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N. Korea threatens to cancel US summit

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SEOUL, South Korea — After months of surprising outreach to former enemies, North Korea threatened to scrap its upcoming summit with the United States and renewed criticism of U.S.-South Korean war games.

The state-run Korean Central News Agency quoted senior foreign ministry official Kim Kye Gwan on Wednesday as saying that the North will “have to reconsider” the summit if the Trump administration “corners us and tries to unilaterally force us to give up nuclear weapons.”

The warning came hours after the North canceled a high-level meeting with Seoul to protest annual U.S.-South Korean Air Force drills known as Max Thunder.

The harsh rhetoric cast a shadow over recent diplomatic

gains and dealt a new challenge to the U.S. less than a month before President Donald Trump plans to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore. It would be the first-ever summit between the rival nations.

Analysts said the reclusive communist state is probably not planning to follow through with its threat to pull out of the summit but rather may be seeking leverage to raise the price during its upcoming talks with Trump.

Trump’s administration has insisted its main objective is the complete and verifiable dismantling of Pyongyang’s nuclear weapons program, while the North has said it wants a phased approach with an eye toward lifting punishing economic sanctions.

“We’re seeing a variation on a very old and very familiar game here by the North Koreans,” said Evans Revere, a for-

mer State Department official who has been involved in past negotiations with Pyongyang. “We should not be surprised at this. Part of it involves testing the seriousness of the United States.”

“They’re also trying to change the subject ... by focusing on the exercises,” he said in a telephone interview. “The North Koreans want to ensure that Washington knows that denuclearization as the United States defines it is unlikely to happen.”

The North usually objects to the annual joint war games, which it considers rehearsals for an invasion, but it had been largely silent on the issue this year as the sides sought to ease tensions that had spiked over its effort to develop a nuclear weapon that could target the U.S. mainland.

KCNA singled out Max Thunder in a pre-dawn statement as the South Koreans learned the

North was canceling plans to meet in the heavily fortified border area to hash out details for implementing agreements reached by Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in at their summit.

It warned Washington “to think twice about the fate of the [North Korean]-U.S. summit” before conducting “a provocative military racket against [the North] in league with the south Korean authorities.”

Washington and Seoul agreed to postpone recent springtime drills known as Foal Eagle/Key Resolve until after the Feb. 9-25 Olympics to facilitate the start of talks with the North.

They resumed the exercises after the Winter Games, but the State Department said that Kim had indicated the North understood that would happen because the drills had been long planned.

Fitzgerald commander attacks Navy’s collision claims

BY CLAUDIA GRISALES
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WASHINGTON — Lawyers for the former USS Fitzgerald commander in charge during the ship’s deadly collision last year are firing back against a series of Navy statements that they claim could damage his pending court-martial.

Lawyers for Cmdr. Bryce Benson on Tuesday issued a surprising one-page rebuke of statements from senior Navy leaders and other officials since last year. The statement from Lt. Cmdr. Justin Henderson and Cmdr. Ben Robertson detailed Benson’s most extensive comments to date about the incident and claimed the Navy’s harmful comments assigned

guilt before his court-martial.

On Wednesday, Henderson said his client will be asserting his innocence.

“We are not pleading guilty,” he said. “There will be no agreement.”

Benson, 41, is facing charges of negligent homicide, negligent dereliction of duty and negligent hazarding of a vessel.

Henderson pointed to a recent Navy news release that served as a “dog whistle” to suggest Benson failed to accept responsibility for the crash that left seven sailors dead because he didn’t plead guilty, as well as other comments by top Navy officials in congressional hearings and other public forums since August.

For example, a Nov. 1 report said “leadership failed” to adhere to safety protocols in the Fitzgerald incident. The next day, Adm. John Richardson, chief of naval operations, told reporters that there was negligence in the Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain crashes, adding “we found that the commanders were at fault.”

Last week, a news release detailed a guilty plea from the junior lieutenant in charge of navigating the Fitzgerald for dereliction of duty.

“By pleading guilty today, Lt. j.g. Sarah Coppock has accepted responsibility for the role she played in the USS Fitzgerald collision,” the May 8 release stated.

On Wednesday, a Navy spokesman rejected the claims of prejudicial bias in their news releases.

“The statements we have provided to reporters are on the facts and status of the proceedings alone, and are done so in accordance with Navy regulations for release of information pertaining to the administration of military justice,” Cmdr. William Speaks wrote in an email.

Benson’s strongly worded claims mark a new turn in the courts-martial following the deadly Navy destroyer collisions last year involving the Fitzgerald and the McCain. Ten sailors died aboard the McCain.

Calif. base psychologist accused of rape

Associated Press

A clinical psychologist who treated military veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress has been charged with raping female servicemembers who were in therapy as victims of sex assaults, officials said Tuesday.

Heath J. Sommer was ordered Monday to stand trial on three felony sexual assault charges after authorities said he targeted female servicemembers in 2014 and 2015 while working at Travis Air Force Base's David Grant Medical Center, about 50 miles northeast of San Francisco.

Sommer was arrested earlier this month and pleaded not guilty to the charges.

His attorney, Thomas Maas, did not return telephone messages seeking comment.

Maas told the judge at a hearing Monday in Fairfield, Calif., that the sex was consensual, according to The Daily Republic newspaper. Maas said his client had not committed a crime and the actions were part of his therapy work.

Prosecutors allege the 41-year-old psychologist used a technique called exposure therapy and would ask the women to have sex with him, leaving them "even more traumatized."

One of the women, an officer in therapy after being raped in 2002 while deployed to Afghanistan, told the investigator that Sommer moved the sessions to

his home.

He told her he wanted to treat her by having her re-experience every facet of her sexual assault and then asked her to have sex with him so she could have a "positive and loving" experience, according to the prosecution.

Another woman told the investigator that as part of Sommer's "exposure therapy" in 2015, he exposed himself and had her give him oral sex in his office.

The base hired Sommer through a contracting company in 2014 and he treated more than 100 people before being suspended on July 12, 2016, said Staff Sgt. Amber Carter, a base spokeswoman.

He was vetted by the contracting company, Aloha Health Joint Venture, and the Air Force also did a background check, Air Force officials said.

As soon as Air Force officials learned of the allegations, they took immediate action and suspended him, she added.

The base also reached out to all of Sommer's patients to offer help, she said.

Air Force officials said military investigators are working with the Fairfield police on the Sommer case.

Sommer also faces four charges of sexual battery filed after his 2016 arrest by Fairfield police. He remains in jail with bail set at \$750,000.

Probe: 'No criminality' in shooting into Afghan truck

Stars and Stripes

A U.S. servicemember seen in an online video shooting into a moving truck in Afghanistan acted in accordance with military rules, a probe has found.

The findings of the Army's Criminal Investigation Command's investigation were first reported by VICE News on Friday. An official with the command, which is historically referred to by the acronym CID, confirmed the findings to Stars and Stripes.

About 20 seconds into a 3-minute video montage of combat footage, a 2-second clip apparently shot from a helmet camera shows what appears to be a servicemember in the gun turret of an RG33 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle firing a Benelli tactical shotgun at the driver of a civilian cargo truck. The driver's side window shatters and the montage cuts away shortly after.

The investigation into the incident was launched in January, after Politico reported on the footage. Titled "Happy Few Ordnance Symphony," it featured dozens of clips of combat purportedly from eastern Afghanistan

set to the Kendrick Lamar song "Humble," and was posted online to promote a fledgling tactical clothing brand reportedly started by special operations veterans.

After a thorough investigation, CID special agents found that the Americans had "acted in accordance with the rules of engagement," Christopher Grey, a spokesman for the command, said in a statement. "An Afghan driver ignored several warnings not to encroach on the U.S. convoy, so a non-lethal beanbag projectile was fired at the driver."

It's not clear where the shooting took place, what units were involved, or whether the driver was injured. CID officials declined to comment beyond Grey's statement and did not immediately release a copy of the investigation.

Attempts by Stars and Stripes to locate the driver or the site of the shooting were unsuccessful, but servicemembers in the video wore uniforms, gear and beards similar to those worn by U.S. special operations forces. The video description indicates they were battling Islamic State, which at the time was mostly taking place in the east.

S. Korea-based GI wants to raise child wife lied about

BY CHAD GARLAND

Stars and Stripes

A South Korea-based soldier has been entangled in a monthslong drama complete with a cheating spouse, long-distance lies and kidnapping charges.

Sgt. Steven Garcia, 24, is a patrol supervisor with the 142nd Military Police Company at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul. In January, he was told that his wife, Marina Garcia, had given birth to a daughter back home in Arizona who died during childbirth.

But he soon learned it wasn't true.

On Feb. 5, an Arizona highway patrolman pulled over an out-of-state vehicle for speeding north of Willcox, Ariz., according to court documents. Inside was a Texas couple and a newborn. Upon questioning the couple — Alex Hernandez, 33, and his wife, Leslie Morin Hernandez, 41 — the trooper learned that neither was a biological parent of the 3-day-old infant, the documents said.

Further questioning at the

police station revealed that Alex Hernandez had fraudulently signed the birth certificate as the father after Marina Garcia arranged to give the child to them.

The Hernandezes were taken into custody, and the baby, who relatives said is named Leo, was handed over to Arizona's Department of Child Safety.

Later that day, detectives questioned Marina Garcia, who was living in Sierra Vista with her boyfriend, an Army specialist. She admitted to conspiring with the Hernandezes and planned to travel to Texas to sign away her parental rights after recovering from delivery, according to court documents obtained by Stars and Stripes.

Though he's not the baby's biological father and wants a divorce, Steven Garcia still plans to fight for custody. The reason: He was adopted.

"My adopted father completely changed my life. ... It could change the child's life and give him a better future, and I believe that's the right thing to do," he told KVOA News in Tucson.

Residents complain about nighttime training off Japan

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SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — More nighttime Navy hovercraft training off Japan's southern coast is sparking noise complaints and fears of collisions with local fishing boats.

The Saikai City-based Naval Beach Unit 7, which operates seven landing craft air cushions, or LCACs, that ferry Marines from ship to shore, began quarterly nighttime training in November.

The drills, which were done during deployments in the past, are happening in Japanese waters so that crews can get enough "flight hours" to stay proficient, said Cmdr. Bob Jones, the unit's leader.

However, locals have complained about noise and safety,

citing an agreement made with Japan's Defense Ministry when Saikai agreed to host the hovercraft in 2013. The agreement asks the Navy not to train after dark.

"Night training affects residents' lives, and it also affects the safety of ships," a Saikai City official said on May 11.

Saikai residents wrote a letter to the Defense Ministry after the first night-training mission, urging the Navy not to continue the operations, the official said.

But Jones said a daytime mission doesn't provide the practice that crews need to operate safely in darkness.

"There is a distinct difference between what you see visually when operating during the day and operating at night," he said.

The Navy sends out notices

to let fishermen and residents know when the night operations will happen, he added.

Hovercraft crews give other vessels a wide berth and leave for the missions during daylight, Jones said. After the sun goes down, sailors are equipped with night-vision goggles.

Extra sets of eyes, including the commander's, watch from behind the driver, engineer and navigator, and the hovercraft travel in pairs so that immediate help is available in an emergency, he said.

Night training happens in the early evening. A May 10 mission returned to port at around 8 p.m.

Recent tests of the noise created by the hovercraft show they are comparable to passing trains, Jones said.

Piloting a hovercraft like driving a race car

BY JAMES BOLINGER
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Flying a Navy hovercraft requires intense focus, but crews thrive on that pressure, according to one of the sailors who trains them.

The cabin of a landing craft air cushion, or LCAC, looks a lot like the cockpit of a cargo plane, and the controls to fly it are also similar.

The pilot, or "craftmaster," uses rudder-peddles to control the direction of travel and hand controls to move bow thrusters and adjust the pitch of two giant fiberglass propellers.

Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Marcial, formerly a navigator with the Japan-based Naval Beach Unit 7 who trains hovercraft crews stateside, said the vessels do everything full-size ships do but at a higher rate of speed. They also can move in six directions, like an aircraft.

"I can't get tunnel vision," he said when describing the pres-

sure of a mission. "I have to log every turn and change in speed while plotting a course around other boats. People's lives are in your hands, and if I make the wrong decision, I can severely damage the boat."

It takes months to train sailors to fly hovercraft, and the Navy requires them to get quarterly and annual certifications and maintain a set number of flight hours.

It takes weeks to integrate a new crew, and the Navy tries to leave them together as long as possible to build comfort levels, said Chief Petty Officer George McLain, a craftmaster with Naval Beach Unit 7.

McLain compared flying a hovercraft to being a pilot.

"Our jobs are a lot more similar to the aviation side of the house, versus the surface side," he said.

Constant communication is needed to safely operate an LCAC. The headphones that each crew member wears

broadcast two separate lines of communication. One ear listens to internal crew chatter, while the other hears chatter from other boats.

This task is complicated by the reports that each crew member is required to give. They take turns flipping a switch on their headsets that allows them to communicate either internally with the crew or externally with the fleet.

"At the schoolhouse they can teach you to navigate and do the technical aspects of your job, but they can't teach you to multitask," Marcial said.

McLain compared his job to that of a NASCAR driver.

"Flying these boats is an absolute blast," he said, recalling the first time he saw one of the hovercraft skim across the bow of the USS Ronald Reagan a decade ago.

"From that moment on, I knew where I wanted to go," he said. "And once I got bit by the bug, it was over."

Officials: Airstrikes saved Farah from Taliban

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The Taliban's one-day assault on the capital of strategically important Farah province is over, as militant forces withdrew early Wednesday after intense strikes by U.S. and Afghan airpower.

Government forces defending the city of 55,000 people close to the Iranian border were on the brink of defeat Tuesday before Afghan and coalition airstrikes turned the tide, Afghan officials said.

Fighting continued outside of the city on Wednesday, but there have been no further airstrikes.

"There is not a single shooting in the city right now," Gen. Mohammad Radmanish, Defense Ministry spokesman, said as of Wednesday morning. "The city is totally cleared and the enemy ran away 8 kilometers far from the city, but our forces are after them."

A Taliban spokesman confirmed that the group had withdrawn but said that the raid had destroyed essential military supplies in the city.

Militants planned to attack prison and police and intelligence headquarters, said Khair Mohammad Noorzai, a member of the Farah provincial council. Their aim, he said, was to capture the city Tuesday night.

"The city would have fallen to the Taliban if the air force and additional ground forces hadn't arrived sooner," Noorzai said.

A coalition spokesman said the Afghan air force conducted most of the airstrikes.

"What you saw there in Farah, it's clearly a force to be reckoned with. Their ability to support themselves with their own airpower is something people discredited years ago," Lt. Col. Martin O'Donnell said.

Trump's Senate picks win primaries

Associated Press

President Donald Trump backed two successful U.S. Senate nominees in Pennsylvania and Nebraska, which were among four states holding primaries Tuesday.

The primaries began to settle swing state Pennsylvania's chaotic congressional landscape after a court fight ended with redrawn districts just three months ago. Amid the redistricting, Republican Rick Saccone recorded his second loss in two months in two U.S. House districts.

Among the more unusual results of Tuesday's primaries was the loss by Pennsylvania's Democratic lieutenant governor, Mike Stack, who was ousted by Braddock Mayor John Fetterman.

Oregon and Idaho also held primary elections.

Here's a look at some of the other interesting races:

■ **Trump's picks prevail:** Two of the president's favored candidates, Lou Barletta in Pennsylvania and Deb Fischer in Nebraska, won their U.S. Senate primaries.

Barletta, currently a congressman, was heavily favored over state Rep. Jim Christiana to become the Republican challenger for Democratic Sen. Bob Casey, who is seeking a third term in November.

Barletta was a Trump supporter before the 2016 presidential nomination was settled. Trump asked Barletta to run for Senate, and the president is expected to visit Pennsylvania to campaign for him. The president also recorded telephone calls last weekend backing Barletta "fully, strongly and proudly."

Fischer, the incumbent, defeated four GOP challengers and will be the strong favorite to win re-election in deep-red Nebraska. Her Democratic opponent is Lincoln City Councilwoman Jane Raybould.

Last week, Trump urged GOP Senate primary voters to support Rep. Jim Renacci in the Ohio Senate and oppose former coal company executive Don Blankenship in West Virginia. Renacci won and Blankenship lost.

■ **Women rule in redrawn districts:** Pennsylvania could send at least three women to Congress next year, breaking the all-male hold on the state's 18-member U.S. House delegation.

Mary Gay Scanlon won a 10-way Democratic primary and Madeleine Dean won a three-way Democratic primary on Tuesday night for two suburban Philadelphia seats that are likely to flip to Democrats following a court-ordered redrawing of the state's congressional district boundaries.

Meanwhile, Chrissy Houlahan is the uncontested Democratic nominee for another suburban Philadelphia seat where she's heavily favored in November.

Women won contested Democratic primaries in three other seats in Pennsylvania.

■ **Incumbent lieutenant governor falls:**

Mike Stack became the first holder of the Pennsylvania lieutenant governor's office to lose in a primary election.

John Fetterman, the Braddock mayor, won the five-way Democratic Party primary race for lieutenant governor Tuesday, meaning he will run on a ticket with Gov. Tom Wolf in the fall. Pennsylvania first started allowing lieutenant governors to serve a second term in the 1970s.

Fetterman had made a failed bid in 2016 for the U.S. Senate.

Stack, a former Philadelphia state senator, has had a chilly relationship with Wolf in their first term together.

Wolf last year ordered an investigation into the treatment of state employees by Stack and his wife and stripped Stack of state police protection.

■ **Second loss in two months for Saccone:** Pennsylvania state Rep. Rick Saccone, who lost a special election two months ago to Democrat Conor Lamb for a congressional seat, has now lost a two-way Republican primary for a different U.S. House seat.

Saccone lost Tuesday's 14th Congressional District primary election to state Sen. Guy Reschenthaler for the open seat in a heavily Republican, newly drawn district.

In March, Lamb narrowly beat Saccone in a district that President Donald Trump won in 2016 by about 20 percentage points. The president campaigned in the district twice and sent several tweets on Saccone's behalf. The White House later contended that it was Lamb who had embraced the president's policies and vision.

■ **Political newcomer wins in Nebraska:** Social worker and political newcomer Kara Eastman won the Democratic nomination for Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District.

Eastman defeated former Rep. Brad Ashford in Tuesday's primary election. She will now face Rep. Don Bacon, a first-term Republican who defeated Ashford in the 2016 election. Ashford had been the first Democrat in two decades to win the district, which encompasses much of the Omaha metro area. Although Omaha's strong Democratic core is balanced out by more conservative suburbs, the district gives Democrats a chance of capturing a congressional seat in a state that is otherwise overwhelmingly Republican.

■ **In Idaho governor's race, a Democrat first:** When former state Rep. Paulette Jordan, 38, won her primary, she became the first woman to be the Democratic gubernatorial nominee in Idaho. If she wins the general election, Jordan, a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, would not only be the first woman to serve as Idaho governor but also the first Native American woman to serve in that position in any state.

But she faces a difficult race: Idaho hasn't elected a Democratic governor since 1990, and the Republican Party now controls a supermajority on all federal, state and legislative seats.

Panel vote bodes well for CIA pick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gina Haspel, President Donald Trump's nominee to head the CIA, won the backing of the Senate Intelligence Committee on Wednesday, paving the way for her expected confirmation to lead the spy agency.

The panel voted 10-5 to advise the full Senate to confirm Haspel, whose nomination has renewed debate over the harsh interrogation program the CIA conducted on terror suspects after 9/11. She has told Congress that the agency shouldn't have used those harsh tactics and has vowed not to restart them.

The committee released the result of the vote that was conducted in closed session without giving further details. However, all eight Republicans and two of the seven Democrats on the panel earlier expressed support for Haspel. The remaining five Democrats had announced their opposition.

The confirmation vote by the full Senate could occur before the end of the week.

The interrogation program became one of the darkest chapters of the CIA's history and tainted America's image worldwide after the Sept. 11 attacks. Critics opposed Haspel's nomination in part because of her role supervising a secret CIA detention site in Thailand for several months in 2002.

Haspel has not disclosed any details of what she did in connection with the interrogation program or say whether she thought it had been immoral.

But during her confirmation hearing last week, she said she doesn't believe torture works as an interrogation technique and that her "strong moral compass" would prevent her from carrying out any presidential order she found objectionable.

"With the benefit of hindsight and my experience as a senior agency leader, the enhanced interrogation program is not one the CIA should have undertaken," according to Haspel's written answers to some 60 additional questions from lawmakers.

Attention now turns to the vote by the full Senate, which has not yet been scheduled. Haspel has already won the backing of several Democrats. The only Senate Republicans who are not expected to vote for her are Kentucky's Rand Paul and Arizona's John McCain, who is battling cancer and is not expected to be present for the ballot.

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4 charged with tainting cupcakes with fluids

CT WINCHESTER — Police charged four people they say brought cupcakes tainted with bodily fluids to their Connecticut school last year.

Two boys and two girls, whose names are not being released because they were juveniles at the time of the alleged actions, were charged Monday with offenses including fourth-degree sexual assault and second-degree breach of peace.

Police started investigating last June after getting complaints that the students brought cupcakes to The Gilbert School that were tainted with bodily fluids. Authorities have not specified the fluid.

Marriage proposal upstaged by 3-year-old

MI BAY CITY — A Michigan boy found a way to make his mark on the occasion of his mother's marriage proposal.

Allyssa Anter said "yes" Saturday to the question popped by her boyfriend, Kevin Przytula. Video shows the bride-to-be and man on bended knee are blissfully unaware that right next to them, 3-year-old Owen Anter had dropped his pants to urinate in front of Bay City's Ring of Friendship sculpture.

They were alerted to the pint-sized proposal crasher by the giggling videographer, Przytula's 11-year-old daughter, Kayleigh.

Beekeeper stung by \$20K hive heist

GA LULA — A Georgia beekeeper said thieves stole dozens of hives, taking off with up to \$20,000

worth of equipment.

Don Kuchenmeister told WSB-TV the hives disappeared Sunday morning.

With more than five decades of experience in beekeeping, including 35 years as a commercial beekeeper, Kuchenmeister operates Dixie Bee Supply in Banks County, where he often teaches disabled vets his craft.

He said the thieves likely had beekeeping experience and were looking to either resell the hives or use them to pollinate their own beekeeping business.

Men carjack ambulance, push worker out

PA PHILADELPHIA — Authorities said two men carjacked an ambulance in Philadelphia and pushed its driver out of the moving vehicle following a struggle.

The 32-year-old victim told police he was working in the back of the ambulance with the engine running when the two men got in.

The worker struggled for several minutes with one man before he was pushed from the ambulance.

The worker then called 911 and his company. They began tracking the ambulance, which was driven about a mile before police stopped it and took the man driving it into custody.

Scientists help track all known asteroids

AZ FLAGSTAFF — A five-person team of scientists at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff helps maintain a giant database of the orbits of all 775,092 known asteroids in the solar system.

The Arizona Daily Sun reported the team, thanks to funding from NASA, now is working to update the database and beef it up with information about the

objects' physical characteristics such as color, mass, shape, size and rotational period.

Team member Nick Moskovitz says hundreds of thousands of those types of measurements have already been made and are stored in other databases or archives.

The goal of the NASA-funded project is to bring all of that into one place so researchers can better analyze it and make connections between different datasets.

Family reunited with lost dog found 4 years later

OH TOLEDO — A dog that ran away from a Lansing, Mich., family four years ago has been reunited with them after being found more than 100 miles away in Ohio and identified through a microchip.

The Blade reported a Toledo police officer found 12-year-old Bambi wandering a neighborhood and took her to Lucas County Canine Care & Control.

Bradley Wieferrich said he was surprised by the call from a microchip company telling him Bambi had been found.

Bambi and the Wieferrich family were reunited in Toledo a week ago.

150-pound sea turtle released off Florida Keys

FL MARATHON — A female loggerhead sea turtle was released off the Florida Keys, after convalescing for about three months at the Keys-based Turtle Hospital.

Hundreds of spectators applauded hospital staff Saturday as they released "Judy," a 150-pound juvenile that was found entangled in a fishing trap line off the Lower Keys in early February.

The reptile was treated with

antibiotics, vitamins, lactulose and a diet of squid and fish. Even though her left rear flipper was amputated, as a result of the entanglement, "Judy" is expected to do well.

Auto museum looking for a new home

IN KOKOMO — An automotive museum in a central Indiana city with a long history in the U.S. auto industry is looking for a new home.

The Kokomo Automotive Museum is set to close its doors May 18 after its current lease at the Kokomo Event and Conference Center ends.

Development director Jeff Shively told the Kokomo Tribune the museum's rent was set to increase "tremendously."

Kokomo has been part of the auto industry since 1894. That's when Elwood Haynes invented one of the first automobiles in the U.S. in the city about 40 miles north of Indianapolis.

\$1M lottery prize not claimed 1 month later

IA NEVADA — Iowa Lottery officials say someone has a \$1 million prize waiting to be claimed.

The winning numbers were purchased at a Casey's General Store in Nevada for a prize announced April 11.

The winner has until April 11, 2019, to claim the prize.

Lottery spokeswoman Mary Neubauer said it's unusual for such a large prize to be unclaimed for nearly a month.

The store will still receive a \$1,000 bonus even if the ticket isn't claimed.

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Celtics dominate Cavs, take 2-0 lead

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Celtics punched the Cavaliers first and never looked back in rolling to a Game 1 rout.

LeBron James took a literal shot to the jaw in Game 2 but kept right on scoring.

So did the Celtics.

Jaylen Brown scored 23 points and Boston withstood a 42-point night by James to beat Cleveland 107-94 on Tuesday and take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

Terry Rozier added 18 points, while Al Horford finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Boston improved to 9-0 this postseason at TD Garden. The Celtics have never blown a 2-0 series lead in the playoffs.

"We're going to fight," Rozier said. "At this point we don't care if we win by half a point. If we win, that's all that matters."

James added 12 assists and 10 rebounds. He scored 21 of Cleveland's 27 points in the first quarter, tying his playoff career high for points in a period. His 42 points marked his fifth 40-point game of this

postseason. James had just 15 points and missed all five of his three-point attempts in the Cavs' Game 1 loss.

But he didn't seem to play with the same force after straining his neck in a first-half collision and the Cavaliers wilted in the second half, with the Celtics outscoring them 59-39.

"I think I'll be fine. I'm not going to lose sleep over it. You go out and when you lay everything on the line, at the end of the day, you can live with that," he said. "They did what they had to do, and that was protect home, and now it's our time to try to do that, as well."

Kevin Love finished with 22 points and 15 rebounds for Cleveland.

As expected, Tristan Thompson started in place of Kyle Korver in the hopes his presence could energize what was a sluggish Cavs offense in Game 1. Thompson got Cleveland's first basket of the night and helped to limit Horford's effectiveness on the inside early on.

Korver added 11 points off the bench for Cleveland. But starters Thompson, JR Smith and

George Hill combined for just 11 points on 5-of-17 shooting.

Tempers flared with 3:49 to play with Boston leading 97-89. Marcus Smart got in Smith's face after Smith pushed Horford in the back to prevent a layup. Smith shoved Smart and the pair had to be separated.

Smith was assessed a flagrant foul and both received technical fouls.

"I felt like it was uncalled for that type of play there," Horford said. "We have each other's backs. ... We moved on to the next play way and we locked in after that."

Smith said there was no malicious intent on the play.

"I blatantly pushed him. It wasn't like I was trying to low bridge him or something. Just make sure he didn't get it," Smith said. "It was a good, hard foul."

Boston's balanced attack was effective again, with six players reaching double figures. Cleveland had 15 turnovers leading to 13 Boston points. The Celtics turned it over just six times.

Boston led 84-77 after three quarters and took command

late in the fourth with the Cavs getting little offense other than from James. Cleveland's starters were pulled with 1:48 left and the Cavs down 14.

James was on the attack from the opening tip. He turned the ball over the Cavs' first possession. But it was one of his only miscues in the first quarter.

James was also astoundingly efficient, using his dribble to create space, while he knocked down an assortment of jump shots.

He finished the opening quarter 8-for-13 from the field and 4 of 7 from the three-point line.

His momentum was stunted briefly at the 3:50 mark of the second quarter, when Jayson Tatum was whistled for a foul after catching James jaw with his shoulder as he attempted a steal. James stayed in the game and connected on one of his ensuing free throws, but then exited to the locker room with Cleveland leading 47-36.

The Cavaliers said James had a neck sprain. He returned after missing less than two minutes of game time.

Suns win NBA Draft lottery; Kings second

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Phoenix general manager Ryan McDonough was on stage moments after the NBA draft lottery ended, talking about the future of the Suns and mentioning how they had the best odds of picking No. 1 overall.

And then he stopped to correct himself.

"We have No. 1," McDonough said. "I've got to adjust to that."

It's an adjustment that he and the Suns will happily be making.

The worst team in the league this season will pick first in the NBA Draft on June 21, after the Suns won the draft lottery on Tuesday night. It's the first time the Suns will have the chance to make the first overall selection.

"It's great for our franchise," said McDonough, whose club went 21-61 this season and missed the playoffs for an eighth consecutive year. "It's something that you say coming into it, you don't have any control over it so you're not going to get nervous. And I was here dying. I could barely breathe. I needed an oxygen tank."

The Suns have three great candidates for No. 1, all with ties to either Arizona or new Phoenix coach Igor Kokoskov. Arizona freshman center Deandre Ayton is widely expected to be a strong candidate to go No. 1 overall, and he was at the lottery to watch the Suns win the pick. So was Duke's Marvin Bagley III, an Arizona native.

And Kokoskov is particularly familiar with Slovenia's Luka Doncic, who will be coming to the NBA from Real Madrid. Kokoskov coached Slovenia — and Doncic — to the gold medal at the European championships last summer.

"We have a small target grouping in mind, but we're not going to rule anything out at this point," McDonough said. "I think we'll have a great choice, no matter who we select."

The Suns were big winners.

So were Sacramento and Atlanta.

Sacramento will pick No. 2 and Atlanta got the No. 3 pick — both of them moving up and bucking some odds to get there. The top three spots were determined by the lottery, and then spots 4-14 fell in line of re-

verse order of record.

Sacramento had an 18.3 percent chance entering the lottery of moving into the top three, while Atlanta's move-up was really just a slightly bigger upset than a coin-flip — the Hawks came into the night with a 42.3 percent chance of getting picks 1, 2 or 3.

"No big deal. It's a deep draft," Kings vice president and general manager Vlade Divac said. "We're going to do our job and obviously, I'm glad that we played the last two years to develop guys and try to win games. You cannot develop guys if you don't teach them how to win."

The Hawks, like the Suns, got their lottery result one day after introducing a new coach. Lloyd Pierce is taking over in Atlanta.

The rest of the slots, in order, went to No. 4 Memphis, No. 5 Dallas, No. 6 Orlando, No. 7 Chicago, No. 8 Cleveland, No. 9 New York, No. 10 Philadelphia, No. 11 Charlotte, No. 12 and No. 13 Los Angeles Clippers, and No. 14 Denver.

The draft is June 21 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Lightning top Caps, cut deficit to 2-1

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
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WASHINGTON — Victor Hedman figured all the Tampa Bay Lightning needed to get back on track was a shift in momentum.

The big defenseman took it upon himself to provide it.

Hedman scored his first goal of the playoffs and added two assists, and Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 36 of 38 shots to help the Lightning beat the Washington Capitals 4-2 in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference final Tuesday night and cut their series deficit to 2-1. Hedman had the primary assist on power-play goals by Steven Stamkos and Nikita Kucherov and was a key part of three big penalty kills for Tampa Bay.

"I'm put in a position to produce, and I put that pressure on myself to do it," said Hedman, who has a goal and 10 assists during an eight-game point streak. "For me, it's about

being effective at all ends of the ice and trying to be a difference-maker every time I step on it."

Hedman was dominant all over the ice as Tampa Bay looked like an entirely different team than the one that lost the first two games of the series at home and now has a chance to tie it in Game 4 on Thursday. The Norris Trophy finalist who played a team-high 25:08 was most proud of successful penalty kills.

"He's a perennial Norris guy," Stamkos said of Hedman. "We can't describe how good he is out there. We rely on him a ton, he's a horse and most nights if he's going well, we're going well as a team. Another big effort for him tonight, and you could see we all followed suit."

It wasn't perfect, but it was a more complete effort from Tampa Bay, which jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Brett Connolly answered for Washington

in the second. Brayden Point's goal less than five minutes later allowed the Atlantic Division champions to play with a comfortable lead that survived Evgeny Kuznetsov's 6-on-5 goal with 3:02 remaining.

Vasilevskiy was a big part of holding on to the lead as he made seven saves on the penalty kill as part of a bounce-back performance after being criticized for his play earlier in the series. It wasn't perfect, but the Lightning began to make it up to Vasilevskiy for hanging him out to dry on so many odd-man rushes in Games 1 and 2 by improving their defensive-zone play.

"We always feel like we owe him," defenseman Anton Stralman said. "He's our best player. He's always there, he's always there for us and tonight we did a good job in front of him. I think that gives him some confidence, too, that he knows we're on and that's the way it should be."

The Capitals outshot the Lightning 38-23 but didn't help goaltender Braden Holtby with six minor penalties. Holtby allowed four goals but was helpless on the one-timers on the power play by Stamkos and Kucherov — the 10th and 11th Tampa Bay power-play goals over a streak of seven games with at least one.

"We know both teams have pretty good special teams, and if we're going to play like that, they're going to use it," said Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin, who combined with Kuznetsov to put 21 shots on net. "Obviously, you can see we didn't score, they scored."

Tampa Bay got two injury scares in the third period when Stamkos hobbled off after taking a slap shot from teammate Braydon Coburn in the right knee and Tyler Johnson was cross-checked by Michal Kempny. Each returned minutes later.

Mariners ponder lineup without Cano

BY TIM BOOTH
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SEATTLE — Mariners general manager Jerry Dipoto felt disappointment first when he learned of Robinson Cano's 80-game suspension for violating baseball's drug agreement.

Then he thought about the opportunities.

"I think you all have figured out that I'm an optimistic person by nature," Dipoto said Tuesday. "And it turned into, 'All right, how do we turn this into as positive as we can and solve the problem?'"

Seattle has rarely fielded the starting lineup it envisioned this season and yet it has stuck around a competitive AL West race. But none of its previous absences will be impactful as the loss of Cano, an All-Star second baseman suspended Tuesday after testing positive for Furosemide, a diuretic that can be used to mask performance-enhancing drugs.

Dipoto said Cano's loss "really leaves an impression." It also ups the pressure on the GM to make a move to keep the Mariners' playoff aspirations alive. Lucky for him, he has a couple of assets working in his favor — a Gold Glove Award-winning second baseman in Dee Gordon already on the roster, and possibly an unexpected influx of cash.

Seattle was already going to be without Cano for a bit after he broke a bone in his right hand this weekend. Gordon Beckham and Andrew Romine were expected to handle second base in the short term, and that still seems like the plan. But center fielder Gordon is only a few years removed from winning a Gold Glove at the keystone, and the organization has some outfield depth in the upper levels of the minor leagues.

Still, it would be a reversal of the efforts made in transitioning Gordon to the outfield after he was acquired via trade last

offseason. It's not set the move will happen, but Gordon was already taking infield practice before Tuesday's game.

"I came here to help this team win," Gordon said. "We've got some of the best players in the world on this team. I definitely never imagined this. I was all in on playing center field. I'm not going to sit here and tell you that some days when it didn't go too well in center that I didn't wish I was back at second. But this was the circumstances we have and we just have to continue to move forward."

Dipoto said Gordon's flexibility allows Seattle to look at both outfield and infield options if it seeks an upgrade outside the organization.

"Moving outside, we can now look at the potential for second basemen, we could look at the potential for outfielders — people who can help our team get better," Dipoto said. "The good news is we have answers to supplement our outfield program."

The suspension also means Seattle unexpectedly has an \$11 million windfall it did not expect, since Cano won't be paid during his ban. There are areas where the Mariners could use the money to address issues — either through player signings or taking on salary via trade — but that's dependent on management unlocking those funds for Dipoto.

The bullpen would be an area of focus. The Mariners invested significant money in Juan Nicasio to be their eighth-inning setup man, but in his previous six outings, Nicasio has allowed 15 hits and eight earned runs in 4¹/₃ innings. Lefty specialist Marc Rzepczynski has also struggled with a 10.13 ERA and has just two appearances since April 27.

"That's part of this. This has been less than 24 hours that we've had a chance to process this and not something we've spent a great deal of time," Dipoto said of spending money.

Piscotty's emotional HR helps lift A's

Associated Press

BOSTON — With a hand on his heart and a quick glance to the sky, Stephen Piscotty made an emotional salute to his late mother and helped the Oakland Athletics win in his return to the lineup.

Hours after being reinstated from the bereavement list and flying cross-country to join the A's in Boston, Piscotty hit a towering home run out of Fenway Park in his first at-bat Tuesday night as Oakland beat the Boston Red Sox 5-3.

"It was pure joy. It's been an emotional week," said Piscotty, whose mother, Gretchen, died May 6 after a one-year battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. She was 55.

Piscotty had missed four games to be with his family as they grieved the loss and celebrated Gretchen's life. He slowly made his way around the bases, then after rounding third placed his right hand over his heart and patted it with a glance to the sky.

"Coming around third, I just immediately started thinking about my mom and kind of put my hand over my chest like she would do," Piscotty said.

It was a touching moment for anyone aware of what Piscotty and his family had been through.

"To hit a home run in his first at-bat like that, there's something in the air. Probably Gretchen," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "It was like a walkoff. The guys just embraced him when he got in the dugout."

Melvin actually gave Piscotty the option to sit out Tuesday, when he got a ride to the airport around 3:45 a.m. in California for a flight to Boston. Piscotty, who said he still felt like he was on West Coast time, declined the option.

"He wanted to play. He's on little sleep, a lot of adrenaline," Melvin said. "I know he was really looking forward to that first at-bat. To be able to do what he did tells you a little something about him."

Piscotty drove an 0-2 pitch from Edu-

ardo Rodriguez out to left in the second inning. Piscotty's third homer of the season was his only hit of the night and put the A's up 3-0. Matt Chapman and Mark Canha had two RBIs apiece for the A's, who took the first two games of the series against the struggling Red Sox.

Andrew Benintendi homered for Boston and Mitch Moreland finished with a pair of doubles for the Red Sox, who have struggled since their torrid start to the season.

Daniel Mengden (3-4) pitched six solid innings for Oakland, scattering eight hits and holding Boston to two runs — one earned — and struck out three. Blake Treinen finished it off for his eighth save of the season and Oakland improved to 4-1 against Boston this season.

"We haven't been able to put them away," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "They're young and it seems like they're turning a corner. Whatever they're doing over there is pretty good."

MLB roundup

Cubs throw out 2 at home, rally past Braves

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Willson Contreras threw one away, then made the tag at home plate to keep the Braves off the scoreboard in the very first inning.

Turns out, the Chicago catcher was just getting warmed up.

Contreras threw out runners at home and third during a wild fifth inning, and the Cubs rallied for two runs in the ninth to stun first-place Atlanta 3-2 on Tuesday night.

"We'll take it," Chicago manager Joe Maddon said.

This one really stung for the Braves, who were coming off a 6-1 road trip that propelled them to the best record in the National League.

They were fuming after two questionable calls on the basepaths in the fifth ruined a potentially big inning.

With the game tied at 1 in the fifth, the Braves put runners at first and third with no outs.

Mike Montgomery's pitch skipped past Contreras but caught a fortuitous ricochet, bouncing right back to the

catcher so he could make a quick throw to Montgomery covering home. Johan Camargo was called out by plate umpire Jim Wolf. The Braves challenged, and at least one replay angle appeared to show Camargo getting his left hand to the plate a split-second ahead of the tag.

After a two-minute review, the call was upheld.

"There wasn't enough evidence to overturn it, I guess," Braves manager Brian Snitker said with a shrug.

The manager was angry again when another pitch got away from Contreras. Charlie Culberson broke for third and appeared to get a foot to the bag before Kris Bryant tagged his ankle, but he was called out.

With no more challenges, there was nothing the Braves could do.

After Ronald Acuna Jr. broke a 1-1 tie with a mammoth homer in the eighth, the Cubs bounced back against Atlanta closer Arodys Vizcaino. Back-to-back doubles by Albert Almora Jr. and Addison Russell tied it at 2,

and Ben Zobrist came through with a two-out, run-scoring single off Vizcaino (1-2).

Chicago's Yu Darvish returned from the disabled list after a bout with the flu, only to work just four innings because of cramping.

Marlins 4, Dodgers 2: Host Los Angeles went 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position against Wei-Yin Chen and four relievers and were beaten by a last-place team for the fifth straight game.

Padres 4, Rockies 0: Jordan Lyles came (1-1) within five outs of a perfect game and the first no-hitter in host San Diego history before allowing Trevor Story's single.

Mariners 9, Rangers 8 (11): Guillermo Heredia's single to left-center drove in Ryon Healy from second base in the 11th inning to lift host Seattle.

Mets 12, Blue Jays 2: Noah Syndergaard (3-1) won for the first time in five weeks, knocking in two early runs against the team that traded him to rouse a sluggish host New York offense.

Diamondbacks 2, Brewers

1: Daniel Descalso singled home Jarrod Dyson with two outs in the eighth inning, and host Arizona snapped a six-game losing streak.

Pirates 7, White Sox 0: Trevor Williams (5-2) scattered six hits in seven innings, and Adam Frazier homered to start a four-run first for host Pittsburgh.

Tigers 9, Indians 8: JaCoby Jones homered and doubled, and host Detroit rallied in a five-run seventh as Andrew Miller (1-2) allowed two inherited runners to score and gave up two runs of his own. Pete Kozma hit a tying, two-run double, and Miller walked John Hicks with the bases loaded.

Twins 4, Cardinals 1: Bobby Wilson hit his first home run since Sept. 21, 2016, for visiting Tampa Bay, a two-run drive off Luke Gregerson that capped a three-run seventh.

Rays 6, Royals 5: Jonny Venters (1-0) got two outs for his first victory since Sept. 27, 2012, with Atlanta. The left-hander had been out since 2012 due to four major elbow surgeries.