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Search effort goes on in deadly W.Va. flooding

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Heavy rains that pummeled West Virginia left at least 23 people dead, and authorities said an unknown number of people in the hardest-hit county remained unaccounted for.

Most of the dead and all of the missing, officials believe, were in the county of Greenbrier — home of the renowned golf resort of the same name.

Chris Stadelman, Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's chief of staff said there were still "lots of folks in shelters" and that the state would apply for federal disaster funds. Scores of homes were damaged.

CNN reported that at least 26 people had died in West Virginia as a result of the flooding.

The state Division of Homeland Security reported 15 people killed in Greenbrier

County. Other deaths were reported in Kanawha, Jackson and Ohio counties. About 500 people were stranded overnight in a shopping center when a bridge washed out, and dozens of others had to be plucked off rooftops or rescued from their cars.

Search-and-rescue teams went house to house, marking those checked with a spray-painted 'X.' Abandoned pets

were taken to a shelter. A water department filtration system, built with a \$2.6 million loan, was damaged, Pendleton said.

An area near the West Virginia-Virginia border received at least 9 inches of rain while other parts of the state had 3 to 5 inches, National Weather Service hydrologist John Sikora said. A flood warning remains in effect for Greenbrier County until 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

DOD: Transgender troop-ban repeal imminent

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is expected to repeal its ban on transgender servicemembers within weeks, Pentagon officials said Friday.

Specifics of the repeal are still under review, but the expectation among officials is that the announcement will come by the end of next month and possibly sooner.

USA Today reported Friday that the repeal will take place July 1.

Defense Secretary Ash Cart-

er said in July that he was establishing a working group to research transgender military service and gave it six months to carry out its mission, but the process has dragged out for close to a year.

The Pentagon's existing policy considers transgender people to be sexual deviants, allowing the military to discharge them. The services — and later, Carter — decided last year to move that discharge authority to higher levels in the military, making it more difficult to force out transgender troops.

News of the decision was quickly praised Friday by transgender servicemembers and groups supporting the ban's repeal. Air Force Staff Sgt. Logan Ireland, a transgender airman, said, "We don't want any gray areas. Just afford us the same opportunities as the genders we wish to be seen."

Aaron Belkin, who has worked with the Pentagon on the issue as director of the Palm Center, said in a statement that it is "heartening" to hear that the Defense Department appears poised to lift the ban.

"If that day arrives, successful implementation will depend on whether leadership sends clear signals of support, and whether new policy follows medical consensus and applies the same rules to everyone."

Ashley Broadway-Mack, the president of the American Military Partner Association, which represents lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families, said that transgender servicemembers and their families are now "breathing a huge sigh of relief."

Few veterans ousted under DADT seek discharge changes

Associated Press

Less than 8 percent of veterans expelled from the military under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy have applied to upgrade their discharges to strip references to their sexual orientation from their records.

Fewer than 1,000 people — out of the more than 13,000 people who were expelled — have sought corrections, according to data the military provided to

The Associated Press.

Many veterans simply don't know it's an option, said Scott Thompson, executive director of the Board for Correction of Naval Records. The boards have always existed without a lot of internal or external advertisement, he said.

Veterans and advocates agreed there's a lack of awareness, but cited reasons why veterans wouldn't correct their records. They may be in jobs in

which they aren't affected by what their records say. Or they may feel it's not worth the effort, or don't know where to start.

Honorably discharged veterans are entitled to benefits, such as medical care and a military burial, and can re-enlist if they meet eligibility requirements.

Jeremy Brooks was given an honorable discharge from the Navy in 2007 under the policy. He re-enlisted in 2011 after the full repeal.

He thinks many veterans were deeply wounded by their discharges.

A bill in Congress would streamline the paperwork for applying for a correction and would codify the DOD policy in statute. It would require the historians of each military service to review the circumstances of the estimated 100,000 servicemembers discharged for their sexual orientation prior to "don't ask, don't tell."

Navy pilot accused of recording teen girl

Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — A Navy pilot is accused of recording a 16-year-old girl without permission in a store's dressing room.

News outlets report Chesapeake police spokeswoman Kelly O'Sullivan said Jake Baker, 31, of Chesapeake, was arrested June 15 and faces charges including unlawfully filming, videotaping or photographing a minor.

Court records show the girl told police that a man looked over the dressing room wall and photographed her while she was trying on bathing suits in Old Navy.

O'Sullivan said the suspect fled after the girl alerted store employees. One of the workers was able to get a partial license plate number, leading to Baker's arrest.

Officials said Baker is a Navy pilot based at Oceana Naval Air Station.

VA medical pot booted from bill

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A proposal allowing doctors at the Department of Veterans Affairs to prescribe medical marijuana to veterans appeared close to becoming law until Congress removed it this week from the agency's annual budget bill at the last moment.

The legislation, sponsored by Oregon lawmakers, had cleared prior votes in the House and the Senate but was nixed late Wednesday night during final closed-door negotiations on the VA bill. It would have lifted a prohibition on the VA recommending the drug to patients in states where it is legal.

The move was a blow to advocates of medical pot who have been trying to get the measure through a divided Congress and lowers the chances that a law might be passed this year.

"It's outrageous that it was removed" from the annual VA budget bill, Rep. Earl Blumenauer and Sen. Jeff Merkley, both Democrats from Oregon, said in a joint statement Friday. "To add insult to injury, the legislation was released in the middle of the night, not even giving members of the House an opportunity to review the language before voting on it."

The budget bill for the VA and military construction was approved by a joint conference committee of lawmakers, which stripped the pot measure, and then it was immediately passed overnight Wednesday by the House as attention was on Democrats, who staged a sit-in on the chamber floor in an attempt to force votes on gun control.

The Senate is expected to consider the massive VA bill on Tuesday in what could be a final vote sending it to President Barack Obama's desk.

But Democrats were rallying in opposition due to unrelated legislation dealing with the Zika virus and Planned Parenthood funding.

Blumenauer and Merkley said the marijuana legislation had broad bipartisan support before it was removed.

"This isn't right for our veterans, or the American people," they said.

It is not unusual for conference committees, which are now controlled by the Republican majority, to change or remove language during final bill negotiations, though the practice can anger lawmakers.

Blumenauer has argued VA rules prohibiting doctors from referring veterans to state-regulated medical marijuana programs are forcing those veterans out of the VA system to treat certain medical conditions.

The VA has said its hands are tied because the federal government considers marijuana an illegal drug, despite state-level decriminalization and legalization.

Medical marijuana has been approved by 23 states and the District of Columbia. The Obama administration has dropped federal opposition to the laws.

Pot is used to treatment of glaucoma, cancer, HIV and other health conditions. Veterans also are looking at it to treat post-traumatic stress disorder, which could affect about 20 percent of the 1.8 million servicemembers deployed to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the National Center for PTSD.

The VA does offer pain-management and substance-abuse programs to veterans involved in state medical marijuana programs. However, veterans who smoke pot for medical conditions might be recommended drug abuse treatment.

Army prepares to fight against drone swarms

The Washington Post

The U.S. Army has identified a "critical gap" in its ability to face swarms of drones that could attack small units of soldiers on the battlefield by confusing radar systems, overwhelming larger aircraft or simply exploding when they reach assigned targets.

The service has been examining the issue for years, but Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, the service's vice chief of staff, said Tuesday that defeating such attacks will be essential in the future. Initially, the Army must be able to stop single drones from carrying out surveillance and reconnaissance against the United States, but the service must evolve from there to stopping swarm attacks using both new technology and old-school techniques, he said.

"For how the Army operates, we expect that we're going to have to be very, very effective in distributed operations in small units as we move forward," said Allyn. "The idea that you don't present a welcoming target to an adversary is something that has served us well from the early days of warfare, and will remain critical. The ability to leverage denial and deception and effective maneuver is going to be equally important as any technological advances we come up with."

It's another sign that the Pentagon is preparing for combat in which adversaries have access to drone and other cutting-edge technologies. Drone swarms have not yet appeared in combat against the United States, but individual unmanned systems are in use by China, Iran and Russia,

among other nations.

Allyn, speaking at a breakfast with journalists in Washington, said the Army could counter drone swarms with some combination of directed energy or "kinetic" means, which typically means conventional ammunition. But he hesitated to get specific, an indication that aspects of the research may be classified.

The Army has been carrying out experiments on drone swarms in several locations, including White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico and Fort Bliss in western Texas. Allyn said he recently visited Fort Bliss and came away impressed with how soldiers are using a combination of commercially available equipment with undisclosed operational maneuvers to take on drones.

Rare feat in reach for Djokovic

Associated Press

Novak Djokovic has accomplished so much in his career — and, indeed, already this year.

He owns 12 Grand Slam singles titles, a total eclipsed by only three men in the long history of tennis. He has won four consecutive major tournaments, something only two other men ever did. He leads the tour in wins (44-3 record) and titles (six) in 2016.

Now, with Wimbledon starting Monday, there is something more for Djokovic to pursue, something never achieved by a man and only once by a woman: a Golden Slam, consisting of winning all four major singles titles, plus an Olympic singles gold medal, in one season. As it is, Djokovic is halfway to a true Grand Slam, collecting championships on the hard courts of the Australian Open in January, then the red clay of the French Open earlier this month.

Among men, only Don Budge in 1938, and Rod Laver in 1962 and 1969, managed to win all four Grand Slam tournaments within a calendar year (none of those were Summer Games years and, anyway, tennis was not part of the Olympics in those days).

"There's going to be a lot of pressure on him," Laver said about Djokovic, adding: "For me, I think it's very possible he can pull it off."

When he won his first French Open title this month to become the first man since Jim Courier in 1992 to even get halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam, Djokovic certainly did not try to play down the pos-

sibility of equaling Laver's achievement.

"Well, I don't want to sound arrogant," Djokovic said after extending his Grand Slam winning streak to 28 matches, "but I really think everything is achievable in life."

Why shouldn't he feel that way?

At 29, he is probably at his peak, as close to unbeatable as there is these days, possessing the best return of serve in the game, an unparalleled ability to contort his body and track down opponents' apparent winners while going from defense to offense in a blink, and an improving serve.

And from match to match, surface to surface, Djokovic rarely wavers.

"People are starting to respect him more and more," said seven-time major champion John McEnroe, part of ESPN's broadcast team at the All England Club, "(and) to see the astronomical level of consistency he's had, incredible success week in and week out."

Djokovic has participated in the past six Grand Slam finals, a run surpassed only by Roger Federer in the Open era.

Djokovic also is gaining on another, more revered, mark: Federer's 17 Grand Slam titles. Next on the all-time list are Rafael Nadal and Pete Sampras, with 14 apiece.

"He's there, for sure — one of the best now," said Marian Vajda, who co-coaches Djokovic alongside Boris Becker. "Hard to say who's the greatest. But according to the Grand Slams, he is getting close to Federer and Nadal."

At Wimbledon, Djokovic won't see Nadal, out with an injured left wrist.

Federer is finally, at 34, showing signs of age, including missing the French Open to end a record streak of 65 consecutive majors. This is also the first time since 2000 that Federer heads to the All England Club without having won any ATP titles all season.

At this point, the top-ranked Djokovic's most serious challenger has to be No. 2 Andy Murray, the man he beat in the finals at both the Australian Open and French Open this year. Murray has reached 10 Grand Slam finals, winning only two, but both victories did come against Djokovic.

Murray also has reunited with Ivan Lendl, his coach when he won an Olympic gold medal (at the All England Club) and the U.S. Open in 2012, and Wimbledon a year later.

Still, Djokovic has the momentum and ability to take aim at a truly historic season, including the chance to win his first Olympic gold medal at the Rio de Janeiro Games in August.

Steffi Graf collected the only Golden Slam in 1988, and the world saw in 2015 just how much pressure and attention Serena Williams dealt with as she came within two match wins of the first calendar-year Grand Slam since then.

Williams hasn't won a major since getting her fourth in a row at Wimbledon last year to raise her career count to 21, one short of Graf's Open-era record.

"Something is holding her back," said 18-time major champion Chris Evert, now an ESPN analyst, "and it could be nerves."

Briles, Baylor part ways

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Baylor and Art Briles have mutually agreed to part ways, almost a month after the release of a scathing report over the university's handling of sexual assault complaints against football players which led school regents to suspend the coach "with intent to terminate."

A statement released by the university Friday night said Baylor and Briles "agreed to terminate their employment relationship." The move was effective immediately.

"Both parties acknowledge that there were serious shortcomings in the response to reports of sexual violence by some student-athletes, including deficiencies in University processes and the delegation of disciplinary responsibilities with the football program," said part of what was called a joint statement from Baylor and Briles.

That came a week after Briles had withdrawn a demand for new lawyers in a federal civil rights lawsuit against him and the university amid reports he had settled a contract dispute with the school.

Briles' lawyers had told a federal court June 16 that he wanted attorneys separate from Baylor and had no intention of settling the lawsuit filed by a woman who was raped by a Baylor football player. The filing suggested a bitter court fight was brewing between Baylor and the coach who claimed his May 26 firing was wrongful termination.

Baylor, a private school, didn't provide any financial details for the settling of Briles' contract, which was for eight more seasons. Briles, 60, made more than \$4 million last season.

"Baylor wishes Coach Briles well in his future endeavors," the statement Friday read. "Coach Briles expresses his thanks to the city of Waco and wishes the Baylor Bears success in the future."

Jim Grobe was hired May 30 as Baylor's acting coach for the 2016 season. But all of Briles' former assistants, including son Kendal and son-in-law Jeff Lebby, remain on staff. Kendal Briles is the Bears' offensive coordinator.

Baylor is facing at least three federal lawsuits brought by women who claim the school was indifferent to or ignored claims of sexual assault and didn't enforce federal gender discrimination protections under Title IX.

A 13-page finding of fact from the Pepper Hamilton law firm released by the university last month accused football coaches and staff of interfering with investigations into sexual assault complaints against players, and even impeding potential criminal proceedings. But the report did not identify Briles or any coach by name.

Baylor went 65-37 in eight seasons under Briles, won two Big 12 titles and got a new campus stadium on the banks of the Brazos River. The Bears have played in McLane Stadium the past two seasons.

Leafs take Matthews No. 1 in NHL Draft

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — On the heels of the NHL expanding into Las Vegas, the Toronto Maple Leafs pinned their future on Arizona-raised center Auston Matthews with the first pick in the NHL Draft.

The 18-year-old, born in California and raised in Scottsdale, sparked an international-themed parade to the podium Friday night that featured a draft-record 12 Americans selected in the first round. The Finns made a big splash, too, with three of the top five picks.

"Twenty years ago, I certainly didn't think I'd be sitting here," Winnipeg Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff said, referring to whether he ever envisioned a player from Arizona going first in the draft.

Cheveldayoff started the Finnish run by drafting forward Patrik Laine with the No. 2 pick. Edmonton took forward Jesse Puljujarvi at No. 4, and Vancouver selected defenseman Olli Juolevi fifth.

"It was a first certainly to see how dominant all three of those were at the world juniors," Cheveldayoff said of the Finnish team that won the championship in January. "I wouldn't say that was their coming out party, but I think it was when everyone went, 'Aha, these guys are legit

players.'"

Added Canucks President Trevor Linden of the Finns, who also won last year's world championship: "They've got a good thing going on there."

Amid chants of "Go Leafs, Go!" Matthews became the seventh American-born player to be selected No. 1, and first since the Chicago Blackhawks chose Patrick Kane with the top pick in 2007.

"My heart was beating. It was very nerve-wracking," Matthews said, noting the Maple Leafs had not tipped their hand on who they were going to select since winning the NHL Draft lottery in April. "Once they called my name, it was definitely a sigh of relief and a lot of excitement."

NHL Central Scouting ranked the 6-foot-2, 210-pound play-maker as its top draft-eligible project, and he's also a natural center, a top-line position that's difficult to fill. Matthews already has pro experience after spending last season with Zurich in the Swiss Elite League.

For Toronto, Matthews represents a significant piece in general manager Lou Lamoriello's extensive rebuilding plans to restore relevance to one of the league's most high-profile franchises. The Maple Leafs have missed the playoffs in 10 of the past 11 years, and spent last season purging high-priced contracts and vet-

eran talent with a focus on rebuilding through youth.

Upcoming free agency also loomed over the draft.

Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman provided few updates regarding contract talks Steve Stamkos. Despite saying he's not closing the door on resigning the team's captain, Yzerman acknowledged he also doesn't want to risk losing Stamkos without getting something in return.

When posed a question of potentially signing and then trading Stamkos, Yzerman called it "an interesting idea."

The Lightning have leverage to do so. Under NHL rules they're the only team that can offer Stamkos an eight-year contract, while others are limited to seven years.

Starting Saturday, pending unrestricted free agents such as Stamkos are allowed to speak with all teams, but can't sign a contract until July 1.

The Calgary Flames addressed several needs by selecting forward Matt Tkachuk — the son of former NHL star Keith Tkachuk — with the No. 6 pick, and acquired goalie Brian Elliott in a trade with St. Louis. The Flames have had difficulty filling the goalie spot after Jonas Hiller, Karri Ramo, Joni Ortio and Niklas Backstrom split the duties last season.



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Chants' charmed run continues

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Coastal Carolina's Andrew Beckwith wasn't going to volunteer to come out of Friday night's game against TCU, and coach Gary Gilmore certainly wasn't going to force him.

So the undrafted junior stayed in and pitched his second straight complete game and set a school record with his nation-leading 14th win, keeping Coastal Carolina alive in the College World Series with a 4-1 victory Friday night.

"I think I would have had to hit him with a brick to get him out of the game," Gilmore said. "I was trying to take him out in the eighth and he wouldn't come out. I didn't want to send him out in the ninth, and he was just not going to have any part of it. He's a unique young man, and what he did tonight was incredible."

The Chanticleers, in the CWS for the first time, forced a second Bracket 2 final Saturday night against a TCU team that's in Omaha for the third straight year. The winner of the rematch will make its first appearance in the best-of-three finals beginning Monday.

Beckwith (14-1), who pitched his first complete game in a 2-1 win over No. 1 national seed Florida last Sunday, scattered six hits, walked one and struck out five in a 137-pitch outing.

The pitch count might seem high, and Gilmore said he was well aware of it. But the thing about Beckwith is that he doesn't stress his arm as much because he throws submarine style and sidearm more than he delivers overhand.

"Outside of the physical toll on his back, that doesn't put any strain on his arm at all," Gilmore said. "I probably got whip-lash looking at that pitch count. I don't know that I ever let someone go that far. He kept telling me, 'I'm fine, I'm fine.' If he had gotten in any trouble in the ninth, we were going to move regardless."

The Chanticleers (52-17) scored twice off Mitchell Traver (1-3) in the third inning, on Anthony Marks' squeeze bunt single and a sacrifice fly. They added two runs in the seventh on a sacrifice fly and David Parrett's ground-rule double.

Beckwith retired 13 straight batters over one stretch and held the Horned Frogs (49-17) scoreless until Dane Steinhagen homered with one out in the eighth.

Beckwith said he knew Gilmore was struggling with whether to let him continue.

"I knew I had a lot left," he said. "Seventy-five percent of my pitches were sidearm, so that's not really the toll I usually take on my arm to start. The next step was probably to yell at him, or hit him with a brick — no, I'm just messing. He trusts me, and I know he does, and I really thank him for letting me go back out there tonight."

Beckwith got a big assist from his defense in the ninth inning. Shortstop Michael Paez cut off Luken Baker's hard grounder to his right and got the lead runner at second to keep the Frogs from gaining momentum. Center fielder Billy Cooke slid on his backside catching Elliott Barzilli's short fly to end the game.

"We know we're a good offensive club, and it's one of those days," TCU's Evan

Skoug said. "We hit several baseballs hard right at people, especially when we had runners in scoring position. We're not too fazed. This has happened before. We're going to keep putting good swings on baseballs."

Beckwith again disrupted the opposition with his variety of deliveries and ability to change speeds.

"We had some good swings on him, but we had some bad swings, too," TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "He had us off-balance. He's to be credited for this whole deal."

Arizona 9, Oklahoma St. 3: Nathan Bannister and two relievers pitched a four-hitter, Arizona had 14 hits against what had been the best pitching staff in the NCAA Tournament, and the Wildcats handed Oklahoma State its first loss at the College World Series.

The Wildcats forced a Saturday rematch, with the winner advancing to the best-of-three finals beginning Monday.

Bannister was dominant until he had to leave with an apparent injury with two outs in the third inning. Kevin Ginkel (5-1) and Cameron Ming held the Cowboys mostly in check the rest of the way. Jensen Elliott (9-3) took the loss.

JJ Matijevic and Zach Gibbons had three hits apiece to lead Arizona (46-23). The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead in the first on Matijevic's RBI single, marking the first time the Cowboys (43-21) have trailed in the national tournament. Louis Boyd doubled in a run and Gibbons had an RBI single in the second, and Gibbon's sacrifice fly in the fourth made it 4-0

Manziel's lawyer doubts sobriety

Associated Press

DALLAS — An attorney handling Johnny Manziel's domestic violence case expressed doubts about the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback's ability to stay clean and said he was given a receipt that shows Manziel may have spent more than \$1,000 at a drug paraphernalia store just 15 hours after he was involved in a hit-and-run crash, according to a lengthy text message accidentally sent to The Associated Press.

Defense attorney Bob Hinton's text indicated Manziel's legal team was seeking a plea deal with prosecutors, but suggested that could be tricky.

"Heaven help us if one of the conditions is to pee in a bottle," the attorney wrote.

Hinton also wrote that he had been emailed a "heads up" receipt "which purports to reflect" that Manziel made a purchase of \$1,018.77 at a Gas Pipe store at 12:03 p.m. on Tuesday, less than a day after his crash. A manager at a Gas Pipe location not far from where Manziel's crash was reported declined to discuss whether he bought anything there. A sign in the store says ID is required for purchases above \$200.

"I don't know if the receipt is legitimate or not," Hinton responded when asked about it by the AP. "I just know that it doesn't say Johnny's name on it anywhere that I can see. It's just that somebody in that store, I guess, circulated that to the other store managers and employees saying, 'Guess who was here today and spent this amount of money.' That's all I know."

The errant text was sent Wednesday after the AP sought comment via text about Monday night's crash. When asked about the text, Hinton said he had meant to send it another attorney on the case and was unaware the AP had received it instead. He insisted the contents were protected by attorney-client privilege and threatened to sue if certain details were published.

The text shows that Manziel's attorneys are pushing for leniency, even as they grapple with indications he could still be struggling with substance abuse more than a year after his stay in a rehab center.

It's unclear how close Manziel's domestic violence case is to being resolved. Similar cases usually result in deferred adjudication probation, meaning the charges are dismissed after one to two years, said David Finn, a Dallas attorney and former judge who is not associated with the Manziel case.

Finn said drug-testing conditions depend on whether the defendant has shown a pattern of substance abuse. The defendant is normally required to enroll in anger management classes and a domestic violence program, an outcome similar to that of Dallas Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant when he faced a misdemeanor charge in 2012 over an incident in which he allegedly struck his mother with a hat.

Manziel's rise and fall has long been punctuated with headlines for his off-field partying. The Browns selected the player dubbed "Johnny Football" in 2014, but he struggled on the field and was dropped this year. Since the 2015 season ended, two agents have cut ties with Manziel after demanding a second trip to rehab.

Springer, Astros roll past Royals

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — George Springer hit a grand slam and a triple in Houston's nine-run first inning against Edinson Volquez, and the Astros routed the Kansas City Royals 13-4 on Friday night.

Springer finished with five RBIs, and Colby Rasmus had four hits, including a homer in the eighth, scored three runs and drove in two.

Marwin Gonzalez, Carlos Gomez, Jason Castro and Rasmus all had RBI singles in the first off Volquez (7-7), who retired only three of the 15 batters he faced with 12 scoring, ballooning his ERA more than a full run to 5.15. He gave up 12 runs, 11 earned, and eight hits and walked three. Rasmus scored the other run on Alcides Escobar's error.

The last time the Astros scored nine in the first inning was July 10, 2003, against Cincinnati.

Volquez was removed in the second when he walked Carlos Correa and Gomez, sandwiched around Rasmus' single to load the bases without getting an out. All three wound up scoring off reliever Dillon Gee, but the runs were charged to Volquez.

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Pirates 8, Dodgers 6: Matt Joyce homered and doubled among his three hits as host Pittsburgh snapped Los Angeles' six-game winning streak and gave manager Clint Hurdle his 1,000th career victory.

Joyce drove in two runs while filling in for right fielder Gregory Polanco, who sat out with lower leg discomfort. Jung Ho Kang also homered as the Pirates won for just the third time in 16 games.

Dodgers rookie shortstop Corey Seager

had four hits to extend his hitting streak to eight games.

Neftali Feliz (2-0), the fourth of six Pirates pitchers, retired all five batters he faced and Mark Melancon pitched a scoreless ninth for his 21st save in 22 opportunities.

Nick Tepesch (0-1) gave up five runs and seven hits in just four innings.

Brewers 5, Nationals 3: Kirk Nieuwenhuis and Keon Broxton each hit home runs off Max Scherzer (8-5) and host Milwaukee extended Washington's losing streak to a season-high six games. Scherzer allowed five runs on five hits over six innings. He walked three and struck out 10, throwing 117 pitches.

Jeremy Jeffress hit the first batter in the ninth and then allowed Daniel Murphy's hit with two outs, putting runners at the corners. Wilson Ramos struck out swinging, giving Jeffress his 20th save in 21 chances.

Carlos Torres (1-1) picked up the win with a 1-2-3 sixth.

Nieuwenhuis struck out swinging in the first and third, but then drove a 2-1 pitch from Scherzer well over the wall in right-center for a two-run homer in the sixth.

Yankees 5, Twins 3: Dellin Betances, Andrew Miller and Aroldis Chapman combined for three innings of perfect relief for the second straight game, Rob Refsnyder hit a tiebreaking single and host New York took advantage of three errors to rally past Minnesota.

Indians 7, Tigers 4: Jason Kipnis hit two of his team's four triples and visiting Cleveland continued its season-long dominance of Detroit.

White Sox 3, Blue Jays 2: Melky Cabrera homered, Todd Frazier drove in the go-ahead run with a single in the seventh, and host Chicago beat Toronto.

Orioles 6, Rays 3: Adam Jones hom-

ered to start a four-run sixth inning, and host Baltimore handed Tampa Bay its eighth straight loss.

Padres 13, Reds 4: Wil Myers drove in five runs and Melvin Upton Jr. hit a pair of two-run homers as visiting San Diego scored in each of the first eight innings and spoiled the start of Cincinnati's Big Red Machine weekend.

Red Sox 8, Rangers 7: Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning and Dustin Pedroia scored the tiebreaking run on a wild pitch as visiting Boston rallied past Texas.

Mariners 4, Cardinals 3: Adam Lind hit a game-winning three-run home run in the ninth inning off St. Louis closer Trevor Rosenthal (2-3) as host Seattle snapped a six-game losing streak.

Diamondbacks 10, Rockies 9: Yasmany Tomas homered twice and drove in four runs, Michael Bourn had a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning and visiting Arizona rallied past Colorado.

Athletics 7, Angels 4: Khris Davis hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning to lead visiting Oakland past Los Angeles.

Giants 5, Phillies 4: Jake Peavy (4-6) threw seven strong innings in another solid start, Brandon Belt hit a three-run double and Angel Pagan had three hits as host San Francisco beat Philadelphia.

Mets 8, Braves 6: James Loney hit a three-run homer, Travis d'Arnaud drove in three runs and visiting New York survived Atlanta's six-run fifth inning.

Cubs 5, Marlins 4: Rookie Willson Contreras homered and drove in three runs to help visiting Chicago snap its season-high four-game losing streak.