

N.Y. Police Say IMF Head Picked From Lineup

NEW YORK (AP) — New York police say the maid who accuses the head of the International Monetary Fund of sexually assaulting her in his luxury hotel room picked the Frenchman out of a lineup. Dominique Strauss-Kahn was arrested Saturday and was to be arraigned later Sunday. He has been among the most popular potential candidates to challenge French President Nicolas Sarkozy in elections next year, and his arrest could throw his Socialist party into disarray. Sofitel hotel spokeswoman Stacy Royal says the maid has worked there for three years and has been a satisfactory employee. Royal says the company is cooperating with police but will have no further comment on the case.

Arab Protesters Storm Israeli Borders

MAJDAL SHAMS, Golan Heights (AP) — Mobilized by calls on Facebook, thousands of Arab protesters marched on Israel's borders with Syria, Lebanon and Gaza on Sunday in an unprecedented wave of demonstrations, sparking clashes that left at least 15 people dead in an annual Palestinian mourning ritual marking the anniversary of Israel's birth. In a surprising turn of events, hundreds of Palestinians and supporters poured across the Syrian frontier and staged riots, drawing Israeli accusations that Damascus, and its ally Iran, orchestrated the unrest to shift attention from an uprising back home. It was a rare incursion from the usually tightly controlled Syrian side and could upset the delicate balance between the two longtime foes.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who heads to Washington at the end of the week, said he ordered the military to act with "maximum restraint" but vowed a tough response to further provocations. The violence showed Israel the extent of Arab anger over the Palestinian issue, beyond the residents of the West Bank and Gaza, and came at a critical time for U.S. Mideast policy.

Kerry: U.S./Pakistan At 'Critical Moment'

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Kerry warned Sunday that already shaky U.S.-Pakistani relations have reached a critical juncture as calls grow in the United States to cut some of the billions of dollars in aid to Islamabad following al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's killing. Kerry, who spoke in Afghanistan before traveling to Pakistan, said sober and serious discussion was needed to resolve the widening rift amid growing suspicion that Pakistan's security forces were complicit in harboring the al-Qaida leader, who was killed May 2 in a raid by U.S. Navy SEALs not far from Islamabad. For its part, Pakistan is angry that it was not told about the raid in Abbottabad until after it was completed. That prompted accusations that its sovereignty had been violated. Kerry — chairman of the influential Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the most senior American official to travel to Pakistan since the raid occurred — sounded a hopeful tone.

Huckabee Decision Leaves GOP Field Unclear

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Huckabee's decision to forgo a shot at the presidency further muddies the field for a worthy Republican challenger to President Barack Obama, and leaves America's social conservatives without a clear candidate to throw their support behind. Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor, joins Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, South Dakota Sen. John Thune and Indiana Rep. Mike Pence on the sidelines. His decision underscores that for all of Obama's vulnerabilities on the economy, taking on his re-election machine and potential \$1 billion treasure chest remains a daunting task. The 55-year-old Baptist minister insists that he could have captured the GOP nomination, citing polls that showed he could score strong even in the Northeast and among the less conservative rank-and-file party members.

"All the factors say go, but my heart says no," Huckabee, the winner of the 2008 Iowa caucuses, said Saturday night on his Fox News Channel show. He described the decision as a spiritual one.

Zurich Voters Vote To Keep Assisted Suicide

ZURICH (AP) — Voters in Zurich have overwhelmingly rejected calls to ban assisted suicide or to outlaw the practice for nonresidents. Zurich's cantonal voters by about a 4-to-1 margin Sunday defeated both measures that had been pushed by political and religious conservatives. Out of more than 278,000 ballots cast, the initiative to ban assisted suicide was opposed by 85 percent of voters and the initiative to outlaw it for foreigners was turned down by 78 percent, according to Zurich authorities. Assisted suicide is legal in Switzerland, and has been since 1941, provided the helper isn't a medical doctor and doesn't personally benefit from a patient's death. About 200 people a year commit suicide in Zurich. "It's everybody's own decision. It must be allowed — they do it anyway," said Felix Gutjahr, a Zurich voter who opposed the ballot initiatives.

Endeavour Ready For Final Flight

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — With wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on hand to watch, the space shuttle Endeavour is poised to give the work week a roaring and historic start Monday morning, overcoming wiring problems that grounded it last month. Giffords' arrival Sunday afternoon included a quick fly-by of Endeavour on the launch pad, then she bid husband Mark Kelly goodbye at the bucolic beach house used by shuttle crews before launch. "Gabrielle is excited for tomorrow's launch. Do you plan to see history in the making?" her staff tweeted. Later, her staff added: "Gabrielle & Mark said goodbye during visit before launch. Beach House made for picturesque setting." NASA officials said conditions — from weather to technical issues — couldn't look much better for the scheduled 8:56 a.m. launch Monday.

Giffords, traveling on a NASA jet with the family of pilot Gregory Johnson, arrived shortly after the protective structure that surrounds Endeavour was moved out of the way — a milestone in launch preparations that allows fueling to begin late Sunday night.

NASA was so ready to get the flight off the ground that they moved the protective scaffolding 15 minutes earlier than planned. There was only a 30 percent chance of a weather delay, mostly because of crosswinds. The conditions were far different from last month's futile launch attempt. The protective cover wasn't removed for five hours because of storms, and the launch was scrubbed because of an electrical problem.

Because of the early morning launch, Endeavour's crew will be working odd hours, going to bed when most people are ready to eat dinner. Just before 5 p.m. Sunday, Endeavour astronaut Mike Fincke tweeted that he was going to sleep and then promised an early morning update to his more than 10,000 Twitter followers: "I plan to tweet until they take my phone away!"

Endeavour's pilot, Johnson, then tweeted that he couldn't sleep: "I'm a little too excited to hit the rack just yet." NASA is expecting slightly smaller crowds —



Space shuttle Endeavour, STS-134, sits on launch pad 39A Sunday at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Endeavour is scheduled to launch Monday morning on its final flight.

400,000 people instead of 750,000 people — for the second attempt. The media horde is also slightly thinned — even though the April attempt was on the same day as the royal wedding — but includes television anchors such as Katie Couric of CBS, said NASA spokesman Bob Jacobs.

With the story of Giffords' remarkable recovery from the January shooting having been the focus of media attention in April, now more people are paying attention to the other parts of Endeavour's planned 16-day mission. The shuttle's main goal is to haul a \$2 billion astronomy and physics experiment to the international space station.

This is also the next to last flight for the 30-year-old space shuttle fleet. And it is the final flight of the shuttle Endeavour, NASA's youngest orbiter, which has flown 116.4 million miles in 24 previous flights.

Giffords was wounded in the head in mass shooting in January that killed six people. Doctors have cleared her to travel to see the

launch. She came for the April attempt, flew back to Houston to resume her rehabilitation work and even had dinner out with her husband.

People in campers and cars started Sunday afternoon lining up the best viewing spots to see Endeavour lift off.

Along the Indian River lagoon in Cape Canaveral, Gary and Gail Isackson of Kansas City, Mo., were looking forward to seeing the shuttle but worried that they might be chased off one of the prime viewing spots by police.

"I didn't spend all day sweating with love bugs to miss this," Gary Isackson said.

Beverly Haller of Spring Hill, Fla., and Owosso, Mich., said she wanted to see Endeavour's last flight and her first shuttle launch. She worried that if the shuttle didn't launch Monday, she'd miss her only chance because she won't be able to see Atlantis in July.

"This is it," she said. "I mean I've got to see it. Don't over sleep anybody."

With Gas Costs High, Obama To Speed Oil Production

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WASHINGTON — Amid growing public unhappiness over gas prices, President Barack Obama is directing his administration to ramp up U.S. oil production by extending existing leases in the Gulf of Mexico and off Alaska's coast and holding more frequent lease sales in a federal petroleum reserve in Alaska. But the moves won't calm spiraling prices at the pump any time soon.

Obama said Saturday that the measures "make good sense" and will help reduce U.S. consumption of imported oil in the long term. But he acknowledged anew that they won't help to immediately bring down gasoline prices topping \$4 a gallon in many parts of the country, and an oil industry analyst agreed.

An oil industry group praised Obama's move as a first step with a "couple of positive nuggets" but contended that more was needed to boost oil production. Erik Milito, upstream director for the American Petroleum Institute, called in a statement for more access to key

shale reserves and construction of a pipeline that would import crude from Canadian oil sands.

Obama's announcement followed passage in the Republican-controlled House of three bills — including two this week — that would expand and speed offshore oil and gas drilling. Republicans say the bills are aimed at easing gasoline costs, but they too acknowledge that benefits won't come fast.

The White House had announced its opposition to all three bills, which are unlikely to pass the Democratic-controlled Senate, saying the measures would undercut safety reviews and open environmentally sensitive areas to new drilling.

But Obama is adopting some of the bills' provisions.

Answering the call of Republicans and Democrats from Gulf Coast states, Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address that he would extend all Gulf leases

that were affected by a temporary moratorium on drilling imposed after last year's BP oil spill. That would give companies additional time to begin drilling.

The administration had been granting extensions case by case, but senior administration officials said the Interior Department would institute a blanket one-year extension.

New safety requirements put in place since the BP spill also have delayed drilling in Alaska, so Obama said he would extend lease terms there for a year as well. An oil lease typically runs 10 years.

To further expedite drilling off the Alaskan coast, where such plans by Shell Oil Co. have been delayed by an air pollution permit, Obama said he would create an interagency task force to coordinate the necessary approvals. He also will hold annual lease sales in the vast National Petroleum Reserve on Alaska's North Slope. Officials said

the most recent sale was last year, but that they had not been held on any set schedule.

The moves come as Americans head into the summer driving season and gas prices remain high. A gallon of regular cost \$3.97 on average nationwide Saturday, according to the AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. That's up from \$3.81 a month ago and \$2.88 a year ago, but it's about a penny less than a week ago.

The price of gasoline increased every day between March 23 and May 6 for a total of about 30 percent, essentially tracking a 35 percent rise in crude oil prices that started in mid-February as investors pushed more and more money into commodities. Refinery shutdowns also contributed. And gas prices tend to rise every spring as refineries follow federal regulations to produce summer gasoline blends that evaporate less readily but are more expensive to make.

Economists: Lower Growth, Higher Oil Prices Coming

NEW YORK (AP) — Economists are dialing back their expectations for U.S. economic growth this year. A survey from the National Association for Business Economics predicts GDP will grow 2.8 percent this year — down from the group's February prediction that it would grow 3.3 percent. Their outlook for consumer spending and the housing market also weakened, in part because they expect oil prices to remain above \$100 a barrel through 2012. In a survey that the NABE releases Monday, a panel of 41 economists also said they "remain highly concerned" about the growing federal deficit, and said that growth in the first three months of the year had been weaker than expected.

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