst with three-run homers that upstaged the anticipated duel between aces Jon Lester and Clayton Kershaw to help Los Angeles sweep Chicago in three games at home for the first time since August 2012.

Lester and Kershaw were rocked for 10 runs and 18 hits in a combined 7²/₃ innings of their first career matchup.

Reds 8, Phillies 4: Adam Duvall hit a pair of two-run homers while Patrick Kivlehan had two solo shots as visiting

Cincinnati beat Philadelphia.

The Reds took two of three to win a series in Philadelphia for the first time since August 2006.

Rockies 8, Cardinals 4: Gerardo Parra hit a three-run homer as host Colorado beat St. Louis.

Astros 8, Orioles 4: George Springer homered during a six-run second inning, sending Lance McCullers and host Houston over Baltimore for the Orioles’ season-worst seventh straight loss.

McCullers (6-1) allowed five hits and three runs. His streak of 22 scoreless innings ended when Jonathan Schoop hit a two-run homer in the first.

Brewers 9, Diamondbacks 5: Domingo Santana hit his first career grand slam as NL Central-leading Milwaukee held off visiting Arizona.

Giants 7, Braves 1: Johnny Cueto pitched six strong innings and Brandon Crawford drove in three runs for host San Francisco.

The Giants won their third straight home series and posted their 11th victory in 18 games overall.

Mets 7, Pirates 2: Matt Harvey pitched one-run ball for six innings to win his second straight start as visiting New York beat Pittsburgh.