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Pompeo: Progress made with N. Korea

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SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that he and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made unspecified progress Sunday toward an agreement for the North to give up its nuclear weapons.

But there was no immediate indication whether Pompeo had managed to arrange a much-anticipated second summit between Kim and President Donald Trump.

Arriving in Seoul after several hours in Pyongyang on his fourth visit to North Korea, Pompeo tweeted that he had a “good trip” and that he and Kim “continue to make progress on agreements made at Singapore summit.” Trump and Kim held a historic summit there in June that resulted in a vague agreement for the North to denuclearize.

The top U.S. diplomat offered no details, and upon landing in South Korea, he briefed White House national security adviser John Bolton and Trump chief of staff John Kelly on his trip, officials said.

Pompeo, on the third stop of a four-leg Asian tour that began in Japan and was to end in China on Monday, then met South Korean President Moon Jae-in. Moon, who has met twice with Kim, asked Pompeo to make public as much information as he could about the trip.

“I dearly hope that your latest visit, as well as the upcoming U.S.-North Korea summit, which I hope will be happening soon, will make an irreversible, decisive

progress in terms of the denuclearization as well as the peace process,” Moon said. “Since we have the media present here, I would like to ask you to disclose anything that you can open to the public here.”

Pompeo declined that opportunity.

“I will certainly tell you in private about our conversation, but we had a good, productive conversation,” Pompeo said. “As President Trump said, there are many steps along the way and we took one of them today. It was another step forward. So this is, I think, a good outcome for all of us.”

Moon’s office said in a statement later that Pompeo told Moon that the North Korean leader had agreed that a second summit with Trump “should be held as soon as possible” and that talks on the timing and location would continue.

In Pyongyang, Pompeo and Kim met for about 3½ hours, first in a business session and then in a 90-minute luncheon that the North Korean leader hosted at a state guesthouse, according to the pool report from the lone U.S. journalist allowed to accompany Pompeo on his Asia trip.

“It’s a very nice day that promises a good future for both countries,” Kim told Pompeo through an interpreter as they sat down for the meal.

“Yeah, so we had a great, great visit this morning,” Pompeo replied. “Thank you for hosting. President Trump sends his regards. And we had a very successful morning, so thank you, and I am looking forward to our time here at lunch as well.”

On the North Korean side, Kim was

joined at the lunch by his sister, Kim Yo Jong, and his former intelligence chief Kim Yong Chol, who has been Pompeo’s chief interlocutor.

Aside from Pompeo, the U.S. side included Stephen Biegun, the new U.S. special envoy for North Korea, and Andrew Kim, who heads a Korea working group at the CIA that Pompeo set up while he was running the agency.

Pompeo and Kim had exchanged pleasantries and appeared chummy while they walked into the banquet room. “It’s good to see you again,” Pompeo said as they shook hands. Pompeo placed his hand on Kim’s shoulder, and they both smiled.

“So, is everything OK?” Kim asked Pompeo.

“Everything is great,” Pompeo replied. “Everything is great. I am very much looking forward to our time together, too.”

Other members of the two delegations ate their five-course meal, which included delicacies such as foie gras, conch soup, steak, grilled pine mushrooms and chocolate cake, sweet red wine and soju in a separate room.

Pompeo had planned to meet with Kim on Sunday’s trip, but North Korean officials said Kim’s participation in the luncheon had not been expected. Pompeo had not met with Kim on his last visit, and Trump abruptly had canceled Pompeo’s plans to travel to North Korea last month, citing a lack of progress in the negotiations.

UN says Afghan casualties from IEDs at ‘extreme levels’

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Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — The United Nations on Sunday called on militants in Afghanistan to stop using improvised explosive devices in civilian areas after it documented a sharp rise in civilian casualties caused by the explosives this year.

“The killing and maiming of Afghan civilians by improvised

explosive devices, particularly suicide devices, has reached extreme levels in Afghanistan,” the U.N. mission in the country, UNAMA, said in a report.

IEDs caused nearly half of all conflict-related civilian casualties from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, UNAMA said. It documented 1,065 civilian deaths and 2,569 civilians injured by all IED attacks during that time — a 21 percent increase compared with the same period last year.

The number of civilian casualties caused specifically by suicide IED attacks increased by 46 percent during that time, according to the report.

UNAMA also expressed concerns over a rise in deliberate attacks on civilians, mostly carried out by the Taliban and the local Islamic State affiliate.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, the mission recorded 2,354 civilian casualties, including 676

deaths, from 93 suicide and other IED attacks that deliberately targeted civilians, an increase of more than two-thirds in the number of civilian casualties and nearly double the number of attacks compared with the same period in 2017.

“Deliberately targeting civilians is a war crime and cannot be tolerated,” said Tadamichi Yamamoto, the U.N. secretary-general’s special representative for Afghanistan.

Navy offers sailors 24/7 help for pay, other issues

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Navy has started up an around-the-clock service aimed at solving human resources issues for sailors stationed worldwide.

Navy Personnel Command's MyNavy Career Center, which opened late last month at Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington, Tenn., is "designed for those who may be multiple time zones away on the other side of the globe," Rear Adm. Jeff Hughes, who leads NPC, recently told *Stars and Stripes* in an email. "This returns time and energy to sailors to focus on the mission and their families."

The help — which in the past was offered only on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Central time — can be obtained via phone at 1-833-330-MNCC; email at askmncc@

navy.mil; or at my.navy.mil.

Active-duty and reserve sailors, dependents and retirees are all eligible for the service, a Navy statement said. The 200 agents staffing MNCC should be able to handle most requests, but customers with complex cases will be connected to subject matter experts.

The young service is already making a difference, according to Ann Stewart, the command's director of pay and personnel management. She said in an email that the number of people helped by Navy Personnel Command has doubled, and customer-satisfaction surveys have also been positive.

More changes are on the horizon, Stewart said. A mobile version of the MyNavy Portal will soon be available to remind sailors about human resources actions such as when they are eligible to apply for benefits.

Report: Defense industrial base has security gaps

BY WYATT OLSON
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America's defense industrial base is riddled with close to 300 security gaps or vulnerabilities that require immediate remedy, according to a report unveiled Friday at the White House.

President Donald Trump was scheduled to sign a series of measures Friday to kick off a broad action plan to mitigate vulnerabilities to the nation's defense industrial base, a senior administration official told reporters Thursday while speaking on background during a conference call.

The report was spearheaded by the Department of Defense and included input from the departments of Energy, Commerce, Homeland Security and others.

The report identifies five "macro forces" that contribute to the vulnerabilities, including a decline in U.S. manufacturing capacity, industrial policies of competing nations, government procurement practices that lead to "perverse outcomes," diminishing labor skills in the U.S. workforce and the effects of budget cuts and delays from sequestration, the official said.

The more than 300 subject matter experts involved in the study examined hierarchies of supply chains to identify vulnerabilities.

For example, with a weapons system such as the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, there might exist a seven-tier supply chain, the official said.

If a firm producing a critical F-35 component on, say, the fifth tier would not be able to accelerate production if the need arose, that entire weapons system would be exposed to a so-called "single-component failure," the official said.

The study also identifies a number of potential "single-point failures."

For example, the propeller shaft for some U.S. ships and submarines and large gun barrels for combat vehicles are produced by only one firm, the official said.

Supply-chain vulnerabilities exist in other essential materials, such as ceramics used in body armor and microelectronics; high-performance aluminum and steel used in ships and combat vehicles; and tungsten, rare-earth metals and carbon fibers used in aircraft and missiles, the official said.

Dependency on foreign manufacturers has created vulnerabilities for the supply of rocket motors, machine tools, precision gyroscopes and night-vision systems, among others.

Study: Army should change how it picks enlisted leaders

BY JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

The Army could lower attrition rates, save money and improve junior soldier performance if it was better at selecting its senior enlisted leaders, according to a new study.

A Rand Corp. analysis called "The Value of Experience in the Enlisted Force" found that the most effective senior noncommissioned officers aren't necessarily the ones who were promoted the fastest.

NCOs who made E-6 faster actually had more soldiers fail to complete their initial service contract than their counterparts who moved up the ranks slower, according to the data.

"As a result, although 'fast promoters' may be excellent soldiers, fast promotion does not imply that they are also excellent leaders," according to the study from Rand, a nonprofit research group often commissioned by the military.

The study examined how experience levels among NCO leaders influence their soldiers' performances and found both too little and too much experience among leaders can have negative effects.

The sweet spot appeared to be somewhere in the middle when it comes to experience — NCOs with between 22 and 25 years of service had more soldiers that stayed in the Army and got promoted at higher rates, according to the study.

The relationship between NCOs and the performance of junior soldiers has generally been overlooked, partly due to the difficulty in tracking a force that undergoes frequent relocation, the study said. Rand researchers isolated cases and found certain types of leader experience — such as time in a unit, time in service and amount of time deployed — all factor heavily when it comes to developing junior troops.

Junior soldier attrition rates were lowest when senior personnel had between 20 and 39 months of deployment experience, the study reported. But the soldier attrition rate is higher when the senior leader has either less than 20 months or more than 39 months deployed.

The Army should consider ways to maintain continuity, such as designing a more substantial overlap between leaders at times of transition and increasing time a leader spends in a unit, Rand said.

Kavanaugh sworn in as 114th US justice

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brett Kavanaugh was sworn in as the 114th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court after a wrenching debate over sexual misconduct and judicial temperament that shattered the Senate, captivated the nation and ushered in an acrimonious new level of polarization now encroaching on the court that the judge, 53, may well swing rightward for decades to come.

Even as Kavanaugh took his oath of office Saturday evening in a quiet, private ceremony not long after the narrowest Senate confirmation in nearly a century and a half, protesters chanted outside the court building across the street from the Capitol.

The climactic 50-48 roll call capped a fight that seized the national conversation after claims emerged that he had sexually assaulted women three decades ago — allegations he emphatically denied. Those accusations transformed the clash from a routine struggle over judicial ideology into an angry jumble of questions about victims' rights, the presumption of innocence and personal attacks on nominees.

His confirmation provides a defining accomplishment for President Donald Trump and the Republican Party, which

found a unifying force in the cause of putting a new conservative majority on the court. Before the sexual accusations grabbed the Senate's and the nation's attention, Democrats had argued that Kavanaugh's rulings and writings as an appeals court judge raised serious concerns about his views on abortion rights and a president's right to bat away legal probes.

Trump, flying to Kansas for a political rally, flashed a thumbs-up gesture when the tally was announced and praised Kavanaugh for being "able to withstand this horrible, horrible attack by the Democrats." He later telephoned his congratulations to the new justice, then at the rally returned to his own attack on the Democrats as "an angry left-wing mob."

Like Trump, senators at the Capitol predicted voters would react strongly by defeating the other party's candidates in next month's congressional elections.

"It's turned our base on fire," declared Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky. But Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, of New York, forecast gains for his party instead. "Change must come from where change in America always begins: the ballot box," he said.

Bitter battle illuminates high stakes for midterms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The bitter battle over Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court has exacerbated the nation's political divide and left many Americans emotionally raw. It's also given new definition to the high stakes of November's election.

Until now, the fight for control of Congress has largely been viewed as a referendum on President Donald Trump's first two years in office. But the turmoil surrounding Kavanaugh has transformed the midterms into something bigger than Trump, with implications that could endure long after his presidency.

The election is suddenly layered with charged cultural questions about the scarcity of women in political power, the handling of sexual assault allegations, and shifting power dynamics that have left some white men uneasy about their place in American life.

Both parties contend the new contours of the race will energize their supporters in the elec-

tion's final stretch. Both may be right.

Republicans may benefit most in the short term. Until now, party leaders, Trump included, have struggled to rev up GOP voters, even with a strong economy to campaign on. The president's middling job approval rating and independent voters' disdain for his constant personal attacks have been a drag on GOP candidates, particularly in the more moderate suburban districts that will determine control of the House.

But Republican operatives say internal polling now shows Kavanaugh's acrimonious confirmation has given the party a much-needed boost, with GOP voters viewing Democrats as overzealous partisans following the public testimony by Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford.

The Democrats' "strategy to capitalize on the 'Me Too' movement for the political purposes backfired on them," Republican strategist Alice Stewart said.

The surge in GOP enthusiasm could recalibrate a political landscape that was tilting toward Democrats throughout the summer.

Mormons to reduce time spent in church on Sundays

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Mormons will start spending less time at church each Sunday — two hours instead of three — after a change announced Saturday aimed at making worship more manageable for members around the globe.

The switch, which takes effect in January, is a significant one for Mormons, who since 1980 have been expected to attend all three hours each Sunday to be considered active members of the faith.

The news triggered widespread applause from mem-

bers, with some posting celebratory memes on social media. It came during The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' twice-yearly conference, at which a leader also reaffirmed the faith's opposition to gay marriage and its belief that gender is God-given and eternal.

"The senior leaders of the church have been aware for many years that for some of our precious members, a three-hour Sunday schedule at church can be difficult," said Quentin L. Cook, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles,

church leaders who help run the faith. "This is particularly true for parents with small children, primary children, elderly members, new converts and others."

The three-hour commitment is a hefty one compared with some other religions' Sunday services. Many Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist churches, for instance, offer weekly worship that lasts about an hour, along with voluntary classes and other gatherings throughout the week.

Church President Russell M. Nelson called the adjustment a

new "home-centered church" strategy that comes as the faith expands throughout the world. More than half of its 16 million members live outside the U.S. and Canada.

"The long-standing objective of the church is to assist all members to increase their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and in his atonement," Nelson said. "In this complex world today, this is not easy. The adversary is increasing his attack on faith and on families at an exponential rate. To survive spiritually, we need counterstrategies and proactive plans."

Melania Trump shows playful side in Africa tour

Associated Press

CAIRO — It took Melania Trump's first big solo international trip for her to show a different side of herself — a playful, less serious one.

While she generously dished out warm smiles and happy waves, the first lady also used her four-nation tour of Africa to draw some firmer boundaries between her own views and those of her husband, President Donald Trump.

"I don't always agree with what he says and I tell him that," the first lady told reporters Saturday against the backdrop of the Great Sphinx before she headed back to Washington. "But I have my own voice and my own opinions and it's very important for me that I express what I feel."

The first lady hopscotched across Africa without her husband, commanding a spotlight that was hers alone. In doing her own thing, the very private first lady essentially peeled back the curtain ever so slightly as she wiped away the serious face she wears around Washington.

She demonstrated her independence from her husband in ways large and small — like talking up U.S. foreign aid that he's tried to slash and ignoring the Fox-only edict that the president imposes on TV screens when he's aboard Air Force One.

The first lady also did a few things she's never done before, like wave to journalists as she boarded a U.S. government aircraft for the grueling, five-day tour across multiple time zones. With a big smile — sometimes paired with the unfamiliar sound of her laughter — she cuddled babies and bottle-fed young elephants.

And she sashayed and shimmied and danced.

Always under a microscope, the fashion-conscious first lady caught some criticism for the white pith helmet she wore with her safari ensemble in Kenya. Social media lit up with complaints about her choice of a hat viewed by some as a symbol of Kenya's colonial past and its onetime domination by the British.

The former model had a terse rejoinder when asked about that: "I wish people would focus on what I do, not what I wear."

What, then, was her intended message for Africa? "That we care and we want to show the world we care."

It was a message that was especially welcome given her husband's own derogatory comments about a continent that he has yet to visit.

#MeToo sends Hollywood figures into exile, not jail

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The #MeToo movement has sent dozens of once-powerful Hollywood players into exile, but few of them have been placed into handcuffs or jail cells. And it's increasingly apparent that the lack of criminal charges may remain the norm.

Harvey Weinstein has been charged with sexual assault in New York, and Bill Cosby was sent to prison in Pennsylvania in the year since stories on Weinstein in *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker* set off waves of revelations of sexual misconduct in Hollywood. But those two central figures are exceptions.

A task force launched last November by Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey to handle the surge in allegations against entertainment figures has taken up criminal cases involving nearly two dozen entertainment-industry figures. None has been charged.

The lack of prosecutions stems from a clash between the #MeToo ethos, which encourages victims to come forward years or even decades after abuse and harassment that they've kept private, and a legal system that demands fast reporting of crimes and hard evidence.

The task force has considered charges against 22 suspects, including Weinstein, Kevin Spacey, director James Toback and former CBS CEO Leslie Moonves, all of whom have denied engaging in any sex that was not consensual.

Charges already have been rejected for most. Cases involving six suspects, includ-

ing Weinstein and Spacey, both of whom have multiple accusers, remain open.

In 14 of the closed cases, charges were declined because the allegations were reported too late and thus outside the statute of limitations. The rest were turned down either for insufficient evidence or because the accusers refused to cooperate with investigators after initially reporting the incidents.

While disappointed in the lack of results, several accusers said they were still glad they talked to police and prosecutors for a variety of reasons, both practical and emotional.

"For me, it was not necessarily closure, but one of the healthiest things I've ever done for myself," said Melissa Schuman, whose case dating to 2003 against Nick Carter, of the Backstreet Boys, was rejected over the statute of limitations. "It felt therapeutic to tell the authorities, to be able to take it out of my body and out of my mind and report it."

Fatima Goss Graves, president of the National Women's Law Center, which oversees the Time's Up legal defense fund, said for some "the act of reporting, putting it on the record, is critical, even if they're beyond the limitations."

When law enforcement agencies welcome women to report their experiences, it eventually can result in more prosecutions, she said.

"If you've created a climate and space that is friendly to people coming forward, more people will come forward" Goss Graves said.

NY crash involving limo kills 20

Associated Press

SCHOHARIE, N.Y. — A crash involving a limousine at a popular upstate New York tourist spot killed 20 people, officials said Sunday.

A person with knowledge of the investigation told *The Associated Press* that 18 of the victims were in the limo and two were bystanders. The person was not authorized to discuss the preliminary information publicly and spoke Sunday on the condition of anonymity.

Local officials told the Times Union of Albany that a limo speeding down a hill hit bystanders Saturday afternoon at the Apple

Barrel Country Store in Schoharie, about 170 miles north of New York City. State police confirmed Sunday the death toll and said the crash involved two vehicles.

The store is a popular stop for tourists on fall foliage trips.

Customers in the parking lot were killed when they were hit by the limo coming down a hill on state Route 30 at "probably over 60 mph," the store manager, Jessica Kirby, told *The New York Times*. Witnesses described chaos, with a massive turnout of ambulances and other responders.

Authorities didn't release names of victims or other specifics.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Parent arrested after gun goes off in school

OR PORTLAND—Police said a Portland parent was arrested after her gun apparently fired by accident in a Northeast Portland elementary school cafeteria.

The Portland Police Bureau said no one was injured in the Thursday afternoon shooting at Jason Lee Elementary School.

Police said the woman, who hasn't been identified by police, had left with her child by the time officers arrived. Police said they found and arrested a person who matched the suspect's description in a search of the neighborhood. Police haven't said what charges she faces.

The 'British' come again in re-enactment

MA BOSTON — The British came — again.

This past weekend, more than 200 volunteers from across New England were re-enacting the arrival of British troops to Boston in 1768. Some played British redcoats; others portrayed the rebellious colonists who eventually routed them.

Events planned on Saturday and Sunday at Boston's Long Wharf were organized by Revolution 250, a collaboration of organizations commemorating the 250th anniversary of key moments that led to America's independence from Britain.

Over the next eight ye

Forest canopy walk rises up to 40 feet

MI MIDLAND — A new walkway built through the treetops in Michigan was to open this past weekend.

The Dow Gardens was to open its 1,400-foot-long canopy walk in Midland on Sunday. The elevated walkway overlooks 54

acres of forest, ponds, meadows and an apple orchard. The walk's highest point is 40 feet off the ground.

The canopy walk is part of a \$20 million project begun in 2014 to redevelop Whiting Forest. The project also adds a kids' playground, a cafe, an apple orchard and two pedestrian bridges. More than 1,000 new trees were also planted.

Officials: Toilet water put in roomie's drink

TN NASHVILLE — A Nashville grand jury has indicted a former Tennessee State University student who law enforcement officials say put toilet water in her roommate's water bottles.

WKRN-TV reported that Tierni Williams, 21, was charged in October 2017 after her roommate became sick.

The roommate reported to police that she saw on Snapchat that Williams used a Styrofoam cup to pour toilet water in her water bottles.

A grand jury handed down the indictment against Williams on Friday. She was charged with food and drug tampering and aggravated assault, which are both felonies.

Deputy accused of battery of trainee

FL LAKELAND — A Florida sheriff's deputy faces a charge of sexually battering a trainee.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said Scott Walker met the male trainee last Wednesday so he could help him write reports. At the time, Walker was armed and working an off-duty detail at a residence.

The affidavit says that after Walker helped the trainee, he demanded a sex act and reached into the trainee's underwear and sexually battered him.

When the trainee resisted, Walker went to lock the residence, giving the trainee time to text a friend. Concerned that someone knew what was happening, Walker let the trainee go.

Walker told investigators he touched the trainee as a joke and only outside his pants.

Police chief admits to taking discarded pills

NY BUFFALO — An upstate New York police chief is on administrative leave after being accused of diverting discarded prescription drugs for his own use.

Kenmore chief Peter Breitnauer was charged Friday with possession of hydrocodone. He could face up to a year in prison if he's convicted.

Federal prosecutors said Breitnauer admitted taking more than 100 pills from a police station drop box because he's addicted to prescription painkillers.

Breitnauer, 68, has been on the force since 1984, becoming chief in 2012. Breitnauer was released after appearing in Buffalo federal court. Lawyer Thomas Eoannou said he's weighing treatment.

Man sues store after slipping on chile pod

NM SANTA FE — A New Mexico man is suing a supermarket chain after he says he slipped and fell on a green chile pod.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that a lawyer for Richard Berman filed a lawsuit in Santa Fe District Court on Thursday, two years after the chile allegedly swept Berman off his feet.

Berman is seeking damages from Sprouts Farmers Markets for injuries he suffered to his neck, shoulder, back and left knee. The lawsuit claims Ber-

man continues to suffer from headaches and other pains.

Ex-doctor who provided Botox gets probation

OR PORTLAND — A former doctor who injected patients with wrinkle-reducing drugs Botox and Juvederm that she got from outside the country has been sentenced.

The Oregonian reported that Brenda Roberts, 54, of Troutdale, was sentenced Thursday to six months of probation and 40 hours of community service.

Roberts pleaded guilty in June to one count of receipt and deliver in interstate commerce of misbranded drugs. She voluntarily surrendered her medical license after the Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Food & Drug Administration opened an investigation.

Drugs, firearms found in officer's rental unit

NC LUMBERTON — An investigation found that a police chief in North Carolina had rental units holding images of nude women, narcotics and firearms.

A Robeson County District Attorney's Office news release says Red Springs Police Chief Ronnie Patterson's units were auctioned off for nonpayment and found to also have a file detailing a sexual harassment allegation against him. News outlets reported crime scene photos, investigative files and ammunition also were found.

An investigation into missing personnel files requested by former Mayor John McNeill uncovered the units. Patterson and town manager Davis Ashburn were arrested on charges including unlawful removal of public records.

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Melee ensues after Nurmagomedov chokes out McGregor, enters crowd

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A few seconds after Conor McGregor tapped Khabib Nurmagomedov's arm and submitted to the champion's choke, Nurmagomedov climbed the cage and leaped at the men in McGregor's corner, setting off a prolonged brawl inside and outside the octagon.

A seminal moment in mixed martial arts was overshadowed immediately by a tawdry ending Saturday night when the UFC's infuriated lightweight champion took his conflict with McGregor beyond their bout.

McGregor tapped out in the fourth round of his comeback fight at UFC 229 against Nurmagomedov, who then scaled the cage and scuffled with another fighter manning McGregor's corner. Meanwhile, two men apparently from Nurmagomedov's entourage climbed into the cage and attacked McGregor, who defended himself before security personnel separated everyone.

Order was restored with no apparently serious injuries, but the scuffles immediately dwarfed one of the biggest and most lucrative shows in UFC history.

"Been doing this for 18 years, and (on) the biggest night ever, I could not be more disappointed," UFC President Dana White said. "I'm not even mad. I'm just really disappointed."

Nurmagomedov's purse has been withheld by the Nevada Athletic Commission pending an investigation, White said. He also claimed three members of Nurmagomedov's camp were detained and released by police because McGregor refused to press charges against them.

White acknowledged the UFC might strip its title from Nurmagomedov (27-0), a Dagestan-born Russian fighter who trains in San Jose, California.

"If he gets suspended, it depends on how long his suspension is," White said. "And if it's a long suspension, yeah, he's probably going to get it stripped."

Nurmagomedov appeared briefly at a post-fight news conference after midnight. He apologized to the Nevada State Athletic Commission, saying the brawl was "not my best side," but also condemned McGregor's barbed pre-fight taunts.

"You cannot talk about religion," Nurmagomedov said. "You cannot talk about nation. You cannot talk about this now."

Nurmagomedov also said he got a congratulatory phone call from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who "told me he is very proud of me."

The wild scene occurred after McGregor (21-4) got caught in a choke by Nurmagomedov, who punctuated this simmering rivalry with an impressive victory over the superstar who infamously attacked a bus carrying Nurmagomedov in Brooklyn last April. McGregor shattered the bus windows with a hand truck because he was angry about Nurmagomedov confronting one of his teammates earlier in the week.

The post-fight trouble started when the Russian champion from Dagestan stepped away from the prone McGregor and immediately pointed at the Irishman's corner, shouting and throwing his mouthpiece.

The men in McGregor's corner appeared to respond with taunts, and Nurmagomedov climbed over the fence and fought with Dillon Danis, a Belator welterweight who trains with McGregor.

One of the two men who attacked McGregor in the cage was widely identified as Zubaira Tukhugov. The Chechen featherweight is scheduled to fight in three weeks against Artem Lobov, the McGregor team member who was confronted by Nurmagomedov in April.

White said if Tukhugov was the man in the ring, he will never fight again for the UFC.

Nurmagomedov and McGregor both left the ring before the championship belt could be put around Nurmagomedov's waist, and fans in the pro-Conor crowd threw beers and debris at Nurmagomedov on his way out. White said he feared a melee in an arena if he awarded the belt to Nurmagomedov.

"I don't even know what to say right now," White said. "I'm just disgusted and sick over it. ... We had so much security and [police] here. I didn't see that one coming."

Nurmagomedov and McGregor made no secret of their mutual loathing in the past few months, and the UFC used footage of McGregor's attack on the bus to promote UFC 229, which could be the best-selling pay-per-view card in UFC history. McGregor lobbed several creative insults at Nurmagomedov during the promotion of this matchup, including labeling Nurmagomedov's manager, Ali Abdelaziz, as a "snitch terrorist rat."

McGregor was arrested after seriously hurting two other fighters with broken glass from the bus attack in Brooklyn, but Nurmagomedov shrugged it off and won the lightweight title by beating Al Iaquinta. When McGregor agreed to return to the UFC, he eagerly accepted Nurmagomedov as his opponent.

Before the post-fight madness, Nurmagomedov firmly asserted his grappling dominance over McGregor's striking skill in the Irish superstar's first MMA bout in 23 months. McGregor hadn't been in a fight since losing his boxing match with Floyd Mayweather last year, and Nurmagomedov proved an insurmountably tough opponent for his comeback.

All three judges' scorecards favored Nurmagomedov 29-27, with the champion winning the second round 10-8 on all three cards. McGregor won the third round on every card.

Before the main event, former interim 155-pound champion Tony Ferguson staked his claim to be the next contender for the lightweight belt.

"You've got these two knuckleheads over here making the sport look bad," Ferguson said. "What I'm doing is cleaning up the sport. They want to be animals in there? I'm the dogcatcher."

Army has strong day at Ten-Miler

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Army runners once again showed up strong at the service's premiere race event, taking the top spots in both the men's and women's categories at the 2018 Army Ten-Miler.

Last year for the men it was an Army electrician who brought home the gold. This year it was Spc. Frankline Tonui, who finished nanoseconds ahead of Sgt. Evans Kirwa to claim the top spot. Tonui and Kirwa, both soldiers from the Army's World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., finished with an official time of 50 minutes, 23 seconds.

But it was Tonui, a first-time participant in the race, who earned ultimate bragging rights.

"This means everything to me," Tonui, 25, said after the race. "I've never run a big race ... so this was a big meet for me."

On the women's side, it was another Fort Carson soldier winning it all, with Spc. Susan Tanui crossing the finish line in an official time of 56 minutes, 33 seconds.

There was no photo finish there, as Tanui broke tape more than 30 seconds ahead of the next closest runner, 36-year-old Julia Roman-Duval. It's a finish race fans should be familiar with, as Tanui was last year's female champion. Behind her in 2017? Roman-Duval.

Some things never change.

"I know many soldiers are not able to run the ten-miler this year, but I'm so grateful I was here and I was able to represent the Army," Tanui, 31, said. "It's an honor."

Tanui is also part of the World Class Athlete Program.

Rounding out the top three for men was Girma Mecheso, 30, who finished with 50 minutes, 29 seconds. Third place in the women's category was Emily De La Bruyere, 25, finishing in 59 minutes, 4 seconds.

Top 25 roundup

No. 19 Texas beats No. 7 Oklahoma

Associated Press

DALLAS — Freshman Cameron Dicker kicked a 40-yard field goal with nine seconds left to give 19th-ranked Texas a 48-45 victory over No. 7 Oklahoma on Saturday.

Texas won after Kyler Murray rallied Oklahoma with three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Sam Ehlinger ran for three touchdowns and threw for 314 yards with two scores for Texas (5-1, 3-0 Big 12), which has its first five-game winning streak since 2013. He converted third-and-3 on Texas' final drive with a 4-yard keeper and his 8-yard draw to the middle of the field set up the winning kick.

The Longhorns took a 45-24 lead into the fourth quarter before Murray threw a 19-yard TD pass to Lee Morris and ran 67 yards for a score on a one-play drive. Trey Sermon's 7-yard run for the tying touchdown with 2:38 left gave the Sooners three TDs in a span of six minutes.

Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1) lost to the Longhorns for the third time in six seasons. This was the first time in that span Texas was ranked for the Red River Rivalry, which had never had more combined points in a 113-game series that dates back to 1900.

Mississippi State 23, No. 8 Auburn 9: Nick Fitzgerald ran for 195 yards and two touchdowns and the Bulldogs' defense had another dominant performance in an upset victory over the visiting Tigers.

Mississippi State's offense was a two-man show between Fitzgerald and Kylin Hill. The 6-foot-5, 230-pound Fitzgerald became the SEC's career leader for rushing yards for a quarterback with a 39-yard run in the fourth quarter. He passed former Florida star Tim Tebow for the top spot.

No. 17 Miami 28, Florida State 27: N'Kosi Perry threw four touchdown passes, and the Hurricanes pulled off their biggest comeback ever against

the visiting Seminoles by rallying from 20 points down.

The win was Miami's first at home over Florida State (3-3, 1-3) since 2004, snapping a six-game slide in South Florida against its archrival.

No. 1 Alabama 65, Arkansas 31: Tua Tagovailoa passed for 334 yards and four touchdowns and the visiting Crimson Tide ran their winning streak against the Razorbacks to 12.

No. 2 Georgia 41, Vanderbilt 13: Jake Fromm threw three touchdown passes, including a 75-yarder to Terry Godwin, and the host Bulldogs beat the Boilermakers.

Georgia gained momentum for next week's visit to No. 5 Louisiana State. Georgia then plays Florida, Kentucky and Auburn. The four-game stretch will determine the Bulldogs' hopes of defending their SEC championship and making another run at the national title.

No. 3 Ohio State 49, Indiana 26: Dwayne Haskins Jr. passed for a career-best 455 yards and school record-tying six touchdowns and the host Buckeyes pulled away in the fourth quarter.

No. 4 Clemson 63, Wake Forest 3: Travis Etienne rushed for 167 yards and three touchdowns, and the visiting Tigers ran for 471 yards.

Three Clemson players had at least 100 yards rushing, the first time that has happened that since 2006.

No. 22 Florida 27, No. 5 LSU 19: Lamical Perine scored twice on short runs, including one after a trick play in the fourth quarter, and the host Gators beat the Tigers.

No. 6 Notre Dame 45, No. 24 Virginia Tech 23: Dexter Williams ran for three touchdowns, including a 97-yarder, and the visiting Fighting Irish beat the Hokies.

No. 9 West Virginia 38, Kansas 22: Will Grier threw four touchdown passes, and committed four turnovers, and the Mountaineers beat the host Jayhawks.

No. 10 Washington 31,

UCLA 24: Myles Gaskin rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns, Jake Browning passed for 265 yards and the visiting Huskies beat the Bruins.

No. 12 UCF 48, SMU 20: McKenzie Milton threw for 278 yards and two touchdowns to help the host Knights extend the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games.

Texas A&M 20, No. 13 Kentucky 14 (OT): Trayveon Williams flipped into the end zone on a 10-yard run in overtime to give the host Aggies the victory over Kentucky.

Utah 40, No. 14 Stanford 21: Jaylon Johnson returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown and Zack Moss ran for two scores to lead the visiting Utes over the Cardinal.

No. 15 Michigan 42, Maryland 21: Shea Patterson threw for a season-high 282 yards and three touchdowns for the host Wolverines.

No. 16 Wisconsin 41, Nebraska 24: Jonathan Taylor ran for 221 yards and three scores, including a career-best 88-yarder in the fourth quarter, and the host Badgers beat the winless Cornhuskers.

Northwestern 29, No. 20 Michigan State 19: Clayton Thorson threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns and the visiting Wildcats recovered from another second-half slip to beat the host Spartans.

No. 21 Colorado 28, Arizona State 21: Wide receiver Laviska Shenault scored four touchdowns and the host Buffaloes beat the Sun Devils for just the second time in the program's history.

No. 23 N.C. State 28, Boston College 23: Reggie Galaspy ran for a career-best 104 yards and two touchdowns and the host Wolfpack held on after squandering most of a big second-half lead.

Iowa State 48, No. 25 Oklahoma State 42: Third-string quarterback Brock Purdy completed 18 of 23 passes for 318 yards and four touchdowns to help the visiting Cyclones beat the Cowboys.

Hammond, Air Force rout Navy

Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Once D.J. Hammond got back in the game, he turned his first career start into a tour de force.

Hammond, sidelined early on after a helmet-to-helmet collision, returned to run for three touchdowns and throw for another, leading Air Force past Navy 35-7 on Saturday.

Joseph Saucier also scored on a 48-yard run for Air Force (2-3), which took the first leg in the competition among the service academies for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. Air Force will play at Army on Nov. 3 while Navy (2-3) plays Army on Dec. 8 in its final regular-season game.

Hammond was injured on a third-down run in the opening minutes of the game. He returned to throw a 61-yard touchdown pass to Ronald Cleveland and run for touchdowns of 1, 2 and 5 yards.

During Air Force's second offensive series, Hammond absorbed successive hits to his head by two Navy defenders. Shaken, Hammond lay on the ground for several moments while being tended to by team trainers and medical staff. He sat up and was helped to his feet before being led off the field for further examination.

"When I was down on the ground, it hurt. That's why I was down there for so long," said Hammond, who learned at the pregame morning walk-through that he would start. "When I got up, I felt fine, but I had to go through the concussion protocol."

Officials, after reviewing the hit, penalized linebacker Taylor Heflin for targeting. Heflin was disqualified from playing in the remainder of the game.

"We got our butts whupped," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "It's hard to put into words. We've been playing these guys for a long time and this was one of the worst whuppings we've gotten in a long time."

NHL roundup

Toews' hat trick lifts Blackhawks

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jonathan Toews scored his third goal of the game 2:20 into overtime and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the St. Louis Blues 5-4 on Saturday night.

Toews tied it at 4 at 6:59 of the third period when he corralled the rebound of Alex DeBrincat's slap shot and pushed it past goalie Jake Allen. Toews scored the winner on a breakaway to give the Blackhawks their second consecutive overtime victory.

Canadiens 5, Penguins 1: Paul Byron had two goals and added an assist in Montreal's victory at Pittsburgh.

Lightning 2, Panthers 1 (OT): J.T. Miller and Nikita Kucherov scored in the shootout and host Tampa Bay beat Florida in the regular-season opener for both teams.

Golden Knights 2, Wild 1 (OT): Erik Haula scored in the shootout and Vegas beat host Minnesota. Max Pacioretty scored his first goal for Vegas, tying it with 1:31 left in regulation. Marc Andre-Fleury made 29 saves for the Golden Knights.

Stars 5, Jets 1: Jamie Benn had two power-play goals, Tyler Seguin scored another and had a goal at even strength in Dallas' victory over visiting Winnipeg. Ben Bishop made 32 saves, allowing only Kyle Connor's goal.

Predators 4, Islanders 3: Viktor Arvidsson scored twice and Nashville spoiled New York's home opener.

Sabres 3, Rangers 1: Conor Sheary scored two goals, Carter Hutton made 43 saves and host Buffalo beat visiting New York for its first victory of the season.

Ducks 1, Coyotes 0: John Gibson stopped 41 shots, rookie Max Comtois scored for the second straight game to open his NHL career and Anaheim won at Arizona.

Devils 5, Oilers 2: Kyle Palmieri and Travis Zajac scored two goals each to lead New Jersey past Edmonton in Gothenberg, Sweden. It was the season opener for both teams. Stefan Noesen also scored, Miles Wood had two assists, and Keith Kinkaid made 17 saves.

Senators 5, Maple Leafs 3: Thomas Chabot had two goals and an assist, and Craig Anderson made 34 saves in Ottawa's win at Toronto.

Avalanche 5, Flyers 2: Colin Wilson scored two goals, Semyon Varlamov had 35 saves and host Colorado beat Philadelphia. Nathan MacKinnon had a goal and an assist, and Gabriel Landeskog and J.T. Compher also scored. Sean Couturier and Mikhail Vorobkov scored for the Flyers.

Flames 7, Canucks 4: Elias Lindholm scored his first two goals with Calgary as the Flames beat visiting Vancouver.

Judge, Yankees get even

Associated Press

BOSTON — Aaron Judge helped chase David Price early by hitting a home run to a part of Fenway Park where balls rarely travel.

Gary Sanchez did him one better.

The Yankees catcher, who tested his manager's confidence with a sub-.200 batting average and poor defense for most of the season, hit two homers, the second a 479-foot shot clear out of the ballpark that sent New York to a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday night and tied their AL Division Series at one game apiece.

"Just a monster night," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "You know he's capable of that. We all know he's capable of that. That's kind of what we've been waiting for to some degree, where he can take over a game on offense."

One night after Chris Sale earned his first career playoff victory, Price fell to 0-9 in 10 postseason starts and was booed off the field after five outs by a Fenway crowd hoping to see the Red Sox protect the home-field advantage they earned with an AL East title and franchise-record 108 regular-season wins.

Instead, Masahiro Tanaka helped the wild-card Yankees claim the first victory by a road team in a Division Series game this year and gave them a chance to advance to the AL Championship Series with a pair of wins at home, where they are 7-0

over the past two postseasons.

Games 3 and 4 are at Yankee Stadium on Monday and Tuesday nights, with Game 5 back in Boston on Thursday, if necessary.

"We can't wait," Judge said. "We know our fans are waiting for us to come back home, especially with the series tied 1-1."

Judge homered for the third straight playoff game, a 445-foot shot that landed in the back row of seats above the Green Monster, high above the 379-foot marker and about 10 feet to the left of the pole flying an American flag blowing straight out.

It was the longest home run of the postseason — for about five innings.

That's when Sanchez aimed one in the same direction, sending it out of the park and onto Lansdowne Street. A few feet away, a plaque commemorates the six home runs in the 106-year history of Fenway Park that have cleared the back wall to the other side of the flagpole.

"Everybody knows that Judge has way more power than me," said Sanchez, who joined Yogi Berra as the only catchers in Yankees history with multihomer postseason games. "But a homer is a homer. And if we have the opportunity to score runs like that, you know, even if it's 300 feet, I'll take it."

Sanchez also had a solo shot in the second inning to give New York a 2-0 lead. Price then walked back-to-back batters with two outs and gave up Andrew McCutchen's RBI single on what could be his last pitch in a Red Sox uniform.

Astros take 2-0 series lead

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Two Octobers after sparking a reliever revolution, Andrew Miller came up empty.

Miller failed to get an out in relief of starter Carlos Carrasco, allowing a go-ahead double to Marwin Gonzalez as the Cleveland Indians lost to Houston 3-1 Saturday and fell into a 2-0 AL Division Series deficit.

"I wasn't good," Miller said. "I wasn't effective."

Miller's ineffectual outing would have been a stunner two years ago, when manager Terry Francona leaned on him for as many as eight outs at a time while Cleveland played all the way to Game 7 of the World Series. It was game-changing when Francona called on Miller as early as the fifth inning that fall, but such aggressive bullpen management has become common around the majors since.

Miller hasn't been the same this year,

a season that included three stints on the disabled list.

Cleveland was clinging to a 1-0 lead with two on and one out in the sixth when Francona called on Miller. Gonzalez immediately drove a two-run double to deep right field.

"With a one-run lead, and with Gonzalez coming up the way he had swung the bat against him prior and Andrew's history, I felt really good about it," manager Terry Francona said. "Didn't work out the way we obviously planned."

Miller then walked Carlos Correa, let both runners advance on a wild pitch and intentionally walked Tyler White before Francona came for the ball.

"It's my job to get through that inning. I didn't do it," Miller said. "That's what it boils down to. I got ahead, and then I didn't get a fastball where I wanted to, and everything kind of spiraled from there. Not a good job, poor execution."