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NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks are bringing Chauncey Billups back for next season. The Knicks announced Wednesday that they are keeping the veteran point guard, deciding his leadership outweighs the savings they would have earned by waiving him this week.

Knicks Bringing Back Billups For Next Season

The Knicks would have been obligated to pay Billups only \$3.7 million if they cut him within five days after the season. Instead, he will be on the books for \$14.2 million next season.

But team president Donnie Walsh says in a statement that Billups is part of a "great nucleus" with Amare Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony, and the Knicks "are very happy to have him back."

Fan Claims Foul Words, Acts By Coach

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California man said Wednesday that Atlanta pitching coach Roger McDowell spewed homophobic comments, made crude sexual gestures and threatened to knock out his teeth with a bat when he complained before the Braves played the San Francisco Giants over the weekend.

Justin Quinn, 33, of Fresno said he was in the stands at AT&T Park in San Francisco during pregame batting practice with his wife and 9-year-old twin daughters when he noticed McDowell hectoring three men and making crude sexual gestures with his hips and a bat.

Quinn, who was down in front of the field, then shouted, "Hey there are kids out here," he said during a news conference at the Los Angeles office of noted attorney Gloria Allred.

Quinn alleged that the coach replied that kids don't belong at a baseball park, picked up a bat, walked up to Quinn and asked him, "How much are your teeth worth?" Quinn said he felt threatened and was unsure whether McDowell intended to hit him.

"My kids are in panic mode ... they're like grabbing onto me," Quinn said. "I'm talking to him, trying to calm him down and the kids are screaming."

Letting It Fly



Cincinnati Reds Drew Stubbs watches his solo home run during the tenth inning against the Milwaukee Brewers, Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at Miller Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Mark Hoffman/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel/MCT)

Quick Hitters

MARATHON

Geoffrey Mutai's time of 2 hours, 3 minutes, 2 seconds in last week's Boston Marathon does not qualify for the world record, race officials conceded on Wednesday even as they sought to develop new rules that would better account for the difficulty of the hilly course.

BASEBALL

Federal justice officials will meet with Major League Baseball representatives after the name of Washington Nationals pitcher Livan Hernandez surfaced in the trial of a convicted drug dealer. Prosecutors presented evidence at the trial ending Tuesday that Puerto Rican drug dealer Angel Ayala Vazquez had a Porsche, a Lamborghini and a warehouse containing a recording studio, a barber shop and a car repair shop registered in Hernandez's

name. ... A lawyer for the manufacturer of the small plane that New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and a flight instructor were piloting when they crashed into a Manhattan apartment building in 2006 told a jury Wednesday that the victims, not the company, were to blame for their deaths. The jury heard opening statements in a lawsuit brought by Lidle's wife and the family of Lidle's instructor, Tyler Stanger, that blames Cirrus Design Corp. for the crash. Lidle, who was 34, died just days after his baseball season ended. ... Mitch Albom says he wrote "Ernie" as a love letter he hopes does justice to the life and legacy of late Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell. The world premiere is Thursday night at the City Theatre, near the home of the Tigers. Albom, the Detroit Free Press columnist, best-selling author and playwright, says the production he's funding is employing about a dozen people from Michigan. The set is the Comerica

Park tunnel in which Harwell walked before addressing his adoring fans at Comerica Park on Sept. 16, 2009.

FOOTBALL

The attorney who conducted an internal investigation into the campaign contributions scandal at the Fiesta Bowl said Wednesday the committee that operates the game is closely following his recommendations to change its operations. Chris Madel, the attorney hired by a special committee to conduct a second investigation of the bowl game, says "I can't think of one of those recommendations that the bowl didn't implement — and it was eight pages, single spaced."

HOCKEY

Concussions general manager Mike Gillis has been fined by the NHL for complaining about the officiating in Vancouver's first-round playoff series win over the Chicago Blackhawks.

SCOREBOARD

CITY BOWLING

MONDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: Lucky Strike 492
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Lucky Strike 1297
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Stephen Van Horn 254 (204), Frank Osborn Sr. 200, Hal Somer 183, Jennifer Van Horn 179, Lonnie Remington 170, Elaine List 165

LAKEVIEW GOLF

TUESDAY LEAGUE

LOW GROSS: Eric Baily 36
LOW NET: Eric Baily 35
STANDINGS: Jackson-Thunker 10, Baily-Kuchta 10, Graveland-Sailor 10, Murdo-Kuehn 10, Ferden-Johannsen 9, Spratkel-Schurman 8, Haurick-Jones 6, Folkers-Romero 6, Janssen-Paulter 6, Trenhale-Pokorny 6, Anderson-Larson 6, Fish-Clark 6, Murphy-Zavadil 6, Hoffart-Hayne 4, Keiser-Steffen 4, Kuchta-Merkel 4, Wieland-Schmidt 4, Wiebehaus-Wiebehaus 4, Tramp-Ferden 4, Hysell-Brauer 4, Hahn-Barties 2, Merkel-Wieseler 1

CITY DODGEBALL

ADULT COED LEAGUE

RESULTS: K. Dam's Baliz Deep def. Throws Like A Girl 10-2; Hanson Briggs Baliz of Fury del. Blood Bath & Beyond 9-3

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include New York, Tampa Bay, Toronto, Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Minnesota.

FOX RUN GOLF

MONDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

LOW GROSS: Justin Diegrich 38
LOW NET: Tim Kotalik 33
RESULTS: Psych. Associates 72.5, Applied Engineering 66, Century 21 63.

MMC

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ning shutout and striking out three. The Nebraska Wesleyan quieted the offense of Mount Marty allowing two hits.

The Prairie Wolves started the third with single by Megan Beckstead, who eventually scored on a RBI single by Jessica Weingarten. The big hit of the inning was by Jenna Beckner on a two-run double scoring Weingarten and Becky Bomberger.

Heather Stang drove in the final run of the third with a two-out RBI single scoring Beckner. The Prairie Wolves benefited from having runners on base six of the seven innings and scored

two more in the seventh. Bomberger got the scoring start by knocking in a one-run single, which was followed by a RBI triple by Weingarten. Nebraska Wesleyan held off Mount Marty in the bottom of the seventh to seal its 25th win of the season.

The Lancers venture back to Riverside Park today (Thursday) for two non-conference games against Dakota State. Fernandez is hoping that his team can get back on track before its big weekend against two GPAC opponents. "Hopefully we can work through some of those kings against Dakota State," Fernandez said. "This weekend is big. We've got to have at least two to mathematically give ourselves a chance.

"Then we have to depend on some other teams as well."

Track

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jump (38-5.25). Newcastles Tyler Mohr won the 800 (2:09.19) and Elk Point-Jefferson's Kyle Barnes was first in the discus (116-9.5).

In the girls' division, Pender edged Elk Point-Jefferson 97-95 for first place. Homer was first at 82, while Bancroft-Rosalie (56) and South Sioux City JV (53) rounded out the top five teams. Wakefield's Keri Lunz won three individual titles, the 100 (12.64), 200 (26.35) and 400 (1:01.59).

EPJ won two events, including Tascha Donnelly's first-place finish in the triple jump at 35-10.25.

BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Wakefield 99, Ponca 82, Homer 78, Pender 78, Newcastles 46, Bancroft-Rosalie 40, South Sioux City JV 31, Elk Point-Jefferson 22, Lyons-Decatur 12, Walhill 12, Winnebago 11
EVENT WINNERS: 100 — Jose Calderon, Wakefield 11.68; 200 — Richard Keames, Winnebago 23.06; 400 — Mason Jash, Ponca 54.93; 800 — Tyler Mohr, Newcastles 2:09.19; 1600 — Quinn Malmborg, Pender 5:06.43; 3200 — Michael Carson, South Sioux City JV 10:54.84; 110 HURDLES — Brendan Nicholson, Wakefield 15.76; 300 HURDLES — Matt Stansberry, Bancroft-Rosalie 42.27; 400 RELAY — Wakefield 47.51; 800 RELAY — Wakefield 1:42.20; 1600 RELAY — Homer 3:45.09; 3200 RELAY — Ponca 9:34.80; DISCUS — Kyle Barnes, Elk Point-Jefferson 116.95; HIGH JUMP — Colton Robbins, Homer 5-8; LONG JUMP — Anthony Strong, Homer 20-0.75; SHOT PUT — Jessy Paulsen, Homer 44-5; TRIPLE JUMP — Jon Bodlak, Wakefield 38-5.25

with Niobrara-Verdigre's 'A' squad third at 100.

Niobrara-Verdigre won six events, highlighted by three individual titles from Justin Jacot. He won the 100 (11.5), 200 (24.29) and long jump (19-0), while teammate Curtis Dather was first in the 400 (54.15) and 300 hurdles (43.28).

In the girls' division, Clearwater-Orchard won six events to take first with 143.5 points. St. Mary's was second at 114, and Niobrara-Verdigre was third at 82.

Taylor Twibell of Clearwater-Orchard won three events, the 100 (13.22), 200 (28.03) and long jump (14-8).

Niobrara-Verdigre got first-place finishes from Caroline Cook in the 100 hurdles (18.16) and Briana Hamilton in the discus (99-1).

BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: St. Mary's 136, Stuart 105, Niobrara-Verdigre A 100, Clearwater-Orchard 94, West Boyd 37, Lynch 30, Niobrara-Verdigre B 4, Lynch 3
EVENT WINNERS: 100 — Justin Jacot, Niobrara-Verdigre 11.5; 200 — Justin Jacot, Niobrara-Verdigre 24.29; 400 — Curtis Dather, Niobrara-Verdigre 54.15; 800 — Zack Wickersham, Lynch 2:09.81; 1600 — Alex Bendig, West Boyd 5:14.29; 3200 — Ernie Short, Clearwater-Orchard 11:38.56; 110 HURDLES — Calvin Willits, Clearwater-Orchard 16.87; 300 HURDLES — Curtis Dather, Niobrara-Verdigre 43.28; 400 RELAY — Niobrara-Verdigre A 47.0; 1600 RELAY — Stuart 3:45.47; 3200 RELAY — Stuart 9:18.38; DISCUS — Dalton Schaffer, Stuart 127-1.5; HIGH JUMP — Kyle Eby, St. Mary's 5-10; LONG JUMP — Justin Jacot, Niobrara-Verdigre 19-0; SHOT PUT — Dalton Schaffer,

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, April 28

BASEBALL, CLUB Corsica-Stickney-Armour-Plankinton at Bon Homme (7 p.m.); West Central Inv. at Vermilion (6 p.m.)
BASEBALL, CLUB 9/10 S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (DH, 5 p.m.)
GOLF, BOYS' Alcester-Hudson Inv. at Alcester GC (Alcester-Hudson, 2 p.m.); O'Neill Inv. (Hartington, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Santee, 9 a.m.)
GOLF, GIRLS' Alcester-Hudson Inv. at Alcester GC (Alcester-Hudson, 2 p.m.); West Central Inv. at Central Valley GC (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Wagner, 8 a.m.)
SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Dakota State at MMC (DH, 4 p.m., KVTK-AM)
TENNIS, BOYS' S.C. Heelan/S.C. West at YHS (2 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Drake Relays (USD)
TRACK & FIELD, PREP First Dakota Relays at Yankton (YHS, Beresford, Dakota Valley, Gayville-Volm, Irene-Wakonda, Vermillion, 4 p.m.); Northeast Neb. Classic at Norfolk (Creighton, Crofton, Hartington, Laurel-Concord-Cole, Randolph, Wausa, 4:30 p.m.); Terry Bong Inv. at Canton (Alcester-Hudson, Freeman, Marion, Viborg-Hurley, 4 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, SOPH First Dakota Relays at Yankton (YHS, 4 p.m.)
Friday, April 29
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Morningside at South Sioux City (DH, 4 p.m., KVTK-AM)
BASEBALL, CLUB S.F. Lincoln at Yankton (5:30 p.m.); Bennett County vs. Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian at Platte (6 p.m., KVTK-AM)
GOLF, BOYS' Andes Central Inv. at Pickstown (Andes Central, Avon, Bon Homme, Freeman, Scotland, 9 a.m.); Big East Conf. at Dell Rapids (Parker, 8 a.m.); Osmond Inv. at Rolling Hills GC (Crofton, Hartington, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Niobrara-Verdigre, Randolph, Ponca, 9 a.m.)
GOLF, GIRLS' Mitchell Inv. (YHS, 10:30 a.m.); Big East Conf. at Dell Rapids (Parker, 8 a.m.); Platte-Geddes Inv.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Philadelphia, Florida, Atlanta, New York, Washington, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Houston, Colorado, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Arizona, San Diego.

BASKETBALL

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)

Sunday, April 24
Philadelphia 86, Miami 82, Miami leads series 3-1
Monday, April 25
Memphis 104, San Antonio 86, Memphis leads series 3-1
Dallas 93, Portland 82, Dallas leads series 3-2
Denver 104, Oklahoma City 101, Oklahoma City leads series 3-1
Tuesday, April 26
Orlando 101, Atlanta 76, Atlanta leads series 3-2
Chicago 116, Indiana 89, Chicago wins series 4-1
L.A. Lakers 106, New Orleans 90, Lakers lead series 3-2
Wednesday, April 27
Philadelphia at Miami, 6 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 28
Orlando at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 9 p.m.
Friday, April 29
x-Miami at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
x-San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m.
x-Oklahoma City at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

FIRST ROUND

Wednesday, April 20
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, 2OT
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 2, 2OT
Buffalo 1, Philadelphia 0
Anaheim 6, Nashville 3
Detroit 6, Phoenix 3, Detroit wins series 4-0
Thursday, April 21
Boston 5, Montreal 4, OT
Chicago 5, Vancouver 0

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed RHP Carlos Carrasco on the 15-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed OF Delmon Young on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 19. Purchased the contract of OF Rene Tosoni from Rochester (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed C Kurt Suzuki on the paternity leave list. Recalled C Josh Donaldson from Sacramento (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Darren O'Day on the 60-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Ryan Tucker from Round Rock (PCL).
National League
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Reinstated RHP Henry Rodriguez on the 15-Day DL. Placed RHP Chad Gaudin on the

Transactions

15-Day DL, retroactive to April 26.
Eastern League
ALTOONA CURVE—Announced RHP Matt McSwain was assigned to the team from Bradenton (FSL).
Carolina League
WINSTON-SALEM DASH—Announced LHP Matt Wiskat has been assigned to the team from extended spring training.
Texas League
TL—Suspended Frisco OF Engel Beltré indefinitely for his role in a confrontation with fans after a game on April 25.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX—Signed RHP Kyle Godfrey.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Signed LHP Chris Siegfried.
FORTH WORTH CATS—Signed C Johnathon Moore and INF Travis Metcalf.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS—Signed RHP John Brownell.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Signed C Alex Hernandez.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed OF Gavin Dickey and C Mark Wyatt.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Signed RHP John Leonard and RHP Andrew Snowdon.

Can-Am League

PITTSFIELD COLONIALS—Signed RHP Matt Lyons and INF Jason Taylor.
Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed C Jonathan Cisneros and SS Chris Curley.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Signed RHP Kelyn Schellenberg.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Signed C Jonathan Cisneros and SS Chris Curley.
ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Signed SS Luis Parache and RHP Patrick Schatz.
National American League
CALGARY VIPERS—Signed INF Brian Rios.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Announced coach Keith Smart will not be retained for the 2011-12 season.
Women's National Basketball Assn.
MINNESOTA LYNX—Signed G Kachina Alexander.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANthers—Signed D Keaton Ellerby to a one-year contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled

Tennis, Boys'

YHS/Mitchell/Watertown at Madison (9 a.m.); Brookings Inv. (Vermillion, 10 a.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Drake Relays (USD)
TRACK & FIELD, PREP Andes Central Inv. (Andes Central, Bon Homme, Platte-Geddes, Scotland, Wagner, 9 a.m.); Chester Inv. (Parker, 10 a.m.); Dan Barker Inv. at Madison (Centerville, 9 a.m.); Lewis & Clark Conf. at Winnebago (Bloomfield, Hartington, Newcastle, Ponca, Wausa, Wymot, 10 a.m.); Mid-State Conf. at Pierre (Hartington Cedar Catholic); Niobrara Valley Conf. at Atkinson (Niobrara-Verdigre, 9:30 a.m.); Warrior Inv. at Sioux Falls (Freeman, 8 a.m.)
Sunday, May 1
BASEBALL, CLUB Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian at Hot Springs (3 p.m.); Vermillion vs. Westington Springs-Mount Vernon-Ethan-Hanson-Woonsocket at Mount Vernon; Wagner-Avon at Bon Homme (4 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Sioux Falls at MMC (DH, 4 p.m.)
D Teemu Laakso and D Chet Pickard from Milwaukee (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled F Matthew Penney. F Steve Pinizzotto and D Patrick McNeill from Hershey (AHL).
ECHL
VICTORIA SALMON KINGS—Activated F Derek Couture and F Ryan MacMurchy from the playoff reserve list.
SOCCER
Women's Professional Soccer
SKY BLUE FC—Traded F Kristen Dalstrom to Boston for a 2012 second-round draft pick.
COLLEGE
APPALACHIAN STATE—Named Kolby O'Donnell associate head volleyball coach.
LEWIS-CLARK STATE—Named Brandon Rinta men's basketball coach.
NORTHERN ARIZONA—Named Travis Baker defensive line coach.
BACIKER—Announced athletic director Lynn King will step down July 1.
SHEWAN/OAHS—Named Rob Pryor men's basketball coach.
TULSA—Named Fred Castro women's assistant basketball coach.

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Stuart 39-10.25; TRIPLE JUMP — Aaron Ohri, St. Mary's 40-10.5
GIRLS' DIVISION
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Advertisement for River Walk Gala & Auction. Features a large graphic of the River Walk logo and a photo of a couple. Text includes 'Riverfront Event Center Friday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.', 'JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL EVENING!', and 'MUSIC, HORS D'OEUVRES, AND A SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION. ITEMS INCLUDE TAYLOR SWIFT & SHERYL CROW CONCERT TICKETS, A BLACK HILLS CABIN GETAWAY & MUCH MORE!'. Ticket information and contact details are provided at the bottom.

West Boyd Inv.

SPENCER, Neb. — The St. Mary's boys and Clearwater-Orchard girls took first place at the West Boyd Invitational on Tuesday in Spencer, Neb.

In the boys' division, St. Mary's was first with 136 total points. Stuart took second at 105,

Advertisement for Morning Coffee Weekdays Monday-Friday. Features the KYNT logo and text: 'AM 1450 MORNING COFFEE WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY Thursday 7:40 Carmen Schramm 8:15 Lisa Scheve 8:45 Yankton 150th Friday 7:40 Dawn Mann 8:15 Carol Pooler'.