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Iraqis fight for Fallujah



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Iraqi counterterrorism forces face off with Islamic State militants on the southern edge of Fallujah, Iraq on Tuesday, a day after launching an operation to take back the militant-held city with the help of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes. Humanitarian groups have called upon both sides to open safe corridors out of the city for the estimated 50,000 civilians still inside.

Operation endangers thousands of civilians

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Associated Press

CAMP TARIQ, Iraq — As Iraqi forces pressed an offensive Tuesday to dislodge Islamic State militants from Fallujah, conditions are worsening for tens of thousands of civilians trapped in the city, and a leading aid group raised alarm over an unfolding “human catastrophe.” IS fighters launched a fierce counter-attack on the southern edge of the city, slowing the progress of the elite Iraqi counterterrorism troops, and the militants reportedly corralled civilians into a single neighborhood for use as human shields.

With an estimated 50,000 civilians still inside Fallujah, humanitarian groups renewed calls on both sides to open safe corridors for noncombatants to flee — an action that seems unlikely because it would require negotiations between IS and the Iraqi forces to agree on a cessation of hostilities. Iraqi authorities also want to prevent IS fighters from escaping the city by melting into the fleeing civilian population.

Iraqi forces repelled the four-hour counter-attack a day after entering the southern part of Fallujah with the help of U.S.-led airstrikes.

The dawn attack unfolded in the Nuaimiya area, most of which was captured by Iraqi troops on Monday, two special forces officers told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

IS militants used tunnels and snipers and targeted Iraqi forces with six explosives-laden cars that were destroyed before they reached their targets, the officers said. Iraqi forces suffered casualties, but no details were given.

The clashes subsided by Tuesday afternoon, but the officers said progress was slowed by roadside bombs the militants left behind. The troops also paused to destroy tunnels in the area. Since Monday, 106 militants have been killed, the officers said.

The push into Nuaimiya, a sprawling agricultural area 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baghdad, was the first attempt by Iraqi forces to enter Fallujah, which fell to IS in 2014. In

recent days, Iraqi forces had focused on expelling the militants from outlying areas to tighten a siege on the city.

The Sunni majority city was the first in Iraq to fall to IS and is the last major urban area controlled by the extremist group in western Iraq. The Sunni-led militants still control the country's second-largest city, Mosul, in the north.

The U.S.-led coalition and Iranian-backed Shiite militia forces are helping the Iraqi army in the offensive. The fight is expected to drag on because the militants have had more than two years to dig in, hidden bombs are believed to be strewn throughout the city and the presence of trapped civilians will limit the use of supporting airstrikes.

“A human catastrophe is unfolding in Fallujah,” said Jan Egeland, head of the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Only one family managed to escape the

“A human catastrophe is unfolding in Fallujah... Warring parties must guarantee civilians safe exit now.”

JAN EGELAND

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Bathroom brawl escalates

Parents worry that children will be bullied

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The fight over bathroom rights for transgender students escalated in Texas on Tuesday as the state's lieutenant governor urged schools to defy the Obama administration while parents of transgender children accused Republican leaders of stoking intolerance and making their kids targets for bullying.

Few states are as publicly and persistently pushing back on transgender rights as Texas. Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick pledged at a press conference to support schools that refuse to let transgender students use the bathrooms of their choice. Texas is leading an 11-state lawsuit that accuses the federal government of turning schools into “laboratories for a massive social experiment.”

“Transgender students deserve the rights of anyone else. It does not mean they get to use the girls’ room if they’re a boy,” Patrick said.

The constant rejection takes a toll, warned parents of transgender students outside the Texas Capitol on Tuesday. They included the mother of a 5-year-old transgender girl who held a picture of her child smiling in a pink patterned dress and shoulder-length hair. She cried while asking why the state wants to force her daughter into the boys’ room at school.

She and other parents said Patrick's comments are provoking hostilities in school hallways. Like many other Republicans across the country, Patrick says the privacy and safety of students are put at risk by letting transgender people use the bathroom that matches their gender identity.

“You, specifically you, are endangering my child's life,” said Ann Elder, mother of a 10-year-old transgender child near Houston. “You have now told everyone in the state of Texas it is OK to harass my child.”

Poll shows voters want changes to primaries

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Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Super-delegates. Closed-off primaries. Complicated caucuses. Many Americans are not happy with the way presidential candidates are chosen and have little faith in the fairness of either the Democratic or Republican system, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

According to the survey, the public prefers open primaries to those that are closed to all but party members. They like primaries instead of caucuses, and they oppose the party insiders known as superdelegates, who have a substantial say in the Democratic race.

“It's kind of like a rigged election,” said Nayef Jaber, a 66-year-old Sanders supporter from San Rafael, California. “It's supposed to be one man, one vote.”



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a May 25 campaign rally in Cathedral City, Calif. Sanders is seeing broad support for changing the presidential nominating process.

Changing the primary process has become a rallying cry for Democrat Bernie Sanders.

Presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump has also criticized the system.

According to the poll, 38 percent of Americans say they have hardly any confidence that the Democratic Party's process for selecting a presidential nominee is fair; 44 percent say the same of the Republican Party's.

Just 17 percent of Republicans and 31 percent of Democrats have a great deal of confidence in their own party's system being fair.

Both parties have complex mechanisms for choosing nominees, with each state holding caucuses or primaries under different rules.

Candidates earn delegates to back them at the summer nominating conventions, with a certain number required to clinch the nomination.

Democrats embraced super-delegates in 1982 to make sure party leaders have a say in who is nominated.

By giving key insiders more

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Parents investigated after gorilla attack

DAN SEWELL
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Police said Tuesday they are investigating the parents of the 3-year-old boy who fell into a gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo and had to be rescued by a team that shot the 400-pound animal to death.

Authorities said they will look at the parents' actions leading up to the incident — not the operation of the zoo, which is overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Police will confer with prosecutors over whether to file charges, Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Detert said.

The incident has triggered a furor online, with some saying the boy's mother should be charged with child endangering, while others want the zoo held responsible for the animal's death.

USDA plans to explore the incident for any violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Zoo authorities said the boy climbed over a 3-foot-high railing, walked through bushes and plunged about 15 feet into a shallow moat. The zoo's dangerous-animal response team killed the gorilla as it dragged the boy through the water, authorities said. The boy had only minor scrapes on his head and knee, according to police.

Ohio State University criminal law professor Ric Simmons said he doubts a charge of child endangering could be proved in this instance, since the offense typically involves leaving a youngster unattended for an extended time, not a case of a child momentarily wandering off.

The boy's family said he is “doing just fine” at home, and it had no further comment.

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TO SEE LOCAL TWITTER REACTION TO THE ZOO'S DECISION TO SHOOT THE GORILLA, VISIT SWJOURNALIST.COM

Counselor returns after San Bernardino loss

CHRISTINE ARMARIO
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Crisis counselor Mandy Pifer has spent the last six years comforting people in the aftermath of death, including a woman whose sister killed herself with an electric chainsaw and an 8-year-old girl who found her mother shot to death on their couch.

Nearly six months ago, it was Pifer herself who was plunged deep into grief when her boyfriend was among 14 killed in the San Bernardino attack. She left counseling to mourn, retreating into her Koreatown apartment filled with the couple's photographs.

Last week, she drove to the Los Angeles Police Department to meet with crisis-team colleagues, many of whom she had not seen since the December shooting. She wanted to return to work but also wondered: Was she ready to go back behind the yellow tape?

Pifer first learned about the mayor's crisis team as a graduate student studying clinical psychology. A friend passed along a police bulletin seeking volunteers to respond to homicides, suicides and death notifications.

Soon enough, she had graduated from training and was crossing behind the tape at some of the city's grisliest crime scenes. Her job was to counsel those with



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Mandy Pifer is comforted by Rick Mogil, program director for Didi Hirsch suicide prevention and bereavement services, at a crisis response team meeting in Los Angeles. Nearly six months ago, her boyfriend, Shannon Johnson, was one of 14 people killed in the San Bernardino terrorist attack.

no relatives or friends to console them.

The first time she smelled death, the first time she had to walk around the block to compose herself, the first time she accompanied police on a death

notification — all linger in her memory.

Pifer awoke Dec. 2 to a text from Johnson.

"Have a great day," he wrote. "I love you."

Johnson worked as a health

inspector in San Bernardino, an expansive, mountainous county east of Los Angeles. He had left early to attend his department's holiday gathering.

The couple imagined moving out to the desert when Johnson retired in another 10 years or maybe returning to the South. On his computer that morning, Pifer found an internet browser opened to a page showing properties for sale in Georgia.

Pifer was meeting with clients when the first reports of an active shooter in San Bernardino came in.

As she was driving home, heard on the radio that the shooting had happened at a meeting of workers for a division of the San Bernardino County Public Health Department.

Pifer immediately pulled over. She knew.

In his last moments, Johnson huddled with a colleague under a table, shielding her from the bullets.

"I got you," he told 27-year-old Denise Peraza. The phrase quickly began to trend on social media.

The days that followed passed in a blur. There were interviews with reporters, calls from politicians and a hug from President Barack Obama.

She wanted to make sure the affected families were getting ser-

vices and arranged for therapeutic miniature horses to visit bereaved relatives.

Three months later, the anguish hit.

"Getting out of bed," she said, her voice trailing. "I just didn't do it."

It's now been another three months, and the pain might be letting up a bit. She wants to return to work.

Still, the grief comes in jarring waves of pain.

She made her way through the haze of Koreatown at sunset and climbed up the stairs to the police bureau, immediately spotting an old friend. Burnett Oliver wrapped her in a bear hug. Pifer wept.

Two days later, she was back on the roster for an overnight on-call shift from home. She still wasn't sure how she'd feel going out to a police scene, but something had changed.

"I realized that, you know, I need to go back, because a large part of my identity is helping others," she said. "I refuse to live in a world of fear."

As she got ready for bed, she kept her fully charged phone nearby. A photo of Johnson in a frame with the word "Love" rested on her nightstand.

She waited for the phone to ring.

'Deep concern' for safety of civilians

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town Monday, he said. Since the offensive began more than a week ago, 554 other families have fled areas surrounding Fallujah.

"Warring parties must guarantee civilians safe exit now, before it's too late and more lives are lost," Egeland added. A lack of food, medicine, safe drinking water and electricity is "pushing families to the brink of desperation," the NRC said.

At a briefing in Geneva, the spokesman

for the U.N. refugee agency, William Spindler, cited figures by Iraqi authorities that said 624 families — about 3,700 individuals — have fled in the past week.

The 56-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation — the world's largest body of Muslim-majority countries — expressed "deep concern" about the safety of civilians in Fallujah.

Some Sunni lawmakers in Iraq have accused the security forces of using indiscriminate force and say the Shiite militias have committed abuses against civilians in mainly Sunni towns and cities. The security forces and the militias deny the accusations. The government-sanctioned group of mostly Shiite militia is not part of the push into Fallujah, officials said.

Debate over blame in gorilla incident

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A recent federal inspection by USDA found no problems with the exhibit, but earlier inspections detailed an incident in March in which polar bears escaped through an open den door into a behind-the-scenes hallway. No one was hurt, but an inspector warned that the public could have been "at great risk for injury, harm or death."



Maynard

Zoo director Thane Maynard said that using tranquilizers on the gorilla would not have knocked the animal out right

away, leaving the boy in danger. Maynard said 17-year-old Harambe was agitated by the commotion from the crowd and was extremely powerful, capable of crushing a coconut in one hand.

He said the zoo remains safe for its 1.6 million annual visitors, but a review is underway.

Jack Hanna, director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo, said the zoo made the right call by shooting the gorilla.

In an interview with Boston TV station WFXT, conservationist and television host Jeff Corwin suggested that the boy's family should shoulder some of the blame, saying: "Zoos aren't your baby sitter."

Both sides criticize nomination system

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voice, leaders hoped to avoid what some saw as a mistake in 1972, when George McGovern won the nomination but was a weak general election candidate.

Fifty-three percent of Americans say the Democrats' use of superdelegates is a bad idea, according to the polls, while just 17 percent say it's a good idea.

Among Democrats, 46 percent say it's a bad idea and only 25 percent say it's a good idea.

Sanders has also called for more open primaries, slamming states that won't allow independent voters to participate, as well as ones where people must register with a party in advance.

Americans generally also say that open primaries are more fair than closed primaries, 69 percent to 29 percent.

Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say open primaries are the most fair, 73 percent to 62 percent.

TO TRACK THE TIMELINE ON THE TRANSGENDER BATHROOM DEBATE IN TEXAS AND IN THE COURTS, PLEASE VISIT SWJOURNALIST.COM

2 districts join suit

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Transgender-rights advocates say claims of bathroom rights posing a public safety risk are malicious and false. They say that 18 states and scores of cities have experienced no significant public safety problems linked to their existing laws allowing transgender people to use the bathrooms of their choice.

Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said there wasn't much research on whether children have been threatened in bathrooms while announcing the 11-state lawsuit against the Obama administration filed last week. The lawsuit asks a federal judge to declare the directive over bathroom rights unlawful.

Two small school districts that joined

the lawsuit, one in Texas and another in Arizona, have fewer than 600 students combined and no transgender students. Other states bringing the challenge are Oklahoma, Alabama, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Tennessee, Maine, Arizona, Louisiana, Utah and Georgia.

Patrick, a former conservative talk radio host, suggested that the Texas Legislature will take up school bathroom access in 2017. He has also asked Paxton to determine whether the Fort Worth school district — the sixth-largest in Texas — is breaking state education law with privacy rules that opponents say keeps conversations between transgender students and school officials from their parents.



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump ripped the media Tuesday after he was questioned about his reported donations to 41 veteran organizations.

Trump blasts media over vet charity issues

JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Under pressure to account for money he claimed to raise for veterans, an irritated Donald

Trump lambasted the news media Tuesday for pressing the issue and listed charities he said have now received millions of dollars from a fundraiser he held in January.

Phone calls to all 41 of the groups by The Associated Press brought more than two-dozen responses Tuesday. About half reported checks from Trump within the past week, typically dated May 24, the day The Washington Post published a story questioning whether he had distributed all of the money.

Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, told reporters at a testy news conference in New York that the fundraiser, held at the same time as a Fox News GOP debate he was boycotting, raised \$5.6 million. He previously had declined to disclose which charities had received the funds, and his campaign has gone back and forth about how much was raised.

"The money's all been sent," Trump said at the news conference at Trump Tower on Tuesday.

He repeatedly criticized the press for making the money an issue, saying reporters "should be ashamed of themselves" for asking where the money had gone.

Throughout the event, Trump slammed the media as "unbelievably dishonest" for

its treatment of the issue and dismissed an ABC reporter as "a sleaze."

"Instead of being like, 'Thank you very much, Mr. Trump,' or 'Trump did a good job,' everyone's saying, 'Who got it? Who got it? Who got it?' And you make me look very bad," Trump complained, taking on reporters in the room. "I have never received such bad publicity for doing such a good job."

The Trump campaign listed donations to 41 veterans groups, including one not yet been sent money due to a vetting issue. The Associated Press spoke or left messages Tuesday with each of the organizations.

Among the checks sent out on May 24 was \$1 million from Trump himself, sent to the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement that provides scholarships to the children of Marines and federal agents killed in the line of duty. Trump's campaign had previously told the newspaper that Trump's promised \$1 million donation had already been

distributed. Trump's campaign manager Corey Lewandowski had originally told the Post that the event had raised about \$4.5 million — less than the \$6 million originally announced by Trump — because some had backed out of pledges.

Trump had claimed during the fundraiser that he had raised \$6 million through a combination of pledges from wealthy friends, the public and \$1 million from himself after the splashy telethon-style fundraiser he held in Iowa in January.

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DONALD TRUMP

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INTERNATIONAL

U.N. issues new advice about Zika virus

GENEVA — The U.N. health agency says sexual transmission of Zika is more common than first thought. It is updating its advice to women who have been in areas hit by the virus, telling them to wait even longer to conceive.

The World Health Organization said Tuesday that couples or women planning pregnancy who live in or are returning from Zika-hit areas "are strongly recommended to wait at least eight weeks before trying to conceive" to ensure the virus has cleared their bodies.

Previously, WHO recommended a four-week minimum period before trying to conceive in such circumstances.

The current outbreak of Zika has been linked to microcephaly, a rare defect in which babies are born with abnormally small heads and brain damage, and an unusual paralyzing condition known as Guillain-Barre syndrome.

South Korea says North Korea missile likely failed

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. and South Korean militaries said a North Korean missile launch likely failed on Tuesday, the fourth in a series of high-profile failures that somewhat temper worries that the North is pushing toward its goal of a nuclear-tipped missile that can reach America's mainland.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the missile was a powerful intermediate-range Musudan that could potentially reach U.S. military bases in Asia and the Pacific. The report, if confirmed, suggests the missile may have even failed to lift off.

The U.S. Department of Defense said in a statement that its assessment also indicated the launch was a failure. It condemned the launch as a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Despite the recent failures, there have been growing concerns about North Korea's nuclear and missile activities this year, which have included a nuclear test in January and a rocket launch in February.

Kidnappers demanded big sum for soccer player

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico — The men who kidnapped Mexican soccer player Alan Pulido demanded \$325,000, or 6 million pesos, from his family for his safe return.

In an interview Tuesday on Imagen Radio, his brother Armando Pulido said that minutes before he learned his brother had escaped, a kidnapper had warned that Alan Pulido would be dead by the following day if the family did not come up with the money.

Alan Pulido, a 25-year-old forward with Olympiakos in the Greek league, was abducted late Saturday by gunmen after leaving a party near Ciudad Victoria in the border state of Tamaulipas with his girlfriend.

According to an operator's summary of three 911 calls obtained by The Associated Press, Alan Pulido jumped his guard, wrestled away his gun and cellphone and alerted authorities to his location. Within minutes police arrived to whisk him away.

Tamaulipas has been plagued with violence in recent years as the Gulf and Zetas drug cartels battle for control. Both organizations also are involved in theft, extortion and kidnappings.

According to government statistics, 41 kidnappings were reported in the state in the first four months of this year compared to 78 during the same period last year.

Amnesty says 1.2 million Afghans displaced

KABUL, Afghanistan — Amnesty International said Tuesday that more than 1.2 million Afghans have been forced to flee their homes due to violence in the past three years and urged the Kabul government and the international community to tackle the country's growing crisis of refugees internally displaced by war.

The Taliban have been waging war on the Afghan government since their regime was toppled in the 2001 U.S. invasion. With the withdrawal of most international combat troops in 2014, the insurgency has stepped up — in 2015 alone, 11,002 civilians were killed or wounded, most of them by insurgents, according to the United Nations.

Afghanistan has one of the highest refugee populations in the world, estimated at 2.6 million people living outside its borders. Last year, some 178,000 Afghans risked their lives on the dangerous journeys to reach European shores and apply for asylum, Amnesty's report said.

Israeli conference held to discuss BDS movement

UNITED NATIONS — Over 1,500 students filled the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday for a conference sponsored by the Israeli mission on how best to combat a movement on many U.S. campuses calling for a boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign (BDS) against Israel over its treatment of the Palestinians.

The campaign seeks to ostracize Israel by lobbying corporations, artists and academic institutions to sever ties with the Jewish state. Supporters say the boycott is aimed at furthering Palestinian independence, while critics claim the campaign is aimed at delegitimizing Israel itself.

Gilad Skolnick, director of campus programming for the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America, or CAMERA, said that of the 26 U.S. college campuses that voted on BDS resolutions last year, 12 were approved and 14 rejected.

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Over 1,000 migrants dead

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Associated Press

GENEVA — The treacherous Mediterranean Sea crossing from Libya to Italy has claimed the lives of over 1,030 migrants in the last week, mostly as barely seaworthy smuggling boats foundered and sank despite calm seas and sunny skies, a migration agency said Tuesday, citing new accounts from survivors.

The staggering toll foreshadows more disasters ahead in the next few months as the region gears up for its traditional summer-fall spike in human trafficking as the weather improves and the seas grow warmer.

Making matters worse, the tally is only from capsizings or shipwrecks that are known to authorities, who readily admit they do not know how many people are being cheated by smugglers, jammed into obviously unsuitable vessels and swallowed up by the vast waters of the southern Mediterranean.

U.N. refugee spokesman William Spindler told reporters at a news conference in Geneva that this year is already proving to be "particularly deadly" on the Mediterranean, with some 2,510 lives lost compared to 1,855 in the same time span a year ago.

The International Organization for Migration, citing what could be a record weekly death toll on the Mediterranean by its count, said Tuesday that 62 people were confirmed dead and another 971 were missing and presumed dead in nine separate emergencies since May 25 on the Libya-to-Italy sea route.

The U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday it had tallied at least 880



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A Sea-Watch humanitarian organization crew member holds a drowned migrant baby during a rescue operation off the coasts of Libya. More than 1000 migrants are feared dead in the Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks in the past week, even as rescue ships saved thousands of others in daring operations.

deaths on the Mediterranean over the last week. Spindler noted such estimates are an inexact science and said his agency's figures tend to be "conservative."

Last week marks only the second time since January 2014 that 1,000 deaths or more on that route have been tallied in a single month — let alone a single week, said IOM spokesman Joel Millman.

He said up until last week, only 13 migrant crossing deaths had been recorded in May in the southern Mediterranean.

Spindler gave the following estimates: about 100 people died in a

shipwreck Wednesday; some 550 others died in another capsizing Thursday, the one that the two Eritreans survived; and a third sinking Friday left 170 others missing and presumed dead.

UNHCR said shipwreck survivors who landed in Augusta, Italy, over the weekend indicated that another 47 migrants were missing at sea after a raft carrying 125 migrants deflated. It said eight others were lost overboard from another boat and four deaths were reported after fire on a separate vessel.

A deal between the European Union and Turkey to return mi-

grants has dampened the key route into Europe from Turkey to Greece, which hundreds of thousands of people used last year.

"As of now, UNHCR has not seen evidence of a significant diversion of Syrians, Afghans or Iraqis from the Turkey-Greece route to the central Mediterranean one," Spindler said.

He reiterated UNHCR's appeal to the EU to allow for more legal pathways for refugees to reach Europe, calling it "shameful" that the 28-nation bloc had resettled fewer than 2,000 people under an EU plan announced last year to resettle 160,000.

Walmart expands horizons
Global markets vital to successANNE D'INNOCENZIO
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SHENZHEN, China — Zhong Guoyan sifted through piles of fish at a Wal-Mart in Shenzhen, one of China's largest cities. She studied the fins, to make sure they were bright red and firm. She peered at the eyeballs — were they bulging?

"When I come here, I have a look," she said. "If it's good, then I will buy it. If it's only cheap, I won't buy it."

In American Wal-Marts, customers don't get to fondle their fish. But America is not China, as the world's biggest retailer has learned. If the Arkansas-based company wants to win over foreign consumers, it has to shed some of its American ways and cater to different customs and conventions that are often fast moving.

Zhong eventually tossed a couple of fish into a plastic bag — a small victory in Wal-Mart's struggle to build an international empire.

The stakes are high: The company can't count on much growth in the U.S. — it's facing challenges at home with intense competition from Amazon.com and dollar stores — so it is depending more on its operations overseas.

Wal-Mart landed in China in 1996, opening two stores in Shenzhen. It was the first foreign retailer to offer the big-box shopping experience, which offers everything from clothing to food. After investing in a Taiwanese-owned retail chain in 2007, it became China's biggest super-sized store chain and expanded its lead for the next two years.

But local and regional competitors quickly closed the gap, some-



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In this Nov. 11, 2015, photo, a worker prepares cooked ducks for sale at a Wal-Mart in Shenzhen, in southern China's Guangdong province. Wal-Mart is taking a global approach to its operations, and the fast-growing Chinese market — currently the largest in the world at over \$1 trillion in sales — is a major aspect of the company's plans.

times undercutting Wal-Mart prices because they have closer ties to local suppliers and can negotiate better deals.

China is the ultimate prize. The Chinese grocery market, already the world's largest at \$1.1 trillion in sales a year, is expected to grow to \$1.5 trillion in just the next four years, according to IGD, a global consumer products research firm.

"China remains a strategic market for our future," Doug McMillon, CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. recently told investors.

The company has taken lumps trying to cross borders in food retailing. Overall international sales growth dropped 9.4 percent last year largely because of the strong dollar. And while Wal-Mart's overseas business had a strong start to this year, it faces long-term challenges. Overseas, Wal-Mart lacks the scale to squeeze local suppli-

ers on price as it does in the U.S. It also faces nimble competitors and has struggled to duplicate its bedrock strategy of constant bargains.

But the corporation has learned over the years from its missteps. In Mexico, Canada and Japan, it's won shoppers over time. In Chile, it launched a corporate culture campaign and worked closely with suppliers to coax them into its way of doing business. Last year, it announced plans to add 115 stores in China by 2017, bringing the store count to 530.

It's concentrating in markets where it's already established, including its stronghold in the south. And it has given up on about 30 lackluster stores.

"Wal-Mart," said Bryan Roberts of London retail consultancy TCC Global, "is a very determined organization."



THAILAND OUT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A sedated tiger lies in a cage at the "Tiger Temple" in Sai Yok district in Kanchanaburi province, west of Bangkok, Thailand, on Monday.

Thailand Tigers rescued from temple

JASON CORBEN
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Wildlife officials have removed more of the 137 tigers kept in a Buddhist temple that operated as an admission-charging zoo and is suspected of illegally trafficking in the animals, Thai authorities said Tuesday.

The director of Thailand's Wildlife Conservation Office, Teunjai Noochdumrong, said 40 tigers were tranquilized and removed in two days. They are being taken to government shelters elsewhere in the country.

Teunjai said the temple in western Kanchanaburi province is still admitting tourists, but her personnel are warning visitors of the possible dangers of being present during the moving process. There are 300 government employees at the site, including 80 veterinarians.

Animal rights activists have long accused the temple of mistreating the tigers. The government suspects the monks have been involved in illegal breeding and trafficking of the animals.

The monks had turned back previous attempts to take the tigers away. They continued to resist Monday morning but relented in the afternoon after police obtained a court order to carry out the action.

OAS head calls for vote

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — The head of the Organization of American States called Tuesday for an emergency meeting of regional governments to evaluate Venezuela's respect for democracy, a move that could lead to the country's suspension from the hemispheric body.

OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro said Venezuela had suffered "grave alterations of democratic order" and called for a vote in the coming weeks, possibly to coincide with the group's annual meeting next month in the Dominican Republic.

Socialist-ruled Venezuela could

be suspended from the Washington-based OAS if two-thirds of its 34 member states voted that the country's leadership has gravely undermined democracy. The last time that occurred was in 2009, when Honduras was suspended following the military's removal of President Manuel Zelaya.

Tensions have been building in deeply polarized Venezuela as the economy continues to fall apart and the ruling party blocks the opposition from legislating in congress and holding marches in downtown Caracas.

The country saw weeks of bloody street protests in 2014 followed by formal talks between the two sides, which broke down and were never reinitiated.

PROTESTS IN CHILE



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A woman shouts slogans in favor of labor law reforms during a march organized by the workers union Central Unit Workers of Chile in Santiago, Chile, Tuesday. Unionized workers are demanding better state pensions, public health care and labor laws.

Profiling costs taxpayers

JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press

PHOENIX — A judge considering penalties against an Arizona sheriff for contempt-of-court violations involving a racial profiling case suggests taxpayers likely will foot the bill for the lawman's intentional disobedience.

U.S. District Judge Murray Snow was holding a hearing Tuesday to examine responses to the civil contempt violations of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio that included letting his immigration patrols proceed 18 months after the judge ordered them to be stopped.

"I don't have confidence anymore in the direction of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office," Snow said.

The violations are expected to lead to greater court oversight of the sheriff's office and a possible criminal contempt case that could expose Arpaio to fines and jail time.

The judge says Latinos who were illegally detained in traffic stops after the 2011 order to stop



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Protesters rally in front of Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Headquarters in Phoenix on Wednesday, May 25. A federal judge will hold a hearing Tuesday, May 31 to examine ways to address Sheriff Joe Arpaio's contempt-of-court violations in a racial profiling case.

the patrols can seek compensation from county government.

He also said damages could be sought by Latinos illegally detained in raids on businesses aimed at finding people who used fake or stolen IDs to obtain jobs in the United States.

Taxpayers have spent \$41 million in the case over the past eight years, covering legal fees, training for officers, a staff to monitor Arpaio's office on the judge's behalf and other costs. Another \$13 million is set aside for the coming year.

The county hasn't estimated the potential costs for compensating Latinos pulled over in violation of the order, but a county official has said he personally believes the figure is over \$1 million.

Stan Young, one of the lawyers pressing the case against Arpaio, said the sheriff should pay into the compensation fund and the county should be responsible if the sheriff doesn't comply.

The lawyers also urged the judge to recommend a criminal investigation involving the sheriff and his second-in-command, Jerry Sheridan.

The sheriff's office was put under court supervision after the judge ruled that Arpaio's officers had profiled Latinos. The judge also imposed an overhaul on the agency that included such reforms as training officers on conducting constitutional traffic stops.

The May 13 civil contempt decision by Snow said Arpaio deliberately misstated facts last year when he denied in court that he had conducted an investigation of the judge.

Cleveland says it's prepared for RNC

MARK GILLISPIE
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — City officials on Tuesday insisted that they're prepared to provide the security needed to keep people safe during the Republican National Convention in July.

Last week, police in Greensboro, North Carolina, rescinded an offer to send police officers to Cleveland because of concerns about the city's preparedness to host an event that is expected to draw as many as 50,000 people.

Officials in Cleveland briefed reporters on Tuesday about the city's security preparations. Police Chief Calvin Williams said the number of officers working outside the "hard" security zone surrounding the convention venue, Quicken Loans Arena, would be "in the thousands."

Mayor Frank Jackson said Cleveland officials have visited cities that have hosted a national political convention since 2004 to learn about best security practices.

The convention in Cleveland could be the most tumultuous in decades thanks to presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump. Earlier, Trump predicted there would be riots in Cleveland if the Republican Party tried to take the nomination away. There are no indications that will happen, yet groups that support Trump and groups that oppose him are planning to stage rallies and marches during the convention.

Cleveland officials on Tuesday repeated earlier statements that anyone who wants to protest lawfully will be allowed to do so, but others will be punished.

"If anybody goes sideways and doesn't follow the law, there will be consequences," Deputy Police Chief Ed Tomba said.



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Annette Page, left, and her sister Sharee Page, received a breast cancer diagnosis two weeks apart, a coincidence that doctors say is extremely rare, but has allowed them to go through the tolls of the disease together.

Sisters' dual diagnoses

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Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Two Utah sisters grew up in the same bedroom, went to the same college, worked for almost a decade at the same company and have visited over 50 countries side by side. Now every three weeks, they sit together in matching chairs as their bodies are pumped full of chemotherapy drugs.

Sharee Page, 34, and Annette Page, 36, were recently diagnosed with breast cancer within two weeks of each other, a coincidence that doctors say is extremely rare. But that coincidence has meant they can face the disease like they have nearly every other aspect of their lives — as a team.

"Talk about a huge blessing,"

said Annette Page. "Who gets to go through something so hard with their best friend, their sister?"

The "Page Sisters," as some of their friends like to call them, found out soon after their diagnosis that they have the BRCA2 gene, a mutation that puts a woman at much greater risk for breast and ovarian cancers.

Adam Cohen, a doctor at the University of Utah's Huntsman Cancer Institute, said the gene can increase the risk of breast cancer tenfold. But Cohen said he has never seen two siblings diagnosed within weeks of one another.

While it is possible that environmental factors played a role in their diagnosis, Cohen said the sisters' gene mutation likely had

more of an impact on their health.

In late March, after discovering a large lump in her left breast, Annette Page was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer. The news prompted Sharee Page to get herself checked, and the same doctor soon diagnosed her with Stage 2 breast cancer.

"Had she not been diagnosed, I don't think I would have caught mine for six months to a year," Sharee Page said.

Every few weeks, the sisters meet at their mother's house so that she can drive them to their chemotherapy appointment.

But their nearly identical treatment plans may soon deviate. Annette Page's cancer has spread to her lymph nodes, so unlike her sister, she will have to undergo radiation therapy next.

Police officers rewarded for showing restraint

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Associated Press

A few police agencies in the U.S. have begun rewarding officers for showing restraint in the line of duty, putting the tactic on par with bravery.

More than 40 Philadelphia officers have received awards since December for defusing conflicts without shooting, clubbing or otherwise using maximum force against anyone. The Los Angeles Police Department recently created a Preservation of Life award. And later this year, the U.S. Justice Department's Community Policing Awards will recognize officers who prevent tense situations from spinning out of control.

The awards reflect a growing emphasis on "de-escalation" in police work, a trend driven in part by the deadly shootings of blacks in such places as Ferguson, Missouri; Cleveland; Chicago; and North Charleston, South Carolina. The killings have given rise to accusations of excessive force by police officers.

"An officer going home is of paramount importance to us, but everybody should have an opportunity to go home if that presents itself," Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross said. "This is an effort to slow down situations for the sake of everybody

concerned."

Advocates say that encouraging de-escalation as part of police culture can help establish trust with the public and that such tactics can be especially useful in handling suspects who may be mentally ill or on drugs.

But critics warn that the emphasis on de-escalation could lead officers to hesitate in life-threatening situations.

Philadelphia officer Eric Tyler was recognized for using a stun gun instead of a firearm on a suspect who threatened to shoot Tyler's colleague in February. Tyler, who has never shot anyone in his 12-year career, said he considered using deadly force but made a split-second decision not to.

"I thought better of it, and our training took over," Tyler said. "With everything that's going on in policing, sometimes you have to think to de-escalate things. Somebody has to be a calming force."

The suspect turned out to be unarmed.

The Police Executive Research Forum, a law enforcement think tank, has found that officers receive significantly less training in de-escalation than in firearms or self-defense.

Increasingly, agencies are discussing and adopting de-escalation



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ERIC TYLER

ation tactics, including slowing down confrontations and using distance and cover to defuse situations.

The establishment of Philadelphia's award was one of the recommendations issued by the Justice Department after it investigated a 2013 increase in shootings by the city's police.

Ronald Davis, director of the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing

Services, said more local agencies should institute an award for showing restraint: "It says that force should be a last resort and that we value this."

The idea has met resistance from critics in law enforcement who fear officers might second-guess themselves with tragic consequences. The Los Angeles police union called the award "a terrible idea."

"It suggests that officers must go above and beyond their normal activities to avoid harm; or put another way, that officers will be penalized for resorting to an appropriate, lawful use of force," the Los Angeles Police Protective League's Board of Directors said in a blog post in November.

Rich Roberts, spokesman for the International Union of Police Associations, said his organization supports de-escalation techniques, provided they don't interfere with an officer's ability to make split-second decisions if those efforts don't work.

Tyler said his de-escalation training hasn't made him hesitate on the streets.

"I was put in a situation where I thought using a Taser was better," he said. "If a different situation arises ... I won't second-guess myself, because I have to protect myself and my fellow citizens."

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Federal court: Gender identity ruling stands

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal appeals court won't reconsider a three-judge panel's ruling that a transgender teen must be allowed to use the boys' restroom at school.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit denied the Gloucester County School Board's appeal on Tuesday.

The school board had asked for a full-court review after a three-judge panel said schools are bound by Department of Education guidelines, which say students must be allowed to use restrooms corresponding to their gender identity.

The sex discrimination claim was brought by Gloucester High School student Gavin Grimm, who was born female but identifies as male.

'The Shield' actor convicted in shooting death of wife

LOS ANGELES — A jury on Tuesday convicted "The Shield" actor Michael Jace of second-degree murder in the shooting death of his wife that was partially witnessed by their two young sons.

The verdict came after a weeklong trial in which Los Angeles jurors were told the actor shot his wife, April, in the back and then twice in the legs.

Jace, 53, told detectives soon after the attack that he had retrieved the gun to kill himself but couldn't do it. Instead, he planned to shoot his wife, an avid runner, in the leg so she would feel pain, Jace said in a recorded interview.

Deputy District Attorney Tannaz Mokayef said the potential sentence would be 40 years to life in prison when Jace is sentenced on June 10.

Stocks: Energy companies fall with price of oil

NEW YORK — U.S. stock indexes struggled to a mixed close Tuesday as energy companies fell with the price of oil, overcoming gains in utilities and phone companies.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 86.02 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,787.20. Benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 23 cents to \$49.10 a barrel in New York.

The price of oil has almost doubled since early February. David Schiegeleit, managing director of investments for the private client reserve at U.S. Bank, said he thinks oil won't go much higher unless the global economy improves or major nations start spending more.

Woman bitten by shark, successfully given surgery

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — A 52-year-old woman was attacked by a shark in Southern California over the weekend.

Surgeons say they have repaired the very large single bite wound she received. Doctors at Orange County Global Medical Center said at a press conference that the wound extended from the victim's shoulder down to her pelvis. The woman, who was swimming in a wetsuit, was bleeding heavily after a lifeguard boat spotted her in distress. She's expected to survive.

Officials say the mother of three was training for a half-Iron Man competition when she was attacked Sunday off Corona Del Mar State Beach. The beach was closed to swimmers and surfers on Memorial Day after Sunday's attack and was still closed Tuesday.

Kinky 'Iron Man' uses sex toy to fake bomb, rob bank

PITTSBURGH — A Pittsburgh man who robbed a bank with a fake bomb made out of phone wires, duct tape and a sex toy has been sentenced to 1 1/2 to 3 years in prison.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reports an Allegheny County judge sentenced 36-year-old Aaron Stein on Tuesday after rejecting requests for leniency, including house arrest.

The judge says he couldn't tell the community Stein's case warranted only house arrest. He says, "It can't be that simple."

Stein pleaded guilty in March. He says he robbed the PNC Bank in Crafton last June because he was desperate after losing \$9,000 he'd invested to cover his approaching honeymoon.

His attorney says desperation drove him to don an Iron Man mask and used the fake bomb to threaten tellers.

Sheriff deputy sentenced to 4 years for manslaughter

TULSA, Okla. — A former Oklahoma volunteer sheriff's deputy who said he mistook his handgun for his stun gun when he fatally shot an unarmed suspect last year was sentenced Tuesday to four years in prison.

A judge gave Robert Bates, 74, the maximum penalty recommended by jurors who last month convicted the wealthy insurance executive of second-degree manslaughter.

Bates fatally shot Eric Harris on April 2, 2015, while working with Tulsa County sheriff's deputies during an illegal gun sales sting. Harris, who had run from deputies, was restrained and unarmed when he was shot.

The shooting, which was captured on video, sparked several investigations. Among other things, the investigations revealed an internal memo questioning Bates' qualifications as a volunteer deputy and showed that Bates, a close friend of the sheriff's, had donated thousands of dollars in cash, vehicles and equipment to the sheriff's office.

Bates was given credit for the time he has spent in county jail since being convicted. He must serve nine months of probation after his release.

Defense attorney Clark Brewster said he plans to appeal.

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TEXAS AND SOUTHWEST

15 officers suspended over false reports

ARLINGTON — More than a dozen police officers in a Dallas suburb have been suspended for reporting traffic stops that they never conducted.

Arlington police said in a statement Tuesday that 15 officers are on paid leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation that could last two months.

Officials say the department conducts random reviews of officer activity in the field and supervisors identified several officers who claimed to have made traffic stops that never occurred.

Officers must submit traffic data as part of mandatory filings to prevent racial profiling.

Officials did not indicate why traffic reports were falsified.

Police Chief Will Johnson called the allegations "serious" and "not consistent with departmental expectations."

Former Tech football player charged with burglary

LUBBOCK — An arrest affidavit says a Texas Tech football player who was kicked off the team earlier this month stole at least seven guns after burglarizing a home in December.

The affidavit says Robert James Castaneda told investigators he broke into the Lubbock home on Dec. 20 and took a safe with seven weapons. Investigators say they were led to Castaneda after one of the stolen weapons was found in a pawnshop.

Castaneda is free on bond after being arrested Friday on a charge of burglary of a habitation. A phone number listed for Castaneda was disconnected, and court records don't list an attorney for him.

Lt. Ray Mendoza says Lubbock police are investigating the possible involvement of two other people and waiting to present their findings to a grand jury.

Family identifies Houston gunman as Army veteran

HOUSTON — A gunman who killed one person and wounded several others during a weekend attack that began at a Houston auto detail shop was an Army veteran from California who was haunted by his deployment in Afghanistan, his relatives said.

Six people were wounded, including two police officers and some people who were driving through the area. Patrol cars were riddled with bullets, and a police helicopter was hit by at least five shots.

Family members identified Dionisio Garza III, 25, of Rancho Cucamonga, California, as the man who opened fire Sunday morning, killing 56-year-old Eugene Linscomb, a customer who had arrived moments earlier at the shop. Police haven't publicly identified Garza as the gunman. Police said they would release additional details at a news conference later Tuesday.

A police SWAT officer killed Garza about an hour after the shooting began.

He served two tours in Afghanistan, the first from December 2009 to November 2010 and the second from December 2012 to August 2013. Garza's family told Houston television station KPRC that something snapped in him following the two tours in Afghanistan and that his condition worsened in the weeks before he traveled to Houston to visit an Army friend.

"Just in the last two weeks it progressively got worse," said his father, Dionisio Garza. "It was not the same boy that we raised. Not the loving uncle, the loving brother. I know he did this, but it wasn't him anymore. My son was broken."

Murder suspect posts photo of dead girlfriend

PLANO — Police in suburban Dallas say a 45-year-old man has been charged with murder after posting a photo on social media showing his girlfriend's lifeless body.

Kenneth Alan Amyx was being held Tuesday at the Collin County jail. Police say they forced their way into a Plano apartment after being called Sunday by the sister of 43-year-old Jennifer Lee Spears.

Officers found Spears dead from knife wounds. Amyx was bleeding from superficial wounds that appeared self-inflicted.

Police spokesman David Tilley said investigators don't have a motive.

Amyx took a photo of himself, bloodied, that included Spears' body and posted it on Facebook. Tilley says the post was obtained as evidence and the image has since been removed.

Highway signs hacked, show anti-Trump message

DALLAS — Electronic construction signs in the Dallas area appear to have been hacked, displaying messages calling Donald Trump a reptile.

The portable signs along Interstate 30 and elsewhere flashed messages early Tuesday including, "Donald Trump is a ... shape shifting lizard!" Another message read, "Bernie for president," referring to Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders.

Another sign said: "Work is canceled. Go back home."

The signs appear to be ones used by the Texas Department of Transportation.

A TxDOT spokesman told Dallas-Fort Worth broadcaster KRLD that there's no humor in what the hackers did. The agency says the messages bumped warnings to motorists about nearby construction zones.

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Texas Search and Rescue workers search for the body of a woman who was swept away when tubing on Barton Creek in Austin. The National Weather Service

predicted the Brazos River would crest Tuesday night. More than 1,000 people have been evacuated in Fort Bend County.

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Drastic flooding leaves 6 dead

County officials fear that more rain will bring additional issues

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Rescue crews in Austin recovered the body of a woman who was tubing with friends when she was swept into a culvert and trapped, said officials, who blame the death, in part, on recent rains.

During four days of torrential rain last week, six people died in floods along the Brazos River. Residents of rural southeastern Texas counties were bracing for flooding Tuesday along the river, just two years after drought.

The National Weather Service said the Brazos River reached nearly 54 feet Tuesday in Fort Bend County, which is southwest of Houston and home to many suburbs.

Large swaths of Fort Bend County were under water Sunday, and about 1,000 people had been evacuated from their homes there, the Houston Chronicle reported.

All 11 of the reservoirs fed by the river were at 95 to 100 percent capacity. An additional 1 to 3 inches of rain expected later this week could keep the Brazos in a major flood stage into the weekend.

Four of the six dead were recovered in Washington County, which is between Austin and Houston, County Judge John Brieden said Monday. Lake Somerville, one of

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BETH WOLF

the Brazos reservoirs, was "gushing uncontrollably" over the spillway and threatening people downriver, he said.

Elsewhere, authorities continued searching for the body of an 11-year-old boy who fell into a creek in Wichita, Kansas, and is presumed dead. Relatives identified the boy as Devon Dean Coolley, who disappeared Friday night.

Devon's family, in a statement Monday, thanked firefighters for their efforts to find the boy. In the Fort Bend County city of Rosen-

berg, about 150 households had been evacuated by Monday, and city officials were coordinating with the county's office of emergency management to have rescue boats in place, city spokeswoman Jenny Pavlovich said Monday. In neighboring Richmond, a voluntary evacuation order was in place.

About 40 people were rescued Sunday and Monday from a flooded neighborhood of Simonton, a Fort Bend County community of about 800 residents. The county had set up a pumping system to divert water, but it was overpowered by the flooding, county spokeswoman Beth Wolf said Monday.

"The ditches are full. The river's high. There's nowhere else for that water to go," she said.

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Is Lundquist leaving? 'Yes, sir!'

RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Verne Lundquist will call one more season of Southeastern Conference football for CBS before Brad Nessler takes over the sport's highest-rated TV package.

"He's going out on top," CBS Sports Chairman Sean McManus told The Associated Press on Tuesday, "and everybody should be so lucky."

Lundquist will still announce college basketball and golf after 2016, including the NCAA Tournament and the Masters.

"Now, it's time to step back and take in the aroma of those tulips, those roses and those daffodils that friends have been telling me about for years," Lundquist, 75, said in a release from CBS.

McManus recalled Lundquist's disappointment 17 years ago when he told the announcer he was shifting off the NFL and onto the SEC for the 2000 season. It wound up being the perfect move for both Lundquist and CBS.

As the conference went on its run of national championships, Lundquist was the voice of many of college football's biggest games and moments season after season. He now calls it "the most significant assignment I've been given in my more than five decades in this business."

Nessler rejoins CBS after 24 years at ESPN. He had most recently been calling the Saturday night college football games on ESPN.

Before joining Gary Danielson in the booth in 2017, Nessler will announce some SEC games this fall in weeks when CBS airs two of the conference's matchups.

He and Danielson had worked together previously for ESPN, and McManus said their established chemistry was one reason Nessler was CBS's No. 1 choice once Lundquist decided to step down.

Hiring Nessler was "the perfect solution," McManus said, and he expects a seamless transition.

"He's got a big-time voice, and when you hear Brad's voice, he's one of those announcers that it



Verne Lundquist

seems like a big event," McManus said.

Nessler and Lundquist have known each other for more than three decades.

"I am truly honored to carry on where he leaves off and work to maintain the standard of excellence he has set," Nessler said.

Lundquist said he had always admired Nessler's "work ethic and his on-air presence."

"He shares the same passion for college football that I do," Lundquist added.

But first, McManus said, Lundquist "wanted one more year to go out in style."

DOJ asks judge to hold order

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice pushed back Tuesday against a Texas judge's demand that its lawyers attend an ethics course, saying the sanction is inappropriate and could cost millions of dollars.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen, who previously blocked President Barack Obama's immigration executive action, ordered legal training this month after saying he was misled by department attorneys about whether the government had begun implementing one of its proposals.

The dispute centers on statements made by Justice Department attorneys to the court during a legal fight over Obama's executive action on immigration, which would shield roughly 4 million people from deportation and make them eligible to work in the United States.

Hanen last year issued a preliminary injunction that halted those measures after Texas and more than two dozen other states sued.

On Tuesday, the department said it disagrees with Hanen that any of its lawyers acted with the intent to deceive.

The government asked the judge to put his order on hold so that federal lawyers can seek review of it.

Imposing educational requirements on 3,000 attorneys could cost \$1.5 million this year alone, the government said.

Before the injunction was issued, department attorneys told Hanen that one key part of Obama's actions, an expansion of a program that protects young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. illegally as children hadn't taken effect.

Federal officials later revealed they had given more than 108,000 people three-year reprieves from deportation and granted them work permits under the program.

The Justice Department told Hanen on Tuesday that there's insufficient evidence to show that the government withheld information or intentionally deceived the judge or the states.

SPRINGING TO A WIN



Astros leadoff hitter George Springer fell a triple shy of the cycle in Houston's 8-5 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday. Springer doubled on the first hit from Patrick Corbin (2-5), hit a three-run homer the next inning and added a run-scoring single in the fourth. His two runs complemented the Astros' 12 total hits, which included Luis Valbuena's solo homer in the fifth. Lance McCullers allowed 3 runs on 6 hits and 3 walks in five innings. Scott Feldman surrendered the Diamondbacks' final two runs in two innings of relief before Michael Feliz allowed one walk in an otherwise perfect save.

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BAD NEWS BEARS LOOK TO FUTURE

New Baylor coach is 'the right leader'

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AP College Football Writer

Scrambling to find a coach to lead its football program through a tumultuous time, Baylor hired a man known for turn-arounds and integrity.

Former Wake Forest coach Jim Grobe will replace Art Briles, Baylor announced Monday. A little more than an hour after Grobe's hiring was made official, Baylor announced that athletic director Ian McCaw had resigned, severing another tie with the sexual-assault scandal that has tarnished the school's reputation. Grobe was named acting coach, with no mention of how long of a contract he will receive.

Briles was ousted and McCaw placed on probation by Baylor last week after the release of a report commissioned by the Waco, Texas, school that accused university leadership of not responding to or inappropriately handling allegations of sexual assault, some by members of the football team.

Grobe, 64, spent 13 years with Wake Forest, leading the team to some of its best seasons. Grobe was 77-82, including an Atlantic Coast Conference title and Orange Bowl appearance in 2006.

The Demon Deacons had two winning seasons in the 12 years before Grobe took over and had gone to five Orange bowl games in program history. Under Grobe, Wake Forest played in five more bowl games.

"It is an honor for me to have the opportunity to join the Baylor football program during this important time," Grobe said in a statement released by the school. "I am looking forward to getting to know and working with the coaches and players in the coming days, and I have great respect for Baylor as an institution and its long-standing heritage.

Grobe is an active member of the American Football Coaches Association, headquartered in Waco. He served an eight-year term (2006-13) as chair of the organization's ethics committee.

"As a coach, winning is important. At the same time, I want to assure the Baylor family that every decision we will make in this football program will be made with Baylor University, her students and our student-athletes in mind," Grobe said in the statement.

This is a difficult time of the year to hire a football coach, especially at a university wracked by scandal reaching the president's office.

There was speculation and unconfirmed reports following the move to dismiss Briles that Baylor would promote defensive coordinator Phil Bennett to interim coach. Instead, the university decided to go outside the program for at least a temporary solution.

"Jim Grobe is the right leader at this time," McCaw said in a statement before announcing he was stepping down. "Coach Grobe enjoys an impeccable reputation within the intercollegiate athletics community and is a man of great integrity and faith."

"After much reflection and prayer, I have decided that a change in athletics department leadership is in Baylor University's best interest in order to promote the unity, healing and restoration that must occur in order to move forward," McCaw said in a statement.

It is still unclear how much of the current staff will remain at Baylor for the upcoming season.

While the report by the Pepper Hamilton law firm did not give details and specific names of other coaches involved in wrongdoing, the fact finding stated staff members spoke directly to potential victims of sexual and violent crimes, discouraged them from reporting allegations and withheld information about allegations

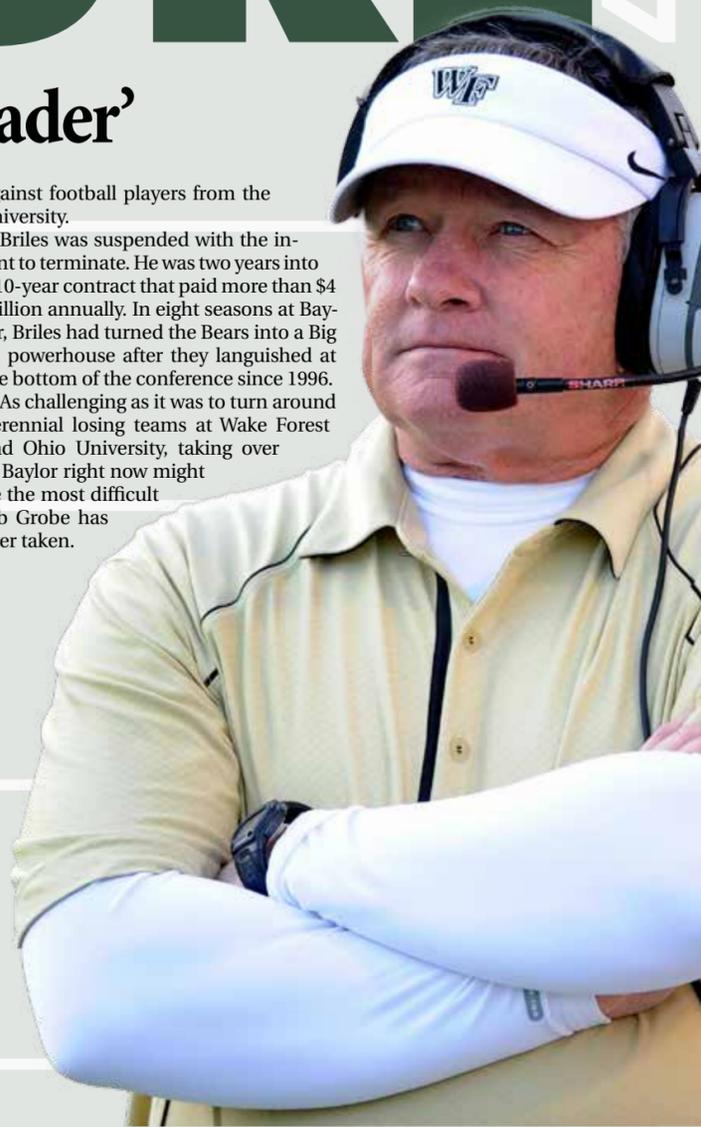
against football players from the university.

Briles was suspended with the intent to terminate. He was two years into a 10-year contract that paid more than \$4 million annually. In eight seasons at Baylor, Briles had turned the Bears into a Big 12 powerhouse after they languished at the bottom of the conference since 1996.

As challenging as it was to turn around perennial losing teams at Wake Forest and Ohio University, taking over at Baylor right now might be the most difficult job Grobe has ever taken.

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JIM GROBE



NICK WASS

In a 2010 file photo, Wake Forest head coach Jim Grobe watches from the sidelines during an NCAA college football game. Those who have worked and played for the new Baylor coach, say he believes in a hands-on approach, with a great deal of respect for the institution.

What went wrong in Waco?

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Tevin Elliott, a 2011 Big 12 honorable mention as a sophomore defensive end for the Bears, convicted of two counts of sexual assault and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

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Elliott's conviction appeared to receive little attention outside central Texas. Later, Sam Ukwachu is convicted of sexually assaulting another student and later sentenced to six months in jail and probation. Ukwachu was an All-American defensive end at Boise State before being dismissed from the team and transferring to Baylor. He never played for the Bears after being ruled ineligible in 2013 and suspended in 2014.

Chris Petersen, Boise State's coach at the time, says he "thoroughly apprised" Baylor coach Art Briles about disciplinary infractions that led to Ukwachu's dismissal from Boise State. Briles contends he did not know the details about why the player left Boise State.

Aug. 26

The Big 12 announces that it would begin crafting a new policy requiring more diligence when looking into athletes' past disciplinary issues. Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby says the new rule will be structured like one implemented by the Southeastern Conference. The SEC prevents schools from accepting transfers who have been dismissed from another team for "serious misconduct," defined as sexual assault, domestic violence or other forms of sexual violence.

Feb. 12

Baylor announces new efforts to improve how it addresses sexual assault, part of a \$5 million commitment. The initiative includes adding another investigator to the school's Title IX office, improving case management systems and boosting services at the school's counseling center.

Feb. 18

Federal statistics show Baylor did not report a single instance of sexual assault from 2008 to 2011, a finding that stands in sharp contrast to other private and public schools that made multiple reports over the same period. Colleges and universities are required to report crime statistics to the U.S. Department of Education.

April 13

Shawn Oakman, a celebrated player once considered an NFL prospect, is accused of sexually assaulting a woman at his apartment.

May 26

Baylor's board of regents demoted Starr and fired the football coach, Briles, after the law firm's review revealed "a fundamental failure" in how the administration handled sexual assault allegations. Starr will vacate the presidency May 31 and stay on as chancellor. McCaw was placed on probation.

May 29

Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw resigned after he was put on probation for failure to properly respond to allegations of sexual assaults.

The announcement of McCaw's resignation came after Baylor hired Grobe to replace the ousted Briles. McCaw said in a statement he was stepping down. McCaw has been AD since 2003.



Changes in the chain of command

Ken Starr, former president

- Before Baylor, Starr was the Solicitor General from 1989-1993 in the George H.W. Bush administration. He was also the special prosecutor for the Whitewater scandal, which investigated Bill and Hillary Clinton's real estate investments in the 1970s and 1980s.
- Baylor hired Starr to be president in 2010 and then, in 2013, the university also named him as the chancellor.

Ian McCaw, former AD

- Before he came to Baylor in 2003, McCaw was director of athletics at Northeastern University from 1997-2002 and at the University of Massachusetts for roughly a year.
- McCaw (left) hired Art Briles back in 2007. Under McCaw and Briles, the football program reached bowl games for five consecutive years.

Art Briles, former head coach

- From 2003-2007, Briles was the head coach at the University of Houston. The football team reached four bowls during his five years.
- Briles was hired as the head coach at Baylor in 2007, where he built up the football program.
- Briles' overall record at Baylor was 55-34 with two back-to-back Big 12 championships.