Mired in poverty, Afghan children must labor rather than pursue education

By Rahim Faiez
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KABUL, Afghanistan—very day before dawn, 10-year-old Kamran goes to work with his father and other relatives at a brick factory on the outskirts of Kabul.

For Kamran, like many children in Afghanistan, school is a luxury his family can no longer afford. His father, Atiqullah, supports his family of eight as well as several siblings, nieces and nephews. One of Kamran’s uncles is ill and another has passed away, leaving their families in his father’s care.

“My children wake up early in the morning and right after

We always think about our future. We don’t know how long we will live with economic problems like this, when we will be able to live our own lives, when we will be able to breathe in freedom. Right now, we live like slaves.”

Jan Agha

65-year-old who works alongside children as young as five or six at brick kilns in Afghanistan

World powers, Iran work to salvage nuclear deal

By Kiyoko Metzler
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VIENNA — Diplomats from Iran and five world powers recommitted Sunday to salvaging a major nuclear deal amid mounting tensions between the West and Tehran since the U.S. withdrew from the accord and reimposed sanctions.

Representatives of Iran, Germany, France, Britain, China, Russia and the European Union met in Vienna to discuss the 2015 agreement that restricts the Iranian nuclear program.

“The atmosphere was constructive, and the discussions were good,” Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi told reporters after the meeting ended.

“I cannot say that we resolved everything” but all the parties are still “determined to save this deal,” he added.

Fu Cong, the head of Chinese delegation, said that while there were “some tense moments” during the meeting, “on the whole, the atmosphere was very good. Friendly. And it was very professional.”

Both diplomats said there was a general agreement to organize a higher-level meeting of foreign ministers soon, but also that preparations for such a summit needed to be done well. A date has not been set.

Iran is pressuring the remaining parties to the deal to offset the sanctions President Donald Trump reinstated after pulling out. The country recently surpassed the uranium stockpile and enrichment limits set out in the agreement, saying the action could be reversed if the other parties came up with economic incentives.
LONDON — A lone bugler played taps on Saturday in a London cemetery as, more than 100 years after his death, a soldier who fought in the U.S. Civil War was honored with a headstone dedicated to his memory.

Seth Watson Herrick served in the 2nd Maryland Eastern Shore Infantry for three years during the War Between the States. Born in Maine in 1834, he enlisted in the Union Army when he was 27 and rose through the ranks to become a major. After the war, he moved to the U.K., became a British subject and died a poor man 101 years ago.

When Herrick was buried at Hendon Cemetery in north London in 1918, no headstone was erected to mark his final resting place. On Saturday, that was put right with the dedication of a simple gravestone, provided by the Veterans’ Affairs Administration in Washington.

Among the dozens who attended the ceremony were Lt. Col. Jesse F. Moore, assistant Army attache from the U.S. Embassy in London; the mayor of the London borough of Barnet, Reuben Thompstone; British amateur historian Michael Hammerson, who found Herrick’s grave and was instrumental in arranging for a headstone to be erected; and Herrick’s great-grandson, Robert Herrick.

“It was a real honor to have my great-grandfather remembered in this way by this group of people,” said Herrick, who traveled from California to attend the ceremony.

Herrick knew his great-grandfather was buried in London but didn’t know exactly where until Hammerson contacted him to say he had found Maj. Herrick’s burial place. Hammerson has spent years studying Britons who fought in America’s Civil War and has located hundreds of veterans’ graves in England, Scotland and Wales. Only about 20% of the burial places have commemorative headstones, he said.

In 2015, Hammerson found the grave in north London of a U.S. Medal of Honor recipient, Maurice Wagg, and arranged for a headstone to be erected at the unmarked site where his body had lain for nearly a century.

Hammerson also found the burial place of German-born American Adam Worth, who, after being erroneously reported as killed in action, left the army for a life of crime. Worth ended up in London, where he died and was buried in a mass pauper’s grave in Highgate Cemetery.

The grave of Ferdinand Thomas Barzetti, who fought under a false name so his mother wouldn’t know he’d enlisted, was also identified by Hammerson, as were the graves of two soldiers who fought in black regiments and four women who served as nurses in America’s bloodiest conflict.

Herrick’s grave was the 250th that Hammerson has located.

“Historians estimate that up to 50,000 men from England, Scotland and Wales served in the Civil War, mainly on the Union side. “One is always pleased … being able to identify them and let the local community know,” Hammerson said. “On the whole, [the community] seems to be interested to find out that they have a Civil War veteran, and that can be a focus for historical and educational activities.”

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French markings win in competition of US Army Europe

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany

After a week of grueling physical tests and precision marksmanship, sharpshooters of the French Foreign Legion emerged as the winners of the U.S. Army's 2019 European Best Sniper Team Competition.

More than 30 teams from 17 countries participated in the annual competition, hosted by the U.S. and Latvian armies. The teams had to hike 12 miles with sniper gear on one of the hottest days on record in Germany. They then had to fire at targets about half a mile away and hit them on the first attempt.

Other challenges included land navigation, in which teams located different objectives hidden in the forest around the base, and a stress shoot, in which marksmen engaged several long-range targets in quick succession. One of the more unusual challenges was shooting at targets on an inflatable boat.

That's not something most of the snipers at the competition are used to doing, said Spc. Alex Stoyonovich with the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne). "It's definitely a lot more complicated than just lying down and shooting targets," said Stoyonovich, whose team did hit most of the targets on the boat on the first shot. "This is by far the best training we could possibly have."

Besides putting marksmen from each country through these tests, the competition served as a way for the sniper community to share techniques, the Army said in a statement Thursday.

Spc. Maxwell Kelley, who usually acts as an opposing force against allied troops going through the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, said he's learned a lot from the more experienced snipers from other countries at the competition, including Turkish snipers who recently returned from a combat assignment in Syria.

"I'm still a relatively young sniper. Some of these guys have been doing this for 10 to 15 years, so there's a lot I've been able to learn from them," Kelley said.

While the three U.S. teams shot well during the competition, they lost points during the sweltering 12-mile hike as many of the European teams finished ahead of them.

A team from the French Foreign Legion's elite 13th Half-Brigade won. Rounding out the top five teams were the Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia and last year's winner, Sweden.

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Above: Pistol shooting was part of the competition.
Left: Sgt. Leon Boudreaux spots a target while Spc. Maxwell Kelley fires.
Bottom left: Soldiers from several countries test out different sniper rifles during one of the events at the sniper competition.
Bottom right: The French Foreign Legion sniper team accepts its plaque and awards from U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Jason Sypherd, left.
Revised crash site guidelines benefit Japanese officials

By Matthew M. Burke and Aya Ichihashi
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa – U.S. and Japanese authorities have revised their off-base U.S. military crash site guidelines to allow early access for Japanese officials.

The new guidelines, which are now in effect, were announced Thursday evening in a statement by Japan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In addition to allowing government representatives or first responders “expedited” early entry into the inner cordon, the new guidelines also require U.S. forces to provide relevant information on hazardous materials “as soon as practically possible,” coordinate with Japanese officials when wreckage removal could negatively affect the underlying property and share data from environmental surveys.

Japanese officials still need U.S. consent to enter off-base mishap sites, the guidelines state.

“We welcome Japan’s efforts to improve this process with U.S. forces,” U.S. Forces Japan command Air Force Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider said in a statement Friday morning. “These revised guidelines will enable the alliance partners to respond more quickly, improve our interoperability and strengthen our overall capabilities.”

“Interoperability” is an often-used term describing the ability of a nation’s armed forces to train together, the training methods and military equipment of another.

Calls for change have been the loudest in recent years from the southern island prefecture of Okinawa, which hosts a large U.S. military presence.

Local officials protested after a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing made an emergency landing in a farmer’s field outside the Northern Training Area following an in-flight fire on Oct. 17. There were no injuries, but the aircraft was a total loss.

Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki — who was elected last fall on an anti-base platform — credited Okinawan officials Thursday for successfully lobbying for the revisions after the Super Stallion incident, yet he remained skeptical about their potency.

“Although the revisions say that U.S. authorities, Government of Japan and Okinawan local authorities will conduct environmental surveys, the results will be shared within the (Japanese-U.S. Joint Committee), however, committee meeting minutes are not disclosed,” Tamaki said in a statement. “I am not sure if the survey results will be released to the public.”

Tamaki said he would closely observe any incidents to see if Japanese officials are in fact receiving the information they need.

“All together, we will examine the revisions carefully and ask (the) central government if we have questions,” he said.

The previous “Guidelines Regarding Off-Base U.S. Military Aircraft Accident in Japan” were established on April 1, 2005, in the aftermath of the August 2004 crash of a Marine Corps CH-53D Sea Stallion on the Okinawa International University campus, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement said.

They allowed U.S. military personnel to enter public or private property in the event of a crash or emergency landing without prior authorization from Japanese authorities. Local officials later complained they were kept out of sites and that pertinent information was withheld.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono told reporters Thursday evening it took six days for Japanese authorities to access the 2017 site, according to a separate statement from his ministry. “It won’t take that long in the future,” he said.

Kono said he began working on the revisions in April during bilateral discussions.

“Of course, having no accidents is most important, but this revision will improve the process if any accidents happen in the future,” he said, according to the statement. “We believe that by solving each subject like this, (it) will reduce the burden on Okinawa.”

Okinawa prefectural officials said in April that European countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Belgium all have stricter control over U.S. military forces operating in their countries. British police controlled the crash site of an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter in January 2014, for example.

By Caitlin Doornbos
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE HMAS ADALIAE – On his second day getting acquainted with the Australian crew of the HMAS Adalae as part of Talisman Sabre 2019, 1st Lt. Josh Ley was thrown into the ring.

Suddenly, the U.S. Marine from Ohio was leading intelligence operations on the Royal Australian Navy’s largest warship — and he had to brief the ship’s commanding officer, since he recently told Stars and Stripes.

“I didn’t really know what to expect,” Ley said. “But jumping in, I was really intertwined with them right away.”

When he saw the name “Ley” embroidered on the tape over the Australian captain’s left breast pocket, the tension eased.

“Looks at me, and we step into the hallway and he goes, ‘I’m Jonathan Ashley,’ and I’m like, ‘I’m Joshua Aaron,’” Ley said. “It was one of the most surreal moments.”

Both J.A. Leys were amused by the coincidence. Capt. Jonathan Ley said the two discussed their lineages and are planning to research to see whether there are any relations.

“I know the Ley name comes from a region in the U.K. where the Mayflower sailed from,” Jonathan Ley said, offering a possible hint to their ancestry.

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Iraq War vet elected chief of Purple Heart order

By Anna Bancellos Rodriguez
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The HMAS Adelaide transits the Tasman Sea during exercise Talisman Sabre on July 11. The ship’s commanding officer and a U.S. Marine aboard during the exercise share the last name.

US, Australian servicemembers bond at Talisman Sabre over shared name

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I just really love America

Marine veteran, 97, recalls benefits of life of military service, persistence

By Mara Klecker
Minneapolis Star Tribune

Buttoned up in dress blues, June Fremont was treated like a celebrity at the annual Marine Corps birthday ball near Washington in 2017. The still-visible bruise on her right hand is proof of the hundreds of handshakes she received that night, many from young female Marines thanking her for her example and inspiration.

That same hand, Fremont will proudly tell you, shook Eleanor Roosevelt’s in the 1940s. (If she thinks you’re gullible, she might quickly add a line about not washing that hand a single time since.)

“Because of my [military service], I have done so many things I never thought possible,” Fremont said on a recent afternoon in her apartment at Woodbury Senior Living in Woodbury, Minn., once again donning her dress blues, still a perfect fit.

Fremont will turn 98 on Aug. 20, which isn’t as unusual as it might seem. According to the Women Marines Association, nearly 60 of the organization’s 3,000 members are age 96 or older, including a 102-year-old woman living in Hastings, Minn.

Many of them, like Fremont, joined up shortly after the United States Marine Corps authorized a Women’s Reserve in 1943.

Inspired by an intense patriotism and desire to help her country during wartime, Fremont (then June Schwark) enlisted in the Marine Corps that year. She was 21 and living in Chicago.

“I picked it because it was the hardest for a woman to get into,” she said.

Numbers increase

By the end of the war in 1945, more than 18,000 female Marines had served, including 820 officers. The women served in non-combat roles and worked primarily in clerical positions. In 1950, however — two years after the United States Marine Corps Women’s Reserve was made a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps — women were made a permanent fixture in the military branches to open its doors to women with all this rank. No longer were there like bumps on a pickle.

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Visiting vets recall Korean War and its armistice

By Matthew Keeler
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Dozens of Korean War veterans, including 17 Americans, returned to the divided peninsula to commemorate the 66th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the fighting between the U.S.-backed South and its communist rivals in the North.

Dick Munson, 87, who was visiting South Korea from Ely, Nev., recalled learning about the armistice while he was at his post called Christmas Hill near the front lines on July 27, 1953.

“I was thinking about the anniversary of the signing of the armistice and excited to be here for that,” he said in an interview before a ceremony Saturday in Seoul. “Those of us serving up there called it Christmas in July.”

South Korea’s Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs hosted Munson and more than 100 other veterans and family members from 16 nations to express the South’s appreciation for the sacrifices made during the three-year war.

Throughout the six-day revisit program that began Tuesday, the vets participated in numerous cultural events and tours, including a trip to the truce village of Panmunjom and visits to the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone.

They also laid white flowers on the headstones of fallen servicemen at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in the southern city of Busan.

They were welcomed with a standing ovation and honored during the annual United Nations Forces participation day ceremony in Seoul, which was broadcast on national TV.

That event was also attended by South Korea’s Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon, the commander of United Nations Command and U.S. Forces Korea Gen. Robert Abrams, and Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen. Michael Bills.

“These brave soldiers endured combat, which often had them outnumbered and underequipped. Still they resisted, driven by the will to protect the freedoms that we all cherish,” Abrams said in opening remarks. “They faced the toughest imaginable conditions — freezing winters, sweltering summers and unforgiving terrain.”

Eighteen countries, including the United States and South Korea, joined the war under the umbrella of the U.S.-led United Nations Command after North Korea invaded the South on June 25, 1950.

Hostilities ceased when the armistice was signed in Panmunjom by a U.S. general representing the UNC and a North Korean general representing his country and its ally China. The nations remain technically at war to this day since they failed to agree on a peace treaty.

The UNC also held a ceremony at the Joint Security Area in the DMZ that divides the peninsula.

‘Coming back is closure’

The 17 American veterans who made the trip had varying motives for joining the Cold War conflict, which is often known as the Forgotten War because it was sandwiched between World War II and Vietnam.

Many simply didn’t have a choice, while others passed up life-changing opportunities to instead serve in the war.

Munson was drafted at age 19 and served the last 10 months of the war as an infantryman with both the 45th and 2nd Infantry Divisions.

“Coming back is closure,” he said.

“It is so good to come back and see the progress of this wonderful nation,” he said.

“It makes me almost feel it was worth it.”

Jim Judge, 86, said he was eager to go to war and gave up a potential professional baseball career with the Boston Red Sox to enlist. The Boston native joined the Marine Corps at age 17 and spent all of 1952 on the Korean Peninsula as a machine-gunner.

“I was expected to only last seven minutes out on the battlefield,” he said, jokingly.

Although Judge exceeded expectations in his first day on the job, he described a close call he had with enemy fire during an observe and capture mission.

“While I was digging a hole, I heard a click and think someone is shooting at me,” he said. “I picked my pack up, got down behind a hill and I looked at the pack — it had a bullet hole. I opened my pack and my metal mess kit had been hit.”

Back-to-back tours

The ability to serve and live to tell your war stories is rewarding on its own, but another vet managed to survive two tours with two different branches of service.

Theodore Trousdale Jr., 88, of Melbourne, Fla., was 19 years old and enrolled in the Army ROTC program at the University of Florida when the war broke out.

Trousdale said he knew he was about to be drafted, so he joined the Army and found himself in Korea in 1951 as a combat medic providing treatment for countless casualties.

Following completion of his first tour, he joined the Navy as what was known then as a fropa, or a trained combat diver, and served a second tour onboard a submarine in 1952 until the end.

“We would count the distance from North Korea along the Sea of Japan and the China Sea at night and set off demolition on railroad tunnels,” he said. “We had to get back into the rubber raft and get back onto the submarine before dawn.”

Trousdale first returned to South Korea in 1998, returning again 21 years later.

“It’s been wonderful,” he said. “The Korean people are really appreciative of all we did for them. They have really honored us the best way they could.”

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New leader of Naval Academy cites priorities

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The new superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy says infrastructure and preventing sexual assault are two of the top challenges facing the institution.

The Capital newspaper reported that Vice Adm. Sean Buck said infrastructure must improve to meet modern technological demands and rising tides on the Severn River.

He also said the prevention and elimination of sexual assault and harassment remain at the forefront of his mind. In the 2017-18 school year, there were 32 reports of sexual assault, the highest number in more than a decade.

Buck relieved the former superintendent, Vice Adm. Walter “Ted” Carter, at a ceremony at the academy Friday.

Carter is to retire as one of the longest-serving superintendents in the school’s history. He was superintendent for more than five years.

“Naval Academy infrastructure must improve to meet modern technological demands and rising Severn tides,” Buck said.

By Ken Miller
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Trump administration no longer needs to detain migrant children at an Oklahoma Army base and preparations to house them there have stopped, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement.

“Over the last several weeks, HHS has experienced a decrease in Department of Homeland Security referrals of unaccompanied alien children (UAC),” said Evelyn Stauffer, spokeswoman for the agency’s Administration for Children and Families.

“Additionally, HHS has been placing UAC with sponsors at a historically high rate. As such, the UAC Program does not have an immediate need to place children in (holding) facilities.”

Stauffer, who did not immediately reply to messages seeking further information, said the children had to go to hold at the base at Lawton, about 80 miles southwest of Oklahoma City.

Homeland Security officials said earlier this month there was a 28% drop in the number of migrants encountered by Customs and Border Protection in June amid a crackdown on migrants by Mexico.

There were 194,344 migrants in June, down from 144,278 the month before. Homeland Security officials said the numbers of single adults, families and unaccompanied minors at the border had all declined.

Dream Action Oklahoma, which helped organize a rally and march of an estimated 400 people to Fort Sill earlier this month to protest plans to use the base, said they were pleased by the announcement.

Japanese Americans and Native Americans were among those who took part in last weekend’s march and rally in front of one of the entrances to Fort Sill, where hundreds of Japanese and Japanese American prisoners of war were held by the federal government during World War II.

Fort Sill also housed migrant children in 2014 under the Obama administration and was used to hold Apache prisoners of war from 1894 to 1910.

Donelle Harder, a spokeswoman for Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, said the White House notified Sill of the change of plans Friday and said the base could still be used for temporary housing in the future.
**WAR ON TERRORISM**

***SYRIAN REBEL TOWN POUNDED; AT LEAST 11 KILLED IN STRIKE***

**BY SARAH EL DEEB**

Associated Press

BEIRUT — A Syrian government airstrike hit a busy open-air market in the central city of Idlib on Saturday, killing at least 11 people, most of them children, according to activists. The town of Idlib has been particularly targeted over the last week as the government escalates its offensive against the country’s last rebel stronghold.

The airstrike in Ariha left an 18-month-old girl with an amputated leg, according to Dr. Mohamad Atrash, a surgeon and chief of Idlib’s central hospital. He said the girl’s father and brother died in the bombing, while her mother is in the intensive care unit in the bed opposite her with a chest injury and internal bleeding in the head.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war, and another activist collective called Ariha Today said most of those killed were children. Ariha Today named six children under the age of 14 who it said were killed in the airstrike.

Ariha has been repeatedly targeted over the past week as Syria’s government looks to regain momentum in its stalled offensive. It is one of the main towns in Idlib province, along with the surrounding rural areas of Hama province are home to 3 million people.

Separately, local doctors said two medics and an ambulance driver were killed when an airstrike targeted their vehicle in Kfar Zita, a town on the front line in Hama province, at the edge of the rebel stronghold.

Ghayath, an activist in Ariha who gave only his first name out of fear for his safety, said the strike hit the town during the busy weekly bazaar when people came to buy food and other necessities. He said the death toll could have been higher if it were not for the warning from the local civilian defense team against large gatherings.

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**School: Official says more than half of Afghans live on less than $1 a day**

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prayers they come here for work, so they don’t have time for school,” said Atiqullah, who like many Afghans has only one name. “These days, if you don’t work, you can’t survive.”

The U.S. and its allies have sunk billions of dollars of aid into Afghanistan since the invasion to oust the Taliban 18 years ago, but the country remains mired in poverty. Signs of hardship are everywhere, from children begging in the streets to entire families — including children as young as 5 or 6 — working at brick kilns in the sweltering heat.

Atiqullah’s family comes from the eastern Nangarhar province, a stronghold for both the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate that has seen heavy fighting in recent years.

Brick factory owners travel to the villages and offer loans to cover basic necessities, forcing families to work them off during the summer months in a form of indentured servitude. Workers say a family of 10 can bring in an average of $12 to $18 a day, depending on their productivity.

Shubham Chaudhuri, who recently completed a three-year stint as the World Bank country director for Afghanistan, said more than half of Afghans live on less than a dollar a day, the amount considered necessary to meet basic need.

“Even more striking was the fact that almost three-quarters of the population was close to that level. So I think the state of poverty in Afghanistan today is that it is deep and it is widespread,” he said.

A U.N. report released last year said more than 2 million Afghan children aged 6-14 were engaged in some form of child labor. Laws governing child labor in Afghanistan are poorly enforced, especially in rural areas.

Afghanistan’s economy grew by just 2% last year, the slowest rate in South Asia, held back by the lingering conflict, drought and endemic corruption. The watchdog Transparency International regularly rates Afghanistan among the most corrupt countries in the world. Much of the international aid has ended up in the hands of former warlords who live in gated compounds, cruise around in motorcades and stash their fortunes in the Gulf.

Widespread misery and anger at the country’s elites has added fuel to the conflict and swelled the ranks of the Taliban, who now effectively control about half the country. The insurgents have held several rounds of talks with the United States in recent months, aiming for a deal in which foreign forces would withdraw.

A World Bank report released last week said a political settlement with the Taliban could boost the economy by encouraging the return of capital and skilled workers from overseas — but only if the security situation improves.

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**UK: Soldier in Syria killed by friendly fire**

**Associated Press**

LONDON — Officials say a British special forces soldier who died fighting Islamic State in Syria was killed by friendly fire rather than by a roadside bomb as previously believed.

Sgt. Matt Tonroe died in March 2018 alongside U.S. commando Master Sgt. Jonathan J. Dunbar while on a joint operation in Manbij, northern Syria, with American special forces. The Pentagon had said they died from improvised explosive devices. But investigators have concluded that Tonroe, 33, was killed by an explosive carried by a colleague.

Britain’s Defense Ministry said Saturday that while “it was initially believed that Sgt. Tonroe was killed by enemy action,” a subsequent investigation concluded he was killed by “the accidental detonation of explosives carried by coalition forces.”
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Taliban rebut talk of negotiation with Afghan government

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan official said Sunday that the government would hold its first direct talks with the Taliban within two weeks, but the insurgents quickly denied any such meeting was planned and reiterat

d their opposition to negotiating with government representatives in their official capacity.

The Taliban have been holding peace talks with the United States for nearly a year but have refused to recognize the Kabul government, viewing it as an American puppet.

Abdul Salam Rahimi, Afghanistan's state minister for peace affairs, said that a 15-member government delegation will meet with the Taliban in Europe, without elaborating.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said “there has been no agreement on such a meeting and that has not been coordinated with Taliban.” He said that once the insurgents reach an agreement with the U.S., they would be open to intra-Afghan talks, but any government representatives would have to participate in a personal capacity.

U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who is currently visiting Kabul, appears to share that position.

The Taliban, who effectively control around half the country, have continued to carry out daily attacks on Afghan security forces.

A Taliban suicide bomber killed four police early Sunday in an attack on a police station in the eastern Ghazni province, according to Ahmad Khan Serat, a spokesman for the provincial police. He said 10 other police were wounded.

Elsewhere in Ghazni, a roadside bomb killed three civilians and wounded three others, Serat said. No one claimed the attack.

Civilians are often killed or maimed by bombs targeting security forces.

Power: Talks aimed at salvaging nuclear deal with Iran are held amid Gulf tensions

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Experts warn that higher enrichment level and a growing uranium stockpile narrow the one-year window that Iran would need to have enough material to make an atomic bomb, something Iran denies it wants but that the deal prevented.

So far, neither Iran’s announcement that it exceeded the amount of low-enriched uranium allowed under the deal nor its revelation it had begun enriching uranium past the 3.67% purity allowed, to 4.5%, are seen as violations likely to prompt the European parties to invoke a dispute resolution mechanism.

Both of Iran’s actions were verified by the U.N.’s nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

At the Sunday meeting, Fu said, the Europeans urged Iran to come back to full compliance and Iran urged the European Union, France, Britain and Germany to implement their part of the deal.

Fu said all sides expressed strong opposition against the unilateral imposition of sanctions by the U.S., especially the extraterritorial application of the sanctions. They also voiced support for China’s efforts to maintain normal trade and oil relations with Iran, Fu added.

In addition to trade with China, Iran is especially keen on the activation of a barter-type system set up by the Europeans that would allow the continent’s businesses to trade with Tehran without violating the U.S. sanctions.

Israel, US: Defense system test successful

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel and the United States say they have successfully tested a jointly developed missile defense system in Alaska.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at a Cabinet meeting Sunday that the Arrow 3 gives his country the “ability to act against ballistic missiles fired against us from Iran and from any other location.”

The U.S. Missile Defense Agency says in a statement that Arrow 3’s interception of a missile outside the atmosphere is a “major milestone” in its development.

Arrow 3, along with the Iron Dome, David’s Sling and the Arrow 2 systems, is part of the multilayered shield Israel is developing to defend against rockets fired from Gaza and Lebanon, as well as Iran’s long-range missiles.
River a point of pride, risk to Iowa city

Associated Press

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Hundreds of communities line the Mississippi River on its 2,348-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, but Davenport stands out for the simple reason that people there can actually dip their toes in the river. The water in the river, they wonder if a downtown brewery by their business in Davenport, Iowa, earlier this month. Davenport’s easy access to the Mississippi River is a point of pride but poses a risk of flooding.

“There is just a great love of the river.”

That love is being tested this summer after record-setting floods broke through temporary barriers and for weeks inundated some of Davenport’s trendiest restaurants and shops with foul-smelling water.

Now that the river has finally seeped back to its banks, business owners and city officials are confronting a painful question: Can they still remain connected with the river without being overwhelmed by it?

Davenport is one of the many communities across the nation struggling with their past assumptions about the weather.

Even as residents scoff at the prospect of a concrete wall or rocky levee replacing the gently sloping lawn that dips down to the river, they wonder if a downtown that has seen roughly $500 million in investment in recent years can survive being washed and cut off from the rest of the city so frequently.

CHILE PLANT TO BE GROWN AT SPACE STATION

Associated Press

ESPAÑOLA, N.M. — It’ll be one giant leap for chile-kind. A hybrid version of a New Mexico chile plant has been selected to be grown in space as part of a NASA experiment.

The chile, from Española, N.M., is tentatively scheduled to be launched to the International Space Station for testing in March 2020, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

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Torres said the point of sending the small green plant to space is demonstrate how NASA’s Advanced Plant Habitat — which re-creates the environmental needs for plant growth like Co2, humidity and lighting — works not only for leafy greens but for fruiting crops, as well.

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Trump attacks district represented by nemesis

By Zeke Miller

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday denigrated a majority-black district represented by a congressional nemesis as a “disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess,” broadening a campaign against prominent critics of his administration that has escalated racial tensions.

Trump lashed out in tweets against Rep. Elijah Cummings, the powerful House Oversight Committee chairman, claiming his Baltimore-area district is “considered the worst run and most dangerous anywhere in the United States.” It was the president’s latest assault on a prominent lawmaker and the people he represents two weeks after he sparked nationwide controversy with what were widely regarded as racist tweets directed at four congresswomen of color.

His comments against Cummings, who leads multiple investigations into the president’s governmental dealings, drew swift condemnation from Democrats, including would-be presidential rivals. Statements from a spokesman for the state’s Republican governor and from the lieutenant governor defended Cummings’ district and its people.

Trump called Cummings a “brutal bully” after his public tongue-lashing of top Homeland Security officials over conditions for migrants detained along the southern border.

In a tweet last week during a Congressional tour, the Border is clean, efficient & well run, just very crowded,” Trump tweeted. “Cummings District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess.”

Cummings’ office replied directly to Trump on Twitter, saying, “Mr. President, I go home to my district daily. Each morning, I wake up and I go and fight for my neighbors. It is my constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch. But it is my moral duty to fight for my constituents.”

Cummings has drawn the president’s ire for investigations touching on his family members serving in the White House. On Thursday his committee voted along party lines to authorize subpoenas for personal emails and texts used for official business by top White House aides, including Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner.

After spending several hours on his private golf course in Virginia, Trump repeated the attack on Cummings, despite broad criticism from Democrats.

“Elijah Cummings spends all of his time trying to hurt innocent people through ‘Over-sight,’ “ Trump tweeted. “He does NOTHING for his very poor, very dangerous and very badly run district!”

The latest comments come as Trump has placed racial animus at the center of his reelection campaign, as he believes rhetoric will strengthen his support among the white working class and attract a new group of disaffected voters who fear cultural changes across America.

Cummings’ district is about 55% black and includes a large portion of Baltimore. It is home to the national headquarters of the NAACP and Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The city has struggled with violent crime, with more than 300 homicides for four years in a row. It has crumbling infrastructure and a police department under federal oversight.

Cummings’ district also extends into Maryland’s Baltimore and Howard counties. Trump’s attack on Cummings was reminiscent of one he launched a week before his inaugural on civil rights legend John Lewis, a Democratic congressman from Georgia who questioned the legitimacy of his 2016 election.

Trump tweeted in January 2017 that Lewis “should spend more time on theping and helping his district, which is in horrible shape and falling apart (not to mention crime infested) rather than falsely complaining about the election results.”

Earlier this month, the president drew bipartisan condemnation following his call for four Democratic congresswomen of color to get out of the U.S. “right now,” saying if the lawmakers “hate our country, they can go back to their ‘broken and crime-infested’ countries.”

His comments were directed at Reps. Ilhan Omar, of Minnesota; Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, of New York; Ayanna Pressley, of Massachusetts; and Rashida Tlaib, of Michigan. All are American citizens and three of the four were born in the U.S. The Democratic-led U.S. House voted largely along party lines to condemn his “racist comments.”

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi defended Cummings on Saturday as “a symbol of the Congress and the country for civil rights and economic justice.” A beloved leader in Baltimore and deeply valued colleague. She added, “We all reject racist at- tacks against him and support his steadfast leadership.”

Baltimore Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young fired back at Trump after his attacks, saying he is a “shameless opportunist trying to divide us.”

A spokesman for Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, defended the area and its residents. In an email, Michael Ricci wrote, “Baltimore City is truly the very heart of our state, and more attacks between politicians aren’t going to get us anywhere.”

Democrat and some Republicans are speaking out in defense of Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., chairman of the House Oversight Committee, after President Donald Trump attacked Cummings and the Baltimore area district he represents in weekend tweets.

Top aide: President’s criticism not racist

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A top White House aide defended President Donald Trump’s disparaging tweets about an influential black Democratic congressman and his Baltimore district as a justified response to the lawmaker’s criticism of administration border policies.

Acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said Trump was upset over what he perceived to be inaccurate statements by Rep. Elijah Cummings about conditions in which children are being held in detention at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Mulvaney told “Fox News Sunday” that “when the president hears that ‘s he’s going to fight back.”

At a hearing last week, Cum- mings accused a top administration official of wrongly calling reports of filth, overcrowded facilities “unsubstantiated.”

Mulvaney denied that Trump’s Twitter comments Saturday were racist and said Trump would criticize any law- maker who spoke unfairly about his policies.

Ariz. state lawmaker blasted for saying US might look like South America

By Associated Press

PHOENIX — A veteran Arizo- na legislator is apologizing while defending herself from criticism for comments she made on immigration and birth rates.

The Phoenix New Times posted audio of a July 15 speech during which state Rep. David Stringer, a Republican, via Allen said a flood of immigr- ation and low birth rates among whites amid a lack of cultural assimilation mean “we’re going to look like South American countries very quickly.”

The Republican from Snow- flake, Ariz., who is white, also said the U.S. has to regulate immigration so the country can provide jobs, education, health care and other needs.

“We can’t provide that if people are just flooding us and flooding us and flooding us and overwhelming us,” she said.

Wendy Rogers, a Republican running for the state Senate seat now held by Allen, issued a state- ment Saturday denouncing Al- len’s comments as “very racist” and said Allen should retire from the Legislature.

Democratic state Sen. Martin Quezada told the Arizona Republic that the “tone and perspective” of Allen’s remarks on migrants were “insulting, to say the least.”

The Arizona Democratic Leg- islative Campaign Committee in a statement compared the com- ments to those of former Arizona Rep. David Stringer.

In June 2018, the Prescott, Ariz., Republican said “there aren’t enough white kids to go around” in the United States and called immigration “an existen- tial threat.”

Allen, in Facebook posts Fri- day and Saturday, apologized “to anyone who has been hurt by her words.”

But she said her comments on immigration and birth rates were largely based on research by a re- spected demographer.

“Sadly, immigration has be- come a more contentious issue in our country,” she said in one of the posts, mentioning that she sup- ports legal immigration and that her extended family is legal immigrants. She added, “I’ve helped them assimilate into our country.”

Later, in a comment on her Facebook post Saturday, she thanked people who spoke in support and added, “Verbal Lynching is the political tool used today to silence debate on critical issues.”

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WASHINGTON — America’s much-maligned health care system is covering 9 out of 10 people, a fact that hasn’t stopped the 2020 presidential candidates from refighting battles about how to provide coverage, from Bernie Sanders’ call for replacing private insurance with a government plan to President Donald Trump’s pledge to end “Obama-care” entirely, as does Sanders.

“We need to have a debate about coverage and cost, and we have seen less focus on cost than we have on coverage,” said Colorado Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet. He is among the Democratic presidential candidates who favor building on the current system, correcting it entirely, as does Sanders. “The cost issue is a huge issue for the country and for families,” Bennet said.

A report this year by the Commonwealth Fund think tank in New York found that uninsured Americans than in 2010 but more who are “underinsured,” a term that describes policyholders exposed to high out-of-pocket costs when compared with their individual incomes. The report estimated 44 million Americans were underinsured in 2010, compared with 29 million in 2010 when the law was passed. That’s about a 50% increase, with the greatest rise to close a “loophole” that states have misused to “effectively bypass important eligibility guidelines.”

Current federal guidelines forbid people who make more than 130 percent of the poverty level from getting food stamps. But many states believe the cap is too restrictive, especially in cities with a high cost of living, prompting them to bypass the limits.

At issue is a federal policy that allows people who receive benefits through other government programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, to automatically qualify for the food aid program known as SNAP.
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N. Korea lets fishermen return to South

By Hyung-jin Kim
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Two South Koreans and 15 Russians returned to South Korea on Sunday following 10 days of detention in North Korea after their fishing boat drifted into North Korean waters, officials said.

The crew members were aboard a Russia-flagged fishing boat when it was detained by North Korea on July 11 after leaving South Korea's eastern Sokcho port a day earlier.

Seoul's Unification Ministry said in a statement the crew arrived aboard the same boat at Sokcho on Sunday, a day after they left the North's Wonsan port.

Seoul officials did not immediately explain how they were detained, treated and repatriated, saying North Korea hasn't informed South Korea of its decision to release the crew. The ministry said it learned of the boat's departure from Wonsan on Saturday through various channels that it refused to disclose.

The ministry statement said it positively assessed the North's repatriation of the crew members.

In a Facebook message, the Russian Embassy in Pyongyang said the "coordinated work of the Russian diplomatic agency" led to their release. It said the ship's captain was informed of the crew's planned release 3½ hours before their departure from Wonsan.

An unidentified crew member told Russia's state news agency Tass that the ship was released without being fined. "The full crew is aboard the ship, everyone is feeling well," he was quoted as saying.

The Tass report said the ship was heading to the waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan to catch crabs when it was detained. It cited the North Korean Foreign Ministry representatives as saying the ship was detained for "violating the rules of entry and stay in North Korea."

Ties between the Koreas are cool amid the ship was detained. It cited the North Korean nuclear program.

Seoul said North Korea is holding six other South Koreans it has arrested in recent years on anti-state and other charges.

Fishing boats drift across the Korean sea border in both directions. Earlier Sunday, South Korea's military said a North Korean wooden fishing boat carrying three people crossed the maritime border Saturday night, prompting a South Korean navy ship to tow it to a South Korean port.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North Koreans were under investigation.

South Korea typically returns North Korean fishermen unless they are suspected of espionage. But it also lets them resettle in the South if they want.

Cyprus frees 7 teens; cites false report

By Menelaos Hadjicostis
Associated Press

PARALIMNI, Cyprus — Seven Israeli teenagers were freed from custody in Cyprus on Sunday after a 19-year-old British woman admitted her report of being raped by a dozen people was untrue, a lawyer and Cypriot officials said.

A Russia-flagged fishing boat which was detained by North Korea is docked at Sokcho, South Korea, on Sunday. Seoul says two South Koreans and 15 Russians have returned to South Korea about 10 days after their boat drifted into North Korean waters and was detained.

A lawyer for two of the Israelis said the woman voluntarily recanted during questioning just after midnight, saying there had been sexual contact with the suspects but she wasn't raped.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss details of the case.

The state-run Cyprus News Agency reported that the woman allegedly told investigators she filed a rape report because she was "angry and insulted" that a number of the Israelis allegedly recorded video of her having sex with some of them.

As the Israeli teens were released from police district headquarters in the town of Paralimni hours later, jubilant relatives were there to greet them with hugs and kisses. Some of the youths carried suitcases and got into waiting cars that drove them away.

Cypriot authorities arrested 12 Israeli teenagers on July 18 following the woman's report of being raped by a dozen individuals at a hotel in the popular tourist resort of Ayia Napa where she and the Israelis were staying.

Five were released Thursday after investigators found no evidence implicating them.

Investigators told a Paralimni court during a custody hearing Friday that the British woman was in a relationship with one of the seven suspects and had sexual contact with several of the other six over several days, lawyer Habaris said earlier.

The 12 Israelis had come to Cyprus in three separate groups, some for a vacation before being induced into the army, and didn't know each other, according to Nir Yaslovitzh, an Israeli lawyer representing three of the dozen suspects.

Cypriot police provided DNA samples to Israeli authorities to locate three other individuals as potential suspects, but that assistance is no longer necessary.

Indian police: Top militant was killed

By Emily Schmall
Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India — A top commander of a Pakistan-based militant group was killed Sunday during an operation in the southern part of the Indian-administered part of Kashmir, the region's police chief said.

Jammu and Kashmir police chief Dilbagh Singh said that Munna Bihari, a commander of the Jaish-e-Mohammad militant group, was killed with a local associate after a nightlong operation in Shopian town.

Singh said the commander was known for bomb-making and a series of civilian killings and attacks on the military.

Jaish-e-Mohammad was blamed for a February car bombing on a paramilitary convoy that killed 40 Indian soldiers in the deadliest attack on Indian troops in recent history. The attack brought archival nuclear nations India and Pakistan close to another war.

Jaish-e-Mohammad is outlawed in Pakistan but is thought to operate from safe havens in that country.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan and both claim the region.
More tear gas fired amid raging Hong Kong protests

By Katie Tam and Chawoong Bang
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Police fired tear gas at protesters in Hong Kong on Sunday for the second night in a row in another escalation of weekslong pro-democracy protests in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Police dispersed two areas at opposite ends of central Hong Kong following a midafternoon rally against police use of tear gas the previous Sunday.

As night fell, one group that had blocked a road near the Chinese government’s liaison office began to move forward. The police issued warnings, and protesters were seen throwing eggs at them.

Officiers fired tear gas to halt the advance.

Police said the protesters numbered about 3,500 people, but aerial footage from several locations where people were rallying simultaneously suggests at least 8,000 protesters.

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow on Sunday decried the violent crackdown as “use of disproportionate police force.” The Russian presidential human rights council said Sunday it was concerned about the police brutality.

The rally in Chater Garden was called to protest the police use of tear gas, rubber bullets and other force to break up a protest the previous Sunday.

“We need to have a protest to show that we are strongly against this kind of brutality and we need them to respond to our demands,” said rally organizer Ventus Lau.

Police had denied Lau’s request to protest near the Liaison Office district, where the tear gas was used the previous weekend, citing escalating violence in clashes with protesters that have broken out after past marches and rallies.

Over 1,300 detained in Moscow for protesting

By Nataliya Vasilyeva
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Nearly 1,400 people were detained in a violent police crackdown on an opposition protest in Moscow, a Russian group that monitors police arrests said Sunday, adding that it was the number of detentions at a rally in the Russian capital this decade.

OVD-Info, which has monitored the arrests since 2011, said the number of the detentions it logged for Saturday’s protest reached 1,373 by early Sunday.

The overwhelming majority of people were soon released, but 150 remain in custody, OVD-Info and a lawyers’ association providing legal aid to the detainees said Sunday.

Russian police violently dispersed thousands of people who thronged the streets of Moscow on Saturday to protest election authorities for disqualifying independent candidates from the Sept. 8 vote for the Moscow city council.

Several protesters reported broken limbs and head injuries. Police justified their response by saying the rally was not sanctioned by authorities.

Of the arrests of the mostly young demonstrators, several opposition activists who wanted to run for the Moscow City Duma were arrested throughout the city before the protest.

They were released later in the day, only to be rearrested in the evening.

Police eventually cordoned off City Hall and dispersed protesters from the area, but thousands of demonstrators reassembled in several different locations nearby where new arrests began.

Russian police beat some of them to the ground with wide truncheon swings, while other demonstrators tried to push police away.

Police said the protesters numbered about 3,500 people, but aerial footage from several locations where people were rallying simultaneously suggests at least 8,000 protesters.

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow on Sunday decried the violent crackdown as “use of disproportionally force.” The Russian presidential human rights council said Sunday it was concerned about the police brutality.

Another group headed west toward mainland China’s liaison office. Protesters egged the office the previous weekend and splattered black ink on the national emblem, eliciting an angry reaction from the Chinese government.

They stopped about two blocks short of the office and used orange and white construction barriers to build a wall spanning a major road.

They massed behind the barriers as night fell, with umbrellas pointed forward to shield their identities and ward off any police move to clear them.

Some nearby stores shuttered early as police in riot gear gathered nearby ahead of the all-but-inevitable clearing operation.

Hong Kong has been wracked by protests for seven weeks as opposition activists at a rally in the Russian capital, where Putin leads naval parade during the Navy Day celebration in St.Petersburg, Russia, on Sunday.

Putin leads naval parade

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived to attend the military parade during the Navy Day celebration in St.Petersburg, Russia, on Sunday.

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Protesters use umbrellas and barricades as they prepare to face policemen on a street in Hong Kong on Sunday.

By Frances D’Emilio
Associated Press

ROME — Two American teenagers who were classmates at a California high school spent a second night in a Rome jail Saturday after they were interrogated for hours about their alleged roles in the murder of an Italian policeman.

Investigators contended in written statements Saturday that the pair had confessed to their roles in the grisly slaying. Vice Premier Mario Cerciello Rega, a member of the storied Carabinieri paramilitary corps, was stabbed eight times, allegedly by one of the teens, leaving him bleeding on a street close to the teens’ upscale hotel near Rome’s Tiber River.

Italian authorities identified the two as Gabriel Christian Natale-Hjorth, 18, and Finnegan Lee Elder, 19, and said they were born in San Francisco.

Police said they were apparently vacationing in the Italian capital without family members.

In the detention order, Elder is described as repeatedly stabbing the officer, 35, who had just returned to duty a few days earlier from his honeymoon.

Investigators said Cerciello Rega, along with another Carabinieri officer, were both in plainclothes when they confronted the Americans about 3 a.m. Friday in the wake of a drug deal gone wrong. Natale-Hjorth was described in the document as having repeatedly punched Cerciello Rega’s partner.

Under Italian law, persons who participated in a killing but didn’t actually carry out the slaying itself risk being charged with murder. Both suspects are also being investigated for attempted extortion.

Cerciello Rega, beloved for his charity work with the homeless, was described as a hero for trying to help keep Rome’s streets safe.

Photos of the officer wearing his uniform for his wedding and showing off his wedding band as he sat next to his beaming bride dominated the front pages of many Italian newspapers Saturday.

Police were seen Sunday with their children left bouquets of flowers at the bloodstained site.

Authorities vowed that justice would be done.

“Hoping that the killer of our poor Carabinieri never gets out of prison, I remind degenerates that in the United States, whoever kills risks the death penalty,” tweeted Interior Minister Matteo Salvini. “I’m not saying we’ll get to that but, yes, to a life in prison (in labor, obviously).”

Like all European Union countries, Italy doesn’t have the death penalty.

Elder’s lawyer, Francesco Co- dimi, said his client had exercised his right not to respond to questions during a hearing before a judge at the jail Saturday to determine whether the suspects remain locked up.

Italian state radio reported Sunday the judge ruled that the Americans must stay in jail while the investigation goes forward.
Country finding ways to adapt to blockade

BY STEVEN MUFSON
The Washington Post

AL KHOR, Qatar — Three times a day, the Holstein cows on this dairy farm north of Doha placidly step onto a circular platform to get hooked up to automated milking tubes. Afterward, they get sprayed with cool water and go back to one of the art barns where misting and cooling systems keep the summer temperature at roughly 82 degrees, well below the brutal 110 degrees it is outside on Qatar’s scrubland. The cows, about 20,000 of them, rest on beds of cooled sand. They do everything but yoga, joked Saba Mohd N.M. Al Fadala, the farm’s public relations director, highlighting the comfortable conditions. Two years ago, none of this was here. Qatar imported all its milk needs. But then neighboring Saudi Arabia and its regional allies declared they would blockade Qatar over disputes that included claims that Qatar supported Islamist factions such as the Muslim Brotherhood. That left Qatar — rich in oil and natural gas — having to rethink how to get everything from construction materials to milk.

Now this farm, called Baladna, or “our country,” and its five “milking parlors” provide enough milk for the domestic market in addition to making products such as cheese and yogurt. The company has even started exporting small amounts to Oman, Yemen and Afghanistan.

“This is one of the biggest successes since the blockade,” said Adam Peffer, a Michigan native who has worked in Dubai and other countries before coming to Qatar to manage the dairy farm operations. “If there had been no blockade, this wouldn’t be here. It shows the importance of food security.”

The blockade has turned into a rallying cry for Qataris. “The economy is getting stronger,” said Yousef Al Horr, founding chairman of an environmental group, the Gulf Organization for Research & Development. He listed the new food industry, more direct supply routes and a boost for local logistic businesses tied to new port facilities.

“Now we have direct access to original suppliers and we’re cutting out those middlemen,” he said.

Overall, Qatar has adapted to the sanctions andied more than two years ago by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt. Those countries — angered by what they alleged was funding for extremist groups and support for Arab Spring movements — took direct aim at the Qatari economy and flagship brands such as Qatar Airways.

The sweeping diplomatic and commercial snub was an unprecedented move among Gulf Arab nations that had usually tried to present a united front. But Qatar had increasingly faced regional pressures over its independent-minded policies and the growing clout of the Doha-based broadcaster Al Jazeera across the Arabic-speaking world. Qatar also has the money to ride it out. Qatar relies heavily on liquefied natural gas, which accounts for about 85% of its total exports. Those massive LNG exports, including production joint ventures with ExxonMobil and Royal Dutch Shell have continued unobstructed. In January, Qatar’s total exports. Those massive LNG exports, which accounts for about 85% of its total exports. Those massive LNG exports, including production joint ventures with ExxonMobil and Royal Dutch Shell have continued unobstructed.

PHOTOS BY SALWAN GEORGES/The Washington Post

Baladna’s Holstein cows are seen inside a dairy farm on a circular platform with automated milking tubes on July 9 in Al Khor, Qatar.

“ ‘If there had been no blockade, this wouldn’t be here. It shows the importance of food security.’ ”

Adam Peffer
Michigan native who runs a dairy farm in Qatar

Qatar, which also produces only 600,000 barrels a day of oil, quit the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC.

While President Donald Trump initially sounded sympathetic to Saudi complaints, the signals have changed. Qatar’s leader, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad al-Thani, met the president in the Oval Office this month and discussed investments, circumventing the blockade in a rare break in U.S. support for Riyadh.

Qatar has “successfully absorbed the shocks” from a drop in oil prices from 2014 to 2016 and the Saudi-led boycott imposed in June 2017, the International Monetary Fund said in its spring assessment. Qatar’s inflation-adjusted GDP growth is estimated at 2.2 percent, up from 1.6 percent in 2017, the report said.

S&P Global, which had changed Qatar’s outlook to negative in 2017, has changed it back to stable.

Qatar has also rerouted much of its trade. Much of it previously flowed through Saudi Arabia — Qatar’s only land border — or by sea through Dubai. Now, many ships to Qatar come from Turkey, India and Oman.

And Turkey, which made a deal last year with Qatar’s central bank that helped stabilize the Turkish lira, is happy to boost its trade, too.

The next World Cup, which will take place in Qatar in 2022, hangs over everything. There are more than $200 billion in major construction projects — eight new or renovated stadiums, a new metro system, and an entire new city on the northern edge of Doha. And Qatar has also fallen back on its sovereign wealth fund, which diverted about $20 billion of its roughly $320 billion of assets back into Qatar.

To be sure, there have been bumps. Because they must avoid Saudi airspace, commercial flights must take longer routes. That inconveniences the foreign workers who make up about 90% of the 2.7 million people here. The trip from Sudan’s capital Khartoum to Doha, for example, doubled to almost seven hours. A consultant in Saudi Arabia must fly through Kuwait to visit relatives in Doha. He visits less often.

Luckily for Qatar, it had just completed a port expansion project when the blockade was imposed, making it much easier to import directly from suppliers and to jump over regional logistics hubs in places such as Dubai or Saudi Arabia.

The Baladna farm is the most prominent example of Qatar’s push for self-sufficiency. When the blockade was announced, Qatar was able to get milking machines delivered quickly by paying an Irish company also seeking to buy the equipment to step aside for a rush order.

Then it airlifted cows from Europe using Russian cargo planes. Large numbers of those cows died of heat stress, but that was before the barns and cooling systems were completely constructed. The farm also has a 17-person veterinary team and hospital.

Since then, more cows have been imported from the United States and Canada. And 30 to 50 more cows are being born here every day.

To raise a hardy breed accustomed to relatively hot conditions, the newborns sleep on sand in open air cages beneath high rooftops with fans. They move to the barns after a year.

There are disadvantages to raising cows in Qatar, where the summer heat routinely tops 115 degrees. Cows can’t be left outside to chew grass; there isn’t any. Hay comes from places such as the United States, Spain, France, Germany and Romania.

“Fifty percent of the job is to think past the blockade,” said Abdallah. As a result, he is trying to build brand loyalty “very quickly.” One tactic: Student groups visit during the school year.

He added, “Now we have the market to ourselves.”

The dairy also hasn’t solved the economic problem of getting Qataris to work in Qatar. People with Qatari origin account for barely a tenth of the 2.7 million people here. The privately owned Baladna enterprise has created 1,800 jobs — but the company just hired its first genuine Qatari employee, Al Fadala. The rest come from around the world.
Fargo's replica of the Statue of Liberty stolen

FARGO — Authorities said Fargo's 8-foot-tall replica of the Statue of Liberty has been stolen.

KFGO radio reported the 150-pound statue that was mounted on a pedestal at the entrance of the Veterans Memorial Bridge was reported missing July 22.

Mayor Tim Mahoney said a construction camera near the area that takes hourly photos indicates the theft took place early July 21.

Mahoney called the theft "disrespectful" but said no charges will be filed if it is returned.

Zoo awaits bloom of smelly corpse flower

CLEVELAND — A zoo in Cleveland is awaiting the odiferous bloom of what's known as the corpse flower for just the fourth time in the last 25 years.

WEWS-TV reported the rare titan arum flower stinks for around 24 hours when it blooms and can grow to a height of 10 feet. The plant is at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Rainforest.

At the other end of the state, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden officials are anticipating the bloom of their newly acquired corpse flower named "Morticia."

They describe the odor it emits as a combination of Limburger cheese, garlic, rotting flesh and smelly feet.

Man sentenced for Apple Store thefts

PORTLAND — A man who almost daily stole hundreds of dollars of electronics from the downtown Portland Apple Store to feed a $150-a-day heroin habit has been sentenced to nearly four years in prison.

The (Portland) Oregonian reported Todd Billinghamhurst, 39, was sentenced Friday for first-degree theft and robbery.

Billinghamhurst, 39, once a pleader guilty pleas for first-degree aggravated theft from the Apple Store.

Prosecutors said Billinghamhurst would run into the Apple store, grab an average of about $700 worth of merchandise and escape within 20 seconds.

Vegas grasshoppers unusual but harmless

LAS VEGAS — A migration of mild-mannered grasshoppers sweeping through the Las Vegas area is being attributed to wet weather.

Nevada state entomologist Jeff Knight told reporters Thursday the number of adult pallid-winged grasshoppers traveling north to central Nevada is unusual but not unprecedented and they pose no danger.

Knight said the insects don't carry disease, don't bite and probably won't damage anybody's yard before they're gone in several weeks.

Female runner chases down male flasher

CAMBRIDGE — A female runner captured on video chasing down a man who exposed himself to her.

Ais Polansky, 33, said he didn't hesitate to run the man down after he pulled down his pants as she ran along the Charles River in Cambridge on July 18.

Surveillance video released by Massachusetts State Police showed the unzipped and infuriated former Israeli army soldier sprinting to overtake the man.

Polansky said that she grabbed the man's arm and called for help, but the man slipped from her grip and escaped when she reached for her phone to call police.

Photographer snaps snake eating cicada

AR OZARK — Charlton McDaniel, of Fort Smith, said he was "fascinated and captivated" to see a copperhead eat a newly emerged cicada.

McDaniel, 42, told The Associated Press that he was in the forest for some moonlight kayaking when he noticed a molting cicada.

McDaniel said the snake showed up, and he twice scared off the reptile.

McDaniel said he went to his vehicle and when he returned the snake grabbed the insect.

Up and over

Keri Caraher, founder of The Canine Stars, tries a little body English to help Layla clear 52 inches of bar during the Lake County Fair in Grayslake, Ill., on Friday.

All dogs participating in the show were rescued.

THE CENSUS

The age of a shipwreck that was found in Lake Superior. The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society announced it discovered the remains of the 294-foot S.R. Kirby, which sank 103 years ago in Lake Superior off Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A huge wave took the Kirby down with 22 men aboard. Two men and the captain's dog survived.

Man crawls through window to rob shop

ANCHORAGE — Police are searching for a man who robbed a drive-through coffee shop in Anchorage after entering through the ordering window.

Police said the man walked up to the Perkup Espresso on West Potter Drive on Thursday afternoon and crawled in through the window while holding a gun.

According to police, the man took cash and left. Two workers there at the time were not hurt.

Scam hits restaurants with unpaid orders

HAYDEN — Flame & Cork owner Connie Yee said a man placed a $375 to-go order at the Hayden pizzeria on July 20.

She said she contacted the man after he didn't show up, and he responded, "You've been dunked."

Raducci Italian Bistro owner Daniel Morey said his Hayden restaurant was scammed out of $443 from a 25-pizza order the previous weekend.

Police: Package was umbrella, thermos

NEW YORK — Police said a suspicious package left on a New York City subway platform before a man jumped in front of a train turned out to be an umbrella and a thermos.

The unidentified man jumped in front of a Manhattan-bound A train at the 80th Street station in Queens about 6:45 a.m. Friday. He was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Bystanders told police the man had left a backpack on the platform before he jumped.

Subway service in the area was suspended while the bomb squad investigated.

Ex-coach's aide guilty of underwear thefts

LAWRENCE — A former University of Kansas assistant volleyball coach has admitted stealing underwear from team members.

Skyler Yee, 24, pleaded no contest Friday to two felony counts of burglary in exchange for prosecutors dropping 13 other charges.

Judge Peggy Kittel found Yee's crimes were sexually motivated. He must register as a sex offender for the next 15 years.

The Lawrence Journal-World reported Kittel granted Yee's request to serve his sentence in Kansas.

Yee was charged in February with 15 counts, including four felonies. The charges include burglary, property damage and theft.

From wire reports
‘Will & Grace’ reboot to end in 2020

“Will & Grace” is coming to an end, again. NBC said July 25 that the rebooted sitcom will wrap after its upcoming 2020 season, with the air date to be announced.

“Will & Grace” was part of a wave of revivals when it returned to TV in 2017. The third and final season will include 18 episodes.

When the comedy first aired, from 1998-2006, it was a groundbreaking for its depiction of gay friends Will and Jack, played by Eric McCormack and Sean Hayes.

Debra Messing and Megan Mullally also starred in the original and the reboot, which followed a much-viewed 2016 election-themed reunion video.

In a joint statement, the new show’s producers said they consulted with the cast in deciding to bring “Will & Grace” to a close.

‘Orange’ offers fans a way to give back

The Netflix series “Orange Is the New Black” isn’t content with leaving behind a legacy of good television. It wants to do good in the real world, too.

The series’ creative team said July 25 it has formed a fund that will support advocacy groups pressing for criminal justice reform and women re-entering society from prison, protect immigrants’ rights and end mass incarceration.

A 16-episode series, named in honor of show character Poussey Washington, will spread out donations equally to eight already-existing nonprofit groups.

Washington, an inmate portrayed by actress Samira Wiley, is a fan favorite whose sudden death at the hands of fellow inmates in the fourth season stunned many viewers and was a nod to the recent cases of African-Americans killed in police custody.

George Takei decries migrant treatment

George Takei says U.S. migrant detention policies reached depths beyond what Japanese-Americans faced during their World War II internment.

Takei, interned as a child, said his family and others were kept together when they were sent to American camps. In contrast, the Star Trek actor said, some immigrant babies and children were separated and moved great distances from their parents.

Takei called it inhumane and a “grotesque low.”

Takei, who stars in a new horror-drama series set in a Japanese-American internment camp, made his comments to a TV critics meeting July 25.

He said he hopes the show, AMC’s “The Terror: Infamy,” debuting Aug. 12, inspires people to fight injustice.

The Brady Bunch cast members reunite for home restoration job

The Brady Bunch house was used for exterior shots of the TV sitcom reunited six cast members and rekindled the show’s spirit.

“The Brady Bunch,” even if it was literally just a facade.

An HGTV renovation of the Los Angeles house that was used for exterior shots of the TV sitcom reunited six cast members and rekindled the show’s spirit.

“We enjoy being together, doing other projects, but this is the first time the magic is back,” said Susan Olsen, who played Cindy on “The Brady Bunch.”

Maureen McCormick (Marcia) and Eve Plumb (Jan) agreed. They and the other actors who played blended-family siblings took part in a Q&A with TV critics July 25 to promote “A Very Brady Renovation.”

The four-part series debuts statewide Sept. 9.

Interior house scenes for the 1969-74 comedy were shot on a soundstage, with sets that bore no resemblance to the private home destined to become a photo-op magnet for “Brady” fans.

When the house went on the market in 2018, HGTV won a bidding war that drove the price up to $3.5 million — or $1.6 million over the listing price for the then-2,400-square-foot residence.

“They paid way too much, I mean WAY too much,” said Mike Lookinland, who played Greg.

That was the crazy part,” agreed Christopher Knight, who played middle brother Peter.

The house was expanded, remodeled and redecorated to give it trademark elements of the set version, including the wood-paneled living room with a floating staircase, orange-and-green kitchen and Greg’s attic digs.

“The Brady Bunch” cast said they were called on to put their demolition muscle and design skills into the renovation, aided by HGTV hosts including Jonathan and Drew Scott of “Property Brothers.”

The actors reminisce in the series about making the show and the co-stars they have lost.

“We can feel the presence of Robert Reed and Florence Henderson and Ann B. Davis in these rooms that are being created, through the memories and the shows,” said Williams. “We can share their presence and what a significant part of our show they are and were.”

“And they would’ve loved it,” said Mike Lookinland (Bobby).

Henderson, who died in 2016 at age 82, and Reed, who was 59 when he died in 1992, played their parents. Davis (housekeeper Alice) died 88 in 2014.

What will happen to the house after the series has yet to be announced by HGTV. The actors speculated that it is unlikely to become a museum or public attraction because it’s in a residential area.

Woodstock 50 festival moves to Maryland

Organizers of Woodstock 50 have decided to relocate the commemorative music festival from upstate New York to Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md., according to the office of Howard County Executive Calvin Ball.

The move appears to be a last-minute effort to save the troubled festival, for which tickets have yet to go on sale.

“We’re doing everything we can to make sure this historic show goes on,” Scott Peterson, a spokesman for Ball’s office, said July 25.

Woodstock 50 was announced in January, when Michael Lang, one of the original festival’s organizers, shared his plans to put on a show Aug. 16-18 in Watkins Glen, N.Y. He promised an eclectic lineup — from legacy acts to modern pop and hip-hop stars — and said it’s an anti-war activist, a hallmark of Woodstock.

Organizers revealed two months later that Jay-Z and Miley Cyrus were among those set to perform, as well as a number of artists present in 1969 and now.

Less than 24 hours after news broke that Woodstock 50 organizers had decided to move their troubled festival to Merriweather Post Pavilion, then-Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan announced he was taking a stand on the worst. Both Jay-Z and John Fogerty have reportedly pushed officials to cancel the event entirely — just three weeks before it is scheduled to take place.

The artists were two of the biggest names planned.

Red flags popped up as early as March, when Billboard reported that Woodstock 50 organizers had been late in paying several artists. In mid-April, just days before tickets were supposed to be available, organizers delayed the on-sale date — triggering cancellation rumors that seemed to come true at the end of the month, when the festival’s financial backer issued a statement on April 29 saying it. It made sense, given several reports that organizers hadn’t yet secured permits for Watkins Glen or Vernon Downs, a second option east of Syracuse that would’ve allowed artists whose contracts were bound to the original location the right to refuse to perform.

Several questions remain, largely regarding the organizers’ ability to pay artists, and the event’s ability to fulfill its mission of drawing a crowd of at least 100,000 people who would each pay hundreds of dollars to attend.
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Facebook feels the pinch of privacy crackdown

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It's easy to believe that Facebook is an unstoppable advertising force built on surveillance and consent that makes regulatory or legislative efforts do nothing to stop it. But that's the wrong framing, the privacy reckoning for Facebook and the rest of the internet is denting the company's ad machine.

Facebook spooked investors a bit on Wednesday during a conference call to discuss its second-quarter earnings. Executives said ad revenue growth would slow more than the company previously expected at the end of this year and into 2020, in part because of the company's own ad-imposed limitations on Facebook's data harvesting.

Facebook didn't spill all the details about the scope of this growth sag or the causes. Europe's strict data privacy rules, imposed last May, are clearly a reason, but the spooking comes on the heels of the company's own earlier statement that some users will not be able to see each other's posts.

Facebook's revenue growth in Europe is slower than the pace in the U.S. and Canada and in the Asia-Pacific region. Facebook has also said the European data rules are having an impact outside of that continent, perhaps because of more attention on Facebook's privacy practices.

Companies such as Apple that control important online gateways are also trying to crack down on the types of broad data collection that Facebook relies on to engage. And Facebook itself has imposed limits on types of sometimes-creepy information marketers have used to target ads and closed down some of Facebook's own ad-targeting categories, including ones that should not have existed.

Facebook has also promised a long-delayed feature that would allow people to decovert their internet browsing history from their Facebook user profiles. The company has warned advertisers that this “clear history” feature will make Facebook less personalized. (It should be said that Facebook hasn't done much to limit the kinds of data the company itself harvests on billions of people.)

The revenue warning shows that when Facebook and its advertising partners have handcuffs on how much they can do to assemble complex portraits of people as they roam around the web and the real world, the unstoppable growth machine sputters a bit. Facebook can't pin the ever-more personalized ads, and people are less likely, perhaps, to respond to those pitches. Facebook's stock fell Monday.

Analysts have been looking for Facebook's growth rate to come in under 25% for the rest of this year. That is envisageable for a company with more than $60 billion in yearly sales, but revenue rose 37% last year. There are host of reasons Facebook isn't growing as fast, including a slow shift of people away from its lucrative core social network into slightly less lucrative Instagram. Still, the expected slowdown should be factored into Facebook's plans for new products, internet gatekeepers and Facebook itself are having an impact.

It's still possible that people will want many more communications and accessions from Facebook. But reduced reliance on Facebook on Wednesday that the entire internet economy, including Facebook and Google, has thrived by normalizing ever more aggressive data harvesting in ways that people don't fully understand and can't meaningfully consent to. One fix would be to allow more users to permit Facebook's information collection only within the walls of its social network and other apps — not just across everywhere and in the real world.

But even without that drastic step, it's clear that years of reckoning have undermined Facebook's path forward. Yes, privacy crackdowns matter.

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French tax on tech giants brings threats of tariffs on its wine

**BY ANGELA CHARLTON**  
Associated Press

PARIS — France is pushing ahead with a landmark tax on tech companies like Google and Facebook despite President Donald Trump’s threats of retaliatory tariffs on French wine.

That’s rattling French vintners, who sold $1.78 billion worth of wine last year to American consumers. But neither Trump nor French President Emmanuel Macron appears ready to back down.

After Trump slammed the “foolishness” of the tax in a tweet Friday and promised reciprocal action, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire le Maire said France will implement it anyway.

He insisted that the measure doesn’t target American companies, and that “fair and effective taxation on digital activities” is of universal concern. He said France’s tax is meant as a temporary measure pending negotiations on an international deal that France wants to work out “hand in hand with our American friends.”

The 3% tax that went into force last week mainly concerns companies that use consumer data to prevent others from a fair chance of competing.

The revenue threshold is supposed to allow more room for startups. France argues that tech companies are abusing their market dominance, notably through tax avoidance, and preventing others from a fair chance of competing.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer began an investigation earlier this month to determine whether the tax is discriminatory or unreasonable and restricts U.S. commerce. Such a finding would allow Trump to levy retaliatory tariffs.

Trump derided French wines in his tweet, and later said he might hit them with retaliatory tariffs. He made a similar threat last year.

About 20% of French wine is sold in the U.S., and the Federation of French Wine and Spirits Exports on Saturday expressed concern about tariffs that could hurt “French players in this market, but also their clients and American consumers.”

The federation urged French and American authorities to pursue dialogue on the tax issue, expressing hope “that they can quickly find a path to follow to prevent these threats from materializing.”

Le Maire said the U.S. “should not mix the two issues,” and noted that European wines already face tariffs in the U.S. as do American wines in Europe. He hopes for an international deal by the end of August.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire says his country will proceed with its planned tax on tech digital giants despite threats of retaliatory U.S. tariffs on French wine.

Trump insisted Friday that he has a good relationship with Macron and had just spoken with him. After initially befriending the U.S. president despite their starkly different worldviews, Macron has increasingly stood up to Trump on trade, climate change and Iran’s nuclear program.

The tech tax is just their latest battleground, and will be a key tension point when the two men meet at a Group of Seven summit in France next month.

**MARKET WATCH**

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**MONDAY IN EUROPE**

**TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC**
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New York City FC 3, Orlando City SC 0

Saturday’s games

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Race Statistics

20th Stage

Cycling

Tour de France

Saturday, July 27, 2019

General classification:

First, :08.25.

20th Stage:

1. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, 6:14:43. 
2. Lachlan Morton, Britain, Circus-Wanty, 6:14:44. 

Mountain classification:

First, :08.13.

20th Stage:

1. Miguel Angel Lopez, Colombia, Astana, 6:14:34. 
2. Gregor Mühlberger, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, 6:14:36. 

Young rider classification:

First, :11.20.

20th Stage:

1. Remco Evenepoel, Belgium, Deceuninck-Quick-Step, 6:14:42. 
2. Simon Yates, Britain, Mitchelton-Scott, 6:14:47. 

Trophy of the best climber:

First, :08.27.

20th Stage:

1. Gregor Mühlberger, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, 6:14:35. 

Sprint classification:

First, :11.25.

20th Stage:

1. Caleb Ewan, Australia, Lotto-Soudal, 6:14:42. 
3. Sam Bennett, Ireland, Bora-Hansgrohe, 6:14:44. 

Teams classification:

First, :11.32.

20th Stage:

1. Team Sunweb, 6:14:37. 
2. Team Sky, 6:14:40. 
3. Team Astana, 6:14:42. 

Decca, 1:49.

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Yankees put ace Sabathia on IL with hurt knee

Associated Press

BOSTON — New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia is back on the injured list because of right knee inflammation.

The 39-year-old left-hander also was on the IL because of knee inflammation from May 23 to June 2.

He allowed five runs and nine hits over 4 1/3 innings in Saturday's 9-5 loss to the Boston Red Sox and is 0-2 in four starts since beating Toronto on June 24. Sabathia had surgery after the 2010 season, in July 2014 and after the 2016 and 2018 seasons.

Colombian fans were partying in Paris even before the surviving 155 riders rode their tired legs for the 21st and final stage from Rambouillet west of Paris.

Keeping with camp tradition on the Tour’s final day, the stage started at a pedestrian pace and in a joyful atmosphere. Bernal chatted with French rival Julian Alaphilippe and raised a glass of champagne near his Ineos team car.

Speaking in French before the start, Bernal thanked “France for organizing the most beautiful race in the world, and the most beautiful victory of my life.”

While Colombia celebrated its new national hero, the millions of French fans who had lined the roads through east, central and southern France, and up into the thinning air of the Pyrenees and Alps, were ruing a bitter-sweet Tour.

First, their hearts soared with fabulous racing from French riders Alaphilippe, who held the iconic yellow jersey for 14 days, and Thibaut Pinot, who won on the first of seven 6,500-foot peaks scaled by the highest Tour in history.

But joy turned to sorrow when Alaphilippe’s exploits of becoming France’s first winner since 1985 were cruelly dashed just two days before the grand finale in Paris, on an epic Stage 19 where Mother Nature became a party-pooping guest.

An almighty dump of torrential rain and hail severed the Tour route just as Bernal was succeeding in ripping the race lead off Alaphilippe’s shoulder. It was a moment to remember as a Tour of fireworks. With his goatee beard and can’t-catch-me attacks that rivals couldn’t match, Alaphilippe embodied “panache,” the old-school class so cherished by fans of the 116-year-old Tour.

Alaphilippe’s enterprise first put him in yellow in Champagne country on Stage 3 and then, after he lost the lead on Stage 6, got him the jersey back on Stage 8, which he held through the Pyrenees and into the Alps.

And it was there that Bernal, raised at altitude in Colombia and at home in thinner air, struck. He flew up the Tour’s highest climb, the dizzying Iserean pass at 9,088-feet above sea level, demolished what remained of Alaphilippe’s lead on Stage 19 and built a sizeable one of his own.
Witten the first practice. The two-time NFL rushing champion skipped a broadcaster.

displaying hall’s ‘massive’ collection can be a challenge

History: Displaying hall’s ‘massive’ collection can be a challenge

FROM BACK PAGE

...some great moments that occur ... that you can plan for.”

history with both history and records made regularly. Since opening in 1963 in Canton, Ohio, the hall just keeps growing, with a now 135,000-square-foot building still not enough space to display all the jerseys, helmets, balls, gloves, Super Bowl rings and, of course, Hall of Fame busts.

“...have a massive exhibit area but have probably close to 97% of the information, documentation and artifacts that we preserve here not on display,” archivist Jon Kendle said.

The Hall of Fame has more than 40 million pages of documents, including one showing the birth of pro football in 1892 in Pennsylvania with a $500 payment by a team called the Allegheny Athletic Association to play in a game against a big rival. It was found in a closet of the Pittsburgh Steelers. There are more than six million photos in a collection that keeps growing.

As a museum, the hall’s mission includes preserving the history of pro football and the game’s big moments. And yes, officials know exactly where every piece is, especially those in storage; everything is catalogued and accessible.

“We constantly are plucking things in and out from our collection to feature in an exhibit if we’re developing something, or taking an exhibit out, or as we continually refresh our exhibits in the hall itself,” Choudhry said. Preservation comes first. An item such as a leather helmet that may be more than 75 years old might need to be stored in a box away from light and avoid being put on display for the 363 days the hall is open each year; it’s closed for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Or a jersey that’s been on display for a couple of years could need some time to simply rest on a shelf.

“We’re fortunate enough that we have several Johnny Unitas jerseys, so we could just swap it out for another, or we showcase another player that we’d like to bring into the limelight,” Choudhry said.

Approximately 250,000 visitors tour the hall annually, a group that includes rookies from the Cleveland Browns and Philadelphia Eagles this year alone. Small groups can go behind the scenes touring the Ralph Wilson Jr. Pro Football Research & Preservation Center with an archivist.

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The story never ends,” Choudhry said.
Blue Jays 10, Rays 9 (12)

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Athletics 5, Rangers 4

Texas

Griffin (9), H. Smith (2), Mondesi (3, 2). G.S. Jones pitched to 2 batters in the 9th inning.

Dodgers 9, Nationals 3

Los Angeles

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Bregman f 1 0 1
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Herrera lb 1 0 0
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Washington


Reds 3, Rockies 1

Colorado


Braves 15, Phillies 7

Philadelphia

Acuna (13), Hedges (9), Pujols (12). HR—Severino (10), Bregman (12). SB—Machado (20), Mondesi (3, 2). G.S. Jones pitched to 2 batters in the 9th inning.

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Detroit

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Indians 9, Royals 1

Cleveland


Brewers 5, Cubs 3 (10)

Milwaukee

G.S. Jones pitched to 2 batters in the 9th inning.
A’s end streak with testy win over Rangers

BY MICHAEL WAGAMAN  
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers manager Chris Woodward insisted reliever Rafael Montero wasn’t intentionally trying to hit Keston Hiura with a pitch in the eighth inning of a 2-1 win over the Oakland Athletics on Saturday night.

“I was just trying to put the ball up and away,” Montero said. “I don’t believe it belongs in this game and I let him know.”

Woodward eventually stepped in as the two continued to exchange words, and plate umpire Sean Barber warned both teams.

The incident came after Mike Yastrzemski homered off Montero. Barber ejected Montero and Hiura. Hiura grounded a tying double off starter Adrian Sampson in the sixth and drove in the go-ahead run on an eighth-inning bases-loaded double. The Rangers trailed 5-0 before stringing together five consecutive hits off reliever Ty Blach who ended his shutout bid.

The inning ended when Elvis Andrus was thrown out trying to score from second by right fielder Chad Pinder. Andrus tried to score on an eighth-inning fly out by Khris Davis.

Tyler Saladino drew a walk from the converted reliever and scored on Hiura’s double.

Cain followed with a double and scored on Hiura’s double.

“Just keep playing ball. We got the win,” Hiura said. "They’re a really good team. It’s a good win for us. We hold serve, hit a homer and I was just trying put the ball up and away first so he can’t hit me right there,” Woodward said. “Hiura plays really hard and he’s very passionate. A lot of times that passion comes out in ways that will maybe annoy the other team. We have a few guys like that.”

It was similar to an incident in June when Sampson took exception to Canha hitting his time running after hitting a home run, calling it disrespectful. Hiura accused Sampson of purposely stepping on his bat in the same game after retiring Hiura on an inning-ending play.

The Athletics finished a four-game losing streak at the Coliseum on June 28 — one day after the A’s ended a three-game losing streak against the Rangers. The Rangers trailed 5-0 before stringing together five consecutive hits off reliever Ty Blach who ended his shutout bid.

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Ben Margot/AP

The A’s Ramon Laureano, left, reacts after being hit by a pitch thrown by the Rangers’ Rafael Montero in the eighth inning Saturday in Oakland, Calif. At right is Rangers catcher Jeff Mathis.

Roundup

Yelich HR sets up Hiura’s winner against Cubs

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Thanks to Christian Yelich and Keston Hiura, the first round of anticipated matchups with recently acquired Cubs closer Craig Kimbrel went decidedly in favor of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Yelich and Hiura hit home runs in the 10th inning off Kimbrel to rally the Brewers past Chicago 3-2 on Saturday night, the Brewers’ second consecutive comeback win over the Cubs.

Yelich opened the 10th with a single and Hiura hit a double before Tyler Saladino drew a walk, became the first batter of the game to reach base, and was just missing putting the ball in play, but able to put the barrel on it.”

Hiura, the Brewers’ first-round draft choice in 2017, had five home runs during his first 17-game stint with the Brewers, and his hit six since being called up again on June 28 — one day after the Cubs called up Kyril Rizzi, who was signed as a free agent in early June.

The right-hander was more effective in an 8-5 win over Arizona on July 15.

The stuff today was the guy we were used to,” Sampson said. “He’s a tremendous pitcher as well as a person.”

The Rangers used six runs in the eighth inning to take the lead, with two on the board after first baseman Ronald Guzman’s sacrifice fly, scoring Red Sox pitcher Nathan Eovaldi. Babe Ruth hit an eighth-inning home run for the first time against the White Sox.

Diamondbacks 9, Marlins 2: Nick Ahmed hit a two-run single in the 10th inning and an RBI double in leading Arizona past host Miami.

Pedro Severino and Jonathan Villar homered for Baltimore, whose 1987 and 1996 teams were among the other five clubs to hit at least two homers in nine straight games.

Suarez hit a two-run homer, Josh VanMeter added a solo shot, and host Cincinnati beat Colorado 12-1.

Red Sox 9, Yankees 5: The Yankees have lost three straight for the first time since June 11-14.

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Holloway, Cyborg win at UFC 240

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Reigning featherweight champ Max Holloway defended his belt Saturday, overwhelming former lightweight champ Frankie Edgar at UFC 240.

Holloway (21-4-0) won a unanimous five-round decision.

The 27-year-old Hawaiian kept Edgar at a distance throughout the fight, stinging him with jabs and uppercuts in the first round and bloodying his nose in the second.

Holloway resisted all but one attempt by Edgar (22-7-1) to take him down, and said he was proud to be able to go the distance.

"Everybody said I wouldn’t be able to stay with this pace. I wanted to be able to stay for five rounds," Holloway said.

Holloway has never lost in the featherweight category. He was coming off a lightweight division loss to Dustin Poirier in April, his first loss in five years.

It was one of two headline fights.

In the other headline bout, Brazilian MMA legend Cris Cyborg pummeled Montreal’s Felicia Spencer with punches, leg kicks and knee shots to win a unanimous decision.

Cyborg (21-2, 1 NC), with blood spilling down her face from taking an elbow in the first round, pounded Spencer and deflected multiple attacks to put her in a clinch or take her down in the women’s featherweight fight.

Spencer (7-1) had the crowd cheering as she withstood the assault and launched a few counterstrikes, her white shirt stained red with Cyborg’s blood.

“I trained really hard. Thanks to Felicia for giving me my first cut. I’m happy. I just want to come back and do my job. Thank you, God. I feel very blessed to be here,” Cyborg said.

The 34-year-old Cyborg is trying to rebuild her brand after coming off a loss to Amanda Nunes in a featherweight championship fight in December, Cyborg’s first defeat in 13 years.

This was the last fight on her UFC contract.

Hurd sets example for athletes who wear glasses

By Luis Andres Henao

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Morgan Hurd is such an inspiration for young American gymnasts — and anyone who wears eyeglasses and practices sports — that some have dressed up in leotards and traditional garments for Halloween.

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“Honestly, it feels kind of crazy because I still think of myself as almost no one — I’m just me,” Hurd told The Associated Press.

“When people ask me for my autograph, I go like, ‘wow! Why would they do that?’ But I’m glad that I can inspire a generation, and I hope that I can be a good role model for them.”

All eyes seemed to be on Hurd at the Pan American Games during her Saturday debut, where her performance contributed to the U.S. team’s gold medal, although she failed to advance to the all-around and individual finals.

“It definitely wasn’t my best competition, and I’m a bit disappointed at myself, but I’m glad that I can contribute even slightly to team USA, and moving forward, I’m just going to go back to the gym and work even harder.”

The U.S. won its fifth-consecutive women’s team gold title at the Pan Am Games at an arena packed with local fans waving red and white Peruvian flags and loudly cheered on the hosts.

“Even though they just came from a national meet in America, it’s different when you’re in an international meet, especially with a lot of good countries. The crowd was really in favor of Peru, which was exciting. There was a lot of energy,” said Thomas Forster, the national performance team coordinator.

“I was a bit surprised that (Morgan) felt some nerves because she has good experience, but all athletes do. So, it was a good opportunity for her to learn how to manage it. It was good overall. I’m glad that they hit all 16 routines. That was the hope.”

The members of the U.S. team who advanced to the all-around and individual event finals included all-around, Riley McCusker and Kara Eaker; vault, Aleah Finnegan; uneven bars, McCusker and Leanne Wong; and balance beam and floor exercise, McCusker and Eaker.

The Americans posted a team score of 171.00 in winning Saturday, ahead of Canada, the silver medalist, and Brazil, which won the bronze.

“It feels amazing. We have a very nice and hard working group. To do so well is just great,” said McCusker, who led the U.S. team to the victory with a first place in the all-around.

Hurd recently won the parallel bars at the U.S. Classic. She also won the 2017 world championship, while Simone Biles took a long-deserved break and finished second behind her in 2018. Her only goal now is to win an Olympic medal in Tokyo next year.

“The strength that she has is that she’s a good team leader and we know that she’s gonna hit,” Forster said. “The weaknesses that she has are making sure that all the little things are connected in a routine — but she’ll fix those.”

Growing up, Hurd faced uncomfortable questions, and in her words, “struck out like a sore thumb” as one of the few gymnasts to compete with glasses. But she wants to set an example and change that for good.

“There’s a lot more now, I will say that, but before, even when I was younger, there was hardly any high-level athlete who wore glasses,” she said. “I know there are a lot of parents out there telling their kids, ‘you can’t do gymnastics or any sport really with your glasses, you need get contacts.’ But contacts aren’t just for everyone.”
**Dressel tops Phelps’ mark with 8th medal**

**By Beth Harris**
Associated Press

GWANGJU, South Korea — This time, Caeleb Dressel stands alone.

The American won his record-eighth medal at the world swimming championships Sunday, helping the U.S. to silver in the 4x100-meter medley relay after anchor Nathan Adrian got overtaken for gold in the closing meters.

“Part of me is very happy,” Dressel said. “Part of me wants to cry that I’m done with it. I’ve got pinnacles on my face just from the stress of the meet. I’m probably losing some hair.”

One night after becoming the first swimmer to win three golds in one night at a worlds for the second time, Dressel’s haul included six golds at the biggest meet after the Olympics.

“It was a very tough week,” he said. “I knew I was going to have to come with fire, passion and pride in every single race.

11 years ago in Hungary, Dressel tied Michael Phelps’ record of seven golds at a single worlds, including three in one night. Dressel hauled the U.S. from fourth to first on his butterfly leg with a split of 49.28 seconds. Adrian found himself in a three-way fight with Britain and Russia coming down the stretch.

Brit Duncan Scott surged ahead approaching the wall and got there first with a split of 46.14 to Adrian’s 47.60.

“That last 15 meters, it’s tough,” Adrian said. “I was trying to be strong. I was trying to hold on, but this time I couldn’t do it.”

Luke Greenbank, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Scott took gold for Britain in 3 minutes, 28.10 seconds.

Ryan Murphy, Andrew Wilson and Dressel finished in 3:28.45. It was just the second silver, and first since 1996, in an event the Americans have won 13 times.

“There’s a time to get silver in relays and it’s at a world championships, that’s for sure,” Adrian said.

Russia earned bronze.

Lilly King, Kelsi Dahlia and Manuel won in 3:50.40, lowering the mark time, too, but didn’t qualify on her opening 100 backstroke leg. Her other silver was in the mixed 4x100 medley relay. He was named the FINA male swimmer of the meet.

“He’s a phenomenal talent,” South Africa’s Chad le Clos said.

“He seems to get better throughout the days.”

The U.S. team finished atop the medals table with 27, including a leading 14 golds.

Australia was second with 19 and five golds.

Simone Manuel completed a sweep of the 50 and 100 free styles, the first American woman to achieve the feat. She won four golds and six medals overall in the eight-day competition.

She can also become the first American to anchor the U.S. to an easy victory in the 4x100 medley relay. Regan Smith, Lilly King, Kelsi Dahlia and Manuel won in 3:50.40, lowering the mark 3:51.55 set two years ago in Hungary.

Manuel outdistanced Australia’s Cate Campbell on the final leg, with the Americans winning by 2.02 seconds.

Smith set a world record of 57.57 on her opening 100 backstroke leg. She won the 200 back in world-record time, too, but didn’t qualify in the individual 100 back.

“That really pumped us all up,” Manuel said.

The Aussies settled for silver and Canada took bronze.

In the 50 free, Manuel raced one length of the pool in 24.05.

She held off Sarah Sjostrom of Sweden, who took silver in 24.07, and Campbell, who earned bronze in 24.11.

In the 100 free, Manuel topped Campbell and Sjostrom finished third.

Manuel’s other medals came in relays: gold in the 4x100 medley and mixed 4x100 free, and silvers in the 100 free and 4x200 free.

Sjostrom made a mark of her own. She became the first woman to win five medals in individual events at a single worlds. She won the 50 butterfly, silver in the 100 fly and 50 free, and bronze in the 100 free and 200 free, and earned FINA female swimmer of the meet.

Lilly King won the 50 breaststroke, giving the American two victories over Russian rival Yuliya Efimova.

They were denied a third meeting when King was disqualified in the heats of the 200 breast for not putting both her hands on the wall at the same time in a turn.

King touched in 29.84, the only swimmer under 30 seconds in the final.

Benedetta Pilato, a 14-year-old Italian, earned a surprise silver in 30.2 seconds flat and reacted by crying.

Efimova, who won the 200 and finished second to King in the 100, swam with a bronze in 30.15.

Katinka Hosszu of Hungary extended her domination of the 400 individual medley, becoming the first woman to win five titles in one event. She swam the fourstroke race in 4:30.39 seconds.

“I wanted to celebrate after the race, but I couldn’t move my arms,” an exhausted Hosszu said.

Ye Shiwen of China took silver, just as she did behind Hosszu in the 200 IM. Yui Ohashi of Japan claimed bronze.

Japan’s Daiya Seto survived a last-lap challenge to win the men’s 400 IM in 4:08.95.

Jay Litherland of the U.S. had the fastest final lap — 27.89 — to chase Seto to the wall. Litherland took silver in 4:09.22. Lewis Clareburt of New Zealand earned bronze.

Florian Wellbrock of Germany made history with his victory in the 1,500 freestyle.

Arnoelling won in the 10kilometer open water race, Wellbrock became the first swimmer to win golds in two sports at a single world championships.

He pulled away going into the final turn to win in 14:36.54.

**US expands women’s training, will pay players**

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LAS VEGAS — Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi want their USA Basketball legacy to be more than just winning medals.

The four-time Olympic gold medalists came up with an idea for a training plan for USA Basketball leading up to next year’s Tokyo Olympics that would help the Americans go for an unprecedented seventh consecutive title: USA Basketball, which usually trains together only for short periods of time during a crowded calendar, would get a core group of its players together for five training sessions over the next year. The players would be paid $2,000 a day at each of the three training camps and games leading up to the Olympics, with the chance to also earn bonuses.

USA Basketball loved the idea. The new training plan was announced on Saturday before the All-Star Game, with Bird, Taurasi, USA Basketball coach Dawn Staley and national team director Carol Callan in attendance.

“I think as you get closer to the end of your time, you understand you can 100% have an impact as a player. Go out there and move the needle on the court with your play and winning, but there are other ways that I would like to have an impact and one would be this,” Bird said. “Getting paid gives players, who want the option, to stay at home and not go overseas in the meantime.”

Joining Bird and Taurasi for the training segments as part of the core group are Sylvia Fowles, Elena Delle Donne, Noelle Ogwumike, A’ja Wilson, Skylar Diggins-Smith and Chelsea Gray. The U.S. will also have a fluid group of players from the national team pool join the core group.

Many of the U.S. players, including Bird and Taurasi, have played in the winter overseas, where they have been paid potentially 10 times their WNBA salaries.

Finding time to train with USA Basketball has been difficult because of the overseas schedules and the WNBA schedule. If the players are paid by USA Basketball, they have more of a reason to stay here.

“They can earn roughly $100,000 for participating in all the training sessions,” said Taurasi, who played for Power in London and the New York Liberty.

“It’s legitimate, they knew they had to do it that way,” said Ogwumike, who has played in Russia and China in the winter.

“That investment is what the players want. It’s quite amazing to afford that type of opportunity. Not just the investment in us, but the strategic nature of hitting different markets. We’ll have traveling tournaments.”

“I was in a moment where I played a half-season in China. Don’t know if I can go overseas again, I have so much available to me here, it would benefit me not to go overseas. For them to put that investment in, that’s huge.”

The U.S. will get together in late September for the FIBA America’s Cup. The Americans will then get together in November and February to train and play in FIBA Olympic qualifying tournaments. The U.S. already has qualified for the Tokyo Games by winning the World Cup last fall. The Americans will also play exhibition games against college teams to train in the fall and winter.

“Our three priorities are to train and prepare for the Olympics, amplify the profile of the women’s national team and raise the profile of women’s basketball as a whole by using the best players in the world,” USA Basketball CEO Jim Tooley told The Associated Press. “Besides training they’ll be auxiliary events around our training. We’ll do some clinics for Boys & Girls clubs to spread the gospel of the women’s national team.”

Tooley said the training idea is a smaller version of what the U.S. did in 1995-96 that kicked off its run of success.

“That’s when our amazing run started,” he said. “It’s like bookends almost.”
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Living history
Pro Football Hall collection grows as history, records made annually

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Visitors to the Pro Football Hall of Fame can see both the football Drew Brees threw in becoming the NFL’s all-time passing yards leader and the uniform the Saints quarterback wore while making history.

Hall of Fame officials had been monitoring Brees’ chase of Peyton Manning’s record, hoping the quarterback would set the mark Oct. 8 at home in New Orleans. Brees did just that before halftime — with a touchdown no less — allowing the game to be stopped. Brees walked to the sideline and handed the ball to David Baker, the hall’s president and chief executive officer.

“It was perfect,” said Saleem Choudhry, vice president of exhibits and museum services. “He threw a 62-yard touchdown and eclipsed a record. We stopped the game. He comes over, shakes David’s hand, hands him the ball. It was a very unique moment. I just kick myself sometimes that I was right down there to observe that, but those are

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