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US issues steep demands for Iran deal

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Monday launched a sweeping broadside against the Iranian government, vowing to use all U.S. economic and military might to destroy its economy and "crush" its operatives and proxies around the world.

In his first major foreign policy address as secretary of state, Pompeo listed a dozen demands, an agenda encompassing Iran's foreign policy ventures as well as its nuclear and missile programs. If Iran agrees to those demands, he said, the U.S. would lift sanctions, re-establish diplomatic relations with Tehran and provide it access to technology.

Pompeo said he will work with the Defense Department and regional allies — a group that includes Israel, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States — to "deter Iranian aggression in the region, including at sea and in cyberspace.

"We will ensure freedom of navigation on the waters in the region," he said in a speech at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank whose ideas have been embraced by the Trump administration. "We will work to prevent and counteract any Iranian malign cyberactivity. We will track down Iranian operatives and their Hezbollah proxies operating around the world and crush them. Iran will never again have carte blanche to dominate the Middle East."

State Department officials say the aim of the speech is to outline a path forward after President Donald Trump announced he would withdraw the U.S. from the 2015 landmark nuclear deal with Iran and

reimpose sanctions, a decision that immediately puts the United States in breach of its commitments.

The Treasury Department already has reimposed sanctions on the head of Iran's Central Bank and other companies and groups, and Pompeo warned, "The Iranian regime should know that this is just the beginning.

"After our sanctions come into full force, it will be battling to keep its economy alive," he added. "Iran will be forced to make a choice: Either fight to keep its economy off life support at home or keep squandering precious wealth on fights abroad. It will not have the resources to do both."

In his speech, Pompeo gave short shrift to what the administration has been calling "fixes" to the nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. Rather, he demanded Iran's complete capitulation on 12 points. Judging by its reaction to similar proposals made previously, Tehran is likely to reject most, if not all, of them.

Among the items on Pompeo's wish list is a full acknowledgment of its previous attempts to develop a nuclear weapon. Iran has denied ever wanting to build nuclear arms. Even though U.S.

negotiators tried to get Iran to admit it tried to build one in the early 2000s, Tehran refused.

The Iranians are unlikely to go along with any of Pompeo's demands, including a stop to uranium enrichment and ballistic missile tests, and allowing international inspectors access to all sites. He also demanded Iran release all U.S. citizens imprisoned on a variety of charges, including espionage, as well as citizens of countries allied with the U.S.

Pompeo was aiming to answer the question of what happens next following Trump's announcement this month that he was pulling the U.S. out of the Iran nuclear deal. Many European allies have not disguised their irritation at the Trump administration over its positions on Iran, the Paris climate accord, moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and trade tariffs. "With friends like that, who needs enemies," European Council President Donald Tusk said recently.

Feeding an aircraft carrier crew on mission a mammoth job

By Scott Wyland

Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS HARRY S. TRUMAN — An aircraft carrier galley buzzing with activity looks like an oversized restaurant kitchen. Personnel in paper hats and uniforms slice meat, stick gloved hands into gooey concoctions and tend sizzling grills. They scurry past giant mixers and pull freshly baked food from ovens.

The difference is that these cooks — known as culinary specialists — must feed about 5,500 people on the USS Harry S. Truman while it's in the eastern Mediterranean launching sorties against Islamic State.

Ensuring crews are well fed in a combat operation is important to maintain morale and energy as sailors work longer hours with fewer breaks.

Cooking for a floating city adds up to about 17,300 meals a day. Even with 114 sailors pitching in, that seems like culinary magic. But those who oversee this mammoth job say organization, multitasking and teamwork are key.

"Deployment forces you to be a unit," said Chief Petty Officer Naomi Goodwyn, who's in charge of preparing officers' meals. "We rely heavily on each other."

In a day, the ship's crews can go through 1,600 pounds of

chicken, 160 gallons of milk, 30 cases of cereal and 350 pounds of lettuce, said Goodwyn.

Cooking at the homeport is much less intensive because sailors have other places they can eat, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandi Royal, who makes meals for E-6s and below. "On deployment, there's nowhere else to go, so it's mass production we've got to adjust to," Royal said.

Everything is made in bulk. Cooks must constantly prep food, do several different jobs and train to take on new tasks, she said, adding that versatility is essential.

The cooks' culinary experience before joining the Navy

can vary significantly, Goodwyn said. "Everything from chefs to people who never boiled water before."

The hardest task is getting junior staffers to the desired skill level as they deal with a more intense pace and workload while deployed, she said.

Keeping the carrier's seven galleys adequately stocked is vital. A supply ship delivers 400,000 to 1 million pounds of food every seven to 10 days.

The cooks strive to make the high volume of food they prepare enjoyable because the ship's morale is closely tied to what sailors eat, Goodwyn said.

"Everything in life is surrounded by food," she said.

Philippines worried about China's bombers

By SETH ROBSON Stars and Stripes

The Philippines has expressed "serious concerns" and vowed to take "appropriate diplomatic action" over Chinese long-range bombers operating in disputed parts of the South China Sea.

The China Daily newspaper reported Saturday that China's air force had conducted takeoff and landing training with H-6K bombers in the sea, where Beijing has built up and militarized tiny islets also claimed by several of its neighbors.

Using Chinese social media posts, the Washington-based Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative identified the location of the exercise as Woody Island, China's largest base in the Paracel chain.

With a combat radius of nearly 1,900 nautical miles, the H-6K bomber would be able to reach all of Southeast Asia from Woody Island, the think tank said, according to a story published Saturday by The Associated Press.

The Philippines hasn't independently verified that the bombers were in the area, Reuters news agency reported, quoting Harry Roque, a spokesman for Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte.

"But we take note of the reports that appeared and we express our serious concerns anew on its impact to efforts to maintain peace and stability in the region," he said.

The Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs said it is monitoring the area.

"We are taking the appropriate diplomatic action necessary to protect our claims and will continue to do so in the future," a statement said. "We reiterate our commitment to protect every single inch of our territory and areas which we have sovereign rights over."

The U.S. and the Philippines have clashed with China over access to disputed South China Sea waters. In 2016, the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague ruled in the Philippines' favor in a dispute with China over fishing access to

Scarborough Shoal. China has ignored the ruling, and Duterte sidestepped the issue in a bid to establish closer relations with Beijing.

However, U.S.-Philippines relations improved last year with American troops' support of Filipino soldiers as they battled Islamic militants in the south. Meanwhile, China continued to militarize outposts on disputed sea territory.

Earlier this month, the U.S. and the Philippines kicked off their largest multinational Balikatan drills under Duterte, who sought to scale down America's military presence in his country after taking office in June 2016.

Syria: Capital free of militants after defeat of ISIS

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria's military said Monday it has retaken the last neighborhoods in southern Damascus held by Islamic State and declared the Syrian capital and its surroundings "completely safe" from militants for the first time in nearly seven years.

Reading an army statement on Syrian TV, Gen. Ali Mayhoub said the army captured the former ISIS strongholds in the Palestinian Yarmouk camp and Hajar al-Aswad after a monthlong campaign. He said the army operations were "concentrated and successive," leading to the extremists' defeat in the city.

The gains by President Bashar Assad's troops bring greater Damascus — including the capital's far-flung suburbs — fully under government control for the first time since the civil war began in 2011.

"Damascus and its surroundings are completely secure," Mayhoub said.

State TV said earlier that government forces resumed an offensive at noon after a group of

civilians was evacuated from the area overnight. Two hours later, the TV said troops captured ISIS' former stronghold of Hajar al-Aswad and broadcast images showing troops waving the Syrian national flag in the heavily damaged neighborhood.

A war-monitoring group said some 1,600 people, including hundreds of ISIS gunmen, left the area on Saturday and Sunday, heading toward the desert east of the country following a deal with the government. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said

government forces are now clearing the nearby Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk, a built-up residential area, of the last remaining ISIS fighters. It said the month of fighting left scores of dead on both sides.

The TV earlier quoted an unnamed Syrian military official as saying the two-day truce had been in place to evacuate women, children and the elderly on Sunday night from Hajar al-Aswad. Syrian state media denied a deal was reached to evacuate fighters.

Kilauea lava enters ocean, creates toxic cloud in Hawaii

Associated Press

PAHOA, Hawaii — White plumes of acid and extremely fine shards of glass billowed into the sky over Hawaii as molten rock from Kilauea volcano poured into the ocean, creating yet another hazard from an eruption that began more than two weeks ago.

Authorities on Sunday warned the public to stay away

from the toxic steam cloud, which is formed by a chemical reaction when lava touches seawater

Further upslope, lava continued to gush out of large cracks in the ground that formed in residential neighborhoods in a rural part of the Big Island. The molten rock formed rivers that bisected forests and farms as it meandered toward the coast.

The rate of sulfur dioxide gas shooting from the ground fissures tripled, leading Hawaii County to repeat warnings about air quality.

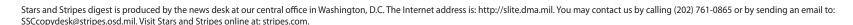
At the volcano's summit, two explosive eruptions unleashed clouds of ash. Winds carried much of the ash toward the southwest.

Joseph Kekedi, an orchid grower who lives and works

about 3 miles from where lava dropped into the sea, said luckily the flow didn't head toward him. At one point, it was about a mile upslope from his property in the coastal community of Kapoho.

He said residents can't do much but stay informed and be ready to get out of the way.

"Here's nature reminding us again who's boss," Kekedi said.



Mini-sub's control room to be exhibit

(Bremerton, Wash.) Kitsap Sun

BREMERTON, Wash. — The U.S. Naval Undersea Museum at Keyport has a new addition to its archives — the salvaged control room of the famed, one-of-a-kind, Cold War-era, miniature submersible NR-1.

Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, the father of the nuclear Navy, conceived the idea for the "Nerwin," as it was affectionately known by its crewmembers, following the loss of the submarine USS Thresher in 1963.

After the tragedy that claimed the lives of all 129 crew and civilians aboard, Rickover dreamed up the idea for the small, deep submergence vessel with a compact nuclear propulsion plant and wheels that could drive along the ocean floor to increase the Navy's investigative abilities in the deep.

The 145-foot-long NR-1, which was 13 feet in diameter, was launched Jan. 25, 1969. During the next 40 years, the sub undertook a variety of missions — including searches, recoveries, oceanographic research, geological surveys and installing and maintaining underwater equipment — as well as countless military missions that are still classified today.

To date, the mini-sub is the only nuclearpowered research submarine ever built or operated.

Among some of its most notable declassified escapades, the NR-1 recovered an F-14 fighter aircraft lost in the Atlantic Ocean in 1976, recovered lost components of the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986, surveyed the wreckage of the Titanic's sister ship HMHS Britannic in 1995, discovered three ancient Roman shipwrecks in the Mediterranean Sea in the late 1990s and investigated the remains of the Civil Warera ironclad USS Monitor.

The submarine was inactivated on Nov. 21, 2008. It arrived a year later at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, where it sat atop a barge for almost the next eight years until the recycling process began in January 2017, said shipyard spokesman J.C. Mathews.

Before the shipyard's first cutting torch ever began to peel away scrap metal, the shipyard and the Naval Undersea Museum started to explore the prospect of preserving components of the historic sub.

PSNS commander Capt. Howard Markle formally transferred ownership of the control room from the shipyard to the museum during a ceremony May 8.

"It's a proud moment for us to be able to present this to the museum," Markle said. "We're grateful for their willingness to accept it for eventual display, and we're especially thankful for their commitment to educating the community — and our Navy family — on the men and women, the ves-

sels, the mission and the legacy of our Navy's undersea warfighters."

For the time being, the control room will remain a part of the museum's archives until space can be found to display it in the museum's already packed galleries, said museum curator Mary Ryan.

During the process of recycling the sub, shipyard marine mechanic Charles Dastrup was tasked with removing the components of the control room and reassembling them outside the sub in his workshop.

It took Dastrup, who has worked at the shipyard for the past decade, two weeks to remove everything in the control room. Certain items, like the cabinets, had to be taken apart and lifted through the sub's small hatch because they were too large to fit through it in their entirety.

From there, all of the components were boxed up and shipped to the Dastrup's shop at the shipyard. Once the front of the ship was cut away a few months later, crews removed the blue decking from the control room floor and shipped them to Dastrup's shop.

"And then I just basically had to reassemble everything," Dastrup said. "We had to make sure everything was labeled and put back together in the right, correct spot."

Dastrup used pictures of the inside of the control room as a map to ensure the authenticity of where all of the pieces went.

Former NR-1 submariner Richard Emerson, who served aboard the vessel from 2000 to 2003, said being a part of the Nerwin's crew was an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"It was just a really neat experience," Emerson said. "It was one of those things that I'm glad I did, but I would never do again. There's a reason why they select you to do it when you're young."

Right before he retired from the Navy, Emerson saw NR-1 sitting on the barge, awaiting recycling at the shipyard. Soon afterward, Emerson started working at the shipyard and one day was called to do a security review of the control room to make sure all classified materials and documents had been removed.

"Of course, all classified items had been removed, and that's when I found out the control room was going to be displayed." he said. "I'm glad there's a piece of history that, moving forward, people will be able to see the experience."

While aboard, Emerson served as electrical division officer and maintenance coordinator, as well as a Navy diver to support dive operations. He served as a chief nuclear electrician's mate before receiving a commission and retired as an ensign.

Because the sub was a one-of-a-kind piece of machinery, it presented an abun-

dance of repair work challenges. When something broke, no stockpile of replacement parts existed and a substitute couldn't be pilfered from another vessel of the same class to get underway.

"So we'd have to go back and overhaul something from the ground up, using as much of new technology as you can to meet the old requirements, or we'd have to contract out to have someone build something from scratch," Emerson said.

The submersible typically had 15 permanent crewmembers and, while underway, anywhere between eight and 11 people were aboard while submerged for a mission.

"It was tight living," Emerson said.

The sub was one level with a center aisle from the aft deck to the forward end. It had only four racks, a convection oven for heating meals and no shower.

To get some sleep while underway, the crew would lie on mattresses in the walkway and on hanging racks in the overhead area. Those moving about had to step over the sailors sleeping below and duck those sleeping above.

The little sub didn't have the propulsion power to transit the ocean quickly, so it had to be towed everywhere by support vessel the Carolyn Chouest — a flat-bottomed, oceangoing tug that didn't cut the waves very well.

"It got pretty rough sometimes," Emerson said.

NR-1's workload was split between military and scientific missions. Occasionally, scientists and researchers from universities with oceanographic interests would tag along for deepwater exploration.

"We had really sophisticated sonar, so we could look at the bottom pretty good from a pretty good distance," Emerson said.

Emerson has many memories from his time aboard the sub, but some stand out.

In one instance, the NR-1 crew worked with a retired U.S. Coast Guard chief who was researching a book on sunken World War II-era dirigibles. One dirigible he was researching, the USS Akron, sank off of the coast of New Jersey in 1933 after a strong gust of wind knocked the airship toward the water. The fuselage's wreckage had never been discovered.

"We went to the most likely area where it should be and then 'mowed the grass,' which is basically doing a bottom grid with our sonar and then just keep going back and forth," Emerson said.

"We just did that for quite a few days, and were getting near the end of our tour, and then we found the tail section of the Akron and we were able to track that to the fuselage."



US, China reach trade war truce

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday hailed his administration's temporary truce with China on trade, even as his Treasury secretary and China struck a note of caution on the latest agreement.

After high-level talks in Washington last week, Beijing has agreed to "substantially reduce" America's trade deficit with China.

Trump promised, will come out on top.

Both sides, however, have said there are no guarantees trade tensions are over. China hasn't said how much it's willing to reduce the U.S. trade gap.

Also left unclear is the issue of intellectual property. The U.S. has long accused Beijing of secretly stealing U.S. technology from American businesses.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who has been part of the U.S. negotiating team, is expected to go to China soon to follow up on last week's discussions.

A day after declaring the trade war "on hold," Mnuchin told CNBC on Monday that Trump is reserving the right to reimpose tariffs against Chinese goods if the two countries can't agree on specifics to bring down the massive trade deficit with Beijing.

Likewise, China's foreign ministry said details still have to be worked out.

"Given the increasing interaction between the two countries, we cannot assure you they will not encounter more frictions or disputes in the future," said spokesman Lu Kang.

Last year, the U.S. had a record \$376 billion deficit with China in the trade of goods; that was the largest by far with any nation.

Mnuchin has said to expect to see a big increase — 35 to 45 percent this year alone — in U.S. farm sales to China. Mnuchin also forecast a doubling in sales of U.S. energy products to the Chinese market, increasing energy exports by \$50 billion

to \$60 billion in the next three years to five years.

Farm sales could be key politically, as many Trump supporters in rural states say they feared a U.S. trade war with China would hurt their export business.

Trade analysts were not surprised that China refused to agree to a numerical target for cutting the trade gap, but they said the talks probably were more successful in easing trade tensions.

"The Trump administration seems eager to engineer at minimum a temporary peace with China to ensure a smooth run-up to the Kim-Trump summit in June," Cornell University economist Eswar Prasad said, referring to the June 12 meeting scheduled between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

If there is success in the U.S.-China discussions, analysts suggest it likely would involve the countries' presidents this fall before the November elections.

Directive could hurt terrorism victims

The Washington Post

Families of terrorism victims are warning the Trump administration may negotiate away \$150 million that a Chinese firm was expected to pay for violating U.S. sanctions — a move that they say would send a terrible message to global firms thinking of doing business with rogue regimes.

At issue is President Donald Trump's recent public statement urging the U.S. Commerce Department to find a way to help ZTE, a major Chinese telecom, stay in business. Advocates for terrorism attack victims say the remarks could have major consequences for a fund designed to compensate such victims.

Trump tweeted a week ago that he was working with China's president "to give massive Chinese phone company, ZTE, a way to get back into business, fast. ... Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!"

That message came days after ZTE said it would "cease major operating activities" because the Commerce Department had recently announced trade restrictions on the firm for violating the terms of a 2017 deal for the company's violations of U.S. sanctions.

Now, the Commerce Department is engaged in negotiations with ZTE that could ease the penalties against the firm, according to people familiar with the talks.

But to families who have lost loved ones to terrorism attacks, Trump's actions are important for entirely different reasons.

Under the terms of the 2017 plea deal ZTE struck with a number of U.S. government agencies, it agreed to combined fines of nearly \$1.2 billion — but \$300 million of that was suspended, to be paid only if the company violated its deal with Commerce.

Moon's diplomatic driver's seat at risk

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — For a few months, everything seemed to be clicking for South Korean President Moon Jae-in as he pieced together crucial nuclear negotiations between the U.S. and North Korea following a year of intense animosity.

But he now enters a White House meeting with President Donald Trump with his status in the diplomatic driver's seat in doubt.

Pyongyang's surprise move last week to break off a high-level meeting with Seoul over U.S.-South Korean military drills while threatening to cancel next month's summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Trump cooled what had been an unusual flurry of diplomatic moves from the country after a provocative series of nuclear and missile tests.

It also underscored Seoul's delicate role as an intermediary between Washington and Pyongyang and raised questions about Moon's claim that Kim has genuine intent to deal away his nukes.

Seoul may lose much of its voice if Trump chooses to deal more directly with China, North Korea's only major ally, which is refusing to be sidelined in the global diplomatic push to resolve the nuclear standoff.

Seoul's presidential office said this week's meet-

ing between Moon and Trump will be mainly focused on preparing Trump for his summit with Kim, scheduled for June 12 in Singapore.

Seoul insists Kim can be persuaded to abandon his nuclear facilities, materials and bombs in a verifiable and irreversible way in exchange for credible security and economic guarantees.

Moon and Trump will likely discuss potential steps Trump can put on the table in Singapore. Their meeting at the White House may also include discussions on setting up three-way talks with Pyongyang or four-way talks also including Beijing to negotiate a formal end to the 1950-53 Korean War.

Moon and Trump may exchange views on whether the allies should temporarily modify their joint military drills while engaging in denuclearization negotiations with North Korea, said Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University and a policy adviser to Moon.

South Korea maintains an optimistic outlook for the Trump-Kim talks. Moon's foreign minister, Kang Kyung-wha, told South Korean lawmakers last week that the North has issued a commitment for "complete denuclearization." However, she said there's a "difference in opinions between the North and the United States over the methods to achieve denuclearization."



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Boy pretends to be cop, robs blind man

NEW YORK — Police said a 14-year-old boy posing as a New York police officer was arrested for snatching a legally blind man's wallet in a Manhattan subway station — on pretense of helping him.

The youth was in custody Sunday after his mother turned him in, nearly a week after he fled the station at 34th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Police said he approached the 64-year-old man May 14, offering to lead him past a turnstile. Security video shows the teen unzipping the man's backpack and taking out the wallet.

Authorities did not release the name of the teen, who faces charges of grand larceny and criminal impersonation of a police officer.

Mail found in Postal Service trailer

ALLEN PARK — Investigators said they discovered 1,800 pieces of first-class mail that was headed for recycling in suburban Detroit.

The Postal Service inspector general said the mail was found in a trailer in March at an Allen Park facility, mixed with undeliverable bulk business mail. Some of the first-class mail was postmarked months earlier in November.

Postal Service spokeswoman Elizabeth Najduch said the first-class mail was recovered and delivered.

Man calls police for help disabling cannon

ME SKOWHEGAN — A Maine police chief said a Skowhegan home where a man called for help while trying to disable a black-powder cannon by drilling holes in it has

been secured.

Police said the person living in the home has been charged with criminal use of explosives.

Police were called Saturday night to the home after the occupant told police he was concerned about terrorists. Police said it appeared the occupant was under the influence of alcohol.

Skowhegan Police Chief David Bucknam said officers found chemicals inside the home, including gunpowder, bleach, gasoline, kerosene and other unknown substances.

Golf cart driver is charged after crash

Pennsylvania man was charged with drunken driving after losing control of his golf cart at a Delaware campsite. A woman riding in the cart was seriously injured.

Delaware State Police said Thomas Rivera, 47, of Lebanon, Pa., was driving a golf cart Saturday night at the Tuckahoe Acres Camping Resort in Dagsboro. A 47-year-old woman from Lebanon was riding with him.

Police said Rivera lost control of the cart. He and the woman were thrown from the cart onto the roadway.

Man charged with stealing bread truck

SC SIX MILE — A South Carolina man faces charges after authorities said he stole a bread truck and handed out loaves to people he encountered.

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office said the bread truck worth \$45,000 was taken from the parking lot of a dollar store.

Deputies said they arrested Kyle Daniel Moon, 27, and recovered the truck at his home in Six Mile. Witnesses said Moon was handing out bread to various people just before law officers arrived.

Man tasered after walking around naked

GULF BREEZE — A Florida deputy tasered a naked man who was wandering through a neighborhood during a rainstorm.

The Pensacola News-Journal reported Joseph John Musso, 63, was arrested last week and charged with loitering and prowling, lewd and lascivious behavior, resisting an officer without violence and exposure of sexual organs.

Authorities were called by a resident who said his security camera showed a naked man walking by the front door. A second person then called the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office and said they saw a naked man with an erection.

A deputy tried to apprehend Musso but he ran away. The deputy then fired his Taser at the man.

Families seek return of soldiers' remains

AK ANCHORAGE — The grandson of a Japanese colonel who died in a World War II battle on a far western Alaska island is requesting that soldiers' remains be returned to their homeland.

KTVA-TV reported Nobuyuki Yamazaki made the request during a gathering at an Anchorage library Thursday to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Attu.

The U.S. Army and Japanese troops engaged in May 1943 on the remote Aleutian island of Attu, which is now a federal wildlife refuge.

In a statement, Yamazaki said more than 2,300 Japanese soldiers' remains are on the island. He said their families want to bury them at home.

Trucker accused of evading years of tolls

TURNER — Maine State Police said they've nabbed a long-haul trucker who has been evading tolls for up to six years, avoiding more than \$1,300 in tolls in Maine alone.

Troopers said Friday that Danny Olson, 61, of Turner, avoided paying tolls by attaching license plates belonging to a deceased motorist and another man who was not involved in the scheme.

Police said charges include theft of services, illegal license plates and logbook violations.

The State Police Commercial Vehicle Unit had been working the case for several months.

Man accused of using fake FBI credentials

MO ST. LOUIS — A Missouri man who impersonated an FBI agent, a journalist and a newly hired employee of the St. Louis Blues hockey team was caught when he used a fake FBI ID with a police officer, according to an FBI agent.

FBI Special Agent Owen Cunningham's testified at a May 9 hearing for Mark Van Ronzelen's federal case, the St. Louis Dispatch reported. Defense attorney John Lynch had sought to have the 45-year-old released from jail before trial.

Van Ronzelen was initially indicted in April on felony charges of impersonating an FBI special agent and possession of a fraudulent FBI ID card.

Prosecutors added charges that alleged Van Ronzelen possessed other fake credentials, including a fake White House press pass, as well as equipment to make such documents.

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Curry scores 35 as Warriors rout Rockets

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry shook, shimmied and screamed, letting his adoring fans and the Rockets know that Oracle Arena was his house.

Once the two-time MVP got his groove back, Houston was helpless.

Curry scored 35 points with five three-pointers, shooting over James Harden and driving past him as the Golden State Warriors made a second-half statement to beat the Rockets 126-85 on Sunday night for a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Curry had 18 points on 7-for-7 shooting in the third quarter, lying with his back flat on the court for his unique version of a snow angel and even following one basket with an expletive, shouting "This is my ... house!" to the thousands who cheered and exhaled, exhilarated by his every move and rumble.

"There's obviously that anticipation when you come in

transition and you find an open look and there's a collective hush in the crowd, especially in this building," Curry said. "It's a cool moment. I was searching for it in the first half. I had plenty of opportunities, I just couldn't knock it down. Third quarter it opened up. I've been doing it for a while. I won't let two tough games shooting keep me frustrated."

The 41-point victory was the largest in franchise history during the postseason, topping a 39-point win — 85-46 — by the Philadelphia Warriors against the St. Louis Bombers on April 6, 1948.

Kevin Durant added 25 points, six rebounds and six assists, while Draymond Green grabbed 17 rebounds to go with 10 points and six assists. The Warriors won an NBA-record 16th consecutive home postseason game, surpassing the Chicago Bulls' mark of 15 in a row from April 27, 1990-May 21, 1991.

"We're in the middle of a hell

of a run, obviously," coach Steve Kerr said.

The defending champions got defensive — and maybe a little mad — after a 127-105 Game 2 defeat Wednesday night at Houston, determined to make stops to ignite the transition game and open up three-point shooters.

Especially Curry, who snapped out of his slump with four in the second half.

"I've seen those explosions happen everywhere, not just here," Green said. "His three is similar to some people's dunk. You go to certain arenas and a guy gets a dunk it's just absurd. That's how his three ball is. ... Don't mean to disappoint, but I've seen crazier from him."

Harden had 20 points and nine assists, while Chris Paul added 13 points and 10 rebounds as they combined to shoot just 12-for-32.

Game 4 is Tuesday night at Oracle Arena.

Curry and Durant each scored five quick points as Golden State

opened the third quarter with a 10-0 burst to go ahead 64-43.

Of riding the emotion with his shot — after so many questions about his perceived struggles so far this series — Curry noted, "You've got to be your biggest fan sometimes."

Under pressure from Paul, Curry swished a three from way back with 5:06 left in the third. He struggled with his long-range shot again early but drove through the paint at every chance.

Curry hit a baseline threepointer at the 9:02 mark of the first but missed his next five threes before going 4-for-5 in the second half. He is now 7 of 25 from long range — he made one in each of the first two games.

"All it takes is one," Kerr said.

A moment of silence was held before the national anthem for victims of the Houston area school shooting.

Golden Knights top Jets, advance to finals

Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — The Vegas Golden Knights are going to the Stanley Cup Final — with a chip on their shoulder.

"Everybody on this team has something to prove," Ryan Reaves said. "We call ourselves 'The Golden Misfits' for a reason. We're doing a good job of proving everybody wrong."

Reaves scored the winning goal, Marc-Andre Fleury made 31 saves and the Golden Knights beat the Winnipeg Jets 2-1 on Sunday to wrap up the Western Conference final in five games.

"It's insane," said defenseman Deryk Engelland, who grabbed the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl after the final buzzer to celebrate with his teammates. "Your goal is always to make the playoffs. But if I were to guess I would be sitting here doing this right now, you would be a little skeptical at the time."

Alex Tuch also scored for the Knights. They lost Game 1 in Winnipeg before winning four straight to become the first expansion team since the 1968 St. Louis Blues — when the six initial expansion teams were put alone in the West — to get

to the final.

"It was their time," Winnipeg captain Blake Wheeler said. "They're just playing really well."

Vegas will meet Tampa Bay or Washington in the final. Tampa Bay leads the Eastern final 3-2, with Game 6 set for Monday night in Washington.

The Knights, whose jaw-dropping inaugural 109-point campaign included a Pacific Division crown, swept Los Angeles in the first round, and knocked out San Jose in six games in the second.

"All those records and everything, it doesn't mean anything if you're not the last team standing," Vegas center Jonathan Marchessault said. "I think we have a lot of gas left."

Josh Morrissey scored for the Jets, and Connor Hellebuyck made 30 saves.

"It's very difficult to find that positive feeling at this moment," Jets coach Paul Maurice said.

Reaves, the bruising Winnipeg native acquired from Pittsburgh before to the trade deadline in February, snapped a 1-1 tie with 6:39 left in the second period when he tipped Luca Sbisa's point shot past Hellebuyck.

Reaves last goal before Sunday came 3½ months ago while with Pittsburgh.

Fleury stopped 151 of 161 shots in the series, and allowed just six goals the rest of the way after giving up four in the opener.

"Everybody's stepping up at different times," Fleury said.

Winnipeg got a power play early in the third, but couldn't muster much of anything. The Knights smothered much of the Jets' attack for the next 10 minutes, with Hellebuyck having to come up with big stops on William Karlsson and Eric Haula to keep his team within one.

The Jets pressed with under 4 minutes to go, with Fleury stopping captain Blake Wheeler on the doorstep, but it wasn't nearly enough as the Knights closed out their third straight series on the road.

The Jets had the NHL's second-best record with 114 points in the regular season. They advanced to the first conference final in the city's history with a five-game victory over the Minnesota Wild in the opening round before topping the Presidents' Trophy-winning Nashville Predators in Game 7 on the road.



Indianapolis 500

Carpenter in top spot for 3rd time

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Ed Carpenter and Danica Patrick got exactly what they needed in qualifying Sunday.

Now comes the hard part: Finding a way to victory lane next weekend.

After crashing Roger Penske's front-row party by claiming his third Indianapolis 500 pole-winning run and watching his teammate, Patrick, qualify seventh for the final start of her career, Carpenter quickly turned his attention to hosting a bigger family celebration at the track his stepfather's family owns.

"We've been in this position before and ran a good race. I thought we had a chance to win (when we won our) first pole, we didn't really have the right game plan," Carpenter said. "I feel like we've learned a lot. I feel like I've gotten better since 2014. We've got a great package with Chevrolet and ECR and hopefully we'll be able to be in the mix (next) Sunday."

Carpenter has largely taken a backseat to other prominent story lines this month.

Penske's team earned its 200th career win last week and was in position to claim the top three spots Sunday.

Patrick has drawn plenty of attention as she gears up for the final stop on her two-race farewell tour.

Helio Castroneves had the fastest car in qualifying Saturday and looked like he might break a tie for second by claiming his fifth career Indy pole. Instead, he'll chase a recordtying fourth 500 win from the No. 8 starting spot.

The return of Bump Day left two drivers, James Hinchcliffe and Pippa Mann, searching for ways to get back into the field. There was no immediate indication if either had a pathway back though one door closed when IndyCar president of competition and operations Jay Frye told The Associated Press the traditional 33-car field would not be expanded.

But Carpenter's surprisingly quick four-lap qualifying run was all the rage Sunday.

He was the only driver to top 230 mph, the only one to turn four successive laps over 229 and the only one who beat Penske's drivers. Carpenter's average of 229.618 topped Simon Pagenaud's 228.761 and Will Power's 228.607.

Carpenter has five career starts from the first three rows but hasn't finished higher than 10th.

"Good job dad!" one of Carpenter's children said, stealing a hug at the end of the day.

Penske took the next three all with drivers who have won series titles — Pagenaud, Power and Josef Newgarden, who qualified second, third and fourth.

"You could say I'm the first loser, but I'm still happy," Pagenaud said after briefly holding No. 1 spot.

Patrick enjoyed her final qualifying day on the 2.5-mile oval.

The first female to lead at Indy hasn't competed in an IndyCar since 2011. But she looked relaxed on the first run of the pole shootout and posted a number, 228.090, that looked like it might put her in the top three.

It's the fourth time Patrick has qualified in the top nine, finishing fourth, eighth and 22nd on the previous occasions.

She was equally pleased with how her teammates — Carpenter and Spencer Pigot — fared. Pigot will start sixth, the outside of Row 2, after going 228.107.

"That's awesome. He deserves it," Patrick said, referring to Carpenter.

Briefly

Wise wins Byron Nelson for first PGA Tour title

Associated Press

DALLAS — Aaron Wise cruised to his first PGA Tour victory Sunday, shattering the AT&T Byron Nelson record at 23 under on a new course in a race to finish before nightfall after a four-hour rain delay.

The 21-year-old rookie shot a 6-under 65 to beat Marc Leishman by three strokes as both became the first to finish the Nelson at 20 under or better in the first year at Trinity Forest. The Nelson celebrated its 50th anniversary with a return to Dallas after 35 years at the TPC Four Seasons in suburban Irving. Rory Sabbatini set the previous record on that par-70 layout at 19-under 261 in 2009.

Wise, the 2016 NCAA individual champion at Oregon, reached 20 under with his third birdie in the first seven holes.

In other golf news:

■ Miguel Angel Jimenez won the Regions Tradition for his first senior major title, closing with a 2-under 70 for a three-stroke victory.

Jimenez held or shared the lead after every round, taking a three-shot edge into the final round at Greystone Golf & Country Club. The Spaniard finished at 19-under 269 for his fifth PGA Tour Champions victory.

■ Ariya Jutanugarn birdied the second hole of a playoff to win the Kingsmill Championship for the second time in three years.

The LPGA Tour now has gone 12 tournaments to start the year without a multiple winner.

Goodell details NFL's stance on gambling

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says Congress should enact uniform standards for any states that plan to legislate sports betting.

Goodell detailed the league's position in a statement Monday that reiterated the NFL's stance that legalized sports

gambling in the United States should be governed by federal law rather than state law. The Supreme Court ruled last week to strike down a 1992 law that barred most state-authorized sports gambling.

Goodell says the standards should give sports leagues the right "to protect our content and intellectual property from those who attempt to steal or misuse it." Goodell also wants law enforcement to be able to "protect our fans and penalize bad actors here at home and abroad."

Goodell also is seeking consumer protections as well as fan access to official and reliable league data.

Sweden retains world ice hockey title

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Sweden capped a victorious run through the ice hockey world championship by edging Switzerland 3-2 on Sunday in the final after a penalty shootout to successfully defend its title.

Forward Filip Forsberg scored the decisive goal in the shootout to give Sweden a third world title in six years, and 11th overall. Sweden won all 10 matches at the tournament.

"We wanted to win the gold medal, and here we are," Sweden forward Viktor Arvidsson said. "It's unbelievable, especially for Filip (Forsberg). He's a great player, one of our top players. It's unbelievable to win with my teammates."

Arvidsson, together with Nashville Predators teammates Forsberg and defenseman Mattias Ekholm, joined the Swedish team during the tournament after the Predators were eliminated from the NHL playoffs.

"We had the puck a lot," Arvidsson said. "They did a great job defending."

Switzerland finished runnerup for the third time after 2013 and 1935. It has never won.



Braves top Marlins with six-run ninth

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dansby Swanson struck out to begin the ninth inning, so he wanted to do something special with the game on the line after the Atlanta Braves batted around.

"Yeah, I mean who doesn't?" Swanson said. "I think situations like that are what this game is meant to be played for. But obviously we wouldn't have been in that situation if the whole team didn't pick each other up that whole inning."

Swanson's two-run single capped a sixrun ninth, and the NL-leading Braves rallied to stun the Miami Marlins 10-9 on Sunday.

Ronald Acuna Jr. drove in two runs in the seventh and another in the ninth as the Braves moved 11 games over .500 for the first time since July 5, 2014. Atlanta has won nine of its last 12 and keeps performing well in the clutch with an NL-best 88 runs scored this season in the seventh inning or later.

"I almost expect 'em to do it," said manager Brian Snitker, whose club has 43 victories in its last at-bat, most in the majors, since he took charge on May 16, 2016. "I mean, down six in the bottom of the fifth, I felt good. I really did. I thought that these guys have a lot of time to go to work here and then you get a little bit farther away, but they never stop. It's a great win for these guys."

Miami led 6-0 after four innings and 9-4 to begin the ninth. Lewis Brinson's first career grand slam highlighted a six-run fourth, and Miguel Rojas homered twice and drove in four runs for the last-place Marlins, who have lost three of four.

Atlanta started the ninth with three runs off closer Brad Ziegler on Acuna's single, a throwing error by first baseman Justin Bour and a single by Nick Markakis.

Taylor Guerrero (0-2) came on with two outs and allowed four straight batters to reach base. He walked Tyler Flowers, gave up an RBI single to Kurt Suzuki and walked Johan Camargo, who became Atlanta's everyday third baseman earlier Sunday when the Braves released Jose Bautista.

Facing Swanson, Guerrero threw seven straight fastballs — all in the upper 90s — before the No. 1 overall draft pick of 2015 laced a single down the left-field line to touch off a celebration in the outfield.

"I just came to do my job and while today wasn't a good day to do that, I'll take the experience to take the next opportunity and do my job," Guerrero said.

Roundup

Ohtani sparkles for Angels; Romo starts again for Rays

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Shohei Ohtani struck out nine while throwing 72/3 innings of excellent six-hit ball in his seventh career start, and the Los Angeles Angels snapped their five-game skid with a 5-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.

Martin Maldonado homered and drove in two runs, and Zack Cozart drove in two more runs on sacrifice flies as the Angels wrapped up a disappointing 11-game homestand with only four victories — including both games started by Ohtani (4-1).

Los Angeles' rookie two-way sensation had another strong outing in the longest start of his stateside career. Ohtani retired 12 straight Rays after yielding rookie Johnny Field's homer leading off the third.

He kept Tampa Bay scoreless in the seventh despite yielding two singles, and he gave up a run while battling for two more outs in the eighth.

While Ohtani threw 110 pitches, reliever Sergio Romo started for Tampa Bay for the second consecutive day. He faced the Angels' first six batters and got four outs while

becoming the first pitcher in 38 years to last at least one inning in back-to-back starts. The reliever gave way to Matt Andriese (1-2), who gave up two unearned runs in the fourth.

Yankees 10, Royals 1: Tyler Austin hit a pair of two-run homers, Sonny Gray (3-3) allowed four hits in eight innings and visiting New York won its eighth consecutive series for the first time since 1998.

Red Sox 5, Orioles 0: J.D. Martinez had hit first multihomer game for Boston and drove in three runs, and Andrew Benintendi had a two-run homer among his three hits.

Athletics 9, Blue Jays 2: Daniel Mengden (4-4) allowed two hits in seven shutout innings to win his second straight start as Oakland completed a four-game sweep at Toronto.

Cubs 6, Reds 1: At Cincinnati, Yu Darvish (1-3) recovered from a shaky start for his first win with Chicago, allowing one run and two hits in six innings.

Mets 4, Diamondbacks 1: Amed Rosario hit his first two home runs of the season and pinch-hitter Asdrubal Cabrera connected for a go-ahead drive, leading Noah Syndergaard and host New York over Arizona for a surprising sweep.

Dodgers 7, Nationals 2: Kike Hernandez and Yasiel Puig each hit two-run homers, and visiting Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep of Washington.

Mariners 3, Tigers 2 (11): Mitch Haniger hit a tying tworun homer in the bottom of the ninth inning and Jean Segura's RBI single in the 11th gave host Seattle the victory over Detroit.

Tigers starter Francisco Liriano took a no-hitter into the seventh but closer Shane Greene blew his third save of the season, giving up Haniger's 11th home run on an 0-2 pitch with one out.

White Sox 3, Rangers 0: Reynaldo Lopez allowed only two hits in a career-high eight innings and Chicago beat Texas for its first home series win this season.

Cardinals 5, Phillies 1: Jack Flaherty struck out a careerhigh 13 to earn his first major league win and Tyler O'Neill homered for host St. Louis.

Jordan Hicks got four outs to finish the two-hitter and threw the fastest pitch in the majors this season, according to Statcast — a 105 mph fastball to Odubel Herrera in the ninth. Hicks hit 105 mph twice and 104 three times against Herrera, the five fastest pitches in the big leagues this year.

Giants 9, Rockies 5: Brandon Belt snapped a seventh-inning tie with a three-run homer for host San Francisco.

Padres 8, Pirates 5: At Pittsburgh, Freddy Galvis drove in the go-ahead run in a four-run ninth inning with San Diego's second successful squeeze bunt of the game, and the Padres rallied for their third win of the four-game series.

Twins 3, Brewers 1: Logan Morrison hit a two-run single, and four relievers worked $3^{1}/3$ scoreless innings to lift host Minnesota over Milwaukee.

Astros 3, Indians 1: Lance McCullers allowed one hit in seven innings and Brian McCann hit a two-run homer to lead host Houston past Cleveland.

With the game still scoreless in the seventh inning, McCann sent the ball over the Astros' bullpen in right-center field off an 87 mph changeup from Indians starter Carlos Carrasco (5-3).

