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Summit is set: Trump-Kim to meet June 12 in Singapore

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will meet with North Korea's Kim Jong Un in Singapore on June 12, Trump announced Thursday, hours after suggesting that the release of three Americans held in the North heralded a potential breakthrough toward denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula.

With the final details in place, Trump and Kim will meet in the first North Korea-U.S. summit talks since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. Kim has suspended nuclear and missile tests and put his nuclear program up for negotiation, but questions remain about how serious his offer is and what disarmament steps he would be willing to take.

Earlier Thursday, with the American former detainees by his side on a dark air base tarmac, Trump said during a made-for-TV ceremony that it was a "great honor" to welcome the men back to the U.S., but he added that "the true honor is going to be if we have a victory in getting rid of nuclear weapons."

Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, other top officials and first lady Melania joined the president in the celebration in the wee hours of Thursday morning at Joint Base Andrews near Washington. The former detainees — Kim Dong Chul, Kim Hak Song and Tony Kim — had been released Wednesday amid the warming of relations between longtime adversaries.

Singapore had emerged as the likely host of the summit after Trump yielded to the concerns of his aides and backed off his desire to hold the meeting at the inter-Korean demilitarized zone.

Located at the southern tip of Malaysia, Singapore is a regional hub in Southeast Asia whose free enterprise philosophy welcomes trading partners from everywhere. It has close diplomatic and defense ties with the U.S. and yet is also familiar ground for North Korea, with which it established diplomatic relations in 1975.

Israel hits dozens of Iranian targets in Syria after barrage

BEIRUT — The Israeli military on Thursday said it attacked nearly all of Iran's military installations in neighboring Syria in response to an Iranian rocket barrage on Israeli positions in the occupied Golan Heights, in the most serious military confronta-



From left, Staff Sgt. Bryan C. Black, 35, of Puyallup, Wash.; Staff Sgt. Jeremiah W. Johnson, 39, of Springboro, Ohio; Sgt. La David Johnson of Miami Gardens, Fla.; and Staff Sgt. Dustin M. Wright, 29, of Lyons, Ga. All four were killed in Niger by a militant ambush.

Report finds multiple failures leading to Niger attack

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said multiple failures are to blame for the Niger ambush that killed four U.S. service members last October, citing insufficient training and preparation as well as the team's deliberate decision to go after a high-level Islamic State group insurgent without proper command approval.

A report summary released Thursday includes recommendations to improve mission planning and approval procedures, re-evaluate equipment and weapons requirements, and review training that U.S. commandos conduct with partner forces.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis directed Gen. Thomas Waldhauser, head of U.S. Africa Command, to take immediate steps to address shortfalls, and has given senior leaders four months to complete a review and lay out a plan for additional changes.

The summary lays out a confusing chain of events that unfolded on Oct. 3-4, ending in a lengthy, brutal firefight as 46 U.S. and Nigerien forces battled for their lives against more than 100 enemy fighters. Amid the chaos, it identifies repeated acts of bravery as the outnumbered and outgunned soldiers risked their lives to protect and rescue each other during the more than hour-long assault.

Military officials found that the U.S. forces didn't have time to train together before they deployed and did not do pre-mission battle drills with their Nigerien partners.

tion between the two bitter enemies to date.

Israel said the targets of the strikes, its largest in Syria since the 1973 war, included weapons storage, logistics sites and intelligence centers used by elite Iranian forces in Syria. It also said it destroyed several Syrian air-defense systems after coming under heavy fire and that none of its warplanes were hit.

Iranian media described the attacks as "unprecedented," but there was no official Iranian comment on Israel's claims.

The White House condemned Iran's "provocative rocket attacks from Syria against Israeli citizens" and expressed strong support for "Israel's right to act in self-defense," while Russia said the Israeli strikes marked a dangerous escalation, urging both Israel and Iran to avoid provoking each other.

Israel has acknowledged carrying out over 100 airstrikes in neighboring Syria since the civil war erupted in 2011, most believed to be aimed at suspected Iranian weapons shipments bound for the Hezbollah militant group.

Reflecting the scope of the overnight attacks, Russia's military said 28 Israeli jets were involved, striking at several Iranian and government sites in Syria with 70 missiles. It said half the missiles were shot down.

Iraqi forces capture 5 top IS leaders in cross-border raid

BAGHDAD — Iraqi forces in coordination with U.S.-backed Syrian forces have captured five senior Islamic State group leaders, the U.S.-led coalition said Thursday.

The arrest was a "significant blow to Daesh," coalition spokesman Army Col. Ryan Dillon said, using the Arabic acronym for the extremist group.

IS fighters no longer control significant pockets of territory inside Iraq, but do maintain a grip inside Syria along Iraq's border.

The U.S.-led coalition supported Iraqi ground forces and Syrian fighters known as the Syrian Democratic Forces in the more than three-year war against IS.

After Iraqi forces retook the Iraqi city of Mosul from IS last summer, Syrian forces on the other side of the border claimed a series of swift victories, but the campaign was stalled recently when Turkey launched a cross-border raid into Syria's north.

Earlier this month the coalition announced a drive to clear the final pockets of IS territory inside Syria.

Last year the Pentagon said that there were "some indicators" that IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was still alive a month after Russia claimed to have killed him in a strike near the Syrian city of Raqqa.

Center: Chamber has long advocated for a multiyear contract

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The idea comes at a time when the city is looking at ways to be more stringent with transfers out of the general fund, City Manager Bruce St. Denis said. Years of heavily subsidizing other city funds like public works, which has projects that can't be covered by water rate revenues, has caused the general fund balance to decrease over

time, he said.

"The goal is not to take money away from the chamber. We have to make hard choices about how we are spending general fund money," St. Denis said. "So in this budget we are proposing splitting out some of the funding for the visitor center."

The suggested reallocation is also part of a larger effort to consolidate contracts the city holds with the chamber. The

city has two contracts — one to transfer funds to support the visitor center and another that allocates lodging tax revenue for promotional purposes. Transitioning into one, multiyear contract could be more efficient, St. Denis said. He also hopes the change could encourage the city to invest more of these dollars into rainy day funds.

"We are so reliant on what comes in for tax revenue from

a hotel standpoint, and if their revenues go down, our revenues go down. And if something happens, like the economy goes south or something, we're not in a very good spot," St. Denis said.

The chamber has long advocated for a multiyear contract, as it would allow the organization to do long-term planning and projects. Jim

Paino, the chamber's executive director, said he does not have an issue contributing to the Visitor Information Center, but is concerned with the increase coming all at once. Instead, he is suggesting a phase-in that would allow the chamber to slowly take on the responsibility over three years.

"In 2 1/2 years we started

this promotions program from scratch, and now we are to the point where we see that we are making an impact," Paino said. "We would have to re-evaluate our whole process if this came all at once."

The city will work with the chamber during the budget process to find a split that works for both entities, St. Denis said.

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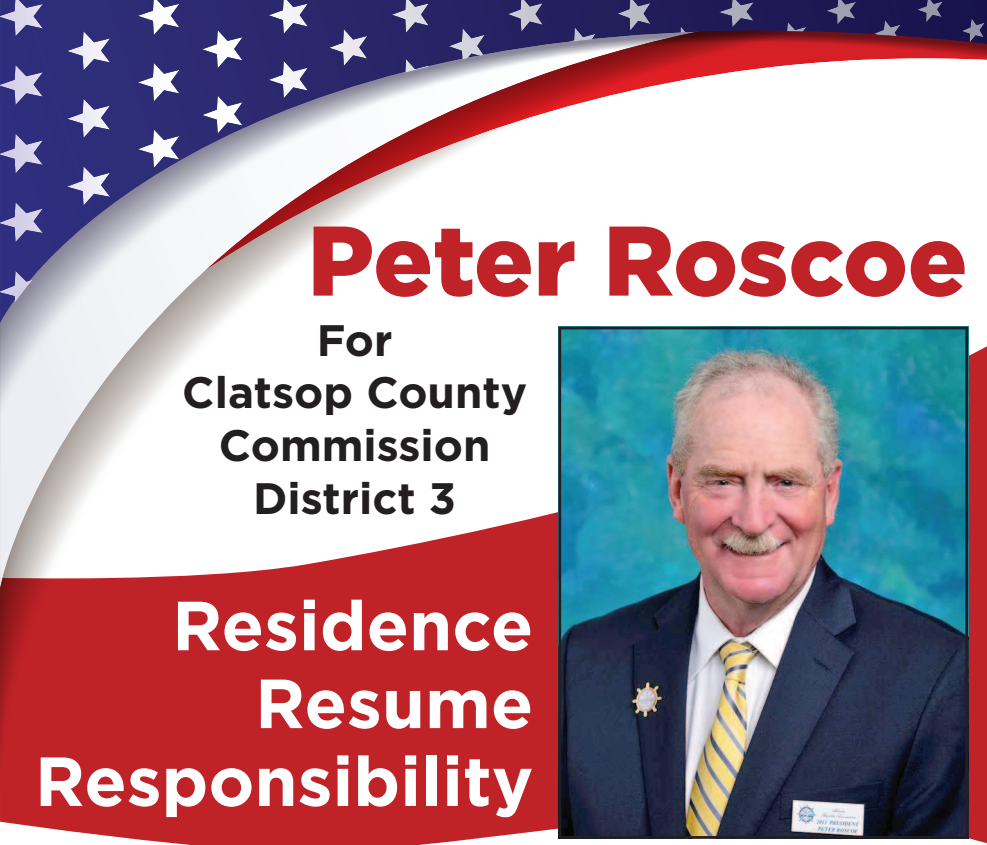
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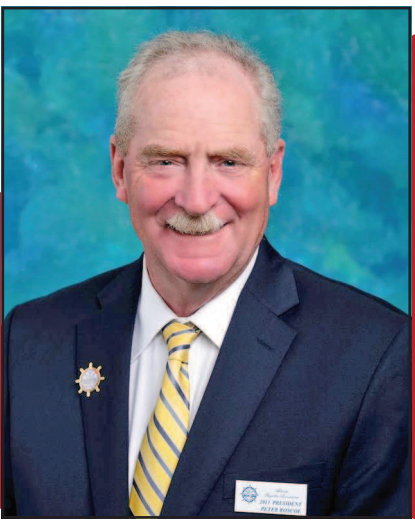
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Cannon Beach invites qualified individuals or firms to submit proposals to provide City Attorney Services based upon the scope of work contained in the Request for Proposals. The intent is to select one individual or firm to provide services with the probable exception of bond counsel services. Sealed proposals, in writing, will be received by Colleen Riggs, Assistant City Manager, City of Cannon Beach, until Friday, June 1st, 2018 at 3:00 pm local time. Facsimile or electronically transmitted proposals will not be accepted.

The complete Request for Proposals is on file with and may be obtained from Colleen Riggs at 163 E. Gower St., PO Box 368, Cannon Beach, OR 97110, or by e-mail at riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us, or by calling 503-436-8052. The Request for Proposal can also be obtained from the City of Cannon Beach's website <https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us>

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