

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

Pence says US stands by ally Japan on North Korea problem

TOKYO — U.S. Vice President Mike Pence assured Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe today that the United States stands “100 percent” behind its anchor ally in Asia in working to defuse risks from North Korea’s nuclear program.

Pence struck a stern tone as he began talks with Abe and other Japanese leaders after arriving at a U.S. naval base from South Korea.

“We appreciate the challenging times in which the people of Japan live with increasing provocations from across the Sea of Japan,” Pence said. “We are with you 100 percent.”

The Trump administration has signaled a more forceful U.S. stance toward North Korea’s recent missile tests and threats, including a warning from Trump that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has “gotta behave.”

On Monday, Pence traveled to the tense Demilitarized Zone dividing North and South Korea, where he warned North Korea’s leaders that after years of testing the U.S. and South Korea with its nuclear ambitions, “the era of strategic patience is over.”

Suspect in Facebook video killing shoots himself to death

CLEVELAND — The man who randomly killed a Cleveland retiree and posted video of the crime on Facebook shot himself to death today in Pennsylvania, police said.

Pennsylvania State Police said Steve Stephens was spotted this morning in Erie County, in the state’s northwest corner. Authorities say officers tried to pull Stephens over and, after a brief pursuit, he shot and killed himself.

He was wanted on an aggravated murder charge in the shooting death of a 74-year-old man who was picking up aluminum cans on Sunday after spending Easter with his family.

Stephens posted a video of himself killing Robert Godwin Sr., a former foundry worker who had 10 children, police said. In it, he said, “I snapped, I just snapped.”

Stephens, 37, shared a recording on Sunday of himself announcing his plan to kill someone, then two minutes later posted another video of himself shooting and killing Godwin, Facebook said. A few minutes after that, he went live and confessed, the company said.

The company said it disabled Stephen’s account within 23 minutes of receiving the first report about the video of the fatal shooting and two hours after receiving any report.

Facebook has since announced it was launching a review for reporting harmful content.



AP Photo/Toby Talbot

OxyContin pills are arranged for a photo at a pharmacy in Montpelier, Vt. Two-thirds of the respondents in a Yahoo/Marist poll released Monday said opioid drugs such as Vicodin or OxyContin are “riskier” to use than pot, even when the pain pills are prescribed by a doctor.

Poll: Marijuana safer than opioids, but moms shouldn’t use

DENVER — Americans think it’s safer to use marijuana than opioids to relieve pain, but they were less comfortable with children and pregnant women using pot to treat medical conditions, according to a new Yahoo/Marist poll released Monday.

Two-thirds of the respondents in the telephone survey said opioid drugs such as Vicodin or OxyContin are “riskier” to use than pot, even when the pain pills are prescribed by a doctor.

Only 1 in 5 said marijuana was riskier than opioids. The rest weren’t sure.

Every day, an overdose of prescription opioids or heroin kills 91 people, and legions more are brought back from the brink of death. Some 2 million Americans are thought to be hooked on the pills.

Last month, President Donald J. Trump appointed an opioid commission to look into the problem.

Marijuana by itself is not fatal. Doctors technically don’t prescribe it for pain or other purposes but most states that allow medical marijuana do require patients to get a doctor’s written recommendation to purchase it to treat their conditions.

Among those answering the Yahoo/Marist poll, 83 percent said the drug should be legal nationally for medical treatment.

But 70 percent said it is not acceptable for pregnant women to use marijuana to reduce nausea or pain.

Arkansas vows to keep pushing for executions despite setback

VARNER, Ark. — Arkansas officials vowed to carry out a double execution later this week after the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a setback to the state’s plan to resume capital punishment for the first time in nearly 12 years with a ruling sparing an inmate just minutes before his death warrant was set to expire.

The court’s decision was the second time Don Davis had been granted a reprieve shortly before execution — he was within hours of death in 2010. It capped a chaotic day of legal wrangling in state and federal courts Monday as Arkansas tried to clear obstacles to carrying out its first executions since 2005.

Davis had already been served a last meal of fried chicken, rolls, beans, mashed potatoes and strawberry cake hours, and witnesses were being moved toward the execution chamber when the Supreme Court ruled just minutes before Davis’ death warrant expired at midnight.

Davis was sentenced to death for the 1990 death of Jane Daniel in Rogers, Arkansas. The woman was killed in her home after Davis broke in and shot her with a .44-caliber revolver he found there.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson had set an aggressive schedule of as many as eight executions by the end of April, when the state’s supply of a key lethal injection drug expires. Davis and Bruce Ward were supposed to be the first two of those Monday but Ward received a stay of execution and the state did not appeal the decision. The state did challenge a stay granted to Davis but the last-minute U.S. Supreme Court ruling ensured that he would not enter the death chamber Monday.

Archaeologists find 1,000 statues in tomb in Egypt’s Luxor

CAIRO — Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered more than 1,000 statues and 10 sarcophagi in an ancient noble’s tomb on the west bank of the Nile River in Luxor.

The Antiquities Ministry said today that the tomb was built for a judge during the New Kingdom period, from roughly 1,500 to 1,000 B.C.

The tomb comprised an open courtyard leading to two halls, one containing four ancient coffins and the other including a chamber that houses six. The head of archaeological mission, Mostafa el-Waziri, says another chamber was found containing the statues, which depict kings from different dynasties.

He said archaeologists expect to find even more statues as the dig continues.

Suicide suit: Astoria Police responded to Barnhart’s suicide threats four times in 2015

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“CBH failed the community, my client’s family and Carrie Barnhart,” Ross said. “They were paid by the county to do a job and, simply put, they didn’t do it.”

The lawsuit contends the county was warned about deficiencies at Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare prior to Barnhart’s death.

In fall 2014, the state identified shortcomings at the mental health agency and ordered corrective action. Emails obtained by The Daily Astorian from early 2015 showed that county administrators were aware of grave concerns in the social-service community about the quality of care. One frustrated email after a young man killed himself warned that “suicide

should not be the inevitable outcome because you have a mental illness.”

Suicide threats

Barnhart’s spiral during the last few months of her life unnerved Astoria Police, who responded to her suicide threats four times between January and April 2015.

Police pulled her off the bridge after midnight in April

2015 and brought her to Columbia Memorial, where she was evaluated by a mental health crisis worker and a doctor and released after a few hours. She jumped off the bridge a week later.

The lawsuit claims Barnhart’s case manager at the mental health agency failed to have any meaningful contact with her as her mental health deteriorated. The suit faults

the mental health agency and the county for hiring a case manager without proper experience to treat the mentally ill and for failing to adequately train the case manager to perform the sensitive job.

The lawsuit alleges the hospital and emergency room doctor were negligent for failing to recognize Barnhart was a serious suicide risk and releasing her back home,

within walking distance of the bridge, without sufficient safeguards in place.

County Manager Cameron Moore took steps to ensure greater oversight of Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare after he was hired last year. “I think we’ve tried to turn things in a more positive direction, but I certainly think there’s still work to be done,” he said.

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AB6244 Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

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