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MORE TROOPS HEAD TO IRAQ

US doubles extra contingent

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has nearly doubled the number of U.S. troops deployed to Iraq in recent weeks to deal with the threat posed by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant militants.

There are now approximately 750 American troops in Iraq, including the 150 or so who were assigned to the Office of Security Cooperation at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad before the latest crisis erupted, according to Pentagon figures.

On Sunday and Monday, the U.S. military sent approximately 200 personnel to reinforce security at the embassy, its support facilities and Baghdad International Airport. Those troops arrived from locations in and around the Middle East.

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This force is deploying for the purpose of protecting U.S. citizens and property, if necessary, and is equipped for combat.

— President Barack Obama in a letter to lawmakers

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A Kurdish peshmerga fighter stands in position behind dirt barriers built along the front line with militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Mariam Bek village, between the northern Iraq cities of Tikrit and Kirkuk, on Monday.

False service record introduced during trial in decades-old murder

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Former Marine Charles Allen Chavous was facing prison time earlier this year for his role in a decades-old murder. But attorney Scott Connell portrayed his client as a Vietnam War hero who deserved leniency. Connell told a court in Augusta, Ga., that the defendant was a POW who escaped captivity and helped an-

other prisoner escape with him. He said he was awarded numerous combat medals, including the Navy Cross, for his bravery during the war.

When the judge handed down his sentence, Chavous, 63, walked away a free man.

The proceedings were first reported by The Augusta Chronicle. After Chronicle readers expressed skepticism about the alleged war record, Stars and Stripes

tried to verify Connell's claims.

The Defense Department and other experts' databases have no record of anyone named Charles Chavous being a prisoner of war. Only 684 Americans were held as POWs in Vietnam and returned alive. Of those 684, only 37 escaped captivity on their own. Chavous was not one of them, according to the DOD.

When contacted by Stars and Stripes, Connell provided a copy of

the DD-214 military service record allegedly belonging to Chavous.

"The information [presented in court] was confirmed by a vast array of information I reviewed from the VA and other historical military documents. This includes his DD-214," Connell said in an email. He declined further comment.

The validity of the documents was not questioned in court.

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"I believe that we can agree to disagree without being disagreeable."

— U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Harry Harris, addressing the need for multilateral military cooperation at the outset of the annual Rim of the Pacific training exercise, in which China is taking part for the first time

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Breedlove sees F-15 cuts in Europe

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The size of the F-15 fleet in Europe will shrink in the coming years, according to the head of U.S. forces in Europe.

At a press conference at the Pentagon on Monday, Gen. Philip Breedlove, commander of U.S. European Command and supreme allied commander Europe, was asked about the results of the Defense Department's European Infrastructure Consolidation, or EIC, review.

"I have seen some of the preliminary plans or results ... and we're looking at at least reductions of our F-15s force in Europe," he said.

Breedlove declined to provide details.

In Europe, there are 21 F-15Cs assigned to RAF Lakenheath, England, with the 493rd Fighter Squadron. Breedlove did not say how many might be moved elsewhere.

In March, Air Force officials said the service wants to retire 51 F-15C Eagles, including 21 overseas, starting in fiscal 2015.

The reductions would be made over the next five years, leaving the Air Force with 179 F-15Cs, according to Ann Stefanik, an Air Force spokeswoman at the Pentagon.

Breedlove said the EIC review will be completed "relatively soon." The initiative is part of an ongoing effort to get rid of unneeded facilities in Europe.

The upcoming F-15 cuts are one element of a broader Air Force plan to trim its force structure in the face of budget constraints.

At the briefing, Breedlove warned against continuing to reduce the U.S. military presence in Europe.

"I believe our force levels in Europe are about right, even absent the latest developments [involving Russian military moves] in Ukraine, and that we should take a knee and make no permanent reductions to our existing force structure. In fact, we may need to add additional rotational forces to cover the sustained, persistent presence that we are now envisioning," Breedlove said.

"We should now pause and determine, we should we continue with any of the program reductions

that are in the plan for Europe?" he said. "As a result of budget [cutbacks] and sequester, there are already some reductions that are still on the books."

Breedlove also detailed Moscow's efforts to assist pro-Russian separatists who are battling the Ukrainian government.

He said there are "seven-plus" Russian battalion task groups on the Russian side of the border, plus "numerous small special operations forces."

The Russians are providing advanced training and heavy weapons to the rebels, Breedlove said.

"What we see in training on the east side of the border is big equipment — tanks, APCs, anti-aircraft capability — and now we see those capabilities being used on the west side of the border," he said.

Breedlove was asked whether Russian-supplied anti-aircraft weapons had been used by the rebels to shoot down a Ukrainian military transport plane and helicopter in recent weeks. Dozens of Ukrainian soldiers were killed in the attacks.

"It's a very good likelihood, but we haven't tied the strings direct-

ly together yet," Breedlove said.

Breedlove could not confirm reports that the rebels have man-portable air defense systems, which are essentially shoulder-fired missiles. He said he has not seen evidence of Russian forces training Ukrainian separatists on the use of MANPADS. But the Russians have taught the rebels to use anti-aircraft weapons mounted on vehicles, according to Breedlove.

The government in Kiev and the international community have been trying to get Russia to pressure the rebels to abide by a cease fire. Breedlove sees no sign of that happening.

"What I would do is allow the actions on the ground to speak for themselves," he said. "There is good rhetoric, there are some good words about a cease-fire and peace."

"But what we see is continued conflict, continued support of the conflict from the east side of the border. And until we see those things turn around, I think we need to watch with a wary eye."

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Theft of 7-ton Marine truck investigated

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is looking for the thief or thieves who stole a 7-ton Marine Corps vehicle from Camp Foster over the weekend and drove through a gate on base to escape, officials said.

The AMK-23 truck was reported missing from a secure motor pool on the Ginowan base sometime Saturday, Marine Corps officials told Stars and Stripes. The perpetrator or perpetrators drove the truck through the gate of Combat Logistics Regiment 3, Motor Transport Company, located inside Camp Foster before fleeing the base.

The truck was recovered in the northern part of Naha in southern Okinawa on Monday, offi-

cials said. The NCIS is offering a \$1,000 cash reward for information leading to an arrest.

On Tuesday, evidence of the crime could be seen at the motor pool gate. Parts of the gate were missing, and the fencing covering it was rolled back.

"NCIS is working closely with Okinawa Police Station and the U.S. Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division to identify any potential suspects," Marine officials said in a statement Tuesday. "NCIS is seeking information from the public to assist in identifying the perpetrator(s) involved."

Those with information are asked to contact the NCIS at DSN 645-0213 or through the NCIS Tip Submission application at www.ncis.navy.mil.

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Someone drove a stolen 7-ton AMK-23 truck through this gate at Camp Foster in Ginowan, Japan, on Saturday and fled the Marine Corps base. The truck was found in Naha on Monday.

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Panel: Keep chain of command in charge

Report advocates no change on who decides whether an alleged sex assault is prosecuted

By JENNIFER HLAJ
Stars and Stripes

Congress should not remove court-martial convening authority from the chain of command, a nine-member panel appointed to study how the military investigates, prosecutes and punishes sexual assault crimes said in its report.

The panel "heard testimony from a number of victims" indicating that it is "often subordinate leaders who perpetrated the sexual assault itself, ignored it when it was reported, or engaged in retaliation towards the victim afterwards," according to the panel's report to Congress; however, seven of the nine panel members agreed that removing prosecution authority from the chain of command would not reduce the number of sexual assaults, increase reporting of

crimes or improve the quality of investigations and prosecutions, according to the report.

Published Friday by the Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel, the report is a blow to advocates of a plan proposed last year by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., which would have removed the authority to prosecute sexual assault and other major crimes from commanders and given it to military lawyers.

But Nancy Parrish, president of victim advocacy group Protect Our Defenders, said she was not surprised the panel supported the status quo.

"This panel sadly became a tool to further delay needed reform," she said, noting that the members of the panel were chosen by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel who opposed the Gillibrand bill.

"The fact that there was any dissent is remarkable."

One of the voices of dissent was panel member Elizabeth Hillman, a professor of law at University of California Hastings College of Law. In a dissent posted on Gillibrand's website, Hillman wrote that she believes "trained, experienced prosecutors" should make the decision on whether to prosecute rape and sexual assault.

While commanders "must lead the way in changing military culture," they are ill-suited to make prosecution decisions, Hillman wrote.

Though the panel determined that prosecution authority should stay with commanders, it recommended dozens of other changes and initiatives, including:

- That Congress repeal sections of recently passed legislation that require higher-level

review of commanders' decisions not to refer some sexual assault cases to trial.

- That the Defense Department develop a new survey to measure the scope of unreported criminal sexual assaults.

- That the services standardize the way they track the outcome of sexual assault cases.

- That the services standardize the process for determining if a case is declared "unfounded" at the investigation stage.

Currently, the military measures and records conviction data differently than civilian authorities, and different groups cite different conviction rates when discussing the challenge of prosecuting sexual assault crimes.

In the report on sexual assaults from fiscal 2013, the DOD said commanders took disciplinary action in 73 percent of cases in which there was sufficient

evidence to consider doing so. However, only 373 people were convicted of any crime in cases related to sexual assault, out of more than 2,100 who could have been considered for legal action — making the conviction rate closer to 17 percent.

The panel also recommended the services correct the resource imbalance between the defense and prosecution in sexual assault cases, and that services develop specific programs to prevent male-on-male sexual assault, among other changes.

Maj. James Brindle, a DOD spokesman, said the department will consider "all aspects of the report," including "the views of those who did not agree with the panel's recommendations."

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6 things on which new VA secretary must focus

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Robert McDonald, the former boss of Procter & Gamble nominated Monday by President Barack Obama to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs, will move into one of the toughest, most-scrutinized jobs in Washington if the Senate confirms him. Here's what experts, politicians and veterans advocates say he needs to do first.



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Punish wrongdoing

Public trust in the VA was shaken by explosive allegations that department employees in Phoenix endangered veterans and may even have contributed to the deaths of some by gaming the scheduling system to make it appear wait times for appointments were shorter than they actually were. McDonald should "hold employees accountable to the maximum extent of the law," Joe Davis, public affairs director in VFW's Washington office said in an email. "Restore the faith of veterans in their VA."

Speed access to care

The fiddling with wait times at Phoenix and other VA medical facilities resulted from time limits on veterans seeing doctors, coupled with a shortage of doctors. "The doctors are good but they are overworked, and they feel inadequate in the face of the inordinate demands made on them," Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Veterans Affairs committee member, told The New York Times.

Change VA culture

A report put out last week by

the White House used phrases like "corrosive culture" and "chronic system failures" to describe a VA where accountability and transparency are lacking, whistleblowers are punished and managers ignore recommendations for improvement. Lauren Augustine, a legislative associate for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said McDonald should support the VA Management Accountability Act, a bill that would give him authority to fire problematic managers.

Keep other balls in air

Delays and scheduling fraud have for now diverted attention from other issues, including rising rates of veteran suicide, the backlog of veterans benefits claims processing and creation of a system for electronic sharing of medical records between VA and the Department of Defense. Retired Gen. Eric Shinseki's failure to focus sufficient attention on the scheduling and wait list problems may have led to his resignation last month, but the other problems haven't disappeared.

Deploy new technology

Ancient computers used in scheduling VA medical appointments didn't create the wait time problem, but they may have made it harder to spot. A Government Accountability Office study last year reported that the scheduling system the VA uses to schedule appointments, VISA, is more than 25 years old, leading to errors.

Get out front

As a former corporate CEO and brand manager for ubiquitous products like Tide detergent,

No guarantee of quick Senate approval of pick

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Debate over the White House nomination of former Procter & Gamble president and CEO Bob McDonald to head the troubled Department of Veterans Affairs is likely to take weeks and will be shadowed by past presidential VA appointments left to languish in the Senate.

Neither a confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs or a full chamber floor vote will happen until lawmakers return from leave after the Fourth of July weekend. The chamber will then have four weeks — a legislative dash — to vote up or down on the VA secretary nomination before a month-long recess in August, or push the decision into the fall.

Three other VA leadership appointments by the White House have languished on the Hill without a confirmation vote, one for more than a year.

President Barack Obama on

Monday urged a quick confirmation of McDonald, 61, who graduated at the top of his class at West Point and spent three decades at P&G.

Congress is finalizing a VA reform package hammered out since the department scandal broke in late April. A key to the reform effort will be filling the secretary position, which oversees 340,000 employees and more than 1,700 facilities that serve about 9 million veterans, according to the Obama administration.

A full Senate vote on McDonald could theoretically be put to the floor quickly if a majority of members approve, according to Senate bylaws. But dozens of Obama administration nominees have been blocked by political opposition in the chamber, and the VA has not been immune despite its raft of problems. Nine of its 16 top leadership positions are being temporarily filled until Obama appointments are approved.

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President Barack Obama and Robert McDonald, who Monday was nominated to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs.

McDonald understands the importance of visibility and publicity in a way that Shinseki, who preferred to work quietly in the background, did not. With the VA now in serious trouble, McDonald has to engage the public even as he works to correct highly technical issues. According to IAVA's Augustine: "He needs to get out in front and be a vocal leader."

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China's RIMPAC participation still in spotlight

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Harry Harris led a dockside news conference Monday, ready to field queries about any of the 22 countries participating in this year's Rim of the Pacific exercise.

But reporters attending from all over the Pacific seemed interested in only one of the participating nations — China, which is taking part in the massive RIMPAC for the first time.

After taking a half-dozen questions, a slightly exasperated Harris said, "You all are welcome to ask any questions you want, and we'll answer them to the best of our ability. But we've taken six questions so far, and they've all been on China."

RIMPAC 2014 also marks the first time the nation of Brunei has attended, Harris pointed out.

"And I don't want to slight the other 20 countries that are here besides China and the U.S.," said Harris, who was flanked by the top-ranking officers from each of the participating countries. "This is not about China and the United States. This is about 22 nations that are trying to work together to improve our multilateral operability and our transparency."

But China's increasingly assertive naval presence in the seas near its borders has placed the country at the front of any discussion of regional security.

Indeed, Harris' opening remarks about the significance of RIMPAC, while not specifically mentioning China, certainly went to the heart of the uneasy relationship between the two countries.

"As the world's economic center of gravity shifts rapidly to the Indo-Asia Pacific region, we also note the increasing risks in the region — some man-made and some natural — but all capable of disrupting stability and impacting our collective prosperity," he said. "We can all appreciate that conflict and crisis are bad for business."

"I think it's important to note that by simply attending RIMPAC, every nation here is making the bold statement that we must improve multilateral military co-



U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Harry Harris takes questions during a dockside news conference at Pearl Harbor on Monday for the kickoff of the Rim of the Pacific exercise, which includes forces from 22 nations.

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operation despite disagreements. I believe that we can agree to disagree without being disagreeable," he said.

China is expected to participate in numerous aspects of RIMPAC, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief; surface gunnery; counterpiracy work; search and rescue; diving and salvage; and military medicine.

“You all are welcome to ask any questions you want. ... But we've taken six questions so far, and they've all been on China.”

Adm. Harry Harris
U.S. Pacific Fleet commander

measures after last fall's devastating typhoon in the Philippines or the search for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet in March, he said.



Senior Capt. Zhao Xiaogang, the top-ranking officer with China's People's Liberation Army Navy, which is attending the RIMPAC exercises in Hawaii, is surrounded by international reporters after a news conference Monday at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

China's navy is also involved in anti-piracy efforts in the Gulf of Aden near the Horn of Africa.

"This helps that interoperability, and it helps us on the high seas," Harris said.

Harris was asked whether the U.S. was sending a mixed message to China by inviting the country to RIMPAC while at the same time the U.S. Navy is conducting another exercise in the Philippines — Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, or CARAT — in the South China Sea, where China has been involved in numerous

sea skirmishes with the Philippines over disputed islands.

"I'm not concerned about sending a mixed message at all," Harris said. "I think this exercise, as I've said before, is welcoming to China and invites China into a multilateral venue."

Senior Capt. Zhao Xiaogang, the top-ranking officer of China's contingent, was asked what his country hoped to gain from attending.

"The major objectives of the [People's Liberation] Army Navy's participation in RIMPAC

is threefold," he said through a translator. "The first is to further promote sound development of the new ties, military-to-military relations, between the U.S. and China. Second is to further enhance communication and deepen cooperation between China and all participating navies."

The final reason is to display "the positive attitude of the Chinese armed forces," he said.

Zhao later told reporters that he and his sailors had spent the 10 days sailing to Hawaii working with the other navies to plan exercises. "I think this activity is very successful because it promotes understanding and friendship between each other," he said.

He also said the Chinese navy had held a reception aboard one of its ships for commanders from other countries, including the United States.

As for Japan's attitude about a RIMPAC that includes China — at a time when the two countries are disputing sovereignty of islands in the East China Sea — Rear Adm. Yasuki Nakahata, of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, said his country welcomes the Chinese navy.

"I believe participation with China and the improvement of a military power of a big nation as China will contribute to stability and peace of the region," Nakahata said.

For the first time the exercise includes two hospital ships, one from China named Peace Ark, and the San Diego-based Mercy. The ships will be used during a mass-casualty drill.

Other nations with forces involved in RIMPAC this year are Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, South Korea, Philippines, Singapore and Tonga.

"I have a lot of liaison officers and two or three translators," said Rear Adm. Gilles Couturier, the Canadian officer in charge of the exercise's maritime component, when asked how communication works with so many different languages spoken. "You know, mariners in general, we all speak basic English. We all have enough basic understanding of English, and that's the language of the sea."

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Record: Vet tried for murder has history of exaggerating war experiences

FROM FRONT PAGE

Stars and Stripes sent the DD-214 to Doug Sterner, a leading military records expert and the chief archivist for the Military Times Hall of Valor website. Sterner is a Vietnam veteran who has spearheaded efforts to protect the integrity of the military awards system, including the Stolen Valor Act, which would have made a crime to falsely take credit for unearned medals. The Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional, saying it violated the right to free speech.

Sterner noted "very serious discrepancies" that suggested the DD-214 was phony, including:

- Parts of Block 24 (Awards) and Block 25 (Education and Training) clearly are in a different font than the rest of the DD-214.

■ The word "Gallantry" is misspelled "Gallentry" in Block 25.

■ "Navy Cross Medal" and the "Silver Star Medal" — as they appear in the document — are referred to simply as "Navy Cross" and "Silver Star," without the word "Medal" appearing after them.

■ Block 30 (Remarks) states that Chavous served in Vietnam "30 Jan 1970-1 December 1970" and then again from "15 Jan 1971-6 July 1971." But the font listing the second tour is different from the text above it, which indicates it came from a different typewriter.

■ Block 30 (Remarks) states that Chavous was ("Missing in Action) November 21, 1970" and then again from "15 Jan 1971-6 July 1971." But the font listing the second tour is different from the text above it, which indicates it came from a different typewriter.

■ In Block 5a & 6 (Rank), his rank is shown as "Sgt" with the date of rank of Jan. 3, 1970, but the "in" in "Sgt" is in a different font than the "in" in "Augusta," which indicates that "Sgt" was written with a different typewriter.

■ That "DD-214 is BOGUS AS HELL," Sterner said in an email.

Stars and Stripes contacted the Marine Corps' records department in Quantico, Va., and an official there who pulled Chavous' service record confirmed that the DD-214 given to Connell is phony in many respects.

The former Marine was never awarded the Navy Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Joint Service Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation or Meritorious Unit Citation. He never completed Reconnaissance School, Jump School or Jungle Survival School.

“The war hero story, I think, would function pretty heavily in this calculation of what's his just dessert. ... it kind of serves as a counterweight to the wrongdoing of the crime.”

Kay Levine
professor, Emory University Law School

He never received a battlefield commission to first lieutenant, nor did he retire at the rank of sergeant, as the doctored DD-214 states. (He was discharged as a lance corporal.) According to the Marine Corps, Chavous did serve in Vietnam as a rifleman, but he served only one tour. The Marine Corps has no record of him being missing in action or a prisoner of war.

Retired Navy Capt. Mike McGrath is a historian and the former president of Nam-POWs, an association of Vietnam-era POWs. He was a POW for nearly six years after his plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

"We're a very strong social and fraternal organization of all the POWs of the Vietnam War," McGrath said. Chavous "was never with any other POW in the Vietnam War, and we've never heard of him."

There is also strong reason to doubt that the former Marine was repeatedly wounded or seriously injured in Vietnam, as his lawyer claimed. He never received a Purple Heart, which the military awards to all servicemembers who are wounded in combat.

He has not claimed any disabilities stemming from his one verified tour of Vietnam in 1970, according to the Veterans Administration. Chavous receives \$2,852.24 each month in VA disability benefits, according to the VA, but officials would not disclose what service-related disabilities he has claimed, citing patient confidentiality rules.

Efforts by Stars and Stripes to contact Chavous for comment were unsuccessful.

The murder and its aftermath

Chavous went to the Augusta home of Bronzi Leon Peppers with three other men on the night of Feb. 3, 1975. His associates had hatched a plan to abduct Peppers because of a dispute over illegal drugs. When Peppers fought back, one of the men pulled out a gun and shot him dead.

The four men fled the scene and none of them contacted law enforcement. The case went cold until 2009, when new information came to light. In 2010, Chavous, Mark Hill and William Coffey III were indicted

on murder charges. Chavous ultimately pleaded guilty to concealing a death and hindering the apprehension of a criminal and was sentenced to five years of probation and a \$1,000 fine.

The two other surviving defendants received much stiffer sentences. One got a five-year jail sentence for the same reduced charge. A second pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and a weapons charge and drew a seven-year prison sentence. The alleged triggerman, Tony Ouzts, was killed about 10 years after the crime in a car crash.

Judge Michael Annis, of the Richmond County Superior Court, did not respond to queries about whether Chavous' purported service record played any role in his sentencing decision, handed down in April.

Assistant District Attorney John Markwalter said he did not recommend any particular sentence as part of the plea agreement. Markwalter said the punishment was left to the discretion of the court, and he would not speculate as to why Annis chose not to give the man any prison time.

Kay Levine, a professor at Emory University Law School in Atlanta who specializes in criminal law, said that a defendant's history often plays a big role in sentencing, especially their criminal history.

Unlike Hill and Coffey, Chavous appears to have had no criminal record (excluding traffic violations). Hill was on probation for felony theft when he was arrested for his involvement in Peppers' killing. In 2010, Coffey was arrested and charged with a felony count of criminal attempt to manufacture methamphetamine. He later pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of reckless conduct and was sentenced to 12 months incarceration.

The criminal histories of Hill and Coffey could explain why they received much heavier sentences than Chavous, according to Levine.

But Levine said Connell's portrayal of his client as a war hero could have been a major factor in him avoiding prison.

"The war hero story, I think, would function pretty heavily in this calculation

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of what's his just dessert," Levine said. "There are all of these things that [suggest that] the past is this record of heroism, and also tragedy ... to the extent that he was injured in Vietnam fighting for the country. ... That factors into how much punishment does he deserve now, because it kind of serves as a counterweight to the wrongdoing of the crime. Somebody who doesn't have that, there is no counterweight."

A pattern of stolen valor

Chavous' legal defense wasn't the first time that his war record was exaggerated.

The Heroes Overlook in Augusta honors local veterans who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross or the Distinguished Service Cross — three of the nation's highest awards for combat valor. Chavous — or someone connected to him — convinced the Augusta-Richmond County Historical Society that he had received the Navy Cross and the Distinguished Service Cross by providing award citations describing in detail the actions that he allegedly carried out to earn the awards.

Stars and Stripes obtained copies of the citations that were given to the historical society. They are nearly identical to the Navy Cross citations for Vietnam veterans Dieter Dengler and Joseph Crockett Jr., which suggested they may have been plagiarized. Dengler and Crockett's citations appeared in books years before the historical society received the ones allegedly belonging to Chavous.

The former Marine never received the Navy Cross or the Distinguished Service Cross according to the Marine Corps. But in 1994, two bronze plaques were created for him and were slated to appear on the Heroes Overlook. However, some challenged whether he received the awards, and just days before the plaques were to be unveiled, a representative of Chavous asked that they be removed from the monument, according to Jack Widener, who spearheaded the Heroes Overlook project.

There is, however, a brick in Augusta's Memorial Walkway dedicated to Chavous. The inscription says he was a Vietnam POW. Individuals are able to purchase bricks and have them inscribed for \$75. Information on the bricks is not vetted, according to Widener. Widener does not know whether Chavous purchased the brick or whether a relative bought it for him.

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AAFES changing pricing method, will offer refunds on tobacco

By PATRICK DICKSON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — After pricing errors resulted in smokers being overcharged for cigarettes, the AAFES has switched to an automated system and will offer refunds for those who bought certain brands after May 1.

After Stars and Stripes raised the issue, spokesman Judd Anstey said, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service embarked on a two-month review of overseas tobacco pricing effective May 1 were inaccurate due to human error.

Prices overseas will be updated Monday, Anstey said.

Price changes

On May 1, AAFES raised the prices of cigarettes at its outlets overseas. In response to a query, the policy was reviewed, and on July 7, prices will again be adjusted and refunds offered.

Brand	May 1 carton price	Carton price as of July 7	Price difference
Marlboro	\$64.45	\$63.80	-1.19%
Virginia Slims	\$69.70	\$69.20	-0.86%
Newport	\$69.90	\$69.25	-0.93%
Kool	\$53.95	\$52.30	-3.05%
Pall Mall	\$44.45	\$39.20	-11.81%
Camel	\$64.30	\$48.35	-25.96%
USA Gold	\$45.75	\$45.70	-0.11%
Sonoma	\$44.45	\$45.25	+1.80%

SOURCE: Army and Air Force Exchange Service

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"Prices as of July 7 (and all following updates) will reflect pricing information from an automated reporting system that ex-

tracts the average CONUS price per brand from the exchange's retail point of sale system," Anstey wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes. "This automated approach utilizes local CONUS survey prices (less 5 percent) to establish OCONUS tobacco prices. This process is expected to reduce the possibility of a price miscalculation."

Assessing U.S. prices up to this point had been an "informal" process that happened "a couple times a year," Anstey said.

Overseas shoppers who purchased Marlboro, Virginia Slims, Kool, Pall Mall, Camel or USA Gold tobacco products from May 1 to July 6 can bring receipts to their exchange to receive a re-

fund, Anstey said. A pricing error on Pall Mall was corrected May 7 and refunds were offered.

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The augmented force includes helicopters and drones, Pentagon Press Secretary Rans Adm. John Kirby said in a statement. Kirby said the aircraft will bolster airfield and travel route security.

"Similar to the U.S. security personnel who arrived in Baghdad earlier this month to provide support and security for U.S. personnel and the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, they will integrate with existing U.S. Embassy security teams," Kirby said. "The presence of these additional forces will help enable the embassy to continue its critical diplomatic mission and work with Iraq on challenges they are facing as they confront ISIL."

Obama gave no end date for the deployment.

"This force is deploying for the purpose of protecting U.S. citizens and property, if necessary, and is equipped for combat," Obama said in a letter to lawmakers Monday informing them of the new deployment. "This force will remain in Iraq until the security situation becomes such that it is no longer needed."

Obama has ruled out using ground forces for combat missions in Iraq, but U.S. military personnel always maintain the right of self-defense.

Another 100 troops who were pre-positioned in neighboring countries will also go into Baghdad to provide security and logistics support, Kirby said. The Pentagon previously had announced that those personnel had been placed near Iraq as a contingency force.

The additional 300 servicemembers being deployed are separate from the 140 troops that Obama sent to Iraq last week to establish a joint operations center, or JOC, and conduct an assessment of how the U.S. can provide support to Iraq's security forces as they confront insurgents who have overrun much of the country.

Those 140 troops joined 40 personnel that were already on the ground in Baghdad setting up the JOC. Obama has authorized up to 300 servicemembers to participate in the advisory mission, including special operators. The JOC is now up and running, according to the Pentagon.

The forces being sent this week will augment the approximately 170 troops that were deployed to Baghdad in mid-June to boost security at U.S. diplomatic facilities.

Amid ongoing violence, the State Department has sent some embassy staff to safer locations in Iraq, including the consulates in Irbil and Basra.

During the past two weeks, the U.S. has been conducting 30 to 35 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance flights over Iraq each day using manned and unmanned aircraft.

Last week, Kirby said some of those planes had been armed to provide force protection to U.S. personnel on the ground and in preparation for potential airstrikes that Obama is considering.

Previous ISR flights had been conducted from neighboring countries and possibly U.S. Navy ships stationed in the Persian Gulf. With this new deployment, the U.S. military has stationed additional air power inside Iraq.

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New Iraqi parliament members argue Tuesday during the first session of the governmental body in Baghdad.

Iraqi parliament deadlocks over new government

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA AND SINAN SALAHEDDIN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's new parliament deadlocked less than two hours into its first session when minority Sunnis and Kurds walked out Tuesday, dashing hopes for the quick formation of a new government that could hold the country together in the face of a militant blitz.

The United Nations said more than 2,400 people were killed in Iraq in June, making it the deadliest month in the country in years and laying bare the danger posed by the Sunni extremists who have overrun large parts of Iraq and neighboring Syria and declared their own caliphate ruled by Islamic law. The Sunni insurgents' advance, which has plunged Iraq into its worst crisis since the last U.S. troops left in 2011, appears to have crested, at least for now, as it bumps up against majority Shiite areas as it seeks to consolidate its control of the territory already in hand.

The militant onslaught, which has tapped into deep-seated grievances among the country's Sunni minority with Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, has made the formation of a new government a pressing concern.

Acting speaker Mahdi al-Hafidh ended the proceedings after most of the 325-member legislature's Sunni and Kurdish lawmakers did not return following a short break, depriving parliament of a quorum. The entire session, from the opening national anthem to al-Hafidh's final words, lasted less than two hours.

The impasse prolongs what has already been days of intense jockeying as political blocs try to decide on a new prime minister, president and speaker of parliament.

The main sticking point is the job of prime minister, which holds the main levers of power. Under an informal system that took hold after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, Iraq's prime minister is chosen from the Shiite community, the president from the Kurdish minority and the speaker of parliament from the Sunni community.

Al-Maliki, who has held the post since 2006, is being pressed to step aside as his failure to promote reconciliation has been blamed for stoking the Sunni insurgency led by the former Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, now called the Islamic State. Sunnis and Kurds, both of whom accuse al-Maliki of breaking promises and attempting to monopolize power, demand that he be replaced.



HUSEIN MALLA/AP

A Kurdish Peshmerga fighter looks over dirt barriers built in Mariam Bek village, between the northern cities of Tikrit and Kirkuk, Iraq.

Iraqi Kurds assert claim to disputed areas

The Associated Press

MARIAM BEK, Iraq — As Islamic extremists seek to sweep away borders in their advance across the Middle East, Kurds in northern Iraq appear to be in the process of digging a new one, asserting their claim to hotly disputed territory and expanding their semi-autonomous region in a bid for greater autonomy or outright independence.

The emerging frontier of sand berms, trenches and roadblocks is being built to take in areas Kurdish fighters seized as Sunni militants led by the former Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, now calling itself the Islamic State, swept across northern Iraq last month, routing the armed forces of the Shiite-led government in Baghdad and raising fears the country could be torn in three.

Kurdish forces say they assumed control of the disputed territory in and around Kirkuk — a major oil hub — to prevent it from being taken over by the Sunni in-

surgers as Iraqi troops melted away. They say the defense of the 600-mile frontier is necessary to prevent the militants, who have declared a transnational Islamic state straddling the Syrian-Iraqi border, from advancing further.

"This is a security measure. We are dealing with a serious threat," said Falah Bakir, the Kurdish region's top foreign policy official. "We are neighbors to a terrorist state — the Islamic State — and we have to take measures to ensure our safety."

But the barriers, hastily built over the past few days, are also defining the borders of a possible future Kurdish state and laying the groundwork for a conflict with Baghdad over Kirkuk, which has a mixed population of Kurds, Arabs and Turks.

Politicians close to Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki have condemned the Kurds' assertion of control over the disputed areas outside their semi-autonomous region, accusing them of exploit-

ing the security breakdown to pursue their long-held dream of greater autonomy or statehood.

The United States and Iraq's regional neighbors, Turkey and Iran — both of which have large Kurdish minorities — are opposed to Kurdish independence.

The Kurds say they have tried for years to reach an agreement with Baghdad on where to draw the frontier of their semi-autonomous region, but say the Shiite-led government and Sunni leaders dragged their feet. They point to a constitutional amendment requiring that Kirkuk's fate be decided by referendum, but it has never been implemented.

"If the Shiite forces and the Sunni forces don't abide by this pact between the sides, to draw the borders of Iraq, to draw the borders of the province of Kurdistan, so it is the right of the Kurdish province to take the areas that were taken away from it," said the Kurdish deputy head of the Iraqi Provincial Council, Rebarwar Talabani.

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Obama adopts executive tack on immigration

By JIM KUHNHERR AND ERICA WENNER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's abrupt shift from seeking immigration legislation to pursuing a go-it-alone executive strategy raises expectations that Obama may have trouble satisfying while setting up a clash with House Republicans, who've already threatened to sue him.

Limited in his powers to ease deportations and under pressure to crack down on a tide of Central American children entering the U.S. without their parents, Obama has only so many options to tackle an immigration conundrum complicated by a midterm election that could cost him Democratic control of the Senate.

Obama on Monday blamed Republican resistance for the demise of sweeping immigration legislation and vowed to bypass Congress to patch up the system. "If Congress will not do their job, at least we can do ours," Obama said.

But seeking to slow deportations while simultaneously stemming the flow of young people across the U.S., Southern border presents Obama with a knotty set of policy choices. He has asked Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Attorney General Eric Holder for recommendations by the end of the summer on the types of executive actions he could take to address some of the aims of a comprehensive bipartisan bill that passed the Senate last year.

Among the steps he could consider would be to focus depor-

tations on people with serious criminal records, something the administration has already tried to do, with mixed results.

For now, White House officials say he will refocus resources from the interior of the country to the border.

Many immigrant advocates want far broader changes that would shield millions of immigrants now here illegally from deportation by expanding a 2-year-old program that granted work permits to certain immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children. It's uncertain how far the president will go to meet those demands.

Dropping by a White House gathering of immigration advocates who were meeting with his senior advisers Monday, Obama promised he would take "aggressive" steps, according to some participants, but cautioned that he could not match on his own what broader legislation would accomplish.

In his public remarks Monday, he conceded the limits of his own authority, noting that unlike an executive action that would last only as long as he is president, legislation would be permanent.

'If Congress will not do their job, at least we can do ours.'

President Barack Obama



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Demonstrators react to hearing the Supreme Court's decision on the Hobby Lobby case in Washington on Monday.

Top court ruling sparks political clash

By STEVE PEOPLES AND KEN THOMAS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans called it a win for religious freedom. The decision of the Supreme Court, they said, is further evidence the country's new health care law is deeply flawed.

The claims of victory arrived almost immediately after the high court ruled Monday that some companies need not provide contraception to women as required by President Barack Obama's signature domestic policy achievement. Yet there's a risk for the GOP in crowing too loudly.

Republicans for years have tried to make inroads with two groups that tend to favor Democrats: women and younger voters. As popular as the court's decision will be with the Republican base, it's likely to be just a unpopular this year and into 2016 with

those who depend on insurance to pay for birth control — a group that includes women and younger voters.

"The thought of your boss telling you what kind of birth control you can and can't get is offensive, and it certainly is motivating to women to vote," said Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, which plans to spend several million dollars this year to campaign for Senate candidates.

The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that some companies can hold religious objections allowing them to opt out of health law's birth control coverage requirement. While the ruling does not address the heart of the Affordable Care Act, it's a setback for Democrats and amplifies a longstanding argument from conservatives that the law they call "Obamacare" intrudes on religious liberties as part of a larger government overreach.

"This is a clear and decisive defeat against Obamacare and a victory for the rights of all Americans," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said in a fundraising appeal distributed less than three hours after the Supreme Court ruling.

But Republican leaders such as Priebus were careful to avoid mentioning the impact on women and their reproductive rights, underscoring the delicate balance the GOP must strike as it works to improve its image among women.

Polls suggest that most people — and a larger majority of women — think for-profit companies should be required to cover the cost of birth control.

Democrats said the ruling would shine a spotlight on access to birth control and dovetail with a strategy by the party to mobilize female voters on issues such as raising the minimum wage and supporting pay equity for women.

Candidates fill voter inboxes with fundraising appeals

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, of Florida, hopes everyone's summer is off to a good start. Please send money.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, is working on a constitutional amendment to negate a Supreme Court ruling on political activity by independent groups. In the meantime, please send money.

Rick Weiland, a Democrat running for the Senate in South Dakota, would like \$9, please. Many other candidates in both parties would settle for \$5.

Welcome to the unending, inbox-clogging world of online campaign fundraising, set against a backdrop of Monday night's Federal Election Commission deadline for candidates to disclose their campaign finances. The more an office-seeker reports having in the bank, the more there is available for the

fall campaign. But it's not just the money that counts, it's the appearance of it.

"In just 15 hours, I'll have to close the books on our second quarter FEC report," wrote Jenny Nadicksberner, finance director for Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va. "That report will be looked at by Karl Rove and his special interest pals to see if they should launch attacks against" Warner, she added.

It's not only candidates for federal offices. Jason Carter, a Democrat running for governor of Georgia, helpfully posted a clock on his emailed request for cash. That way everyone would know exactly how much time was left — down to the second — to reach Carter's target of \$50,000 before his self-imposed midnight deadline.

Nor is it just a simple request for money. Candidates and independent organizations have a series of pleadings, tailored to the political leanings of their donor targets.

Republican fundraisers favor unflatter-

ing mentions of President Barack Obama or Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

The appeal from Rubio's political action committee, Reclaim America, mentioned both and still found room to send along best wishes for the hot weather month.

"I hope your summer is off to a great start, but it's hard to enjoy our time with family and friends when we see one scandal after another emerging from Washington, DC," it said. "The Obama Administration just can't seem to shoot straight, and they're aided every step of the way by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid."

In some cases, "That means every dollar of the trappings of a holiday sale at a clothing or cosmetics store.

"Contribute by 11:59 p.m. tonight, and I'll triple-match whatever you give," said an appeal sent out by Sen. Rob Portman, of Ohio, for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. "That means every dollar you give becomes \$4."



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Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., speaks June 19 at the Faith and Freedom Coalition's Road to Majority event in Washington.

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NATION

Public's help sought in identifying suspects in New Orleans shooting

By STACEY PLAISANCE
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Police on Monday asked the public for its help in identifying two shooters and a third “person of interest” who appear in separate surveillance videos recorded the night of a weekend gunfight that injured 10 people on Bourbon Street.

Police said the victims were hit when shots rang out about 2:45 a.m. Sunday on the street, a historic thoroughfare of night-spots that is a major destination for visitors in tourist-loving New Orleans. Five remained hospitalized at LSU Hospital, one of them in critical condition.

Police initially said nine people were hit. On Monday, they added a 10th victim, a man who had gone to a station in a neighboring district about 12 hours after the shootings to report that he had been shot. He had a minor chest wound and refused treatment, authorities said in a news release.

Authorities have not made victims' identities and hometowns public but police said some were not from New Orleans. There were six women and four men shot, ranging in age from 17 to 39, police said.

Images captured from a surveillance camera above a bar showed people running down the street in the chaos of the shooting. Police placed several views of the shootout online asking for the public's help in identifying the two shooters.

“I heard a boom, boom, boom, boom, boom,” witness David Minsky, a New Orleans resident, said Monday. “I knew they were gunshots, but they were loud. I ran out and saw everybody running toward me. I saw two men whip right past me. Right behind those guys was a New Orleans cop, hot on their tail.”

Minsky said he had just gotten off work as a bartender at another business and was sitting in a Bourbon Street bar when he heard the shots. He described a bloody scene outside. He said he saw a man take off his shirt and use it to try to control the bleeding of a woman who appeared to

have been shot in the face.

The violence happened as New Orleans prepares for a major summer tourist event. The annual Essence Festival opens Thursday and runs through the Fourth of July weekend.

“This Essence Festival, we're using an overtime package of about \$300,000 to make sure there's more police officers here in the French Quarter area,” police chief Ronald Serpas said Sunday. “There will be plenty of police officers visible during Essence and July Fourth.”

What sparked the shooting remained unclear. “What happened was two young men got angry at each other and shot at each other,” Serpas said.

The scene on Bourbon Street on Monday was business as usual, with music blaring from bars as tourists strolled, drinks in hand.

On Sunday, visitor Justin Sigalos of Chicago, stood at the scene of the shooting, looking at the blood-stained sidewalk, saying he would not let the violence keep him from visiting again.

“Just understand that things happen and you've got to do your best to avoid putting yourself in that kind of situation,” he said.

It was the third major shooting on Bourbon Street in the past three years.

On the Saturday before Mardi Gras, four people were treated at a hospital after a shooting. During Halloween in 2011, one person was killed and seven others were injured after gunmen opened fire on each other.

Blaine Dorr, 70, has lived in the French Quarter since 1964 and on Bourbon Street since 1993, and while crime has always been a concern, he said he's never seen the kind of brazen violence that's taken place in his neighborhood the past few years.

“It's frustrating,” Dorr said, standing outside his home about a block from where Sunday's shooting occurred. “They don't care about the consequences. They don't care about going to jail. They don't care about taking somebody's life or losing their lives. They just don't care, and what do you do with that?”



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Memorabilia from a makeshift memorial honoring the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots based in Prescott, Ariz., who were killed a year ago fighting a wildfire, is being preserved in remembrance of them.

Community pays tribute to 19 killed fighting wildfire

By FELICIA FONSECA
The Associated Press

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — They wiped away tears, hugged loved ones and stood in salute to 19 Arizona firefighters who held a special place in their hearts.

The crowd of people gathered Monday outside a historic courthouse to pay tribute to the fallen firefighters on the one-year anniversary of their deaths, and reminders of the death toll were inescapable around town.

Hikers left 19 flags at one of the Hotshots' favorite training spots, banners on store fronts proclaimed 19 heroes, and children had the number painted on their faces. Hundreds of people wearing shirts inscribed with the number gathered as the 19 names were read, followed by 19 bell chimes echoing through the Yavapai County courthouse and 19 seconds of silence — all while pictures of the 19 men stood before them.

“You don't have to know these guys personally,” said Prescott resident Corie White. “They are part of our community.”

The tragedy marked the largest loss of life for U.S. firefighters since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and the worst for a wildland fire



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Members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots watch a growing wildfire on June 30, 2013, that later swept over and killed the crew of 19 firefighters near Yarnell, Ariz.

crew in eight decades. The men, who made up the Granite Mountain Hotshots based in Prescott, died trying to protect the nearby town of Yarnell from an out-of-control brush fire that trapped them during erratic weather.

For almost everyone in town, their work in Prescott was unforgettable. They cleared brush and snow from around people's

homes, served as friends and neighbors, and battled some of the country's worst wildfires.

“One year ago today, our small community was forever changed. The unimaginable suddenly had to be imagined,” said Prescott Fire Department Battalion Chief Don Devenorf. “Yes, they died. They died honorably. They died as part of an honorable profession.”

NYC policeman's conviction in cannibalism plot overturned

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge has overturned the conviction of a former New York City police officer accused of plotting to kidnap, kill and eat young women.

Judge Paul Gardephe ruled late Monday that there was insufficient evidence to support the conviction of Gilberto Valle, defense attorney Julia Gatto said Tuesday.

The judge's well-reasoned decision validates what we have said since the beginning: There was

no crime,” she said. “Gil Valle is innocent of any conspiracy. Gil is guilty of nothing more than having unconventional thoughts.”

Valle, who could have faced life in prison, was acquitted of kidnapping conspiracy charges, the most serious count he faced.

He was convicted in March 2013 and had not yet been sentenced.

A jury had concluded he wasn't just fantasizing when he conversed online with others he had never met about killing and cook-

ing his wife and others in a cannibalism plot.

In his 118-page opinion, first reported by The New York Times, Gardephe said, “The evidentiary record is such that it is more likely than not the case that all of Valle's Internet communications about kidnapping are fantasy role-play.”

The judge planned a hearing Tuesday morning on the status of the case; Valle has been jailed since his arrest in 2012.

Prosecutors had argued that Valle took steps to carry out his

plot, including looking up potential targets on a restricted law enforcement database; searching the Internet for how to knock someone out with chloroform and where to get torture devices and other tools.

Gardephe upheld Valle's conviction on a charge of illegally gaining access to the law enforcement database, which carried a maximum sentence of one year. Valle was fired after his conviction.

In one of the numerous online conversations shown to the jury

during the trial, Valle told a man he met in a fetish chat room, “I want her to experience being cooked alive. She'll be trussed up like a turkey... She'll be terrified, screaming and crying.”

In another exchange, Valle suggested a woman he knew would be easy prey because she lived alone. The men discussed cooking her, basted in olive oil, over an open fire and using her severed head as a centerpiece for a sit-down meal.

WORLD

Cease-fire over, Ukraine renews its offensive

By BALINT SZLANKO
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainian forces and pro-Russia separatists fought with heavy weapons in the country's east Tuesday, and the rebels captured the Interior Ministry headquarters in a major city after an hours-long gunbattle, a day after the president said rebels weren't serious about peace talks and ended a cease-fire.

The 10-day truce cease-fire had given European leaders 10 days to search in vain for a peace deal, and its end raised the prospect of an escalation in a conflict that has already killed more than 400 people. Ukrainian forces have been unable to suppress the rebels in two months of fighting — and it

was not clear now what they would be doing differently to change that situation.

President Petro Poroshenko had called a unilateral cease-fire to try to persuade the rebels to lay down their weapons and hold peace talks. Some of the rebels later signed onto the cease-fire as talks began. But each side accused the other of violations.

Poroshenko announced the end of the cease-fire on Monday night, and on Tuesday the military made artillery and air strikes against separatist positions. Defense Ministry spokesman Oleksiy Dmytrashkovsky told the Interfax news agency. He said one servicemember was killed and 17 wounded in the previous 24 hours, and that an Su-25 attack aircraft was damaged. There was no

center. After hours of gunbattles the rebels took over the Interior Ministry compound.

The interior minister said Ukrainian forces had repelled a rebel attack, but that clearly wasn't the case.

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Japan eases limits on use of military

By ERIK SLAVIN
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TOKYO — Japan's ruling coalition adopted a resolution Tuesday that for the first time in the post-World War II era will allow the nation's armed forces to defend the country's allies in combat.

The Cabinet resolution calling for a reinterpretation of the nation's pacifist constitution sparked protests in Tokyo and remains unpopular, according to some opinion polls.

It faces only fragmented opposition from Japan's minority political parties.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party will use the Cabinet resolution to amend laws within the national legislature, thereby allowing Japan's Self-Defense Forces to come to an ally's defense if there is no other way to "ensure the nation's survival and to protect its people," according to the Cabinet resolution.

"The change in policy is to take every possible measure, to deter any attempt to attack our nation," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said in a televised news conference Tuesday night. "There is absolutely no chance that Japan becomes a nation that wages war."

Abe cited the "increasingly severe" security environment in the region as the reason for the changes. In recent years, Japan and China have scrambled jet fighters and been involved in tense maritime incidents near the Senkaku Islands, which are administered by Japan but claimed by China. North Korea's continued missile tests and nuclear weapons program is also a cause of concern.

In May, a government legal panel tasked with studying the constitutional interpretation argued that the U.S.-Japan security alliance was vital to Japan's survival and might not endure without collective self-defense — a theme Abe picked up when questioned by reporters Tuesday. "If a U.S. vessel that is protecting Japan is attacked, and if Japan does nothing, will Japan

expect trust from people in the United States?" Abe asked.

Abe had pushed for approval of the Cabinet resolution by June 22 but ran into delays from New Komeito, the junior party in his majority governing coalition. New Komeito, a largely Buddhist party that runs on a peace platform, negotiated compromises on the resolution's wording rather than leave the government.

Japan may engage in collective defense if another country "with which Japan has close ties" threatens the country's existence and causes "clear danger" to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, according to the resolution.

According to an earlier version of the resolution, collective self-defense would be justified if an attack on another country, close ally or not, caused "fear" that Japan's security would be undermined.

The resolution also calls for Japan to use only the minimum amount of force necessary to defend its interest.

Although some polls have shown support for aiding the U.S. or rescuing Japanese hostages — two of many scenarios posed by the government — most polls indicate that a majority oppose the collective self-defense resolution. A Nikkei newspaper poll conducted over the past weekend found 34 percent support for Abe's plan, while 50 percent opposed it. Only 29 percent supported Abe's method of reinterpreting the constitution rather than introducing a constitutional amendment.

Thousands of demonstrators gathered outside Abe's office in recent days to protest the resolution. On Sunday, a protester lit himself on fire after speaking out against the constitutional reinterpretation near the south exit of JR Shingyuku Station in Tokyo, the world's busiest train station. Firefighters on the scene put out the fire and took him to the hospital, where he was reported to be alive as of Monday.

Opponents of collective self-defense say there is no way to allow



EUGENE HOSHINO/AP

People lift placards as they shout anti-war slogans during a protest outside the Japanese prime minister's residence in Tokyo after the Cabinet approved reinterpreting the constitution on military affairs Tuesday.

it under a constitution that explicitly renounces "the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes."

"If with each successive administration, the interpretation of the constitution ... changes, then that means we eventually begin to lose stability in terms of laws, said Seichiro Murakami, one of the few LDP lawmakers to break from his party's ranks. "Fundamentally, this country will no longer be one that is governed by the rule of law."

Opponents have little practical recourse at the moment. Abe remains popular for his economic policies. LDP holds a solid Diet majority, and national elections aren't required until December 2016.

At least 10 laws related to collective self-defense will require revision by the national Diet. Although Japan's Supreme Court could strike them down, that is unlikely if history offers any guidance.

"The judicial enforcement of constitutional limits on government power exists more in theory than in practice," David Law, pro-

fessor of law and political science at Washington University in St. Louis, wrote in a research study that described judicial review in Japan as a failed practice.

Over six decades, the Japan Supreme Court struck down only eight laws on constitutional grounds, making it one of the world's most reluctant high courts among democratic systems. By comparison, the U.S. struck down more than 600 laws during the same period.

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Thousands in Hong Kong rally for democracy

HONG KONG — Tens of thousands of Hong Kong residents marched Tuesday through the streets of the former British colony in a push for greater democracy in a rally fueled by anger over Beijing's recent warning that it holds the ultimate authority over the southern Chinese financial center.

Organizers expected the crowd to swell to at least 150,000 and were hoping as many as 500,000 would turn out to call for reforms allowing residents to elect their leader.

July 1, a public holiday marking the handover of power from London to Beijing in 1997, has become an annual day of protest. This year a focal point for demonstrators' anger is a policy document, or "white paper," released last month by China's Cabinet that said Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy is not inherent but is authorized by the central government.

Car bomb explodes at Nigerian market

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — A car bomb exploded Tuesday in a market in Maiduguri, the northeast Nigerian city that is the birthplace of Boko Haram Islamic extremists, reducing stalls, goods and vehicles to piles of trash. Dozens of people are feared dead, witnesses said.

They blamed Boko Haram extremists who are accused of a series of recent bomb attacks in the West African nation.

Witnesses said they saw about 50 bodies. They said the toll may be worse but fewer than normal traders and customers were around because most people stay up late to eat during Ramadan.

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OPINION

Red Cross' turn to give - an explanation

By BARRY RITHOLTZ
 Bloomberg News

Whenever there is some global catastrophe, we break out the checkbook, sending a donation to the Red Cross. Whether it's an earthquake in Haiti or a tsunami in Japan, many people's natural inclination is to send money to one of world's best-known charities.

Superstorm Sandy hit the Northeast U.S. in October 2012, devastating parts of New Jersey and New York. It did damage up and down the eastern seaboard. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the total property damage amounted to \$65 billion.

Americans are especially generous following natural disasters. They sent \$312 million in donations to the American Red Cross after the storm. Unfortunately, the charity hasn't been very forthcoming in how it spent that money. It seems to be stonewalling ProPublica, which has been writing about how post-Sandy money has been spent. It reports:

Just how badly does the American Red Cross want to keep secret how it raised and spent over \$300 million after Hurricane Sandy? The charity has hired a fancy law firm (Gibson Dunn) to fight a public request we filed with New York state, arguing that information about its Sandy activities is a "trade secret." The Red Cross "trade secret" argument has persuaded the state to redact some material, though it's not clear yet how much since the documents haven't yet been released.

That's right, the Red Cross has lawyered up. I find it hard to believe that how a char-

ity spends its money could possibly be a trade secret. The Red Cross' lawyers.

Some disasters are more personal than others, as was Sandy to those of us who live within a hundred miles or so from where the storm made landfall.

Where I live on the North Shore of Long Island, N.Y., the damage was mostly downed trees, damaged roofs, flooding and loss of power. In our house, we treated the lack of electricity as an adventure at first, with everybody including the dogs sleeping in one warm bed. But as the temperature dropped, the lack of hot water became a problem, and soon after, the fun factor faded. We were fortunate that my sister's neighborhood a few towns over had underground power lines, so we decamped there for a few days for warm meals and hot showers. (Our house had no electricity for 12 days.)

After Sandy, my wife suggested that instead of donating to the Red Cross as we usually do, we should consider local charities that could deploy money faster. We went with several local church groups that promised hot food and shelter for those whose homes were destroyed; for the rest we spent the money at the Red Cross. The Animal Rescue & Adoption Center in Huntington, N.Y.

It is very disappointing to learn of this lack of transparency coming from the American Red Cross. I have no idea why it isn't being more forthcoming about how it spent the \$312 million in money received after the storm. I'm left wondering if it failed to deploy that cash fast enough. Or perhaps more money was spent on administrative services and overhead than it claimed.

States can do a lot on immigration on their own

By CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ

It's official: Congress won't take up immigration reform this year. On Monday, President Barack Obama said he'll use executive actions to change policies unilaterally.

It's a disappointing, unsurprising, outcome. But advocates for reform have reason to hope. States and cities long have shaped the country's immigration policy, and can continue to do so.

Take New York. Just last week, the New York City Council made a splash by allocating \$4.9 million to give assistance for noncitizens in deportation proceedings. It also created a municipal identification card available to everyone, regardless of immigration status.

In Albany, advocates introduced a bill that goes further, granting unauthorized immigrants the right to vote and sit on juries. Although that measure is possibly aspirational more than reality, it provides a counterpoint to the Arizona-style enforcement crackdowns.

Such immigration federalism necessarily will entail ideological battle, between pro-enforcement and pro-integration strategies. But parties on both sides should be willing to let states and localities take immigration policy in different directions.

State and local authority in this domain is limited, but it exists. When it comes to enforcement, state and local police historically have played a role. In 2012, the Supreme Court trimmed that role by striking down most of Arizona's Senate Bill 1070. But the court also left space open for local immigration policing. As the administration emphasized throughout the litigation, the federal government depends on cooperation from state and local police. Nothing in the court's decision precludes Congress from authorizing greater state and local involvement.

And, the court recognized police authority to invite into immigration status, subject to civil rights constraints. States also have considerable authority to define the parameters of their own political communities, as well as significant freedom to use their resources to benefit immigrants, regardless of status.

Given these parameters, what should immigration federalism look like today? On the enforcement end, where enthusiasm for enforcement remains, states should focus on combating racial profiling and curbing distrust of police in immigrant communities. This should be complemented by training for police in the details of immigration law and in how to interact with immigrant communities.

At the same time, some jurisdictions have rejected enforcement cooperation altogether. States such as California and Connecticut, and cities such as Chicago and Washington, actively resist federal requests for assistance. State and local order is creating an incoherent patchwork, no doubt the federal government prefers not to be challenged from both directions. But in reality, these mixed agendas offer examples of how state and local action can contribute to the national debate over immigration enforcement by highlighting what is at stake in concrete terms. Like Arizona's law, the anti-enforcement measures reflect a rejection of current federal policy and may well force the federal government to rethink its enforcement strategies. There is no "final" answer to the enforcement question — only an ongoing debate.

Today, numerous states and localities practice an affirmative integrative federalism. Republican and Democratic states alike make available in-state tuition to unauthorized college students. Municipal identification cards such as the one recently adopted in New York enable even unauthorized immigrants to open bank accounts, sign leases, get library cards and access other services.

State and local bureaucracies are also interested in and capable of implementing the immigration laws, and they could be enlisted productively not just in enforcement, but also in future legalization and integration programs, and even in the process of selecting and admitting immigrants. For example, the Republican governor of Michigan and Utah's state Legislature have floated the idea of recruiting immigrants to help revitalize local communities. Though this idea would require federal authorization and may prove to be misguided, it reflects the possibilities for reform that open up when we recognize states and localities as active players in immigration.

Immigration federalism will ultimately be a limited tool and cannot substitute for a federal policy. Only Congress can provide today's unauthorized population with the ultimate security of legal status (or adopt direct means of restricting immigration).

But because the U.S. consists of overlapping political communities with varied views on immigration, federalism offers a framework for productive debate, as well as mechanisms for working toward concrete terms. Like Arizona's law, the anti-enforcement measures reflect a rejection of current federal policy and may well force the federal government to rethink its enforcement strategies. There is no "final" answer to the enforcement question — only an ongoing debate.

Regardless, it may be that complaints about how long the government has taken to deliver promised aid could also be applied to larger charities such as the Red Cross.

In researching a story on the problems of getting aid to recipients, ProPublica asked the Red Cross for specifics. It described the charity's Sandy spending as "a black box."

When giving to a charitable cause, donors want to know that their money is going to help victims of that tragedy. Historically, the Red Cross has said that 91 cents of every donated dollar reaches victims. That's a good percentage, and it is no small part of why so many people feel comfortable donating to the Red Cross.

This isn't the first time the Red Cross has balked at requests for greater transparency. There seemed to be a similar stonewalling after the Haiti earthquake, according to another ProPublica investigation.

Nobody is obligated to give money to a charity — we just do because we want to help people in need. The very least we expect from these charities is transparency in how our donations are spent. Shame on the Red Cross for failing to provide that transparency. Shame on the liberal media for putting forth such an intellectually disingenuous and dishonest defense.

The Red Cross may win the battle for opacity, but it will lose the war for philanthropic donations in times of crisis. Until it opens its books on Sandy, it's off my list of charities.

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OPINION

Court conservatives swayed by Hobby Lobby

BY NOAH FELDMAN
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Monday, in the U.S. Supreme Court's much-anticipated Hobby Lobby case, swing Justice Anthony Kennedy tried to cut the unborn baby in half.

He joined four conservatives, signing a majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito stating that closely held corporations are exempt from the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate. But Kennedy wrote separately to say that, in his opinion, the government could require insurers to pay for the contraceptive care, and that would not violate the corporation's religious liberty rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The decision is a defeat for the Obama administration, which insisted that religious freedom act didn't require the exemption — but it's not necessarily the end of the world for advocates of contraceptive rights. It will probably not even be necessary for Congress to act. Potentially, the executive branch could extend this contraceptive coverage by regulation.

Decision makers went back to his time as a judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, when his pet issue was religious exemptions from generally applicable, neutral laws. At least when it comes to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which applies to all federal laws, Alito's view is now the law of the land. The core of the court's opinion held that the Obama administration had failed to satisfy its burden under the law to show that it had adopted the least-restrictive means to respect religious liberty rights.

To get there, the court first had to decide that closely held corporations are entitled to protection under the law. The first was whether corporations are persons under the RFRA. The court answered this with a resounding yes that extended to all corporations.

The logic is questionable, in that it treats organizations created to perform nonprofit functions the same way it treats for-profit

corporations. This analogy between non-profit and for-profit, however, had already been adopted by the Supreme Court in the Citizens United decision with respect to free speech, so it's not terribly surprising that it was adopted in the context of religious liberty.

The second question, however, was whether corporations could be said to hold religious beliefs. Here the court restricted itself to holding that closely held corporations can be said to possess the religious beliefs of their owners. This is not the same thing as holding that all corporations — and certainly not publicly traded corporations — would necessarily have the capacity to possess religious beliefs under federal law or under the U.S. Constitution. It was a much easier case to make that closely held corporations such as Hobby Lobby are in essence proxies for their owners — and the precedent from today stretches no further.

The liberal dissenters protested that within closely held corporations, shareholders might disagree about the content of the corporation's religious belief. Alito responded that state corporate law could cover any internal disagreements.

Once the court said that closely held corporations are rightly treated as religious freedom act, it then explained that the administration could have done something less restrictive that would have delivered contraceptive care without violating religious liberty. Alito's opinion made that something explicit: "The administration could have given some religious organizations by sparing the religious liberty violation. Kennedy's concurrence offered the option of making the insurer pay, 'without cost-sharing' — an approach also mentioned, less prominently, by Alito.

To some degree, the administration was hoist by its own petard. In the politically charged atmosphere that followed the issuance of the contraceptive mandate, President Barack Obama agreed to provide a greater degree of accommodation for religiously motivated nonprofit organizations. Those organizations — not churches themselves, but affiliated enti-



ties — were entitled to be exempt from the contraceptive mandate provided they certified that their religious liberty would be violated by paying for the care. The cost of the care would then be borne by the health care provider.

Alito's opinion pointed out that the administration could have extended the same consideration to closely held corporations. In effect, the accommodation that the Obama administration had already made became evidence that the administration had not adopted the least restrictive means to avoid violating the rights of the closely held corporations.

This is dangerous logic. If the government must extend the same exemptions to give to some religious organizations to anyone who claims a religious motivation, such exemptions may become less likely.

In practical terms, Kennedy's concurrence makes it likely that, if the administration decides it wants to, it can cover contraceptive care for the employees of

Hobby Lobby and similar firms. But that was nowhere near enough for the liberal dissenters.

The lead dissent, written by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, claimed that the majority had established the principle whereby any claim for religious exemption from any insurance scheme would now prevail on the theory that the government could have "picked up the tab." Ginsburg warns of challenges to insurance systems providing coverage for blood transfusions and other medical practices that are rejected by some religious groups. The majority disclaimed such breadth, restricting its holding to the contraceptive mandate. But such litigation is now definitively coming. Religious liberty lawsuits are about to become a major growth industry.

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Firm can redeem itself by offering paid parental leave

BY PETULA DVORAK
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OK, Hobby Lobby. You can still fix this.

There's one way to come out of this looking decent, walking that righteous, pious, moral path you talk about.

The Supreme Court has decided that you have the right to deny covering contraception for thousands of your female employees. Now you should provide the most fantastic, bang-up, paid and protected parental leave in the United States.

Think about it. Your craft stores can become American corporate pioneers, showcasing your Christian values by giving your more than 13,000 employees paid time off to care for their children.

America ranks dead last in the world when it comes to paid parental leave, according to a recent United Nations report. Wait, actually, we are tied with Oman and Papua New Guinea, both of which also offer no paid maternity leave.

And yet here we are, a nation hostile to working families, whose highest court just ruled that corporations can skirt federal law on what health plans offer women seeking control over their reproductive lives. More babies! Less support!

"Family leave. Child care. Flexibility. These aren't frills — they're basic needs,"

President Barack Obama said last week about America's abysmal record on family policy. "They shouldn't be bonuses — they should be the bottom line."

A bonus? Monday's decision allowing a corporation to deny federally approved benefits will make it even harder for Americans to rely on the Affordable Care Act — especially those with low-wage, hourly workers employed at retailers such as Hobby Lobby.

When it comes down to it, this decision is even uglier because it is primarily an economic one, another way to beat down our nation's struggling families. Most of the thousands of women who work in the silk flower sections or at the cash registers at Hobby Lobby are there for a steady paycheck with health care. And for many of them, health care includes contraception.

Of course, Hobby Lobby can't stop its workers from getting a prescription for birth control pills. And if there are women in their corporate suite, they can surely afford to buy the pills or an IUD on their own. But with the cost around \$50 a month for pills, \$60 for a single Plan B dose and around \$100 for a shot of Depo-Provera, many American workers can't afford birth control without the help of the Affordable Care Act.

So to save money, women may start skipping, taking pills only every other day

or relying on less reliable methods. And that will inevitably lead to more abortions.

About 61 percent of American women who have abortions are already mothers to at least one child, according to the Guttmacher Institute. Many of them fear that another child will devastate their fragile family, pushing them into poverty, unemployment and government assistance.

Denying them affordable birth control on religious grounds makes no sense.

It's also funny how the righteousness melts away when it comes to money. Turns out that Hobby Lobby's 401(k) employee retirement plan, according to documents filed with the Labor Department and written about by Mother Jones, is heavily invested in the very pharmaceutical companies that manufacture the products the company refuses to cover for its employees. Yup, Hobby Lobby has about \$73 million invested in the company that makes the Plan B morning-after pill, another that makes a copper IUD, the maker of the abortion-inducing drugs and health companies that cover surgical abortions.

In her 35-page dissent, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg quoted from another case that underscores the importance of birth control to women: "The ability of women to participate equally in the economic and social life of the Nation has been facilitated by their ability to control

their reproductive lives" (1992's Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey). But the five male justices who ruled in favor of Hobby Lobby just handed employers a powerful tool to opt out of laws they don't like. Hear that, everyone? If you want the benefits of the Affordable Care Act, you better check out the religious beliefs of your bosses.

How do they feel about your sex life? Are they cool with the monthly birth control pills you take to control your endometriosis? Do they think you or your children should be immunized, or is that against their religion? The door is now open for all that.

This was a dangerous decision and the first time that the Supreme Court has said a profit-seeking corporation can hold up religious beliefs as a way to opt out of federal law. Imagine the ways corporate America is going to twist and bend this ruling.

The only way this decision can avoid becoming a complete catastrophe is if Hobby Lobby breaks new ground with family-friendly leave policies. This company can set a standard for the rest of corporate America and follow through with some of the other stuff the Bible preaches: compassion, kindness and Jesus' way of refusing to judge while offering aid.

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At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

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Bridging coding's gender gap



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Margarita Sokolova, second from left, helps Giuliana Zautta, 17, of Menlo Park, Calif., during a Girls Who Code class June 18 at Adobe Systems in San Jose, Calif.

Effort aims to get girls into computer science

BY MARTHA MENDOZA
The Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Diana Navarro loves to code, and she's not afraid to admit it. But the 18-year-old Rutgers University computer science major knows she's an anomaly. Writing software to run computer programs in 2014 is — more than ever — a man's world.

"We live in a culture where we're dissuaded to do things that are technical," Navarro said. "Younger girls see men, not women, doing all the techie stuff, programming and computer science."

Less than 1 percent of high school girls think of computer science as part of their future even though it's one of the fastest-growing fields in the U.S. today, with a projected 4.2 million jobs by 2020, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In June, Google, with a driverless car and Web-surfing eye-glasses under its belt, gave The Associated Press an early look at how it's trying to change the gender disparity in its own workforce and in the pipeline of potential workers, by launching a campaign June 18 called "Made with Code."

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A pair of hashtags are written on an instructional board during a Girls Who Code class at Adobe Systems.

are men. At Google, about 70 percent of the roughly 44,000 people it employs throughout the world are men.

This year, the search giant commissioned a nationwide study to find out why so few women pursue technology careers, asking 1,600 people about whether they were encouraged to study computer sciences and had opportunities to learn to code. Their findings, shared with the AP in advance of public release: Girls have little exposure to technology and computer sciences. That doesn't mean they're not interested, however. If parents, friends and teachers encourage their daughters to pursue computer sciences, schools offer more courses and more role models step forward, the field can be

leveled.

But to capture girls, it's got to be fun. That was the plan for a "Made With Code" kick-off event in New York on June 18 for 150 girls, where indie rockers Iona Pop performed and coders demonstrated how they make everything from animated movies to designer fabrics with software.

Actress Mindy Kaling, who was the event's master of ceremonies, said she fights gender bias in Hollywood, but when a techie friend told her about Silicon Valley's gender gap, "it was staggering."

"Just as television and movies need to reflect their audience, I think it's important that people who create technology reflect the diversity of people who use them," she said.

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JEREMY LONG, THE LEBANON (Pa.) DAILY NEWS/AP

Getting his goat

A child competes in the goat races during the annual Cherry Fair at the historic Alexander Schaeffer Farm in Schaefferstown, Pa., on Saturday. The fair also featured an early American craft show, antique appraisals and a colonial workshop for youngsters.

Schools 'win' unclaimed \$12 million Lotto pot

TX AUSTIN — There's a winner of a \$12 million grand prize from the Jan. 1 Lotto Texas drawing. It's the state's public schools.

At 6 p.m. Monday deadline came and went without a winning ticket being presented for the \$12 million drawing. That means the ticket-holder forfeits any claim to the prize and the unclaimed money reverts to the state and goes into the Foundation School Fund that supports Texas public schools.

More than \$837 million in unclaimed Texas lottery prizes have reverted since 1995.

The retailer that sold the ticket — South Shore Shell on Farm Road 518 in League City — received a bonus check for more than \$121,000 in March.

Man killed in tractor rollover; 1 person hurt

ME ATKINSON — Police said one person died and a second was injured in a weekend tractor rollover in Atkinson.

The Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office said Jason Gourley, 42, of Guilford, went to help a friend move another tractor off a trailer that got a flat Saturday morning.

During the maneuver, Gourley's tractor tipped over, rolled down an embankment and landed on top of him. He was pronounced

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The age of a veteran bowler in Lexington, S.C. Louise Brown, right, has been bowling since 1976, when her employer, Allied Chemical, established a bowling league. She has spent more than half her life bowling between two and four times a week. Her average score this summer is 136 to 140. Brown has six living children and 28 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



dead at the scene. His friend's wife was injured when she went to help Gourley. She was flown to Eastern Maine Medical Center, where she was listed in fair condition.

Police told WABI-TV that they don't anticipate charges.

Resident uses fake gun to subdue an intruder

PA PITTSBURGH — A man was jailed on burglary and related charges after Pittsburgh police say he entered a home uninvited and was subdued by a resident wielding a fake gun.

The resident told police he was wearing headphones while playing video games about noon Sunday and didn't hear Kymarr Freeman, 23, of Pittsburgh, enter the home. When the resident saw and questioned Freeman, he allegedly said he was looking for someone else.

Not believing Freeman's explanation, the man held Freeman at bay with what police are describing only as a "prop" handgun until officers arrived.

Court records show Freeman has an extensive record of theft and assault arrests.

Several hurt after fight breaks out on cruise

CT NORWALK — Several people were injured after a brawl broke out during a late-night cruise off Norwalk.

Police told the The Hour of Norwalk that the fight involved about 30 people early Sunday morning aboard the paddle-style Island Belle. They said it continued after passengers disembarked at 4 a.m. at the city's boat launch.

No arrests were made, but police said an entire shift from the department responded to quell the situation.

Police said passengers suffered cuts from flying beer bottles, and other minor injuries. The boat received damage including broken windows and furniture. Police are continuing to investigate.

Vehicle chase results in more than 60 charges

NY PIKE — A Buffalo-area man is facing more than 60 charges after a high-speed chase.

Wyoming County sheriff's deputies told the Batavia Daily News the pursuit began early Sunday morning after deputies respond-

ed to a domestic violence call at a campground in Holland.

Deputies said Robert Feirabend, of Cheektowaga, had left in his pickup truck when they arrived. They radioed ahead to other deputies, who were asked to stop him.

Deputies said Feirabend refused to pull over and led them on a chase over two counties that reached speeds of 100 mph. It ended when Feirabend drove over spike strips, flattening his tires.

He faces charges of driving while intoxicated, fleeing a police officer and other traffic violations.

Bed bug exterminator could lose his license

VT RUTLAND — The exterminator who authorities say used a banned pesticide in treating a Vermont couple's home for bed bugs could lose his license and face a \$275,000 fine.

Neil and Patricia Whitney, of Rutland, recently reached a \$450,000 settlement with the state agency that hired the exterminator, Cary Buck, who runs AAA Accredited Pest Control Corp. The couple said their home was made uninhabitable after it was sprayed with the federally

banned pesticide chlorpyrifos in 2012.

Plane's evacuation slide inflates during flight

IL CHICAGO — An evacuation slide inflated inside a United Airlines plane as it flew from Chicago to California, filling part of the cabin and forcing the pilot to make an emergency landing in Kansas, the airline and passengers said.

Mike Schroeder said he was flying to Orange County, Calif., late Sunday when he heard a hiss and pop. Schroeder said he turned around and saw the plane's evacuation slide — which would normally go outside the plane during an emergency — inflating inside the cabin.

United Airlines officials said in a statement Monday that no one aboard Flight 1463 was injured.

Passengers remained calm and took pictures of the inflated slide using their phones, Schroeder said.

The Boeing 737-700 pilot announced to passengers that they would be landing at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport.

From wire reports

FACES

'Not famous,' but still in headlines

Shia LaBeouf's antics contradict his promise to retire from public life

By MARK KENNEDY
The Associated Press

Who can forget the time he put a paper bag on his head that read "I AM NOT FAMOUS ANYMORE?" Or when he was forced to apologize for plagiarizing parts of his short film? He then promised to retire from public life.

Now, he's been escorted from a Broadway theater in handcuffs for allegedly yelling obscenities during a performance of "Cabaret." The guy who insisted he's not famous was heard screaming, "Do you know who I am?"

Witnessing Shia LaBeouf's recent off-screen and onstage antics is getting to be like watching a slow-moving train wreck. Has he become the male equivalent of Amanda Bynes?

"Shia LaBeouf is certainly not alone in displaying unusual behavior and even immaturity," said Jason Maloni, senior vice president at Levitic, a strategic communications company that guides clients through challenging media situations. "This is just the latest incident that put him crossways with an actor's most important constituent—his fan base as well as his fellow professionals."

Maloni added: "Bad behavior in a public setting followed by an arrest doesn't make for a very effective visual. Frankly, he's been perp-walked out of Broadway, quite literally. So he's in some distress."

LaBeouf was watching Alan Cumming and Michele Williams in a "Cabaret" revival June 26 when his latest problems began.

The inside of the theater, which used to be a notorious, coke-fueled disco in the 1970s, has been reworked to look like a decadent Berlin cabaret from the 1930s, with tiny nightclub tables and a working bar.

LaBeouf, who paid for his ticket, was seen offering a strawberry to a woman and lighting a cigarette. He was also observed slapping Cumming's rear as the performer walked through the seats to get onstage. Cumming didn't react.

According to the criminal complaint, a security guard saw LaBeouf stand up in the middle of Act 1 and "yell loudly at the actors onstage."

When LaBeouf was asked to leave, he refused, according to the complaint. "Do you know who the f--- I am? Do you know who I am?" the actor is said to have bellowed.

He was charged with five counts of disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and harassment. His next court date is July 24. After his court appearance June 27, the 28-year-old actor, wearing a ripped blue T-shirt, walked several blocks to a hotel on West 54th Street. He declined to comment. His publicist did not return a request for comment, either.

The outbreak happened only a few blocks from where LaBeouf had planned to make his Broadway debut last year in a revival of Lyle Kessler's play "Orphans," with Alec Baldwin. He pulled out over creative disagreements and then immediately posted private messages from the show's actors and creative team.

Now he's accused of disrupting fellow stage actors while they're performing. Perhaps worse, he's become an endless punchline. Cumming tweeted that the stage manager at "Cabaret" told the actors at the top of Act 2: "This is your places call and Shia LaBeouf has left the building in handcuffs."

LaBeouf's latest tantrum occurs just as the film franchise that made him a star gives birth to its fourth iteration—without him. He had been the star of the first three "Transformers" films, but a fresh start was decided best for "Age of Extinction."

LaBeouf, whose other big film includes "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" and "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," has endeared himself as an artsy guy who can do action movies. He's also prone to refreshing bouts of honesty, as when he admitted that his "Indiana Jones" film was bad. "I feel like I dropped the ball on the legacy that people loved and cherished," he said after it came out.

But his fan base might dissipate after more bizarre stunts that resemble the kinds of things once associated with fellow Disney alumna Bynes, who has been accused of throwing a bong out of a Manhattan window, starting a fire in a driveway, reckless driving and posting a number of disturbing tweets attacking celebrities like Rihanna and Christine Teigen.

Maloni, who has counseled artists and athletes in trouble, said he would advise LaBeouf to do the same as any of his clients: He needs a quiet period. "He needs to stop turning up on Page Six and instead he needs to turn up on the pages of the film and theater critics of the world."

There is always hope, Maloni said. "The wonderful benefit that a performer has is you have a tremendous ability to rebuild your reputation. One has to only look at Robert Downey Jr. ... I think Shia can do the same thing."



AP

The Who plans 50th anniversary tour, new music

The Associated Press

Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey are taking The Who on the road for a series of shows in the U.K., celebrating the band's 50th anniversary.

Daltrey referred to the tour as the start of the Who's "long goodbye" during a news conference Monday at Ronnie Scott's jazz bar in London.

"Well, it just has to be, really," the 70-year-old Daltrey said. "We can't go on touring forever, but we don't know how long we will go on touring. It's an open-ended kind of thing. But it will have a finality to it. We'll stop touring, I'm sure, before we stop playing as a band. It's just like Eric Clapton's just said: It's the grind of the road, it's incredibly tough on the body this age. The singing is free; you pay us for the bloody traveling."

The Who Hits 50 tour will be a retrospective of the band's career, including best-known hits



AP

Roger Daltrey, left, and Pete Townshend plan to embark on the band's "long goodbye" with a series of shows in the U.K.

such as "Who Are You," "Pinball Wizard," and "Baba O'Riley." It is set to begin Nov. 30 in Glasgow, Scotland, and wind up in London on Dec. 17. Tickets go on sale Friday in the U.K.

Monday's news doesn't nec-

essarily mean Townshend and Daltrey are backing away from the band. Townshend, 69, said he's written three new songs and hopes to record them with Daltrey. The Who hasn't issued new music since 2006's "Endless Wire," at the time its first release in 24 years.

Springsteen to debut short film on website

Bruce Springsteen will debut a short film on his website July 9.

A poster of the film "Hunter of Invisible Game" appeared on the singer's website, brucepringsteen.net, Monday. The film is a collaboration with Thom Zimny.

No more details were provided. A representative for Springsteen did not immediately respond to an email seeking more information.

Zimny has directed, produced and edited a number of live Springsteen concert videos.

Robert Downey Jr.'s son arrested in drug case

Actor Robert Downey Jr. thanked authorities Monday for arresting his son on suspicion of cocaine possession and said the family was determined to get him the help he needs.

Indio Falcone Downey, 20, was taken into custody on Sunday afternoon after a car he was riding in was pulled over in West Hollywood, Calif., authorities said.

"Unfortunately, there's a genetic component to addiction, and Indio has likely inherited it," Robert Downey Jr., who had a series of high-profile drug-related arrests in the late 1990s, said in a statement. "We're grateful to the Sheriff's Department for their intervention, and believe Indio can be another recovery success story instead of a cautionary tale."

Robert Downey's drug use sent him to prison several times in past him acting roles. He is now one

of the industry's most bankable stars after appearing in Marvel's "Iron Man" trilogy and "The Avengers."

Other news

■ Yahoo says it's giving the sitcom "Community" a sixth season online. Yahoo and Sony Pictures Television announced Monday that the show's creator, Dan Harmon, will serve as an executive producer for 13 new episodes. Cast members including Joel McHale, Gillian Jacobs and Yvette Nicole Brown will come along as the axed NBC show moves to Yahoo Screen this fall.

■ Madonna, who was "in-spired" during a recent visit to Detroit, is donating money toward the construction of a new youth boxing gym and buying iPods, iPads and other supplies for students at a charter school in her hometown, according to a memo to prison sent by the music icon's publicist Monday.

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Boxing

Fight schedule
July 2
 At Foxwoods Resort, Mashantucket, Conn., Michael Farenas vs. Mark Davis, 12, super featherweight; Billy Diaz vs. Alberto Garza, 10, junior lightweight.
 At Grozny, Russia, Ruslan Chagaev vs. Ferys Ouedjido, 12, for the vacant WBO super lightweight title.
July 9
 At Hard rock Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, Alfonso Gomez vs. Ed Paredes, 10, junior middleweight.
July 10
 At Miami, Argenis Medina vs. Rances Barba 12, 10, Mendez's IBF junior lightweight title.
July 11
 At Little Creek Casino Resort, Shelton, Wash., Tureano Johnson vs. Mike Gawn 10, for the Continental Americas WBC middleweight title; Art Hovhannisyan vs. Jonathan Matheo 10, for the WBC International Silver lightweight title.
July 12
 At MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Erislandy Lara vs. Canelo Alvarez, 14, junior middleweight; Abner Mares vs. Jonathan Torres 10, featherweight; Johan Perez vs. Mauricio Herrera, 12, for Perez's interim WBA World junior welterweight world championship; Juan Manuel Lopez vs. Francisco Vargas, 10, for the WBO international super featherweight title; moki Kamada vs. Punguiaro Sor Singyu, 10, for Kamada's WBO bantamweight title.

July 13
 At Hyogo, Japan, Zelani Teu vs. Teiru Kinoshita, 12, for the vacant IBF super flyweight title.
At Paramount Theatre, Huntington, N.Y.
 Anthony Jovine vs. Emmanuel Taylor, 10, junior welterweights.
At Macao, July 19
 Rigondeaux vs. Sok Kookjet, 12, for Rigondeaux's WBA Super World WBO super bantamweight title.
At TBA, Peru, Nehomar Cermeno vs. Carlos Zambrano, 12, for Cermeno's interim WBA World super bantamweight title.

July 25
 At Chicago, Rogelio Garcia vs. Breidis Prescott, 10, welterweights.
July 26
 At Madison Square Garden, New York, Genady Golovkin vs. Daniel Geale, 12, for Geale's WBA Super World junior welterweight title; Bryant Jennings vs. Mike Garcia, 12, WBC World welterweight title; Isaac Chiblenba vs. Cory Cummings, 12, for Aloba's IBF cruiserweight title.

Aug. 2
 At Little Creek Casino Resort, Shelton, Conn., Jesse Vargas vs. Anton Kovalev, 12, for Vargas' WBA World junior welterweight title.

Revel Resorts, Blaine City, N.J.
 Steve Kovalev vs. Frankie Lopez, 12, for Kovalev's WBO World welterweight title; Isaac Chiblenba vs. Cory Cummings, 12, for Aloba's IBF cruiserweight title.
Aug. 2
 At Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas, Brandon Rio vs. Diego Gabriel Chavez, 12, welterweight; Jesse Vargas vs. Anton Kovalev, 12, for Vargas' WBA World junior welterweight title.

Pro soccer

MLS		EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
W	L	T	Pts	FG	GA
Sporting KC	7	3	24	17	17
New England	7	4	22	22	17
San Jose	7	4	22	22	17
New York	7	6	19	24	28
Chicago	7	6	19	24	28
Philadelphia	4	10	15	16	25
San Jose	4	10	15	16	25
Montreal	3	7	14	16	26
Colorado	3	7	14	16	26
Real Salt Lake	3	7	14	16	26
FC Dallas	3	7	14	16	26
Vancouver	3	7	14	16	26
Los Angeles	3	7	14	16	26
Portland	4	6	18	15	11
San Jose	4	6	18	15	11
Chivas USA	3	7	14	16	26

Wednesday, June 25
 Vancouver 0, Montreal 0
Friday, June 27
 New York 2, Toronto 2
 Sporting Kansas City 1, Portland 0

Saturday, June 28
 Seattle FC 1, D.C. United 1
 Philadelphia 3, New England 1
 Columbus 0, San Jose 0
 Colorado 2, Vancouver 0
 Los Angeles 1, San Jose 0
 Chivas USA 1, Real Salt Lake 0
Sunday, June 29
 Columbus 0, FC Dallas 0, tie
 Montreal 3, Houston 0
Wednesday's games
 Toronto FC at Chicago
 Chivas USA at San Jose
Friday's games
 Toronto FC at Philadelphia
 Philadelphia at FC Dallas
 Columbus at Colorado
 Los Angeles at Real Salt Lake
 Portland at Los Angeles
Saturday's games
 D.C. United at Toronto FC
 Seattle at Vancouver
 Portland at Chivas USA
Sunday's game
 Chicago at Sporting Kansas City

NWSL		EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
W	L	T	Pts	FG	GA
Seattle	11	0	33	29	15
FC Kansas City	9	4	30	25	17
Portland	8	5	29	25	19
Western New York	6	7	20	19	19
Chicago	6	6	20	19	19
Portland	6	6	20	19	19
FC Kansas City	4	9	13	24	19
Boston	4	9	13	24	19

Wednesday, June 25
 Sky Blue FC, Portland 1
Friday, June 27
 Western New York 2, Boston 1
Saturday, June 28
 FC Kansas City 1, Portland 0
 Seattle FC 0, Sky Blue FC 0
 Chicago at Houston
Wednesday's games
 Seattle FC at Portland
 Houston at Sky Blue FC
Sunday's game
 Chicago at Washington

Saturday's game
 Chicago at Portland
Sunday's game
 Western New York at Houston
 FC Kansas City at Sky Blue FC
 Boston at Seattle FC

AP sportlights

2011 — The Jack Dempsey-Georges Carpentier heavyweight match at Rickwood Field in Camden, N.J., was billed as the first million-dollar game in boxing. The result is a draw, with 550 ringside seats. In front of 81,163, Dempsey knocks out Carpentier at 1:16.
1927 — Helen Wills became the first American to win Wimbledon singles. May 1927 in 1907, becoming Lili de Alvar 6-2, 6-4.
1937 — Don Budge beats Gottfried von Cramm, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6 to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon.
1959 — The first major tennis sweepstakes the championships by winning the singles, doubles and mixed doubles crown with 550 ringside seats.
1938 — Helen Wills Moody wins her eighth and final singles title at Wimbledon, defeating Margaret Scriven.
1966 — Billie Jean King wins the first of her five Wimbledon titles, becoming the first woman to win Wimbledon, beating Maria Bueno of Brazil 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.
1967 — Catherine Lacoste of France becomes the first woman to win Wimbledon, beating the U.S. Women's Open golf champion, Ann Spong, 6-1, 2-6, 6-1, to claim the youngest champion.
1976 — Martina Navratilova wins Wimbledon's six-year reign as Wimbledon champion with a 5-7, 8-2, 6-1 victory. It is the first time in nine years that Navratilova loses a Wimbledon singles match.
1995 — Wimbledon's first American, Andre Agassi, wins Wimbledon, beating Andre Escobar, 27, is killed outside a bar in Colorado.
1997 — The 1997 Wimbledon ball into his own goal in a 2-1 loss to the United States in the World Cup.
1999 — Tom Brady wins the Super Bowl charge by Jack Nicklaus to win the U.S. Senior Open for four strokes.

Golf

World rankings

Through June 29		Rank	Points
1.	Adam Scott	AUS	9,116
2.	Rory Spence	GBR	7,392
3.	Bubba Watson	USA	6,136
4.	Matt Kuchar	USA	5,726
5.	Timothy Woods	GBR	5,677
6.	Jason Day	AUS	5,666
7.	Ruben Alvarez	ESP	5,650
8.	Justin Rose	ENG	5,624
9.	Lee Westwood	GBR	5,583
10.	Jordan Spieth	USA	5,292
11.	Jim Furyk	USA	5,148
12.	Martin Kaymer	GER	5,047
13.	Phil Mickelson	USA	4,921
14.	Hideki Matsuyama	USA	4,884
15.	Dustin Johnson	USA	4,884
16.	Jason Day	USA	4,884
17.	Jimmy Walker	USA	4,218
18.	Steve Stricker	USA	4,187
19.	Thomas Bjorn	DNK	4,004
20.	Graeme McDowell	NIR	4,004
21.	Samuel Langer	SWE	3,992
22.	Victor Dubuisson	FRA	3,992
23.	Thomson Bonn	GER	3,992
24.	Charl Schwartzel	SAF	3,988
25.	Keegan Bradley	USA	3,884
26.	James Hand	GBR	3,884
27.	Rickie Fowler	GBR	3,884
28.	Luigi Di Lorenzo	ITA	3,884
29.	Patrick Reed	USA	3,884
30.	James Hand	GBR	3,884
31.	Webb Simpson	USA	3,440
32.	Lee Westwood	GBR	3,440
33.	Brand Snedeker	USA	3,440
34.	Grham Leitch	CAN	3,440
35.	Adam Scott	AUS	3,440
36.	Kevin Streelman	USA	3,008
37.	Stephen Gallacher	GBR	3,008
38.	Thomson Bonn	GER	3,008
39.	Thongchai Jaidee	THA	3,008
40.	Brand Snedeker	USA	3,008
41.	Jonas Blixt	SWE	2,880
42.	Chang Hwan Mahan	KOR	2,880
43.	Francis Molinari	ITA	2,784
44.	Adam Scott	AUS	2,784
45.	Chris Kirk	USA	2,774
46.	Harris English	GBR	2,774
47.	Brendon Jacobs	GBR	2,774
48.	Matt Evers	USA	2,666
49.	Gordon Donaldson	USA	2,666
50.	Scott Piercy	GBR	2,666
51.	Mikko Ilonen	FIN	2,554
52.	Billy Horschel	USA	2,554
53.	Adam Scott	AUS	2,554
54.	Russell Henne	USA	2,378
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56.	Sam Snead	USA	2,280
57.	Yan Pan	CHN	2,280
58.	Stuart Strange	USA	2,280
59.	Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	ESP	2,220
60.	Mark Lehmann	AUS	2,220
61.	Adam Scott	AUS	2,220
62.	Kevin Stadler	USA	2,108
63.	Adam Scott	AUS	2,108
64.	Charles Hoffman	USA	2,108
65.	Brendon Jacobs	GBR	2,008
66.	Brendon Jacobs	GBR	2,008
67.	Koumei Oda	JPN	2,008
68.	Paul Casey	GBR	1,992
69.	Harris English	GBR	1,992
70.	Brendon Jacobs	GBR	1,992
71.	Kevin Na	ESP	1,912
72.	Justin Rose	GBR	1,912
73.	Adam Scott	AUS	1,912
74.	Jim Furyk	USA	1,888
75.	Adam Scott	AUS	1,888
76.	Webb Simpson	USA	1,888
77.	Adam Scott	AUS	1,888
78.	Adam Scott	AUS	1,888
79.	Adam Scott	AUS	1,888
80.	Adam Scott	AUS	1,888

Ryder Cup points
At Glenhealy Hotel, Dublin, Ireland
Sept. 26-28, 2014
Through June 29
United States
 1. Bubba Watson 6,736.95
 2. Jimmy Walker 5,379.505
 3. Dustin Johnson 4,844.489
 4. Matt Kuchar 4,844.489
 5. Jordan Spieth 4,547.698
 6. Rickie Fowler 3,831.433
 7. Adam Scott 3,831.433
 8. Patrick Reed 3,257.157
 10. Phil Mickelson 2,995.986
 11. Chris Kirk 2,995.986
 12. Harris English 2,957.496
 13. Adam Scott 2,957.496
 14. Zach Johnson 2,888.578
 15. Kevin Na 2,735.500

European points
 1. Victor Dubuisson 2,477.788
 2. Henrik Stensson 2,366.876
 3. Adam Scott 2,366.876
 4. Thomas Bjorn 2,268.914
 5. Ian Poulter 1,905.394
 6. Jim Furyk 1,717.141
 7. Jose Maria Olazola 1,717.141
 8. Miguel Angel Jimenez 1,504.381
 9. Adam Scott 1,266.511

World Points
 1. Henrik Stensson 243.740
 2. Sergio Garcia 243.740
 3. Rory McIlroy 251.130
 4. Adam Scott 203.732
 5. Justin Rose 203.732
 6. Thomas Bjorn 172.977
 7. James Dunlop 172.977
 8. Adam Scott 154.311
 10. Ian Poulter 147.413

PGA Tour statistics
Through June 29
Scoring Average
 1. Sergio Garcia 69.364, 2. Dustin Johnson, 69.512, 3. Adam Scott, 69.512, 4. Andrew Murray, 69.526, 5. Bubba Watson, 69.576, 7. Jordan Spieth, 69.736, 8. Colin Montgomerie, 69.736, 9. English, 69.748, 10. Jason Day, 69.752.

Driving Accuracy Percentage
 1. Joe Duray, 74.77%, 2. David Tom, 74.29%, 3. Adam Scott, 73.21%, 4. Matt Kuchar, 73.03%, 5. Heath Slocum, 71.61%, 6. Zach Johnson, 70.25%, 7. Ken Duke, 69.85%, 8. Matt Kuchar, 69.85%, 9. Matt Kuchar, 69.85%, 10. Boo Weekley, 69.36%.

Greens in Regulation
 1. Graham Leitch, 71.92%, 2. Chad Campbell, 71.50%, 3. Adam Scott, 71.49%, 4. Billy Horschel, 69.53%, 5. Sergio Garcia, 64.49%, 6. (tie), Charley Hoffman and J.J. Henry, 64.49%, 7. Harris English, 62.99%, 8. Boo Weekley, 61.13%, 9. Ryan Moore, 60.77%, 10. Adam Scott, 60.77%.

Total Driving
 1. Martin Kaymer, 69.2, 2. Derek Ernst, 81, 3. Shawn Stefani, 82, 4. Lucas Glover, 87, 5. (tie), Henrik Stensson, Nick Watney and Graham DeLorenzo, 89, 6. Adam Scott, 89, 9. Hunter Mahan, 92, 10. Jason Day, 97.

Strokes Gained - Putting
 1. Graeme McDowell, 1,005, 2. Aaron Baddeley, 985, 3. Matt Evers, 889, 4. Jimmy Walker, 886, 5. Greg Chalmers, 873, 6. Brendon Todd, 867, 7. Luke Donald, 847, 8. Freddie Jacobson, 833, 9. Webb Simpson, 700, 10. Michael Thon, 502.

Strokes Gained - Teeing
 1. J. R. Moulton, 4.47, 2. Jimmy Walker, 4.47, 3. Adam Scott, 4.12, 4. Hideki Matsuyama, 4.10, 5. (tie), Charley Hoffman and Bubba Watson, 4.09, 7. Dustin Johnson, 3.97, 8. Adam Scott, 3.97, 9. Harris English, 4.01, 10. Martin Laird, 12.15.

Strokes Gained - Approach
 1. Vijay Singh, 61.90%, 2. Brendon Todd, 59.53, 3. Heath Slocum, 60.0, 4. Marc Leishman, 60.0, 5. Justin Johnson, 60.0, 6. (tie), Andrew Murray and Billy Horschel, 60.0, 7. Adam Scott, 59.53, 8. Matt Kuchar, 61.14, 9. Martin Laird, 12.15.

Strokes Gained - Putting
 1. Adam Scott, 134, 2. Dustin Johnson, 257, 3. Adam Scott, 412, 4. Hideki Matsuyama, 396, 5. Ryan Palmer, 345, 6. Justin Rose, 342, 7. (tie), Sergio Garcia and Harris English, 342, 8. Rory McIlroy, 342, 9. Jason Day, 342, 10. Adam Scott, 342.

Strokes Gained - Teeing
 1. Adam Scott, 1.84, 2. Dustin Johnson, 2.57, 3. Adam Scott, 4.12, 4. Hideki Matsuyama, 3.96, 5. Ryan Palmer, 345, 6. Justin Rose, 342, 7. (tie), Sergio Garcia and Harris English, 342, 8. Rory McIlroy, 342, 9. Jason Day, 342, 10. Adam Scott, 342.

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 1. Adam Scott, 1.84, 2. Dustin Johnson, 2.57, 3. Adam Scott, 4.12, 4. Hideki Matsuyama, 3.96, 5. Ryan Palmer, 345, 6. Justin Rose, 342, 7. (tie), Sergio Garcia and Harris English, 342, 8. Rory McIlroy, 342, 9. Jason Day, 342, 10. Adam Scott, 342.

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Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
 MLB announced a one-year minor league RHP Joel Poinelo 50 games after testing positive for Hepatitis A, a prohibitive condition for MLB. The minor league Drug Prevention and Treatment Program will be suspended.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE — Designated RHP Julio Delgado to Bowie (E), Re

NBA

To market, to market

Free agency could mean big changes for Heat, league

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Attention, shoppers! Free agency in the NBA is open and LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony are available.

Players and teams could begin negotiating just past midnight EDT on Tuesday morning, though contracts can't be signed until July 10, after next season's salary cap has been set.

James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, who joined together in Miami in 2010 and have led the Heat to two championships and four straight NBA Finals, all became free agents.

Though many expect that trio to stay with the Heat, Anthony could be persuaded to leave the New York Knicks for a team he believes gives him a better chance to compete for a championship. He was visiting Chicago on Tuesday and Houston and Dallas also could try to pry the 2012-13 scoring champion away from the Knicks, who can pay him around \$30 million more than any team under NBA rules.

Longtime stars Paul Pierce, Dirk Nowitzki and Pau Gasol also are free agents, along with players such as Toronto's Kyle Lowry and Indiana's Lance Stephenson, who are coming off their best seasons in the league.

It's the most anticipated free agency class since 2010, when James led a class that included Wade, Bosh and other All-Stars such as Amare Stoudemire and Joe Johnson.

That free agency period changed the NBA. This one might



JOHN RAOUX/AP

The Cavaliers announced Tuesday that they had agreed to terms with star Kyrie Irving on a new five-year contract extension.

mostly change the Heat.

They are in need of an upgrade after getting smashed by San Antonio in the finals and the Big Three could help give them the means to make one if they agree to salaries that won't clog up too much of the cap.

Knicks president Phil Jackson hopes Anthony also agrees to take less than a maximum salary, which would be more than \$125 million if he stayed in New York.

Also in New York, the Brooklyn Nets stagger into free agency without their coach after letting

Jason Kidd leave for the Milwaukee Bucks. The teams agreed to a deal Monday, with the Bucks sending two future second-round picks to the Nets, who allowed Kidd to pursue other jobs after denying his request for more power in the organization.

Brooklyn has Pierce and Shaun Livingston among its key players who are free agents.

The Los Angeles Lakers have plenty of money to offer, along with the chance to play with Kobe Bryant. Teams such as Phoenix and Atlanta have some good pieces in place and enough cap space to add another.

They would love a shot at James, as would his home state Cleveland Cavaliers, the team he left in 2010. But it's unclear how seriously the four-time MVP will listen to other teams after meeting with six suitors when he was last a free agent.

The Cavaliers may not get James back, but they will have their current All-Star for a while. Owner Dan Gilbert wrote on Twitter early Tuesday morning that he had an agreement on a five-year contract extension with Kyrie Irving, the No. 1 pick in the 2011 draft.

"Looking forward to the next 6 years of Kyrie Irving in CLE. Just shook hands & intend to sign on the 10th," Gilbert wrote, adding that he couldn't be more excited about the Cavs' future.

Players such as Cleveland's Luol Deng and Washington's Trevor Ariza could be good fallback options for teams who can't get James or Anthony.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Carmelo Anthony and other star free agents offer allure for teams looking to splurge in hopes of improving their title chances.

Teams preparing to chase big stars

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

The people of Cleveland burned LeBron James' jersey when he jilted the Cavaliers four years ago. They cursed his name and swore he was no son of theirs any longer. They cheered his defeats on South Beach with more enthusiasm than they cheered his victories on the shores of Lake Erie.

And now they'd do anything to get him back.

Such is the conflict facing teams across the league with free agency opening at midnight Eastern on Tuesday.

Even after the San Antonio Spurs dethroned James and the two-time defending champion Mimi Heat with a max contract-shunning, throwback brand of selfless play, the allure of splurging on one big star will be too intoxicating for most teams to resist.

James is back on the market this year, along with Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade — the same trio that turned the NBA on its head when they united in 2010 to form a team that advanced for four straight NBA Finals.

Carmelo Anthony, Dirk Nowitzki and Paul Pierce bring added gravitas to this year's free agent class, joined by up-and-comers like Eric Bledsoe, Lance Stephenson, Kyle Lowry and Gordon Hayward.

The Spurs have mastered the art of team building, with their three foundational pieces taking less money, playing in a system that limits their personal statistics and living in a market far from Broadway. But that's far easier to aspire to than to actually achieve. In a game where one star can have such a big impact on the fortunes of a franchise, must teams with any cap space will be chasing them like mad.

It's no secret that the Cavs would love to bring James back home, but the Heat are hoping to not only reunite their Big 3 but bolster the supporting cast around them to make another title run. Pat Riley is believed to be selling them on a Spurs-like model of

taking less than they could make individually elsewhere to keep the core together.

"Being able to have flexibility as a professional, anyone, that's what we all would like," James said shortly after the Finals.

The Houston Rockets have landed big-time players each of the last two summers, but even James Harden and Dwight Howard aren't enough. General manager Daryl Morey wants more star power to put the Rockets over the top in the mighty Western Conference, and he's willing to pay a hefty price to do it.

The Chicago Bulls should have Derrick Rose returning after two seasons derailed by knee injuries and Joakim Noah providing the jump. But they're expected to paint into the market for the biggest names available in hopes of adding some scoring punch. The Indiana Pacers have been clear that they want Stephenson back.

The Phoenix Suns were one of the feel-good stories last year, a young team that rode chemistry, cohesion and exuberance to 48 wins. But GM Ryan McDonough knows the best way to expedite the resurgence in the desert is to add a marquee player to make things easier on Goran Dragic, Bledsoe (a restricted free agent) and the rest of a promising nucleus.

And, of course, there are the Los Angeles Lakers, a franchise that prides itself on bringing in big names to play in the bright lights. The last time they went big — trading for Dwight Howard two years ago — it didn't work out. Now they are armed with millions in cap space and GM Mitch Kupchak has made it clear that the Lakers aren't interested in rebuilding.

"As long as Kobe is on this team," Kupchak said, "we have to believe we can contend for a championship."

No contracts will be official until the moratorium ends on July 10. But there will be plenty of meetings, sales pitches and conference calls in the interim, desperate teams chasing after elusive stars and pinning the hopes of thousands on the decision of one.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Miami is hopeful it can keep teammates Dwyane Wade, left, LeBron James and Chris Bosh after all three opted to test the free-agency market after the team lost to the San Antonio Spurs in the NBA Finals.

NHL

Red Wings' GM: Free agency will go quickly

Teams line up with checkbooks in hand to sign top-flight talent on the market

By LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

Detroit Red Wings general manager Ken Holland predicted a busy day once NHL free agency opened on Tuesday, simply because teams began talking to agents and players days ago.

"It's going to make things go quicker because there has been time to mull things over," Holland said Monday. "On the afternoon of July 1, things are going to happen quickly."

Thomas Vanek, Paul Stastny, Matt Niskanen, Matt Moulson and Jussi Jokinen are among the younger unrestricted free agents. At least some of them are expected to get long-term deals because they're potentially entering the prime of their careers.

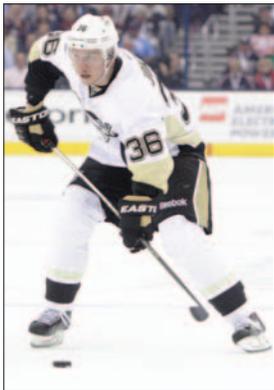
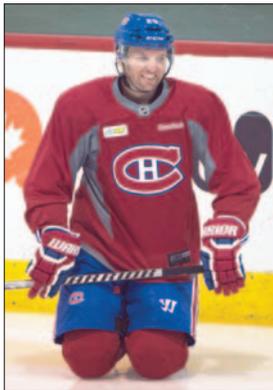
Jarome Iginla, Dan Boyle, Martin Brodeur and Ryan Miller are relatively productive older players who might be a short-term fit for a championship-contending team.

"The last crop of free agents looked OK, too, this time a year ago and a lot of those players didn't play up to expectations," Holland said. "When you give players long-term money, it's hard for them to live up to the expectations."

Columbus, Toronto and Detroit were teams that invested a lot in a few 2013 free agents — Nathan Horton, David Clarkson and Stephen Weiss, respectively — without getting much of a return in part because of injuries.

St. Louis Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said it is a big gamble to count too much on new players to produce as well as they are compensated.

"Expecting a free agent to come in out of the wilderness and lead your team is not realistic," Hitchcock said. "The easiest thing to talk about and the hardest thing to



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From left, Forwards Thomas Vanek, Jussi Jokinen and Matt Moulson are three of the most sought-after players on the market as the NHL's free-agency signing period kicks off on Tuesday.

find is good chemistry in a team. That has to be developed mostly with players you've had for the most part. That being said, there is depth in this class and there are younger players who could swing the balance of power significantly if the right team gets one or two of these guys."

P.K. Subban of Montreal and other top-line restricted free agents might not get many offers to leave their teams because franchises don't like to let talent get away even if there is compensation coming back in return.

Here's a list of 10 players to watch in NHL free agency:

1 Thomas Vanek: The 30-year-old wing played for three teams last season — Buffalo, the New York

Islanders and Montreal — and should be able to settle in his next home with a multiyear deal.

2 Paul Stastny: The 28-year-old center plays a pivotal position in the league and has done it well. He has 458 points in 538 games over eight seasons with the Colorado Avalanche, who would hate to lose him.

3 Matt Niskanen: On a short list of defenseman available, this 27-year-old blue liner is the catch of the class, along with Christian Ehrhoff. He had a career-high 46 points last season for Pittsburgh.

4 Matt Moulson: Like Vanek, the 30-year-old wing bounced around last season. After playing for

the Islanders, Buffalo and Minnesota, he should land a big deal with some team.

5 Jussi Jokinen: The 31-year-old forward averaged nearly a point per game in the postseason for the Penguins after a 57-point regular season, putting him in a position to cash in.

6 Jerome Iginla: The wing had 30 goals last season, tying for the most in Boston, and had seven points in 12 playoff games to prove he can still produce. He turns 37 on Tuesday.

7 Dan Boyle: The 37-year-old defenseman is drawing interest from Detroit, Tampa Bay and many other teams in the league.

8 Martin Brodeur: The NHL's all-time winningest goalie with 688 victories is available at the age of 42 after playing his entire career in New Jersey, where he played in just 39 games last season.

9 Ryan Miller: The 2010 Vezina Trophy winner was 10-8 in the regular season and 2-4 in the playoffs with the St. Louis Blues after spending the first 10-plus seasons of his career in Buffalo.

10 P.K. Subban: A team might make a run at the 25-year-old defenseman with a seven-year offer sheet, but suitors risk tying up cap space for nothing because Montreal would likely match it.

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MLB SCOREBOARD

American League

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	45	39	.536	—
Baltimore	43	39	.524	1
Chicago	41	40	.506	2½
Boston	38	45	.458	6½
Tampa Bay	36	49	.424	9½
Central Division				
Detroit	45	34	.570	—
Kansas City	43	39	.524	3½
Cleveland	39	43	.476	7½
Chicago	39	44	.470	8
Minnesota	37	46	.447	9
West Division				
Oakland	51	31	.622	—
Los Angeles	45	35	.563	5
Seattle	45	38	.542	6½
Texas	37	45	.451	11
Houston	36	48	.429	16

Rays 4, Yankees 3 (12)

Tampa Bay		New York				
ab	r	h	bi			
DJung 5f	2	0	0			
Zobrist 5f	2	0	0			
Joyce dh	1	1	1			
Long 3b	6	0	1			
Loney lf	5	0	0			
Guyer lf	4	0	0			
Forsyth 2b	4	0	0			
Hanin c	6	0	1			
Kiermaier rf	4	0	0			
Brantley 1b	4	0	0			
Garrett 3b	4	0	0			
Totals	43	4	4			
Tampa Bay						
DP—Tampa Bay 1, LOB—Tampa Bay 4						
13—New York 5, 3B—Garrett (4), HR—Joyce (6), Kiermaier (7), B.Roberts (4), S.B. Frazier (4), J. Jung (4), J. Jung (2), CS—DeJennings 2 (P), S—Luzuki.						
New York						
DP—Tampa Bay 1, LOB—Tampa Bay 4						
13—New York 5, 3B—Garrett (4), HR—Joyce (6), Kiermaier (7), B.Roberts (4), S.B. Frazier (4), J. Jung (4), J. Jung (2), CS—DeJennings 2 (P), S—Luzuki.						
Tampa Bay						
Archer	7	5	2	2	2	4
McGee H 9	1	2	0	0	0	1
Juhera SS-A 5	1	1	0	0	0	1
Balfour	1	1	0	0	0	2
Boulogner W-L 1	2	0	0	0	0	2
New York						
Phelps	5½	4	2	2	3	4
Warren	1½	0	0	0	0	0
Betances	5½	0	0	1	2	0
DuRobertson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelley	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ramirez Ld-2	2	2	0	0	0	0
HBP —by Archer (1), Luzuki (4), by Dav. Robertson (DeJennings), by Kelly (DeJennings), T—438, 36-652 (46-64).						

National League

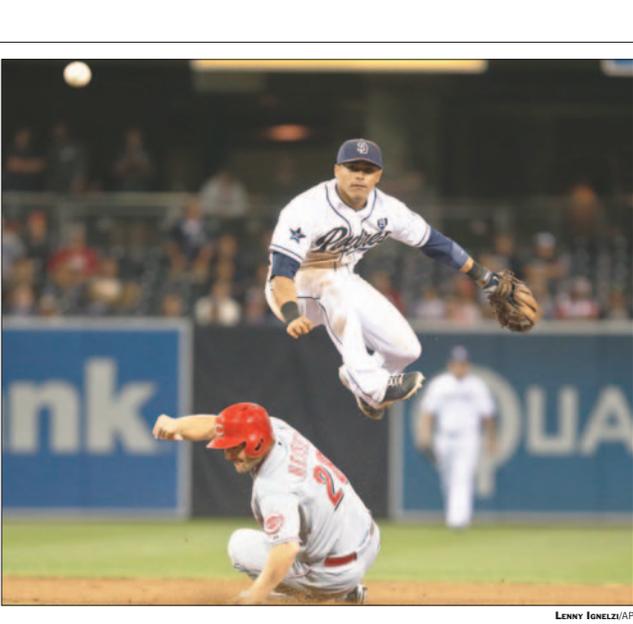
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	44	38	.542	—
Washington	44	38	.537	½
Miami	39	43	.476	5½
New York	37	46	.446	8
Philadelphia	36	46	.439	8½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	51	33	.607	—
St. Louis	44	39	.530	6½
Cincinnati	43	39	.524	7
Pittsburgh	40	42	.488	10
Chicago	35	46	.432	14½
West Division				
Los Angeles	48	37	.565	—
San Francisco	46	36	.561	½
Colorado	44	38	.542	1½
San Diego	36	47	.434	11
Arizona	35	49	.417	12½

Kansas City		Minnesota	
ab	r	h	bi
L Cain rf	5	0	0
Hammer 2b	4	1	1
BButler dh	5	0	0
Agordn lf	4	1	1
S Perez 3b	4	1	1
Infante 2b	4	1	1
Moskos 3b	4	1	1
Johnson 1b	4	2	2
Abescant 4	2	0	0
Flynn c	4	0	0
Totals	37	6	6
Kansas City			
DP—Kansas City 1, LOB—Kansas City 11			
13—Minnesota 2 (7), DP—Minnesota 2, LOB—Kansas City 6, Minnesota 11, 2B—A Gordon (2), A Escobar (2), J. Peralta (2), CS—3B—Ljodyson (2), HR—S Perez (1).			
Minnesota			
E—Dozier 2 (7), DP—Minnesota 2, LOB—Kansas City 6, Minnesota 11, 2B—A Gordon (2), A Escobar (2), J. Peralta (2), CS—3B—Ljodyson (2), HR—S Perez (1).			

Royals 6, Twins 1

Kansas City		Minnesota	
ab	r	h	bi
L Cain rf	5	0	0
Hammer 2b	4	1	1
BButler dh	5	0	0
Agordn lf	4	1	1
S Perez 3b	4	1	1
Infante 2b	4	1	1
Moskos 3b	4	1	1
Johnson 1b	4	2	2
Abescant 4	2	0	0
Flynn c	4	0	0
Totals	37	6	6
Kansas City			
DP—Kansas City 1, LOB—Kansas City 11			
13—Minnesota 2 (7), DP—Minnesota 2, LOB—Kansas City 6, Minnesota 11, 2B—A Gordon (2), A Escobar (2), J. Peralta (2), CS—3B—Ljodyson (2), HR—S Perez (1).			
Minnesota			
E—Dozier 2 (7), DP—Minnesota 2, LOB—Kansas City 6, Minnesota 11, 2B—A Gordon (2), A Escobar (2), J. Peralta (2), CS—3B—Ljodyson (2), HR—S Perez (1).			

Padres shortstop Everth Cabrera hurdles the Reds' Chris Heisey while relaying to first to complete a game-ending double play in the Padres' 1-0 victory Monday in San Diego.



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Sundays
Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto 0
Oakland 4, Miami 3
Tampa Bay 12, Baltimore 7
Houston 6, Detroit 4
Kansas City 5, L.A. Angels 4
Minnesota 3, Texas 2
Seattle 3, Cleveland 0
Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 5
Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Mets 2
Colorado 10, Milwaukee 4
Cincinnati 4, San Francisco 0
San Diego 2, Arizona 1
L.A. Dodgers 6, St. Louis 0

Monday's games
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 12 in-ning
Milwaukee 3, Texas 2
Baltimore 7, Texas 1
Detroit 5, Oakland 4
Chicago Cubs 2, Boston 0
Cincinnati 6, Minnesota 1
Seattle 10, Houston 4
L.A. Angels at Chicago, p.p.d., rain
Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington 7, Colorado 3
N.Y. Mets at Miami
San Diego 1, Cincinnati 0

Tuesday's games
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees
Texas at Baltimore
Oakland at Detroit
Cincinnati at Minnesota
Seattle at Houston
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox
Milwaukee at Toronto
Arizona at Pittsburgh
Colorado at Washington
Chicago Cubs at Boston
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta
Philadelphia at Miami
Cincinnati at San Diego
Cleveland at L.A. Dodgers
St. Louis at San Francisco

Wednesday's games
Milwaukee (WPealra 9-5) at Toronto (Happ 7-4)
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 3-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 2-4)
Oakland (J Chavez 6-4) at Detroit (Verlander 7-7)
Kansas City (Vargas 7-3) at Minnesota (Corbin 8-7)
Seattle (C Young 7-4) at Houston (Peacock 2-4)
Cleveland (Bauer 2-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 4-4)
Texas (Tepez 3-3) at Baltimore (Fillon 7-4)
Chicago Cubs (Wood 7-6) at Boston (Workman 1-1)
Cincinnati (Schanks 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Joh Danks 6-7)
Cincinnati (Coutz 8-5) at San Diego (Trotter 8-5)
Colorado (Matez 1-2) at Washington (Fister 6-2)
Arizona (C Anderson 5-3) at Pittsburgh (Morton 4-9)
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 1-4) at Atlanta (Herzog 4-1)
Philadelphia (Hamels 2-4) at Miami (Kochler 5-6)
St. Louis (Laird 1-1) at San Francisco (Lincecum 1-1)
Washington (Vogelsong 5-4)

Thursday's games
Texas at Atlanta
Tampa Bay at Detroit
San Diego at Minnesota
Toronto at Oakland
Houston at L.A. Angels
St. Louis at San Francisco
Philadelphia at Miami
Arizona at Pittsburgh
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado

Padres starting
Crisp 5, 0 2 0
Jaso C 2, 1 0 0
Gosselin 5f 1 0 0
Gentry lf 1 0 0
Vogt lf 1 0 0
Dildun dh 1 0 0
Mogge 1b 1 0 0
Lorrie ss 4, 0 3 0
Callag 2b 4, 0 0 0
Totals 37 4 10 4

Reds starting
E-Brace 4, 1 1 0
Jones cf 5, 2 4 0
Rizzo 2b 4, 0 0 0
Springer 3b 4, 0 0 0
Seager 3b 4, 0 0 0
Morgan 1b 3, 1 1 0
Morris 1b 3, 1 1 0
Mondrfr 4, 1 1 0
Achey lf 4, 1 1 0
Miller ss 4, 1 1 0
Totals 38 10 11 4

Cubs 2, Red Sox 0
Chicago ab r h bi
Coghlin lf 4 0 1 0
Sweny dh 3 0 0 0
Rizzo 2b 3 0 0 0
SCastros 3 0 1 0
Lowe 1b 3 0 0 0
Castillo c 3 1 0 0
Drews 3b 3 0 0 0
Lake cf 4 0 0 0
Barney 2b 3 0 0 0
Totals 31 2 5 2

Chicago
Arreola W-5.1 7½ 1 0 0 0 1 0
Strasburg L-1 1 0 0 0 0 0
H.Rondon L-10 1.2 1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 31 2 5 2
Chicago 28 0 0 0
Boston 28 0 0 0
Cincinnati 1, Boston 0
Cape 6, Boston 2, 2B—Schierholz 10, HR—Schierholz 4 (P)

Washington
Arreola W-5.1 7½ 1 0 0 0 1 0
Strasburg L-1 1 0 0 0 0 0
H.Rondon L-10 1.2 1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 31 2 5 2
Washington 28 0 0 0
Boston 28 0 0 0
Cincinnati 1, Boston 0
Cape 6, Boston 2, 2B—Schierholz 10, HR—Schierholz 4 (P)

Tigers 5, Athletics 4

Oakland		Detroit	
ab	r	h	bi
Crisp 5	0	2	0
Jaso C	2	1	0
Gosselin 5f	1	0	0
Gentry lf	1	0	0
Vogt lf	1	0	0
Dildun dh	1	0	0
Mogge 1b	1	0	0
Lorrie ss	4	0	3
Callag 2b	4	0	0
Totals	37	4	10

Reds starting
E-Brace 4, 1 1 0
Jones cf 5, 2 4 0
Rizzo 2b 4, 0 0 0
Springer 3b 4, 0 0 0
Seager 3b 4, 0 0 0
Morgan 1b 3, 1 1 0
Morris 1b 3, 1 1 0
Mondrfr 4, 1 1 0
Achey lf 4, 1 1 0
Miller ss 4, 1 1 0
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Cubs 2, Red Sox 0
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Coghlin lf 4 0 1 0
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SCastros 3 0 1 0
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Castillo c 3 1 0 0
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Lake cf 4 0 0 0
Barney 2b 3 0 0 0
Totals 31 2 5 2

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Chicago 28 0 0 0
Boston 28 0 0 0
Cincinnati 1, Boston 0
Cape 6, Boston 2, 2B—Schierholz 10, HR—Schierholz 4 (P)

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Strasburg L-1 1 0 0 0 0 0
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Totals 31 2 5 2
Washington 28 0 0 0
Boston 28 0 0 0
Cincinnati 1, Boston 0
Cape 6, Boston 2, 2B—Schierholz 10, HR—Schierholz 4 (P)

Royals 6, Twins 1

Kansas City		Minnesota	
ab	r	h	bi
L Cain rf	5	0	0
Hammer 2b	4	1	1
BButler dh	5	0	0
Agordn lf	4	1	1
S Perez 3b	4	1	1
Infante 2b	4	1	1
Moskos 3b	4	1	1
Johnson 1b	4	2	2
Abescant 4	2	0	0
Flynn c	4	0	0
Totals	37	6	6

Reds starting
E-Brace 4, 1 1 0
Jones cf 5, 2 4 0
Rizzo 2b 4, 0 0 0
Springer 3b 4, 0 0 0
Seager 3b 4, 0 0 0
Morgan 1b 3, 1 1 0
Morris 1b 3, 1 1 0
Mondrfr 4, 1 1 0
Achey lf 4, 1 1 0
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Totals 38 10 11 4

Cubs 2, Red Sox 0
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Sweny dh 3 0 0 0
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Totals 31 2 5 2
Washington 28 0 0 0
Boston 28 0 0 0
Cincinnati 1, Boston 0
Cape 6, Boston 2, 2B—Schierholz 10, HR—Schierholz 4 (P)

Braves 5, Mets 3

New York		Atlanta	
ab	r	h	bi
Gruda 4f	1	2	1
Teljes 4f	1	0	0
Campano 3b	4	0	0
Yong 1f	3	1	1
Lagars cf	3	0	0
Bauer 2b	4	0	0
Adriano c	4	0	1
Familj 2b	4	0	0
Evinldp	0	0	0
Totals	33	3	3

Reds starting
E-Brace 4, 1 1 0
Jones cf 5, 2 4 0
Rizzo 2b 4, 0 0 0
Springer 3b 4, 0 0 0
Seager 3b 4, 0 0 0
Morgan 1b 3, 1 1 0
Morris 1b 3, 1 1 0
Mondrfr 4, 1 1 0
Achey lf 4, 1 1 0
Miller ss 4, 1 1 0
Totals 38 10 11 4

Cubs 2, Red Sox 0
Chicago ab r h bi
Coghlin lf 4 0 1 0
Sweny dh 3 0 0 0
Rizzo 2b 3 0 0 0
SCastros 3 0 1 0
Lowe 1b 3 0 0 0
Castillo c 3 1 0 0
Drews 3b 3 0 0 0
Lake cf 4 0 0 0
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Totals 31 2 5 2

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Padres 1, Reds 0

New York		Atlanta	
ab	r	h	bi
Gruda 4f	1	2	1
Teljes 4f	1	0	0
Campano 3b	4	0	0
Yong 1f	3	1	1
Lagars cf	3	0	0
Bauer 2b	4	0	0
Adriano c	4	0	1
Familj 2b	4	0	0
Evinldp	0	0	0
Totals	33	3	3

Reds starting
E-Brace 4, 1 1 0
Jones cf 5, 2 4 0
Rizzo 2b 4, 0 0 0
Springer 3b 4, 0 0 0
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Morgan 1b 3, 1 1 0
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Totals 38 10 11 4

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Lake cf 4 0 0 0
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Totals 31 2 5 2

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New York		Atlanta	
ab	r	h	bi
Gruda 4f	1	2	1
Teljes 4f	1	0	0
Campano 3b	4	0	0
Yong 1f	3	1	1
Lagars cf	3	0	0
Bauer 2b			

MLB ROUNDUP

Davis' walk-off slam lifts Tigers past A's

The Associated Press

DETROIT — For the Detroit Tigers, a walk-off grand slam happens like clockwork. Once every 10 years, it's time to hit another one.

On the day the franchise honored the 30th anniversary of the 1984 World Series team, Rajai Davis hit his third career grand slam with one out in the ninth, giving the Tigers a 5-4 victory over the Oakland A's.

"I can't even remember the last time I did that," said Davis, who had never hit a walk-off homer of any kind in the major leagues. "It must have been in my dreams, while I was sleeping."

It was Detroit's first game-ending grand slam in almost exactly a decade. Carlos Pena hit one against Arizona on June 27, 2004. Coincidentally, that was the weekend the Tigers honored the 1984 team's 20th anniversary.

The last one before Pena's was also 10 years earlier, as Lou Whitaker, a member of the 1984 champs, hit one against Cleveland on June 21, 1994.

Oakland closer Sean Doolittle (2-2) was given a three-run lead to work with in the ninth, but managed only one out. Nick Castellanos and Alex Avila started the inning with singles. Eugenio Suarez struck out, but Doolittle walked Austin Jackson — just the second walk he has issued this season. Jackson fouled off three straight 2-2 pitches before taking a pair of fastballs inside.

"That was a hell of a battle," Doolittle said. "You could really see him shorten up his swing with two strikes, and he did a real good job."

Doolittle then missed with a curveball and hung another one over the middle of the plate.

"I just hung ... it," he said. "I threw some good pitches, but I threw some bad ones, and the last one cost us the game."

Davis didn't miss it, hitting the ball out down the left-field line.

"That was amazing," he said. "Austin had a great at-bat, and then I got a pitch that was middle or middle-in. It didn't do much. I wasn't sure if I got enough — I was just hoping the wind would blow it out."

Oakland broke a 1-1 tie in the



DUANE BURELSON/AP

The Tigers' Rajai Davis hits a walk-off grand slam in the ninth inning to beat the Athletics 5-4 on Monday at Comerica Park in Detroit. Oakland led 4-1 going into the ninth inning.

eighth, helped by a defensive mistake. Yoenis Cespedes led off with a routine grounder to shortstop, but Suarez's throw sailed well over Miguel Cabrera's head at first. Brandon Moss followed with an RBI into the left-center field gap, and Sanchez walked Donaldson.

Joba Chamberlain came in and allowed a single to Stephen Vogt, loading the bases. Jed Lowrie made it 4-1 with a two-run single to left, but Phil Coke replaced Chamberlain and got out of the inning.

Nick Castellanos grabbed Alberto Callaspo's grounder, stepped on third and threw to Ian Kinsler at second for a double play. Kinsler relayed the ball to first, hoping for a 5-4-3 triple play, but Callaspo beat the throw.

Detroit's rally took Anibal Sanchez off the hook; he now hasn't lost in his last 10 starts. Blaine Hardy (1-0) picked up his first career victory with a scoreless top of the ninth.

Sanchez, who struck out his 1,000th career batter in the fourth,



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Tampa Bay's Brandon Guyer steals second while New York Yankees second baseman Brian Roberts can't apply the tag in the eighth inning of Monday's game at Yankee Stadium in New York.

lost his shutout in the sixth on Lowrie's RBI single. Cabrera tied the game in the bottom of the inning, sending a 2-2 changeup into the Oakland bullpen beyond the

left-center field fence. Scott Kazmir left in the sixth, one pitch after attempting to grab at his hip. Dan Otero replaced him and kept the game tied through

seven innings.

"My calf just cramped up," Kazmir said. "I was OK until I tried to push off."

Cubs 2, Red Sox 0: Jake Arrieta held the Red Sox hitless until Stephen Drew singled with two outs in the eighth inning as visiting Chicago beat Boston in the opener of just the second series between the teams at Fenway Park since 1918.

Rays 4, Yankees 3 (12): Logan Forsythe hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the 12th inning as visiting Tampa Bay beat New York after squandering a late lead.

Royals 6, Twins 1: Alcides Escobar tied a career high with four RBIs on two doubles and Salvador Perez homered to lift Kansas City over host Minnesota.

Mariners 10, Astros 4: Robinson Cano had a three-run shot in the seventh inning, one of Seattle's season-high four homers in a win over host Houston.

Orioles 7, Rangers 1: Steve Pearce hit two of Baltimore's four home runs off Joe Saunders and Ubaldo Jimenez ended a run of nine winless starts as host Baltimore beat Texas.

Braves 5, Mets 3: Three errors by New York fueled host Atlanta's comeback as the Braves scored four runs in the eighth inning and beat the Mets for their fifth straight win.

Nationals 7, Rockies 3: Adam LaRoche homered, Ryan Zimmerman had three hits and Ian Desmond added two doubles and three RBIs as host Washington welcomed back Bryce Harper with a win over Colorado.

Dodgers 1, Indians 0: Dan Haren gave up one hit in seven innings — a single that was awarded to Michael Bourjau after a video review — and rookie Clint Robinson had a pinch-hit RBI single in the seventh as host Los Angeles opened their interleague series against Cleveland with a victory.

Padres 1, Reds 0: Everth Cabrera's sacrifice fly in the fifth inning scored the game's only run as host San Diego topped Cincinnati despite managing just one hit.

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Briefly

Bonds' conviction to be reconsidered

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court said Tuesday it will reconsider Barry Bonds' felony conviction for obstruction of justice.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a special panel of 11 judges will review a 2011 jury verdict finding Major League Baseball's all-time home run leader guilty of giving evasive testimony to a grand jury investigating elite athletes' use of performance-enhancing drugs.

A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit last year upheld the conviction, which stems from a rambling answer Bonds gave in response to a question about whether he received injections from anyone other than his doctor.

Bonds has already served his sentence of 30 days' house arrest and paid a \$4,100 fine.

Spezza traded to Stars for 3 players, draft pick

FRISCO, Texas — Jason Spezza is headed to the Dallas Stars in a trade a few days after the Ottawa captain turned down a deal that would have sent him to Nashville.

The Senators granted the 31-year-old Spezza's wish to be dealt, acquiring Stars forward Alex Chiasson on Tuesday along with prospects Alex Guptill and Nicholas Paul and a second-round pick in next year's draft. Dallas also receives prospect Ludwig Karlsson.

Spezza, who is set to be an unrestricted free agent next summer, headed for a trade and general manager Bryan Murray said he would try to accommodate him.

The 11-year veteran has spent his entire career with Ottawa and has a limited no-trade clause. Spezza turned down a deal with Nashville during last weekend's draft, leading to a trade with Dallas that was finalized just before the start of free agency.

In other NHL news:

■ The Colorado Avalanche acquired veteran forward Daniel Briere from the Montreal Canadiens on Monday for right wing P.A. Parenteau and a fifth-round pick in next year's draft.

■ The Los Angeles Kings resigned defenseman Jeff Schultz to a two-year contract Monday.

■ The Detroit Red Wings signed forward Riley Sheahan to a \$1.9 million, two-year contract Tuesday.

■ The Montreal Canadiens signed free-agent forward Manny Malhotra on Tuesday.

■ The Ottawa Senators kept Czech winger Milan Michalek off the market, agreeing to a \$12 million, three-year deal the team announced on Tuesday soon after NHL free agency began.

■ The Calgary Flames signed forward Mason Raymond to a three-year deal Tuesday.

■ The Buffalo Sabres acquired defenseman Josh Gorges in a trade with the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday.

■ The Edmonton Oilers have signed defenseman Mark Fayne and forward Benoit Proulx.

■ The Florida Panthers agreed to terms with centers Dave Bolland and Jussi Jokinen, plus goaltender Al Montoya shortly after hockey's free agent period started Tuesday.

■ The New York Rangers boosted their bid to make another postseason run.

■ A person familiar with the move has confirmed the New Jersey Devils signed free agent center Mike Cammalleri to a five-year, \$25 million contract Tuesday.

■ The St. Louis Blues lured Paul Stastny away from division rival Colorado, signing the veteran center to a four-year, \$28 million deal Tuesday.

■ The Washington Capitals opened free agency Tuesday by signing defenseman Brooks Orpik to a \$2.75 million, five-year contract, and goaltender Justin Peters to a \$1.9 million, two-year contract.

■ The Carolina Hurricanes and free-agent center Brad Malone agreed Tuesday to a two-year contract.

■ The Colorado Avalanche acquired defenseman Brad Stuart from the San Jose Sharks for a second-round pick in 2016 and a sixth-rounder in 2017.

■ The Winnipeg Jets signed forward Mathieu Perreault to a three-year, \$9 million contract Tuesday.

■ Thomas Vanek, one of the top free agents available, agreed to terms on a three-year contract with the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday.

Cavs make a splash with max deal for Kyrie

Kyrie Irving isn't going anywhere.

Dogged by rumors that he has wanted out of Cleveland, Irving and Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert tweeted Tuesday morning that they have agreed to terms on a new five-year contract extension. Neither side announced the terms of the deal, but several outlets reported that it was a maximum deal worth about \$90 million that will keep him in Cleveland for the next six years.

"Looking forward to the next 6 years of (at)KyrieIrving in CLE," Gilbert tweeted not long after the free agent market opened at midnight on Tuesday. "Just shook hands (and) intend to sign on the 10th. Can't be more excited about (at)cavs."

The deal cannot officially be signed until July 10, per NBA rules. But it was a huge step forward for the Cavaliers and for Irving, and the first big splash of the new NBA fiscal year.



BEN CURTIS/AP

Germany's Angelique Kerber plays a return to Russia's Maria Sharapova during their women's singles match Tuesday at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, England.

Sharapova dismissed

French Open champion ousted in 3 sets by Germany's Kerber

By STEPHEN WILSON
The Associated Press

LONDON — Former champion Maria Sharapova saved six match points before falling to Angelique Kerber in the fourth round at Wimbledon on Tuesday, ending her bid to win a second title at the All England Club a decade after her first.

Sharapova, a five-time major champion, saved one match point at 5-2 down in the third set and five more in the final game before hitting a backhand long on the seventh.

That gave the ninth-seeded Kerber a stirring 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-4 win on Centre Court in a match that lasted 2 hours, 37 minutes.

"It's unbelievable," said the German, a semifinalist two years ago. "It was so tough (at) match. Every single set was so close. Maria's a great player. I was just fighting, concentrating and focusing on myself. I'm so happy to be in the quarters now."

Kerber will next face 20-year-old Canadian star Eugenie Bouchard, the only woman to reach the semifinals this year at both the Australian Open and French Open. Bouchard beat Kerber in the fourth round at the French.

Sharapova, who won her first Grand Slam title at Wimbledon in 2004 at the age of 17, was coming off her latest major championship at the French Open last month.

She had lost only seven games in the past week, and with five-

Scoreboard

Tuesday	
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club	
London	
Prize: \$4.2 million (Grand Slam)	
Surface: Grass-Outdoor	
Singles	
Men	
Fourth Round	
Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Tommy Robredo (23), Spain, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.	
Stan Wawrinka (5), Switzerland, def. Feliciano Lopez (19), Spain, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (7), 6-3.	
Milos Raonic (3), Canada, def. Kei Nishikori (10), Japan, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-3.	
Women	
Fourth Round	
Simona Halep (3), Romania, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-0.	
Sabine Lisicki (1), Germany, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.	
Angelique Kerber (9), Germany, def. Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-4.	
Quarterfinals	
Lucie Safarova (23), Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Makarova (22), Russia, 6-3, 6-1.	



BEN CURTIS/AP

Russia's Maria Sharapova looks dejected after losing a point.

time winner Serena Williams eliminated in the third round, Sharapova was considered the title favorite.

"It's absolutely normal for people to have high expectations of me doing well in Grand Slam stages," Sharapova said. "I certainly do, as well. Today could have gone either way, and it didn't go my way."

On a day when seven-time men's champion Roger Federer sailed into the quarterfinals, Serena Williams pulled out of her doubles with sister Venus after only three games.

Federer's win set up an all-Swiss deal with Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka, who beat Feliciano Lopez 7-6 (5), 7-6 (7), 6-3 to make it to the quarterfinals for the first time.

Eighth-seeded Milos Raonic became the first Canadian man to reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals since Robert Powell in 1912, beating No. 10 Kei Nishikori of Japan 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

The first woman into the semifinals was No. 23 Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic, who beat Ekaterina Makarova of Russia, 6-3, 6-1.

French Open runner-up Simona Halep breezed into the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Zarina Diyas of Kazakhstan. Her next opponent will be 2013 finalist Sabine Lisicki of Germany, who overcame shoulder trouble to defeat Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

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Scoreboard

Round of 16

Saturday, June 28

Brazil 1, Chile 1, Brazil advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks

Colombia 2, Uruguay 0

Sunday, June 29

Netherlands 2, Mexico 1
Costa Rica 1, Greece 1, Costa Rica advanced 5-3 on penalty kicks

Monday, June 30

France 2, Nigeria 0

Germany 2, Algeria 1, ET

Tuesday, July 1

At Sao Paulo

Argentina 1, Switzerland 0, ET

At Salvador, Brazil

Belgium vs. United States

Quarterfinals

Friday, July 4

At Fortaleza, Brazil

Brazil vs. Colombia

At Rio de Janeiro

France vs. Germany

Saturday, July 5

At Salvador, Brazil

Netherlands vs. Costa Rica

At Brasilia, Brazil

Argentina vs. Belgium/United States

Dutch midfield hit with another injury

By MIKE CORDER

The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Netherlands midfielder Nigel de Jong's World Cup appears to be over after tests confirmed he has a tear in his groin muscle and will be sidelined for two to four weeks.

The Dutch football association said Tuesday that an MRI scan revealed the injury, almost certainly ruling one of the Dutch team's top performers out of the tournament.

The 29-year-old AC Milan midfielder limped off the field in the ninth minute of the Netherlands' 2-1 comeback win over Mexico on Sunday in the second round. After the match, Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal said the injury looked serious and that De Jong's absence would be a "blood-letting" for the team.

In his first reaction, De Jong tweeted: "Devastated with the news about my injury. Sadly

enough this is part of the sport as well. Will work hard on my recovery now and keep hope."

De Jong had been in outstanding form in Brazil, dominating the midfield with tough, well-timed tackles and helping create a platform for the front pair of Robin van Persie and Arjen Robben.

The tournament in Brazil was something of a rehabilitation of the reputation of a player remembered by most for his crunching, chest-high tackle on Xabi Alonso in the World Cup final four years ago, an incident that earned him a yellow card.

The former Manchester City, Hamburg and Ajax player also was dropped from the Dutch team later in 2010 after a tackle in the Premier League left Newcastle winger Hatem Ben Arfa with a broken leg.

But he has an unblemished disciplinary record in Brazil and Van Gaal singled him out

for praise — something the coach rarely does to any of his players — after the gritty 3-2 win over Australia in the group stage.

"I never like to put individual players in the spotlight," Van Gaal said. "But the way Nigel de Jong led from the front was imposing."

The Dutch football association said De Jong will stay with the team in Brazil as he works on his recovery.

De Jong's injury is the latest blow to the Dutch midfield. Last week, Leroy Fer strained a hamstring in training a day after scoring the crucial opening goal a minute after coming on as a substitute in the 2-0 victory over Chile.

Fer missed the Mexico match in Fortaleza and is in doubt for the quarterfinal match on Saturday against Costa Rica in Salvador.

Now Van Gaal is running short on options. On Sunday, he moved Daley Blind out of defense to plug the gap left by De Jong.

Young Brazil team feeling the pressure

By TALES AZZONI

The Associated Press

TERESOPOLIS, Brazil — Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari admits that a lack of experience is hurting Brazil's young squad at the World Cup.

The coach is also blaming some of the team's struggles, which include a disappointing performance that nearly led to its elimination in front of its own supporters by Chile in the second round, on the pressure of needing to succeed in front of the home fans.

Brazil has only six players with experience of past World Cups. Some of its top stars, including Neymar, are playing on football's biggest stage for the first time.

"Of course it's a concern, we have a young team," Scolari said after Brazil's win over Chile in a penalty shootout. "Even the most experienced players will feel the pressure of a World Cup. Everybody feels it. If you say that you don't feel it, you are lying. It's a different situation emotionally, it's never simple."

"We have a lot of young players, and little by little they will gain more of this experience."

The veteran coach used the example of young midfielder Willian, who is one of the team's best penalty takers in training, but sent his shot wide in Saturday's shootout against Chile in Belo Horizonte.

"We will be gaining more experience in each match we play," Scolari said. "Hopefully, in the next matches we will be making fewer mistakes because of this lack of experience. We can't lose anymore."

Brazil will play South American rival Colombia in the quarterfinals on Friday in the northeastern city of Fortaleza.

Scolari said Brazil's disappointing second-half performance against Chile can be blamed on the pressure felt by the players, who started feeling more and more anxious as the match neared

its end and elimination became a possibility.

Several Brazilian players were crying after the match was over, including Neymar and captain Thiago Silva.

Goalkeeper Julio Cesar, who made two penalty saves, had watery eyes even before the shootout started.

Only five players from this year's team were in the 2010 World Cup — Cesar, Silva, Dani Alves, Maicon and Ramires.

Fred didn't make it to South Africa, but he was on the squad for the 2006 tournament in Germany.

Scolari brought a group of psychologists to work with the players when the team began its World Cup preparations more than a month ago, with each player undergoing individual sessions.

"We've been getting prepared emotionally since we got here," Brazil defensive midfielder Fernandinho said Monday. "The talks we had with the psychologists were very good, but I think that now it's up to the players. We can talk among ourselves to try to change this. Everybody knows what we need to do."

Scolari had previously said he didn't think his squad lacked the experience needed for the World Cup. When he announced his squad, he said that despite their young age, most had been playing in some of the world's top leagues for a long time.

Most also participated in last year's Confederations Cup, the warm-up tournament which Brazil won at home.

Scolari has always said that anything but the title will be considered a failure for Brazil, and has maintained since the start that his team will win the World Cup.

"People are demanding it from us, because we said we would win," he said. "Now we have to give it back to them. If you make a promise, you must deliver. This is what the players are doing."



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Brazil's Neymar, right, grimaces after being tackled by Chile's Charles Aranguiz during the round of 16 match at the Mineirão Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, on Saturday. Neymar is expected to be available for Brazil's quarterfinal match with Colombia despite sustaining knee and thigh injuries.

Neymar fit to play against Colombia

By TALES AZZONI

The Associated Press

TERESOPOLIS, Brazil — Neymar will be fit to play in the World Cup quarterfinal against Colombia despite thigh and knee injuries sustained against Chile, Brazil's soccer confederation said Monday.

The confederation said team doctor Jose Luiz Runco checked Neymar again when the squad returned to its training camp and said the player is not a concern for Friday's match in the northeastern city of Fortaleza.

Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari was worried after Saturday's match, saying it could take days for the player to get better and that doctors would have to do their "best to put him on the pitch."

Neymar complained of a left thigh injury after Brazil's penalty shootout win over Chile, and Runco said the player was also

being treated for a hit on his right knee.

Confederation spokesman Rodrigo Paiva said the player could miss a few training sessions depending on how the injuries progress.

"The worst is the knee, it's what's hurting the most," Paiva said. "He may be rested from practice if needed. He will be evaluated again, but Runco said fans don't have to worry because he's not a concern for the match."

Neymar was subjected to heavy challenges during the match against Chile, and twice he had to leave the pitch for treatment. The first time was when he was hit by midfielder Charles Aranguiz in the fourth minute, and then following a challenge by Arturo Vidal in the 28th, when the striker nearly flipped over near the sideline.

Neymar said he played with

pain the rest of the match. Neymar scored one of the penalties that gave Brazil a 3-2 win in the shootout after a 1-1 draw. Scolari said the player's thigh was extremely swollen in the dressing room after the match.

"We just hope Neymar can recover as fast as possible so he can be ready for our next match," Brazil defensive midfielder Fernandinho said.

Brazil doctors said three other players were undergoing treatment following the Chile game, although none of the injuries were serious.

Midfielder Luiz Gustavo, who is out against Colombia because he received his second yellow card, was nursing a right knee injury, while playmaker Oscar had a deep scratch on his left thigh. Defender David Luiz was recovering from a back problem sustained before the Chile match.

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NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

Netherlands' Arjen Robben drew a penalty that led to the winning goal in his team's 2-1 victory over Mexico on Sunday.

Robben won't change

BY GRAHAM DUNBAR
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Arjen Robben said sorry for one first-half dive against Mexico. Just don't expect another apology from the Netherlands forward just for being himself.

Robben said Monday he won't change his playing style or personality after winning the decisive stoppage-time penalty in the Netherlands' 2-1 win against Mexico.

Robben provoked a furor after Sunday's second-round match by telling Dutch broadcaster NOS he had dived in a first-half incident, though not for the penalty when he was challenged by Mexico captain Rafa Marquez.

"I don't change myself. That is my personality. I think it's good," Robben said Monday, appearing calm, smiling and relaxed at a team news conference.

The Dutch forward simply said he had been "very honest" in the television interview.

"Sometimes you are punished for honesty," said Robben, acknowledging it had been "a stupid action" to fall without contact.

"There was one foul in the first half where I went to the ground because I thought he would tackle me. It didn't have any influence on the game," he said.

FIFA called for fair play on Monday, but declined to take any retrospective action for the dive or subsequent comments.

Asked if he feared disciplinary action from FIFA, Robben said: "Not at all. Why?"

Robben's fall in the penalty box earned the penalty that substitute Klaas Jan Huntelaar converted in the fourth minute of stoppage time.

Element of surprise gone for Costa Rica

BY GERALD IMRAY
The Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil

Defeated Greece coach Fernando Santos took a parting shot at Costa Rica: Teams know all about you now and your World Cup ride is over.

The surprise factor has gone, Santos said, and the upset wins have likely come to an end.

"I liked them a lot in the first three matches. I believe they surprised us a lot," Santos said after his Greece team lost on penalties to the Costa Ricans in the second round. "But I believe at this moment people already know Costa Rica. It won't be very likely ... for Costa Rica to be able to go much further."

That's not the only problem Santos foresees for Costa Rica when it faces the Netherlands, one of the title favorites, in the quarterfinals.

"I think in a competition like this you start to get tired and once you start to get tired, the individual players on the big teams start to carry more weight," he said.

Cue Robin van Persie, Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder to take control of the quarterfinal in Salvador on Saturday for the Netherlands. Basically, Santos doesn't give Joel Campbell, Bryan Ruiz and the Costa Rica squad any hope of upsetting the Dutch.

Well, it may as well be Costa Rica's first game of the World Cup again.

Trailing Uruguay 1-0 after 24 minutes, many nodded wisely at their one certain pre-tournament prediction for Brazil, that Costa Rica would clearly be the strugglers in a group containing the Uruguayans, Italy and England, all former World Cup champions with seven titles between them.

Costa Rica responded by beating Uruguay and Italy and, while resting a couple of key players, hold-

ing England to a draw to top the group.

On Sunday, coach Jorge Luis Pinto's team added a former European champion to its list of vanquished rivals with a pulsating penalty shootout win over Greece after playing and defending desperately with 10 men for nearly an hour at Recife's Arena Pernambuco.

Costa Rica held out against all the odds, setting up the chance to take down another heavyweight.

"You don't have these moments often in life and we want to take advantage of these moments, and that's the mentality of the group," Pinto said. "We want to take advantage of this moment. But let us be sincere. We must give our all in order to move forward. Netherlands is a world-class team. Great players, brilliant players. But we have confidence."

Some of that confidence may come from the fact that Costa Rica showed some more of its qualities against Greece — mainly the fighting ones — after defender Oscar Duarte's 60th-minute red card put it under grinding pressure. And if Santos is talking about individual players influencing games, goalkeeper Keylor Navas single-handedly kept his country in the tournament with save after save to deny the desperate Greeks through regulation time and the 30 minutes of extra time. Fittingly, he produced the only save of the shootout.

The Dutch are overwhelmingly favored to beat Costa Rica, for sure. But there's always a little room for a surprise.

Having constantly preached throughout this World Cup that his team is a long-shot, an underdog and a "dark horse," Pinto briefly broke free of that message in the euphoria following the win over Greece to hail Costa Rica's historic place in the quarterfinals.

"Rest assured that we will not get eliminated there," Pinto said, surprising everyone with his sudden boasting.

Did you know

This is only Costa Rica's fourth appearance in the World Cup, and the first time it has advanced to the quarterfinals.



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SILVIA IZQUIERDO/AP

A Brazil fan pokes fun at Uruguay's Luis Suarez, who was kicked out of the tournament after biting an opponent.

Suarez issues apology

BY MATTIAS KAREN
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — After a few days of reflection, Luis Suarez acknowledged what millions saw on TV — he did bite an opponent during a game at the World Cup. In addition, he said he's sorry about it, and promised it will never happen again.

Ending a unified protest in Uruguay by everyone from Suarez to teammates, fans and even the country's president that the star striker had done nothing wrong, the Liverpool player on Monday offered an apology to Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini.

"I deeply regret what occurred," Suarez said in a statement posted on Twitter. "I apologize to Giorgio Chiellini and the entire football family. ... I vow to the public that there will never again be another incident like (this)."

The Uruguayan striker was banned for four months from all soccer by FIFA for biting the shoulder of Chiellini during the team's 1-0 win over Italy in their group-stage game in Brazil. The incident was not spotted by the referee, and the Uruguayans' victory sent them through to the second round while Italy was eliminated.

Chiellini responded on Twitter shortly after Suarez posted his statement, accepting the apology. "It's all forgotten," the Italian wrote. "I hope FIFA will reduce your suspension."

"After several days of being home with my family, I have had the opportunity to regain my calm and reflect about the reality of what occurred during the Italy-Uruguay match," the statement said. "(The) truth is that my colleague Giorgio Chiellini suffered the physical result of a bite in the collision he suffered with me."



Costa Rica players celebrate Sunday's victory over Greece in the round of 16.

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Germany through on extra effort

Two goals after regulation enough to beat Algeria, reach quarterfinals

By ANDREW DAMPF
The Associated Press

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — When it comes to the knockout stages of the World Cup, wins are worth more than style.

That was on full display Monday when Germany labored to a 2-1 extra-time win over an aggressive Algeria side to reach the tournament's quarterfinals for the ninth consecutive time.

"You don't have to play fantastic every match," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. "You have to win."

All three goals came in extra time after Algeria dominated for long stretches during the opening 90 minutes. Germany substitute Andre Schuerrie scored in the 92nd minute and Mesut Ozil made it 2-0 in the 120th before substitute Abdelmoumene Djabou pulled one back in injury time for Algeria.

Three-time champion Germany will next face 1998 winner France on Friday at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. "It was a victory of will power," Loew said. "We had major problems in the first half to organize the way we played. We made simple



Sergei Gerts/AP

Germany's Andre Schuerrie celebrates after scoring against Algeria in the second minute of extra time in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on Monday. Germany won 2-1 to reach the quarterfinals.

mistakes, which invited the opponents to start counterattacks."

Germany finally took the lead when Thomas Mueller provided a cross from the left flank that was slightly behind Schuerrie. The Germany forward dragged his left leg and backheeled the ball into the far corner, leaving goalkeeper Rais M'Bohi with no chance.

With the temperature a chilly 57 degrees and a light rain falling at times, the pace was high at the Estadio Beira-Rio but the goals didn't come until the end.

"Yes, we had our problems but at the end we were better and had a lot of chances," Loew said. "The important thing is to advance. ... Past champions also did not play well every match. You cannot play fantastic every match of the tournament."

Ozil thought he had put the result out of reach when he pounded in a rebound after a

shot from Schuerrie was cleared off the line by defender Esseid Belkalem, but Djabou volleyed in a minute later to make the last seconds count.

Perhaps inspired by the "Disgrace of Gijon" at the 1982 World Cup, when Germany and Austria supposedly conspired to oust Algeria in the group stage, the northern African nation outmatched Germany's intensity for long stretches in an entertaining match.

Algeria was playing in the second round of the World Cup for the first time and thought it had taken the lead before a goal from Islam Slimani was waved off for offside in the 17th, one of many opportunities for the Algeria striker.

"We fell just short," said Rais, who was voted man of the match. "That's why we're disappointed, because we think more was possible tonight."

Germany's Mesut Ozil celebrates his goal in the 120th minute, which proved to be the game-winner in the 2-1 victory.

MATTHIAS SCHRAEDER/AP

Nerves hold as France fends off determined Nigeria

By JEROME PUGMIRE
The Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — After being touted as one of the World Cup's entertainers, it was a gritty performance that got France through to the quarterfinals in a 2-0 victory over Nigeria on Monday.

France's forward line had made headlines with eight goals in its opening two group games, but there was little flair on display in a hard-fought contest against the African champions.

France needed a late header from midfielder Paul Pogba and an injury-time own goal from defender Joseph Yobo to overcome a robust Nigeria. The reward is a quarterfinal against Germany on Friday at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium, following the Germans' 2-1 victory over Algeria.

Pogba's goal in the 79th minute followed Nigeria's best spell of the match and came soon after France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris made a crucial save to deny Peter Odemwingie.

"We're not the prettiest or the best, but we can do good things," France coach Didier Deschamps said after the game. "The deliv-

erance came late. There was a lot of tension because we were up against a very athletic side and there were a lot of challenges."

Nigeria, which had a goal ruled out for offside in the 19th minute after Emmanuel Emenike poked home Ahmed Musa's cross from the left, wasted a lot of second-half possession.

Four years ago, France crashed out of the group stage, stammering a nation by going on strike and was jeered by its own fans and lambasted by politicians in the fallout from an embarrassing tournament.

It's very different situation now. "I'm proud of my players because we're coming back from very far. I think we've given a lot of pleasure back to our fans," Deschamps said. "I think there were 5,000 here and millions back home who will feel proud."

Pogba's crucial goal came after Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama had just made a save to tip over Karim Benzema's header. But he flapped at the ball from the ensuing corner and Pogba pounced in the 79th minute for his first World Cup goal.

That stoned for placing a volley too close to Enyeama in a scrappy first half.



ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

France's Paul Pogba beats Nigeria's Emmanuel Emenike to the ball during their match in Brasilia, Brazil on Monday. France won 2-0 and will face Germany in the quarterfinals on Friday.

"We have four days left to prepare for another battle," Deschamps said.

Yobo, who announced his international retirement after the game, turned the ball into his own net in stoppage time under pressure from France substitute Antoine Griezmann.

At the final whistle, France's relieved players danced in front of their fans as dreams of a repeat run to the final — just like in 2006 — moved a step closer.

"We had the whole country behind us," Pogba said. "It's one of the proudest moments of my life."

France started slowly and finished strongly in the second round match.

"I've yet to see a team play well over the whole 90 minutes," Deschamps said. "Nigeria dropped off a bit and that allowed us to get on top."

After Griezmann came on, Benzema finally came alive in the 70th, opening up the defense after a clever one-two with the France substitute. After Enyeama blocked Benzema's initial shot, his follow-up effort was hacked clear by Victor Moses. Video technology confirmed that the ball had not crossed the line.

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