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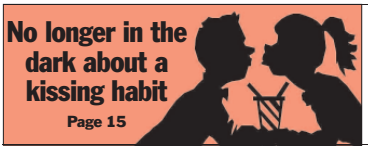

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Close to combat, yet far away

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN
Stars and Stripes

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar

War can take its toll.

Whether it's the constant fear of the unknown, continuous sounds of gunfire or bombs, or having to deal with losing a buddy, sometimes troops just need to get away, no matter how short or long.

On a daily basis, tired, worn-out troops can be seen getting off buses here, ready to take a break.

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Top left: Servicemembers catch some rays while enjoying their four days of rest and recuperation at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar. The pool is one of the more popular spots for those participating in the Fighter Management Pass Program. Above: Members of the Army National Guard's 45th Infantry Brigade, based out of Oklahoma, play a game in the pool. The unit is currently serving in Afghanistan.

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World

Birthday greetings for suspect: Even on his birthday, NATO-led peacekeepers did not want Radovan Karadzic to forget they were still looking for him.

So on Saturday they put up posters in the Bosnian Serb wartime stronghold of Pale, east of Sarajevo, representing birthday cards for Bosnia's top fugitive war crimes suspect. But instead of tender greetings and good wishes, the posters bore a more threatening message: "Radovan, we did not forget you."

Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb wartime leader, spent his 59th birthday hiding in the Bosnian Serb part of the country. He was indicted in 1995 by the U.N. war-crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, for genocide and other atrocities committed during Bosnia's 1992-95 war.

Unrest in Nepal: Rebels ambushed a police truck with a bomb and gunfire Saturday in Nepal, also hitting a nearby passenger bus in an attack that killed 14 policemen and four civilians, including at least one child.

At least 27 people were wounded in the attack in the village of Dhankhola, about 250 miles southwest of Nepal's capital, Katmandu.

The police truck was on patrol when it hit a mine in the road, and the rebels opened fire, police officials said. Surviving police fired back.

Fighting between the rebels, who say they are inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, and government forces has escalated since the guerrillas withdrew from a seven-month cease-fire last August.

Iran nuclear program: Iran will reconsider its suspension of some uranium enrichment activities, Iran's top nuclear official told reporters Saturday, defiant in the face of censure from the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency.

Hasan Rowhani did not say explicitly that Iran would resume enriching uranium and he pledged to continue cooperating with the International Atomic Energy Agency. But he said Tehran considers its activities related to enrichment at its nuclear plants at Arak and Isfahan were "legal" and that Iran will inform the IAEA soon on how it would proceed.

Rallying for Aung San Suu Kyi: Dozens of Myanmar refugees rallied in the Bangladesh capital Saturday to mark the 59th birthday of the country's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and demand her release from house arrest.

The demonstrators in downtown Dhaka carried placards and banners that read, "Free Aung San Suu Kyi unconditionally," and "We want democracy in Myanmar."

The rally was sponsored by the Working Committee for Democracy Restoration in Burma, a Dhaka-based group of refugees.

Business

Grocery store strike: Federal prosecutors are investigating allegations that some California managers at Ralphs Grocery Co. knowingly allowed employees locked out during the chain's 4½-month-long labor dispute to work under false identities, according to the chain's parent company.

The U.S. Attorney's Office launched an investigation and a grand jury has convened to consider whether the allegations, if proven, constitute violations of criminal statutes, Cincinnati-based Kroger Co. said in a document filed Friday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Blake case: Actor Robert Blake, left, sits in court Friday with his attorney Gerald Schwartzbach a pretrial hearing at Van Nuys Superior Court in Los Angeles. Schwartzbach told the court there is almost no way he'll be prepared to defend the actor on charges of murdering his wife, Bonny Bakley, by the Sept. 9 date the case is scheduled to go to trial. "Mr. Blake wants to see this case go to trial as soon as possible," Schwartzbach said. "He wants to be vindicated as soon as possible. But he wants me to be prepared."

Halliburton's woes: Halliburton Co. has fired two consultants, including the former chairman of its KBR subsidiary, saying they accepted "improper personal benefits" in connection with a $5 billion project to build a natural gas liquefaction plant in Nigeria, the company announced Friday.

The announcement came one week after officials at the giant oil services company acknowledged the Securities and Exchange Commission had opened a formal investigation into whether KBR and several other companies in a partnership called TSKJ paid $180 million in bribes over several years since the mid-1990s to secure the Nigerian deal.

Several U.S. government audit agencies are investigating Halliburton's KBR unit for allegedly overbilling on food and fuel contracts in Iraq.

States

Connecticut impeachment: Connecticut lawmakers will not require Gov. John G. Rowland to testify before a legislative impeachment panel even though he has been ordered to do so by the state Supreme Court.

The high court on Friday said Rowland must testify before the House Select Committee of Inquiry, making him the first sitting chief executive in U.S. history ordered to appear before a legislative body.

The panel is scheduled to meet again Monday. Rowland is under investigation for accepting gifts from friends, state contractors and employees.

Scott Peterson murder trial: The judge overseeing Scott Peterson's murder trial has subpoenaed a few seconds of televised video footage showing a juror chatting briefly with Laci Peterson's brother as they passed through a courthouse metal detector.

The footage in question showed Juror No. 5, an airport screener, saying "could lose today" to Brent Rocha on Thursday. It was unclear what he meant, or whether Rocha responded beyond flashing a brief smile.

Court was not in session Friday when Judge Alfred A. Delucchi asked for a copy of the video, and it was not immediately clear whether the court would find the actions inappropriate.

Human smuggling: Two of the three people charged by federal prosecutors in April with operating a human smuggling ring out of a "safe house" in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles were actually immigrants paying for passage into the United States, according to authorities.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have dropped charges against the two men as well as a woman they suspect might have had some connection to the smugglers. Moreover, investigators said they had few clues about who actually was running the smuggling operation.

The raids highlight the trouble federal officials have apprehending both "coyotes," who guide illegal immigrants into this country, and the masterminds who oversee the rings. It's also another setback in a raid first believed to have been a victory in the battle against smuggling of people.

Gay marriage amendment: The Senate in mid-July will take up a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, forcing lawmakers to cast a tough political vote just weeks before the Democratic presidential convention in Massachusetts.

President Bush has urged Congress to move on the amendment, but sponsors acknowledge the difficulty of getting the two-thirds majority to approve it.

"We're not certain we'll be successful in this effort," Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said at a news conference to announce that the amendment would be on the Senate floor the week of July 12.

Stories and photo from wire services

Correction

The text accompanying a photo of a wounded Army officer on the front page of Wednesday's editions contained incorrect information. Army 1st Lt. Dwight Mears was injured when his OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter crashed in Iraq.

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U.S. aims airstrike at possible hide-out

Intel indicated spot hid followers of al-Zarqawi

BY JIM KRANE
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military stepped up its campaign against Jordanian terror suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi on Saturday, launching precision airstrikes that pulverized a suspected hide-out in Fallujah and killed at least 16 people.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the military's deputy operations chief, said multiple intelligence sources suggested that "a significant number of people in the Zarqawi network" were in this house at the time of the attack. U.S. officials said they didn't know if al-Zarqawi himself was there.

The explosions damaged eight homes in the poor neighborhood of the city, and witnesses said a second attack killed rescuers combing the rubble for survivors. Residents said 20 bodies — including those of women and children — were taken for burial.

However, Kimmitt said the attack set off ammunition and weapons stored in the safehouse, triggering "multiple secondary explosions" that could have caused some of the casualties and damage.

The surprise breakfast-hour strikes were the first significant U.S. military moves in Fallujah since April, when Marines backed away from a bloody three-week siege against insurgents holed up there. Since the U.S. forces left, residents have said extremist influence in the Sunni Muslim city, west of Baghdad, has only grown.

Al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian-born militant thought to have ties to al-Qaida, has been blamed for a string of car bombs across Iraq, including the Thursday blast that killed 35 people and wounded 145 at an Iraqi military recruiting center in Baghdad.

Last week, U.S. aircraft dropped pamphlets over Fallujah urging residents to turn in al-Zarqawi, and American intelligence officials in Washington had said he was spending time in Fallujah.

U.S. officials have said al-Zarqawi's death would be a significant blow to the insurgency but would not bring it to an end.

Elsewhere, U.S. troops battled insurgents for a fourth day near the city of Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad, in fighting that has killed at least six Iraqis and one American soldier, the U.S. military and witnesses said. In southern Iraq, a roadside bomb killed at least two people, including a Portuguese security officer.

The attacks occurred less than two weeks before the transfer of sovereignty from the U.S.-run occupation authority to the new Iraqi government.

No official pageantry is being planned for the June 30 handover ceremony, where the U.S.-led occupiers, headed by L. Paul Brener, officially cede power to Iraq's interim government. The ceremony will be a "very discreet event" that will not be attended by incoming U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte, a senior U.S. official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

The clashes northeast of the capital began Wednesday in Buhriz when insurgents fired on U.S. troops after they met with the mayor to discuss reconstruction projects, 1st Infantry Division spokesman Maj. Neal O'Brien said.

Buhriz is located on the outskirts of Baqouba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, Clashes have continued intermittently in the area ever since.

The clashes spread Saturday to nearby Tahrir, where insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. patrol, wounding two U.S. soldiers, O'Brien said. The soldiers were evacuated to the Army's 31st Combat Support Hospital.

Dr. Nassir Jawad of the Baqouba General Hospital said at least six Iraqis were killed and 54 were wounded in the Buhriz fighting.

AP

Residents of a Fallujah, Iraq, neighborhood comb through the wreckage of their homes, after a U.S. airstrike Saturday. A U.S. military plane fired missiles at a target believed to be a hideout of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, killing at least 16 people, police and residents said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Friday, 831 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 612 died as a result of hostile action and 219 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 693 U.S. soldiers have died — 503 as a result of hostile action and 190 of nonhostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ A U.S. soldier was killed Friday when six mortars hit a 1st Cavalry Division camp in southern Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Spc. Jeremy M. Dimaraman, 29, Virginia Beach, Va.; killed Wednesday in a mortar attack in Balad, Iraq; assigned to the Army Reserves 302nd Transportation Company, 172nd Combat Support Group, Fort Eustis, Va.

■ Army Sgt. Arthur S. Mastrapa, 35, Apopka, Fla.; killed Wednesday in a mortar attack in Balad, Iraq; assigned to the Army Reserves 351 Military Police Company, 95th Military Police Battalion, 16th Military Police Brigade, Ocala, Fla.

— The Associated Press

U.S. senators visit Iraq, preview transition path

BY TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Three U.S. senators met with interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi on Saturday and later called on the world's nations to do more to help Iraq in the tough times ahead.

The visit by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.; Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del.; and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., comes amid an upsurge of insurgent attacks as the U.S.-led occupation authority prepares to hand over power to Iraq's interim government June 30.

"We recognize over the course of the next few weeks in particular, the many, many challenges relating to security, strengthening the economy, finding even greater opportunities for international involvement," Daschle said.

"But I have to say I have a new and better appreciation of the progress that this government is making and the real potential for success that they may be able to demonstrate as they continue their work."

He commented after a brief meeting with Allawi and L. Paul Bremer, head of the occupation authority.

Violence has worsened in recent weeks. Baghdad has suffered a spate of deadly car bombings, insurgents have stepped up attacks on oil pipelines and two members of Iraq's interim government have been assassinated since it was appointed June 1.

Iraq faces "an incredibly difficult road ahead," Biden said.

Officials address pipeline attacks

The Associated Press

MUSAYYIB, Iraq — Iraq's new interim prime minister said Saturday attacks on the country's oil infrastructure were likely to continue, but that those who carry them out "will be defeated."

Speaking at the site where a pipeline was attacked earlier in June, Iyad Allawi estimated the country's oil losses from such incidents at $1 billion.

He toured the site with Oil Minister Thamir Ghadbhan.

The 18-inch-diameter line that was sabotaged feeds the Musayyib Power Plant and the Dora Refinery.

"What you are seeing are the traces of a big crime which is committed against Iraq and (the) Iraqi people by groups (that) … are insisting on crime, attacking Iraq's sovereignty, attacking the stability of Iraq," Allawi told reporters.

Allawi's visit to the site comes as workers in the south race to complete repairs on the country's two main crude oil export arteries. The lines, which transport at least 1.5 million barrels a day to offshore terminals, were damaged in attacks earlier in the week, forcing Iraq to halt exports on Wednesday.

Oil and coalition officials say they expect partial exports of between 600,000 to 700,000 barrels a day to resume Sunday, and that full exports are expected to resume by the end of next week.

Allawi said the environmental and other indirect costs stemming from these attacks has yet to be assessed. He said the final costs are borne by Iraqis who would have seen those funds used for pensions and other services.

"Of course we are expecting the continuation of those attacks against the Iraqi people, but I give a pledge to our decent people that the people will triumph and those criminals will be defeated … ," he said.

With "God's will, we will be able to run the government and then, with the help of the Iraqi people, we will be able to control those matters in the near future," he added.

Asked what the government was doing to secure the lines, Ghadbhan said a new security force working for the ministry is charged with protecting the lines, and the government has contracted with tribes across the country to monitor the lines.

The Oil Ministry has set up an armed Oil Infrastructure Police force that is aided by the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and coalition forces. Iraqi officials have said they plan on mobilizing up to 20,000 people to police the pipelines.

"It is not a simple matter. It's very complicated, and it's difficult, but we are taking the challenge," Ghadbhan said, explaining there are over 7,000 kilometers of pipelines in the country.

Rest: Program a chance to relax

REST, FROM PAGE 1

They arrive in dusty desert camouflage uniforms, but soon shed them for clean civilian clothes as they begin their four days of rest and recuperation in the Fighter Management Pass Program.

More than 42,000 servicemembers have come and gone through the program, in place since July, according to Army Master Sgt. Ellie Walbridge, the program's Morale, Welfare and Recreation supervisor.

Once units have been in Iraq or Afghanistan for three months, they can send troops, Walbridge said.

Up to 180 servicemembers arrive nightly, Walbridge said. As soon as they walk through the door, she said, her staff's goal is to instantly put the troops at ease. Walbridge has 11 soldiers from the Wisconsin National Guard's 232nd Adjutant General Hqs Headquarters Detachment helping her.

As the new arrivals walk into the reception area, they are told to drop their bags and head into the briefing room, where there are plenty of chips and sodas to be had.

In the briefing room, they are greeted by images of the work they're doing in Iraq while the song "Hero," by Mariah Carey plays.

"We want them to know that they truly are heroes," Walbridge said.

During the briefing, the troops are given the do's and don'ts, and told what the base has to offer them. They're told that chaplains are on call 24 hours a day for those that may need to talk. And that there's a medical clinic on the camp that can help them take care of things they haven't had time to get looked at.

After the briefing, they are given bedding and assigned a place to sleep.

While they may be away from the war, all E-6s and below still have to rough it by sleeping in tents, but these are set up in warehouses complete with air conditioning. All ranks above that get to sleep in "corimex" billeting — shipping containers that have been built as two-person rooms.

While they may not be staying at a resort, most said they don't mind since there are no bullets whizzing by, and there are hot showers and toilets that flush.

Throughout the next several days, the troops can swim laps at the Olympic-size pool, or get a pedicure, manicure or massage at the gym. They can e-mail home, or better yet, talk to their loved ones in person for free on provided phone lines. There are also basketball, volleyball and tennis courts.

Troops also have numerous options when it comes to grabbing a bite to eat.

In addition to the dining facility, there is a Burger King, Subway and Pizza Inn. A Chili's restaurant by the pool allows servicemembers to sit down for a meal. Most are also excited about being able to down a cold beer at one of the two clubs on base.

Along with what the camp has to offer, Walbridge said each servicemember is also given at least one chance to leave the base. There are six venues, or day trips, for which the troops can sign up. They venture out on those trips during their second and third full days here.

Even though Army Spc. Eric Hiltner, assigned to the 1st Armored Division, has spent the last 14 months in Iraq, he took a desert safari trip during his stay. He said a friend who had been here told him the trip was great. The entire trip wasn't in the desert though, he said they ended the adventure on the beach and were able to swim in the ocean and have a barbecue dinner.

In addition to getting a nice tan by going to the pool as much as possible, Hiltner took a little time to pamper himself, getting a massage and manicure.

"It was good. … I enjoyed it," Hiltner said. "My nails were taking some abuse."

Hiltner added that he passed on the pedicure though because of extremely ticklish feet.

Sleeping wasn't high on Hiltner's agenda. He was enjoying himself so much, he didn't want to waste any time sleeping. He said he and his friends would have some coffee and just walk around at night before finally getting about two hours of sleep. They would then head to the pool, which is open from 8 a.m. to midnight.

> *"This is great. … It definitely breaks up the monotony. So far, the best part about it is the down time and relaxing at the pool. It's nice not having to get up at 5 [a.m.] to go to work."*
>
> **Marine Cpl. Michael Dowling**

While Hiltner was trying to stay awake, Marine Cpl. Michael Dowling, from Marine Wing Support Squadron 273, said it was nice to sleep in.

"This is great. … It definitely breaks up the monotony," said Dowling, who has been in Iraq for four months. "So far, the best part about it is the down time and relaxing at the pool. It's nice not having to get up at 5 [a.m.] to go to work."

Both Hiltner and Dowling said they were still thinking about their peers back in Iraq. Hiltner said he would've liked to have some of his friends here with him, but most of them have already made the rest and recuperation trip.

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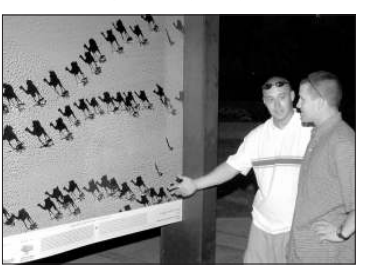
Newly arrived troops enjoy some chips and soda as they prepare for their in-brief for the four-day Fighter Management Pass Program at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar. The briefing lists the do's and dont's for the program and what the base has to offer. Immediately after the brief, the servicemembers can shed their uniforms and spend several days relaxing.



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Spc. John Clever, right, and Spc. Joshua Fritz, of the 389th Engineer Support Company, discuss a piece from the Earth from Above exhibit on Doha's corniche. Troops can sign up for six day trips during their stay in the rest and recuperation program in Qatar.

CLAYTON T. GRUSING/Special to Stars and Stripes

Spc. Erica Isaacson, of the 232nd Adjutant General Headquarters Detachment, takes a puff off of a traditional sheesha pipe at the Paradise Cafe.

It's the drink that lifts spirits

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN
Stars and Stripes

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar — While the Olympic-size swimming pool is one of the main draws for the Fighter Management Pass Program, it's what's offered at the Oasis Club and the Top Off Club that have the troops really excited: ice cold beer or wine.

This is the first opportunity in months, maybe a year, that some troops have had to kick back and relax with a cold brew. And what most junior servicemembers like about it is that there's no bouncer at the door checking IDs.

"Whoever thought of this is a mastermind," said 20-year-old Army Spc. Robert Swanson, who is assigned to the 293rd Military Police Company, which is currently deployed to Iraq.

Swanson and his fellow 293rd drinking buddies — Spc. Jesse Greene, also 20, and Pfc. Darren "Moose" Ripley, 19 — all like the fact that they could crack a beer every night.

"If I can take a bullet for my country, I should be able to drink a beer," Greene said.

And the three soldiers have done exactly that, each one of them has been injured in Iraq, and will eventually receive a Purple Heart, Swanson said. That's the reason their names were put into the mix for those being sent here, they said.

"But enough about that, let's talk about the beer," Swanson said with his thick Louisiana drawl.

The beer that's offered is limited. The troops have their choice between about six different beers, ranging from 12-ounce Budweisers to 16-ounce Holland — Oranjebooms.

The soldiers said they've heard some people complain about the taste of the imports, but they don't mind.

"It doesn't make a difference [what brand], as long as it does its job," said Swanson, who prefers the larger imports. "Over here, everyone goes for the size, not the taste."

And Swanson said that first taste of golden brew was excellent.

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Rest: A way to get away

REST, FROM PAGE 4

Dowling said he's going to try to share his experience with his unit.

"I took some pictures for them. … For some it will be to rub it in, and some will be just to show them what's here," Dowling joked. "They're not forgotten though. I wish more of them could get their shot."

After three complete days, each group then meets at 4 a.m. the next morning and heads back to their unit. Walbridge said it's tough to see the troops head back to the stressful environment, but she's glad she and her staff could make a difference.

"I'm just happy to see that they had a good time," she said.

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The Olympic-sized swimming pool and Chili's restaurant are popular spots for those on the front lines who've been given the opportunity to rest and recuperate on the four-day Fighter Management Pass Program in Qatar.

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Stars and Stripes

Brew: 'Heaven' is a cold beer in Qatar

BREW, FROM PAGE 4

"It was like seeing Pam Anderson in real life … it was heaven and I couldn't resist," he said.

While troops may be in "heaven" while having a tall, cold one, there is a limit. Army Master Sgt. Ellie Walbridge, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation supervisor for the R&R program, lets them know what that limit is the first night here.

"You'll be glad to know there is a three-drink minimum," Walbridge tells the troops, who reply back with cheers. Those cheers, though, quickly turn to moans when she announces "there is also a three-drink maximum."

Each day between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight, troops can go to one of the clubs and purchase up to three tickets for drinks. Walbridge said the two clubs are linked via computer and the service-member's information is stored in the system so each club knows when they've had their three-drink maximum.

"I think they should extend the hours and the drink limit to five," Swanson said. He added that anyone that comes here who has never had a drink before would probably try his or her first here.

While the three soldiers completed their R&R time and headed back to their unit Sunday, Swanson joked that it was going to be hard to let go of his 16-ounce friend.

"I'm probably going to cry," he said. "It will be like breaking up with a girlfriend."

Spcs. Jesse Greene, left, and Robert Swanson enjoy a 16-ounce Oranjeboom beer at the Oasis Club at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar.

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REEL TIME THEATERS

1st AD soldiers keep hopes for home on low

As handover nears, troops know their services may be needed longer

BY JESSICA INIGO
Stars and Stripes

KARBALA, Iraq — Though there's talk of going home, the 1st Armored Division soldiers in Karbala said they were extended the first time for a reason: to take care of the bad guys.

And if push comes to shove in the days before the June 30 handover in Iraq, their ability to get those bad guys just might make them too good to send home again, troops said.

Army officials have announced that the Germany-based division should be home by mid-July, but senior noncommissioned officers on the ground said this time their troops are "stone cold" about the buzz.

"There's no emotion," said Sgt. 1st Class James Flum, platoon sergeant for Company B, 16th Combat Engineer Battalion out of Giessen, Germany. "We've been told many things that have not come to pass.

"Also, you got to think, do we really have faith in the 1st Calvary to get things done?" Flum asked.

In April, members of the division were either called back from Germany or turned around from departure points and sent to fight a Shiite Muslim uprising in south-central Iraq.

The task force built around the 1st Battalion, 37 Armor Regiment, known as "The Bandits," was sent to Karbala to help fight militia of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. In 21 days of fighting, 1st AD soldiers captured militiamen, cleared out weapon's caches and drove the rest of the militia out the city.

When troops were satisfied the militia was gone, the Army transitioned from fighting to rebuilding.

Since the militia left the city May 21, the Bandits have fixed up public land and buildings and created a safe environment for local businesses, the soldiers say.

"We did a kick-ass job here in the battle of Karbala," said 2nd Lt. Josey Sandoval, the platoon leader for Company B, 16th Engineers. "The Army knows it's got a resource here, so they'll use us if they can. If we're available here, they'll use us."

The troops said although some lives were lost, the extension was the right thing to do.

"We definitely hit one of the strongholds for the Sadr militia, which was important," said Staff Sgt. Alexander Roa, personnel NCO in charge of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-37 Armor from Friedberg, Germany. "We weeded out a lot of bad guys and showed them that we are not afraid. We're here to see things through."

Now, with the handover right around the same corner as some dates of departure, troops said they're going to have to see it to believe it.

"I won't believe it until I'm home, for about two months, just sitting down. Then I might think we're really not coming back," said Sgt. Ketwon Moore, a track vehicle mechanic with Company B, 16th Engineers.

Some troops said they were even trying to quash family hopes of an early extension return.

"We're a little skeptical about hearsay. I know it sounds weird, but I'm even trying to keep my wife's hopes down. Last time, it wasn't too pretty," said Sgt. Thomas McKnight, another track vehicle mechanic with Company B, 16th Engineers.

Right now, troops are working as usual.

Maybe some minds slip into plans to finish off the rest of their summer at home, but nobody's going to talk about it and jinx it before they get there.

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Deployed dads receive love, goodies from home

BY RICK SCAVETTA
Stars and Stripes

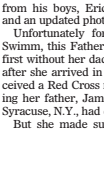
CAMP VICTORY NORTH, Iraq — For many people, missing Father's Day might be no big deal.

But for men deployed with the military, it's a chance to show off cards and snapshots of their kids that families sent in care packages.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Doug Evans, the 95th Military Police Battalion's maintenance officer, got his package Tuesday. His eldest son, Steven, 10, sent him a handwritten letter and drawings of tornadoes. Kevin, 7, drew tanks, pirate ships and a submarine.

"It's kind of emotional to see what they are writing and how they are growing up so fast," Evans said.

Evans admits he's been lucky. Over the years he's only been away for military schools and field exercises. Now that he's on a yearlong tour, Evans was glad his wife, Sue-Anne, who lives with the boys in Mannheim, Germany, remembered to throw in some licorice and lollipops.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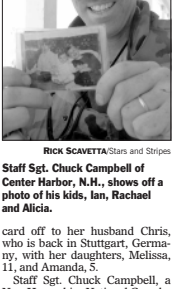
Master Sgt. Scott Toy's wife, Holly, is now in Texas visiting relatives. Before she left Germany, she sent off a package with cards from his boys, Eric and Ethan, and an updated photo.

Unfortunately for Sgt. Tracy Swimm, this Father's Day is her first without her dad. Two weeks after she arrived in Iraq, she received a Red Cross message saying her father, James Hunter of Syracuse, N.Y., had died.

But she made sure to send a card off to her husband Chris, who is back in Stuttgart, Germany, with her daughters, Melissa, 11, and Amanda, 5.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Staff Sgt. Chuck Campbell of Center Harbor, N.H., shows off a photo of his kids, Ian, Rachael and Alicia.

Staff Sgt. Chuck Campbell, a New Hampshire National Guardsman stationed in Balad is expecting a package, he said. Campbell, who keeps laminated photos of his three children in a pouch around his neck, knows packages can take a long time getting to Iraq.

"I know they were sending some stuff," Campbell said. "It's probably somewhere in the mail system."

When Father's Day rolls around, Maj. Jesse Galvan, 38, of San Antonio thinks about his old man, a career infantryman who served in Vietnam.

His children, Nichole, 13, and Jesse Jr., 11, are traveling in Italy with their mom, Sheila.

He knows how they must feel.

"I was an Army brat, too," Galvan said. "I definitely know what it's like being away from Dad."

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Afghan counters heart attack claim in abuse case

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan official on Saturday backed away from a governor's statement a year ago that a heart attack killed an Afghan detainee at the center of abuse charges brought against a former CIA contractor.

The initial assessment by Fazel Akbar, governor of Kunar province, was "just speculation" based on a cursory examination of the corpse and statements by U.S. officials and the dead man's relatives, said Hyder Akbar, the governor's son and spokesman.

The spokesman commented a day after a lawyer for David A. Passaro had cited Fazel Akbar's original statement as evidence that his client was innocent of beating the prisoner, named Abdul Wali.

The lawyer, Gerald Beaver, said a transcript of comments by the governor last year to Iranian radio indicated the detainee's body showed no sign of assault and cited a fatal heart attack as the cause of death.

Passaro, 38, was charged in Raleigh, N.C., on Thursday with assault and assault with a dangerous weapon — a flashlight — on Abdul Wali, who died June 21, 2003, at a U.S. base in Kunar province, in eastern Afghanistan.

It was the first time civilian charges have been brought in the U.S. investigation into the treatment of U.S. prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hyder Akbar said Abdul Wali had turned himself in to the Kunar governor's office because he was suspected of being involved in rocket attacks on the American base at Asadabad.

Akbar said he accompanied Wali to the base to act as an interpreter. But he said he walked out of the interrogation in disgust after Passaro, a former Green Beret medic and Army Ranger, began threatening the prisoner.

"There was only hearsay evidence, but he was treating Abdul Wali with such contempt it got me off the wrong way," Akbar said in a telephone interview from Asadabad.

Akbar said he witnessed no physical assault.

He said Afghan officials were informed three days later that Wali had died. No autopsy was carried out, he said.

"In retrospect, we realized we didn't see his back or his thighs, and that the room was dimly lit, just through the door," Akbar said. "We couldn't see any marks that could show extreme torture that could lead to death."

U.S. officials, including Passaro, told the Afghans that Wali had been subjected to sleep deprivation and had drunk "copious amounts of water," Akbar said.

"They specifically told us that Abdul Wali was not beaten or abused in any way," he said.

Wali's relatives said he had suffered from health problems and had passed out at times, Akbar said.

Passaro is scheduled for a detention hearing Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Raleigh.

If convicted, Passaro faces up to 40 years in prison and a $1 million fine.

Karzai sends troops to quell uprising in provincial capital

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Hamid Karzai sent troops Saturday to a provincial capital captured by warlord militias, a government spokesman said, the latest incident to highlight Afghanistan's instability ahead of planned elections.

Chagcharan, the main town of Ghor province, 350 miles west of Kabul, was overrun Thursday by a group of local warlords, forcing out the governor and the provincial security chiefs.

The U.S. military sent a B1-B bomber over the city to calm the fighting while it evacuated beleaguered U.N. staff by helicopter.

At a meeting of his National Security Council on Saturday, Karzai decided to send a battalion from the new U.S.-trained Afghan National Army to Chagcharan, Defense Ministry spokesman Mohammed Zahir Azimi said.

Some 200 troops were already under way by road from the western city of Herat, and another 500 would follow shortly, Azimi said.

Ousted officials have said that at least 10 people died in Thursday's fighting, though authorities in Kabul said they knew of no confirmed casualties.

The city was quiet Saturday, Azimi said, adding that the troops were dispatched for fear of "more problems in the future."

The fighting was the culmination of weeks of tension between the Kabul-appointed military and police chiefs and rival commanders over the distribution of power between rival tribes within the local government.

A government delegation left Chagcharan on Wednesday, apparently after failing to broker a deal.

The victors, led by a commander called Rais Salam, insist they want the governor to return and will respect the decisions of the central government — including any troops sent from Kabul.

But the ousted officials have also called on the Defense Ministry to come to their aid — and threatened a counterattack if the help is not forthcoming.

Interior Ministry spokesman Latfullah Mashal said a new government delegation was scheduled to leave for Chagcharan on Sunday to try to find out exactly what happened.

Karzai, who returned Friday from a trip to the United States, has vowed to disarm unruly militias before national elections slated for September.

But stalling by powerful regional leaders such as Herat Gov. Ismail Khan and Uzbek strongman Abdul Rashid Dostum means only a few thousand of the official total of 100,000 irregular fighters have given up their weapons so far.

U.S. praises Pakistan for killing top militant

BY AHSANULLAH WAZIR
The Associated Press

WANA, Pakistan — Pakistani forces were on alert Saturday after killing a renegade tribal leader in a missile strike near the Afghan border — an attack praised by the U.S. military as a step toward purging Pakistan's tribal areas of terrorists.

Nek Mohammed, 27, who led fierce resistance to the Pakistan army's effort to flush out al-Qaida suspects from the South Waziristan tribal region, died late Thursday along with six others after an army helicopter fired a missile on a mud-brick compound.

Thousands of people attended Mohammed's funeral on Friday, and a security official in Wana, the main town in South Waziristan, said that Pakistani forces were ready for any backlash, but so far Mohammed's supporters were "silent."

Thousands of Pakistani forces are deployed in the region, where hundreds of Central Asian, Arab and Afghan militants are believed to be in hiding.

On Saturday, a U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan, Lt. Col. Tucker Mansager, congratulated Pakistan on killing Mohammed, saying he was a "former Taliban fighter and al-Qaida facilitator."

"It's our hope that his death will help disorganize the ongoing fight by the foreign fighters in the tribal areas in Pakistan and allow the Pakistani military to better destroy the terrorists that remain," he told a news conference in Kabul.

It was not clear whether U.S. experts were involved in helping track Mohammed, a former Taliban fighter.

Thursday's attack was launched after a satellite phone intercept tracked him at the house of another tribal elder at a village near Wana, Pakistani intelligence sources said. Three family members of the tribal elder and three foreigners whose nationalities and identities have not been disclosed were also killed.

Pakistan is thought to lack the sophisticated satellite technology necessary for such intelligence work. The government has acknowledged receiving "technical help" from Washington in its counterterrorism efforts in its tribal regions.

Mansager wouldn't comment directly on whether the United States had assisted the Pakistani military in locating Mohammed.

Military chaplains brave danger for troops

Religious leaders continue duties despite Iraq's hostile environment

BY RON JENSEN
Stars and Stripes

Before the body bags with their precious contents are flown from Iraq, chaplains serving at the airport in Baghdad approach the aircraft for a small, brief and unobtrusive service.

"To kind of dignify that moment," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Frank Yerkes. It is, he said, "a holy privilege."

Yerkes, wing chaplain for the 100th Air Refueling Wing at RAF Mildenhall, England, and now deployed to Iraq, said those services have been frequent lately. In his first two weeks in Iraq, he took part in one or two such events a day, he said in a telephone interview.

"It is a holy moment. Not just another piece of cargo," he said. The families of the fallen, he said, perhaps will feel better because of the few words and the prayers said for their loved ones.

Across town at the headquarters of the Coalition Provisional Authority, Chaplain (Capt.) Ken Beale frequently leaves the Green Zone to minister to soldiers. Although the Green Zone is far from safe, the streets of Baghdad hold another level of danger.

"[The troops] apologize to me for having to come out there," said Beale. "I'm like, 'Give me a break.' "

The troops want him there, he said. They want a chaplain to come to them, to talk to them and minister to them. With a shortage of Catholic chaplains, he performs Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

"I can't say, 'Well, I'm not going to go out because I'm afraid,' " said Beale, the senior Catholic chaplain for the 48th Fighter Wing at RAF Lakenheath, England.

Whether in a war zone such as Iraq or the tranquil setting of a base in America or England, a chaplain's duty is the same — to minister to the needs of a military member or anyone else.

But in Iraq, the need often is more immediate and the risk is greater. Yerkes recently spoke with a soldier who had lost his best friend. Beale worked down the hall from the Iraqi oil minister who was killed recently in an ambush.

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> **Chaplain (Capt.) Ken Beale**
> Catholic chaplain in Baghdad

In Iraq, there is no place safe from mortar rounds or rocket attacks or car bombs. Beale's current home — the Green Zone — is a target nearly daily for insurgent attacks. A mortar round landed quite close to him recently. Others land with great frequency on the compound.

"Green Zone does not mean safe or free from attack. We are under attack," he said. "That is a reality. You hear the explosions. You feel the shakes."

The Air Force may have sent them there, but an even higher power called them to this duty, they said.

"I believe that to be here is to be at the very center of God's will," Yerkes said. "I truly believe I'm here to accomplish his purpose."

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ASHLEY BROKOP/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Chaplain (Capt.) Ken Beale, center, says troops apologize to him because he goes into harm's way to celebrate Mass. With a shortage of Catholic chaplains, Beale celebrates Mass four days a week

Priest suffers injuries in IED attack

BY MATT MCKINNEY
Minneapolis Star Tribune

The past eight months have brought this perilous assignment for Army chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Vakoc: head into battle zones, unarmed, to talk to soldiers about God and faith, all in the midst of chaos.

The dangers of his duty in Iraq caught up with him on May 29 when, after he had celebrated Mass for soldiers in Mosul and begun the drive back to Camp Diamondback, a roadside bomb shattered his Humvee.

"He took the brunt of the blast," said his brother, Jeff, of Plymouth, Minn.

The explosion seriously injured Father Vakoc, who was flown to Landstuhl, Germany, for surgery.

Vakoc lost an eye and sustained brain damage and possible paralysis of his right side in the blast, said Archbishop Harry J. Flynn of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"I believe he is an extraordinary person — friendly, outgoing, generous, dedicated," Flynn wrote in a letter to priests and deacons.

Vakoc was flown from Landstuhl to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, where he is in the Intensive Care Unit, his sister, Anita Brand said during a telephone interview from Springfield, Va.

Vakoc has a form of bacterial meningitis, and because of infection, doctors are unable to determine the extent of the brain damage, Brand said.

"Brain swelling and infection are the primary things we're dealing with right now," Brand said. "It's too hard to predict" the extent of the brain damage.

There was some movement on his right side after he arrived at Walter Reed.

"He opened his eye and looked at me, and squeezed my hand," Brand said.

Vakoc, 44, was at Fort Lewis, Wash., when he was called up for active duty in Iraq last fall.

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Poll: War boosts image of Army, Marines

With focus on ground, public no longer sees Air Force as most important force

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER
Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — The Air Force is no longer America's overwhelming choice as the most important branch of the armed forces due to the conflict in Iraq, a new Gallup poll shows.

Americans consider the Army or the Marine Corps just as important, while the Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard are far behind, the survey found. However, twice as many people named the Marine Corps as the "most prestigious branch" compared to the rest.

The poll represents a significant shift in opinion, which has traditionally favored the Air Force. The public has long considered the Air Force as the service "most vital to the nation's defense" dating back to similar polls in the 1940s and 1950s.

But the tremendous amount of media attention zeroed in on ground forces in Iraq has changed public perceptions, Gallup found.

"Although Air Force and naval aircraft were a big part of the initial 'shock and awe' campaign that kicked off the Iraq war in March 2003, the visibility given the role of air (or sea) power has been low as the war has dragged on over the past year," Frank Newport wrote in an article explaining the findings.

A randomly selected national sample of 1,002 adults interviewed between May 21 and 23 found that 25 percent named the Army as the most important. Twenty-three percent answered the Air Force and the Marine Corps, while only 9 percent suggested the Navy. The Coast Guard received 4 percent.

The Air Force had the top spot as recently as two years ago, when it was chosen by 38 percent, the Army 18 percent, the Navy 17 percent and the Marine Corps 16 percent.

The intense media attention is the main reason the Army and the Marine Corps surged in the survey, and the prison abuse involving U.S. soldiers at Abu Ghraib didn't seem to affect opinions, according to the polling organization. Ironically, the attention might have helped boost the Army's perceived importance among Americans.

"The Army has suffered negative publicity from its involvement in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal, but if nothing else, the prison situation focused even more attention on the major role the Army is playing in Iraq," Newport wrote in the May 27 report.

Soldiers and Marines weren't surprised by their rise in popularity.

Air Force pilots attracted most of the attention during the first Gulf War in 1991, when TV news images of smart bombs slapped a premium on air power.

But as Spc. Robert Arnold, an artilleryman with the 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment based in Babenhausen, Germany, put it: "It's our time to shine."

While air power had a huge role in the first part of the Iraq war, ground forces have taken the lead fighting an insurgency in Iraq and hunting for al-Qaida leaders in Afghanistan. The bulk of the 130,000 troops in Iraq are soldiers and Marines, and they've also received the most casualties since the start of the conflict.

"Soldiers are the ones getting wounded, dying and bringing peace to Iraq and Afghanistan," Army Capt. Gray Broughton said. "The Army puts a face on what's going on over there."

Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew Wingett said the same goes for the Marines.

"In a time of war like this, everyone is thinking about the Marines because we're the ones out in the field, we're the ones out in the battlefield getting into it, fighting," said Wingett, a member of the Rota, Spain-based Marine Corps Security Force Company Europe.

While the Army and the Marine Corps are fighting together in Iraq, the Corps beats the Army as the most prestigious branch in the eyes of the public, the poll showed. Forty-four percent of those interviewed say Marines are "the most prestigious" and have "the most status in our society today."

Marine Cpl. John Calloway said he expected the Corps to continue to be regarded highly for years to come.

"Personally, I just think the American population is in love with the Marine Corps," Calloway said.

Air Force and Navy public affairs officers acknowledged that their branches have been overshadowed by the Army and Marine Corps because of the attention given to ground forces in Iraq.

"We saw the report here and we've moved on," Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Cristin Lesperance said. "It's not something we really have anything to say about."

Navy spokesman Cmdr. Conrad Chun said the poll is only a snapshot in time, and sailors understand the "critical role" the Navy plays, adding that recruiting and retention in the past few years have never been higher.

"The truth of the matter is all services play vital roles in today's joint battlefield," Chun said. "And the Navy is more 'joint' than it has ever been."

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Americans rank military overall as most trustworthy institution

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — When it comes to public confidence, the military is still at the top — higher than police, the church and the presidency.

The latest Gallup poll shows Americans still say the military is the highest-rated institution.

Three out of four Americans have a "great deal" or "quite a lot of confidence" in the armed forces, according to the survey conducted May 21-23. That is down from the 82 percent last year.

The slight slip is to be expected, according to Gallup. Last year's spike in public confidence was likely related to patriotism after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks against the United States and the military's performance in Afghanistan and Iraq, Lydia Saad wrote in a Gallup article about the poll. It is not clear if the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal involving U.S. soldiers had any impact on opinion.

"Even without the prisoner abuse scandal, one might have expected public confidence in the military to have declined over the past year now that the major combat in Iraq is over — just as public confidence first spiked, then descended around the time of the 1991 Persian Gulf War," Saad wrote.

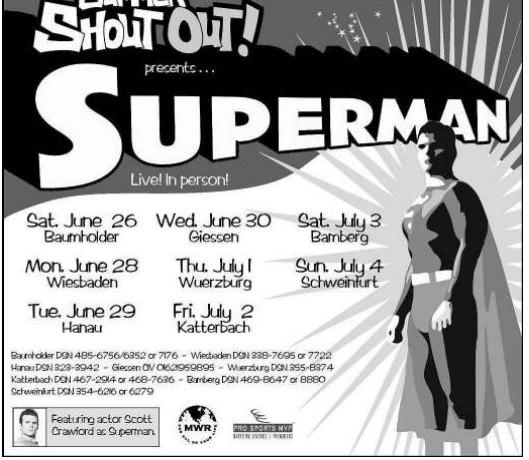
After the end of the first Gulf War, Americans' confidence in the military rose to 85 percent, according to the polling organization. But by October 1991, it dropped to 69 percent.

Although allegations of sexual abuse by Catholic priests caused a decline in the confidence in organized religion, 53 percent said they had a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in the Church. That's up from 45 percent in 2002.

Sixty-four percent of those interviewed said the same about police. Fifty-two percent said they a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in the presidency.

Newspapers, big business and Health Maintenance Organizations rounded out the bottom of the list.

— Scott Schonauer



Former 1st AD chief tapped for SOUTHCOM

The former commander of the 1st Infantry Division got the nod to pin on a fourth star and take over the top regional command for military operations in Central and South America.

Lt. Gen. Bantz J. Craddock, who led the "Big Red One" from 2000 to 2002, has been most recently serving as Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's top military aide. Pending Senate approval, Cradck will take over the reins of the U.S. Southern Command, based in Miami, Fla., replacing Gen. James T. Hill.

Airman gets six months in jail for indecent act

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A military jury has sentenced a Ramstein Air Base airman to six months in jail after convicting him of committing an indecent act, a base spokeswoman said.

Tech. Sgt. Perry Cawelti, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of power production at the 1st Combat Communications Squadron, was convicted June 10 on a charge that he permitted a female child to touch him inappropriately.

The jury also sentenced Cawelti to a reduction of one pay grade, Ramstein spokeswoman Darlene Cowsert said.

Cawelti committed the offense in base housing on Ramstein between March 1 and May 12, 2003.

From staff reports

Chaplains: 'Danger is reality

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Within the Green Zone, Beale's ministry includes many State Department workers and others who are trying daily to put Iraq back together as a country. He has helped Jews and Muslims and even Buddhists and Mormons.

"I'll have years of homilies," Beale said.

Both men talk about the dedication of their flocks. Beale said his work gives him "a great civic lesson" as he watches the effort each day to put the nation back on its own feet.

Yerkes said he is amazed at the courage shown by the young troops, many of them not much older than his teenaged son. He is struck, he said, by the thought that the troops on guard at the base or on patrol in the city are willing to die to protect him.

"It's a humbling thought," he said. "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. I'm proud to call these young troops my friends."

Despite the many risks, both go about their business, sharing the word of God with those who want to hear it.

"The danger is a reality," said Beale. "And we can't be paralyzed by it."

Shortly before Yerkes was interviewed, the base had been under an alert following a mortar attack.

"It's real. You've got to be on your guard all the time," he said.

"Am I afraid? No, I'm not afraid. It's drawing upon my faith in God. If not for that, I would be afraid."

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Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Frank Yerkes, right, confers with Staff Sgt. Matthew Molton, left, and Senior Airman Jeffery George in Baghdad.

Priest: 'He wanted to be there'

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"I know in my discussion with him that he wanted to be there, felt that it was where the good Lord wanted him to be," said Jeff Vakoc.

"He wouldn't tell us where he was, over there," Brand said. "He'd say, I'm in the land of Daniel and Jonah — read your Bible."

His job placed him as close to danger as most of the soldiers were, said Army chaplain (Maj.) Elizabeth Mayforth. "It's sort of this double bind you're in ... . You're there to serve God and country, but you're also in harm's way," she said. "Bullets have no eyes. They can hit anyone."

Brand said the outpouring of support since the incident has been overwhelming.

"It's amazing how many people have sent e-mails, really powerful e-mails," she said. "From his first assignment in Heidelberg, he was stationed in Hanau, in Bosnia, then Fort Carson and Fort Lewis. I have a 3-inch (thick), 3-ring binder filled with all the e-mails ... to say how he's touched their lives."

A "Caring Bridge" site has been set up for Vakoc, Brand said. Those who wish to send more personal messages can do so at: **padretim92@msn.com.**

Stars and Stripes Washington bureau chief Patrick Dickson contributed to this report.

Harms seen in time of hidden detainees

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Defense Department's action of hiding a detainee in Iraq has jeopardized the lives of U.S. servicemembers, especially those who might be taken prisoner of war, a military law expert said.

Analysis

"This involves the golden rule of reciprocity," said Eugene Fidell, involved in military law for 35 years. "How would we like it if our people fell into the wrong hands … and were kept incommunicado and off the books?"

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld admitted Thursday that he approved a request by CIA Director George Tenet to secretly hold a highly valued suspected terrorist in a U.S.-run prison in Iraq.

"I found the secretary's disclosure shocking," Fidell said.

But the terrorists already aren't playing by the rules, said Daniel Goure, vice president at the Lexington Institute think tank.

"They're slaughtering civilians, blowing up their own. I'm not sure why we have this fantasy that if we stick by the rules, so will they," he said. "They already don't adhere to the rules. I'm not worried about our servicemembers in the hands of … terrorists. That risk is already extraordinarily high."

However, holding prisoners in secret is inconsistent both with rules set under the Geneva Conventions and with repeated statements by Rumsfeld and other Pentagon officials, who have maintained that all prisoners in Iraq will be afforded Geneva Conventions status, Goure said.

"There is reason to be concerned that this type of action might erode the sanctity of the Geneva Conventions and, therefore, in future conflicts, one could argue it could increase risk to troops," Goure said.

The U.S. military should have promptly registered the prisoner, said Dan Dell'Orto, the Pentagon's principal deputy general counsel.

"The Red Cross serial number should have been registered soon, relatively soon," he said Thursday at Rumsfeld's press briefing.

Even if they had registered this detainee, the military could have denied an ICRC member access to interviews and inspection if doing so "might interrupt … or disturb your ability to get information you need to get, particularly there and on the ground, where we had a terrorist of a known terrorist organization, of high rank," Dell'Orto said.

When asked if the Pentagon plans to suspend the practice in light of Dell'Orto's comments, a Pentagon spokesman said: "That's not something we're ready to talk about yet."

To rectify the situation, the Pentagon "has to abandon this policy," Fidell said. "The International Committee of the Red Cross attempts to work with great discretion. That is its hallmark, and is a policy that has served the ICRC very well and has served the interests of the United States.

"Where the books are being cooked, basically by the secret detentions, frustrates the ICRC's ability to perform its function," said Fidell, who also is president and co-founder of the nonpartisan National Institute of Military Justice.

For this article, he offered his own views. NIMJ has not taken a position on the issue.

The NIMJ, a nonprofit organization based in Washington that has many members who served on active duty as judges and lawyers, scrutinizes the military justice system and, when it deems necessary and appropriate, makes recommendations for change to Congress, the Pentagon or the Court of Appeals for Armed Forces, Fidell said.

Fidell also finds worrisome that there may be other cases.

Rumsfeld acknowledged to reporters that other prisoners have been held secretly.

"There are instances where that occurs," he said.

Rumsfeld said the prisoner has not been mistreated, and distanced the case from the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

"He has been treated humanely," Rumsfeld said. "There's no implication of any problem. He was not at Abu Ghraib. He is not there now. He has never been there, to my knowledge. There's no question at all about whether or not he's received humane treatment."

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GI who kept return from Iraq secret for Father's Day surprise is killed

The Associated Press

APOPKA, Fla. — A soldier who kept his scheduled return home secret for a Father's Day surprise was killed along with two other soldiers in a mortar attack in Iraq, officials and family members said Friday.

Sgt. Arthur Stacey Mastrapa, 35, of Apopka, died Wednesday in Balad, Iraq, when mortar rounds hit his camp, according to the Department of Defense.

Mastrapa, whose unit was scheduled to return to the United States on Friday, had hoped to surprise his family.

"He wanted to surprise me for Father's Day," said his father, Arthur Mastrapa, 61. "He was a joy to have around — a very good, happy person."

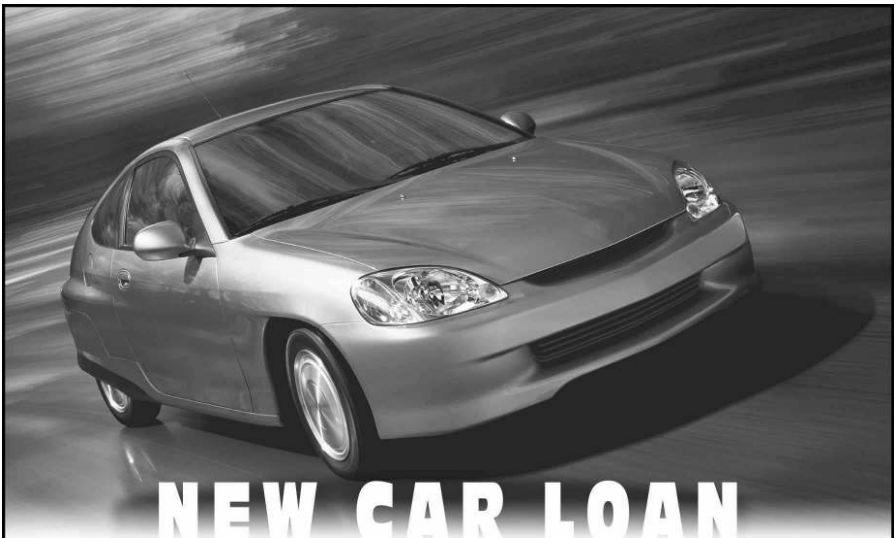
Mastrapa was a member of the Army Reserve's 351st Military Police Company, based in Ocala.

The unit left in February 2003 during the buildup to the war in Iraq, and its return home was planned and delayed twice before. A homecoming parade for the soldiers of the 351st was planned Thursday.

Mastrapa, who had a wife and two children, worked as a postal carrier.

"He liked being in the military," said his brother Mark Mastrapa. "He really loved serving his country."

Also killed in the attack were Army Maj. Paul R. Syverson III, 32, of Lake Zurich Ill.; and Army Reserve Spc. Jeremy M. Dimaranan, 29, of Virginia Beach, Va.



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IN THE WORLD

Saudis claim local al-Qaida leader killed

4 militants believed to be behind American's death killed in police shootout

BY SALAH NASRAWI
The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi TV broadcast pictures Saturday of four bloodied bodies of four suspected militants, including the al-Qaida chief in the kingdom, who were shot to death hours after killing American Paul M. Johnson Jr.

Saudi officials said Johnson's beheaded corpse still has not been found, contradicting earlier reports that it was dumped outside the capital, Riyadh.

The al-Qaida cell allegedly led by Abdulaziz al-Moqrin fulfilled its threat to kill engineer Johnson, beheading him and showing grisly photos on the Internet on Friday. The slaying drew a chorus of condemnation from around the world, with even one of America's staunchest foes, Syria, calling it a "shameful crime."

Hours after Johnson's slaying, security forces at a roadblock intercepted al-Moqrin and the other militants in their car, sparking a gunbattle that ended with the four being killed, Adel al-Jubeir, foreign affairs adviser to Crown Prince Abdullah, told reporters at the Saudi Embassy in Washington.

He said initial reports from Saudi officials that the militants were traced after a witness saw them dumping Johnson's body were incorrect.

"We haven't found (Johnson's) body yet," al-Jubeir said, adding that security agents were searching the northern outskirts of Riyadh. "We think we know the area where it is," he said.

The death of al-Moqrin, 31, would be a coup for Saudi Arabia's government, which has been beset by a wave of attacks on Westerners aimed at driving foreign workers from the kingdom and undermining the ruling royal family.

James Oberwetter, the U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia, welcomed the development but warned it didn't mean the threat of violence has ended.

"A great deal was accomplished last evening. We also believe that much remains to be done," Oberwetter told reporters. "The Saudis are doing an excellent job of working on their most wanted list — and working people off that list — but not everyone who is a threat has been removed from the list and maybe there are many more."

Al-Jubeir said that with al-Moqrin's death "we have substantialy weakened the organization ... We will continue to pursue them with vigor until we eliminate them from our midst."

The televised pictures of the dead militants appeared to be aimed at refuting denials by Islamic militants that he was killed.

A posting on an Islamist Web site Saturday said claims of al-Moqrin's death were "aimed at dissuading the holy warriors and crushing their spirits."

A picture of one of the dead men showed the face of a young man, clean-shaven except for his mustache and resembling past pictures believed to be of al-Moqrin. Al-Ekhbariya, an all-news Saudi satellite channel, showed a full photograph of the same corpse, covered with blood.

A U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity Friday confirmed al-Moqrin's killing, while a Saudi official said forensic tests would confirm the body's identity.

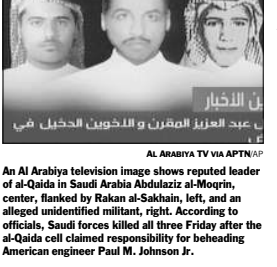
Al-Jubeir said security forces who had been scouring the capital for days, using moving roadblocks, found the car carrying al-Moqrin and his colleagues in Riyadh's al-Malaz neighborhood. A gunbattle erupted and lasted for several hours, as "the terrorists tried to shoot their way out," he said.

One security officer was killed and two wounded, the state Saudi Press Agency reported. Two suspects escaped, according to a Saudi security official who participated in the fight.

An Interior Ministry identified the four dead as al-Moqrin, Faisal Abdul-Rahman al-Dikheel, Turki bin Fuheid al-Muteiry and Ibrahim bin Abdullah al-Dreiham.

Johnson, 49, who had worked for Lockheed Martin in Saudi Arabia for more than a decade, was kidnapped last weekend by militants who threatened to kill him by Friday if the kingdom did not release its al-Qaida prisoners. The Saudi government rejected the demands.

President Bush condemned the beheading and vowed that "America will not be intimidated by these kinds of extremist thugs."



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An Al Arabiya television image shows reputed leader of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia Abdulaziz al-Moqrin, center, flanked by Rakan al-Sakhain, left, and an alleged unidentified militant, right. According to officials, Saudi forces killed all three Friday after the al-Qaida cell claimed responsibility for beheading American engineer Paul M. Johnson Jr.

World leaders condemn American's decapitation

BY BETH GARDINER
The Associated Press

LONDON — Shock and revulsion spread around the world Saturday over the beheading of an American hostage by an al-Qaida cell in Saudi Arabia.

The brutal killing of Paul M. Johnson Jr. and the display on the Internet of grisly photos of his body added to fears about a rising tide of anti-Western violence in the desert kingdom.

"These evil acts are not only aimed against the United States and the West, but also against Islam and humanity," Jordan's King Abdullah II told Jordan Radio.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he does not want American workers to flee Saudi Arabia because that would reward the people whose violence in recent weeks has killed Johnson, two other Americans and more than two dozen other foreigners.

Speaking a day after the State Department strongly urged Americans to avoid going to Saudi Arabia and those there to leave, Powell said Friday in a radio interview: "If they leave, then the terrorists have won, and I don't think either the Saudis, the Americans, or these brave folks who work in Saudi Arabia want the terrorists to win."

Condemnations of the killing, reminiscent of American Nick Berg's beheading in Iraq in May, came from Europe, Asia and across the Middle East.

In Syria, a longtime U.S. foe, Information Ministry official Ahmad Haj Ali called Johnson's slaying "a horrible crime that is alien to the Arabs and Muslims."

To prevent such violence from continuing, he said it was necessary to "search for the circumstances that have led to it and what leads to terrorism," a possible reference to U.S. policy in the Middle East, blamed by many there for fueling Muslim extremism.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer called Johnson's murder "a barbaric act that is in no way justified."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, at a European Union summit in Brussels on Friday, expressed shock, saying "This shows the nature of the people we are fighting day in, day out, around the world."

Italy's leading daily Corriere della Sera ran a front-page editorial calling the killing "the apotheosis of the culture of death ... the most barbarous violation of the sacredness of life, the central point of our civilization."

Saudi newspapers had harsh words for the terror cell and hailed the government's claim to have killed Abdulaziz al-Moqrin, the reputed leader of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia, and three other militants. Authorities said the men were killed in a gunbattle after they dumped Johnson's mutilated body.

"The head of terror falls before Johnson's blood dries," said a front-page headline in the Arabic daily Al-Watan.

Family blames 'extremists,' not Saudis

BY JEFF LINKOUS
The Associated Press

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Grieving over their loss, relatives of an American hostage beheaded by militants in Saudi Arabia hoped for privacy as they decide what to do next, according to a family spokesman.

Family members of Paul M. Johnson Jr. also released a statement Friday praising U.S. and Saudi authorities for efforts to rescue him. "They knew the odds were not in the favor of law enforcement," said Joseph Billy Jr., an FBI agent who spoke on the family's behalf. "They also know that the vast majority of citizens of Saudi Arabia also grieves with them at this time."

Johnson, 49, was kidnapped last weekend by militants who followed through on a threat to kill him by Friday if the kingdom did not release its al-Qaida prisoners. An al-Qaida group claiming responsibility posted an Internet message that showed photographs of a beheaded body.

Johnson had worked in Saudi Arabia for more than a decade and over the week his friends and family had described him as devoted to the culture of his adopted land.

Johnson's family was "going through a very difficult time, but they are remarkably strong," said Billy. "They also know this act of terrorism was committed by extremists and does not represent the Saudi Arabia that Paul often spoke and wrote about to his family," he said.

Those close to Johnson's family were horrified by the slaying.

"They just can't keep taking American hostages, doing that to them, and putting it on the Internet for everybody to see," said John Hayes, a childhood friend of Johnson.

"These are barbaric people. There's no justification whatsoever for his murder. And yet they killed him in cold blood," said President Bush.

Johnson's employer, Lockheed Martin, issued a statement Friday afternoon expressing the company's grief. At the time of his abduction, Johnson was working on targeting and night vision systems for Apache helicopters.

The slaying sent shock waves through the communities in New Jersey where Johnson grew up, and in Florida, where he later moved.

Reader's Digest

Reader's Digest wants to find out which military service is the funniest.

The monthly magazine is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its "Humor in Uniform" column by running a contest to find the most humorous true anecdotes from military life. Active-duty, Reserve and retired servicemembers and their families can participate.

Entries must be submitted to www.rd.com/starsstripes by June 30. They also can be mailed to: "The Funniest Branch of the Military Contest," Reader's Digest, P.O. Box 1598, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Entries must include the entrant's full name, e-mail address and street address. Anecdotes should be no more than 100 words, true, original and related to the armed services.

The magazine's editors will select finalists from each service to appear in the September edition. Readers will then be asked to log on to www.rd.com to choose their favorite, and their votes will determine the winner.

The winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip for two to St. Kitts Marriott & Royal Beach Casino in the Caribbean. The other four finalists will receive $500. Those whose anecdotes are selected for publication in future "Humor in Uniform" columns will receive $300.

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Italy issues plan to prevent heat-wave deaths

The Associated Press

ROME — After thousands of elderly deaths attributed to scorching heat last year, the Italian government has issued emergency measures to safeguard against a similar crisis this summer.

A Health Ministry order, which came into effect Saturday, calls for local medical authorities to draw up lists of citizens 65 or older who could be at risk, and then to monitor and protect them if the heat rises.

Town officials must also provide help "through economic or home assistance services, emergency phone lines, accompaniment and transport," the ministry's decree said. The order is valid until Sept. 30.

In figures published last year, the Health Ministry said at least 7,659 more people — nearly all elderly — died in Italy during that summer's heat wave compared with the same period in the previous year.

Last year, Health Minister Girolamo Sirchia placed part of the blame on lack of assistance for the aged during Italy's vacation period, when residents flood out of cities by the millions and doctors can be hard to find.

The death toll was even worse in France, where the heat wave was blamed for the deaths of nearly 15,000 people, mostly elderly and alone.

Last month, French health officials announced a four-level weather warning system and other measures. In Germany, the western state of Hesse, which includes Frankfurt, has also drawn up a warning system aimed at protecting the frail and elderly.

Spanish, Thai police uncover counterfeit passport network

2 Bangkok-based members held in connection with sale of forged papers

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Spanish and Thai police uncovered a Bangkok-based ring that forged passports and sold them to terrorists, drug traffickers and other criminals, authorities said Saturday.

Police in Bangkok arrested two men — Iqbal Mamad, a 36-year-old Pakistani, and Decha Kaewprakong, 31, of Thailand — who were allegedly in charge of selling the bogus documents, Spanish police said in a statement.

Police searched the men's Bangkok apartment and found 23 false passports — 11 from New Zealand, 10 from France and one each from Belgium and Spain.

More than 20 people worked for the ring, the police said without specifying if others were arrested.

The counterfeit passports were allegedly sold for $1,800 each to criminal organizations involved in terrorism, drug trafficking, illegal immigration and fraud, the statement said.

Most were exported to Europe through couriers from EU countries who hid the documents in their luggage, it said.

As part of the same investigation, authorities arrested a British citizen in September 2003 at Roissy airport in Paris. The Briton, who has not been identified by name, was carrying more than 200 false passports, most of them French, the statement said.

A Spaniard was arrested in April at a Bangkok airport as he tried to board a plane for London carrying 280 forged passports from France and Belgium, police said.

Tornado hits Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey — A rare tornado hit a small village near the Turkish capital Saturday, killing at least three people and injuring more than a dozen others, officials said.

Local officials said at least 15 buildings sustained heavy damage in the Saturday morning storm.

Mayor Adem Tugluca put the death toll at four people, but other officials said three were killed. Some 14 people were injured, including at least two in serious condition, officials said.

Local officials could not say how many people were left homeless in the village of 250.

Nazi hunter honored

VIENNA, Austria — Britain has awarded an honorary knighthood to Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal in recognition of a "lifetime of service to humanity."

Wiesenthal, 95, survived incarceration in Nazi prison camps in eastern Europe during World War II and has dedicated his life to bringing those responsible for the Holocaust to justice.

He is perhaps best known for his role in tracking down Adolf Eichmann, the one-time SS leader who organized the extermination of the Jews.

The British Foreign Office said John Macgregor, Britain's ambassador to Austria, gave Wiesenthal the award on Friday in a ceremony at his home.

The knighthood also recognized the work of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, which was founded in 1977 to promote remembrance of the Holocaust and the defense of human rights.

From The Associated Press

Lips locked, eyes closed

Professor has some theories about why

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Ever wondered why many people close their eyes when they kiss? A Singapore academic said Saturday that smoochers may drop their lids to avoid overloading the senses and — just possibly — to skip the unpleasantness of seeing their lover's blurry form up close.

"The answer may depend on the way you look at it," Associated Professor Yau Che Ming, from the National Institute of Education at the city-state's Nanyang Technological University, wrote in Saturday's Straits Times newspaper.

"With kissing in action, this induces sensory overload," Yau wrote in a question-and-answer column dubbed "The Learning Curve."

"Therefore closing the eyes is a natural way to reduce the sensory load," he wrote.

Then there's the vision theory.

"When one kisses, blurred and non-three-dimensional images of the face of one's partner may be evident, and this feeling may be unpleasant," Yau said. The answer could be to keep one's eyes clamped shut.

Or, lastly, it could just come down to modesty.

"Some people prefer to believe (that) people close their eyes to reduce embarrassment and to concentrate on the feeling of tender touch and love," Yau wrote. "In short, they simply do not wish to be disturbed."

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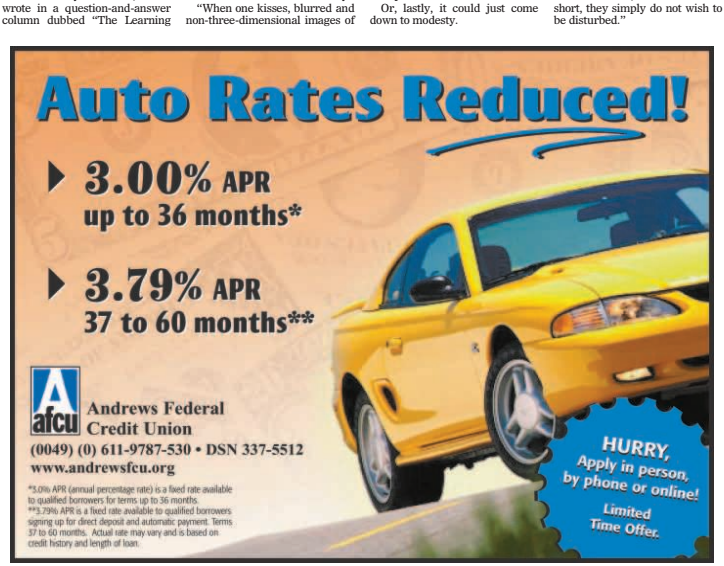
April Bergeon, right, of Killeen, kisses her husband, Army Pfc. Jay Bergeon, as he enters the terminal at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport after clearing customs from a flight from Iraq last week. Both have their eyes closed, a human tendency that a Singaporean scholar said in a newspaper column may be attributed to instinct, modesty or avoidance of a blurred image of one's partner.



Lobster stands guard

LONDON — Lobsters have long been known as solitary and territorial crustaceans — but timely and fashion conscious? Divers in northeast England were recently surprised to come across a giant lobster standing guard over a barnacle-encrusted watch at the bottom of a harbor.

The watch and its 2-foot-long guardian were found by divers doing maintenance work in Blyth harbor, officials said Thursday.

"We're all highly experienced divers, and none of us has seen anything like this before," said Graham McDonnar, a member of the Lady Francis Dive Team.

"Not only is this the biggest lobster any of us have ever come across under water, but it's also the first sea creature we've encountered that can tell the time," he joked.

The lobster, estimated to be about 30 years old, was taken to the Blue Reef Aquarium in Tynemouth, where it is settling in well in the harbor tank display.

Third kind of restroom

BANGKOK, Thailand — Snubbed by both men and women, transvestite students at the Chiang Mai Technology School just wanted a restroom to call their own — and were granted their wish.

Dubbed the Pink Lotus Bathroom, the facility is exclusively for the school's 15 transvestite students and features four stalls, but no urinals. On the door hangs a sign with intertwined male and female symbols.

"They would come in the morning and use the women's bathrooms, but the women were annoyed, didn't like it or played pranks on them," said Posaporn Promprakai, registrar of the school in Chiang Mai province, about 360 miles north of Bangkok.

The transvestites — who must wear male attire at school but are allowed to sport feminine hairdos — switched to the men's bathrooms, only to run into more trouble.

So Posaporn designated a lavatory just for them, telling the vocational school's 1,500 students to just use their own restrooms.

Wicked 'witch's brew'

MADRID, Spain — Spanish authorities jailed a Danish man who cruised the streets of Valencia, handing out a "witch's brew" of jimson weed — a poisonous, hallucinogenic plant — to strangers, Spanish media said Saturday.

Those who gulped down the brew experienced hallucinations, accelerated heartbeat and other health problems, and five ended up being hospitalized, the news agency Efe reported.

The El Mundo newspaper reported that the 29-year-old man, who was not identified, called the greenish-brown liquid a "witch's brew" and told young people, "You'll see everything differently" if you drink it.

At higher concentrations it causes hallucinations and can be lethal. Small doses of jimson weed, however, are used to treat asthma, muscle spasms and symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Experts: Terrorists likely to use dirty bomb on U.S.

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Terrorists are "all but certain" to set off a radiological weapon in the United States, since it will take authorities too many years to track and secure the radioactive materials of such "dirty bombs," a team of nuclear researchers has concluded.

The United States and other key governments took an important step on controls this month, agreeing at the Group of Eight summit to tighten — by the end of 2005 — restraints on international trade in highly radioactive materials.

But thousands, possibly tens of thousands, of high-risk radioactive sources are already in use worldwide, with few accurate registries for tracing them, the scientists say.The findings are being published in a 300-page book, "The Four Faces of Nuclear Terrorism," the result of a two-year study by the authoritative Center for Nonproliferation Studies, or CNS, of California's Monterey Institute of International Studies.

The team also examined the potential for terrorists to steal or build an actual nuclear weapon, but found that less likely than the construction of a radiological dispersal device, or dirty bomb.

Unlike warheads designed to kill and destroy through a huge nuclear blast and heat, these radiation weapons — which thus far no one has employed — would rely on conventional explosives to blow radioactive material far and wide. A successful bomb could make a section of a city uninhabitable for years.

Misunderstandings persist about the threat. This month, for example, the Justice Department said al-Qaida-linked detainee Jose Padilla planned to wrap explosives in uranium to make a dirty bomb.

But uranium would add nothing; it has minimal radioactivity.

Instead, specialists who study the threat focus on isotopes with millions of times more radioactivity than uranium — such as cesium-137, cobalt-60 and iridium-192.The United States alone has an estimated 2 million licensed radioactive sources, thousands of them high-risk materials, the CNS reports. Because of disjointed licensing by federal and state agencies, no complete registry exists. Transfers are not always noted, and sources go astray.

The CNS researchers highlighted a major loophole in radioactive commerce: U.S. and other exporters can ship high-risk sources abroad without a government review of the end user, including to such turmoil-ridden lands as Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Colombia.

Local bishops to decide on denying Communion

BY RACHEL ZOLL
The Associated Press

America's Roman Catholic bishops said from a private retreat Friday that Catholics should not honor or give awards to politicians who defy "our fundamental moral principles" on abortion and other issues.

However, church leaders refrained from making a definitive statement on whether Holy Communion should be withheld from dissenting Catholic lawmakers. The bishops had entered the meeting badly divided over the issue and, after their closed-door discussion, affirmed that under church law each bishop can decide how to apply teachings in his own diocese.

"Bishops can legitimately make different judgments on the most prudent course of pastoral action. Nevertheless, we all share an unequivocal commitment to protect human life and dignity and to preach the Gospel in difficult times," the bishops said in the statement from their suburban Denver assembly, which ended Saturday.

The prelates emphasized the importance of opposition to abortion from the earliest days of the church, and the obligation of Catholic lawmakers to uphold that teaching. They said all Catholics must "examine their consciences" before deciding whether they are worthy to take Communion.

"Those who formulate law … have an obligation in conscience to work toward correcting morally defective laws, lest they be guilty of cooperating in evil and in sinning against the common good," the bishops said.

"The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

Archbishop Raymond Burke of St. Louis sparked a national debate over Communion and politics in January by saying he would deny the sacrament to Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, a Catholic whose support for abortion rights and positions on other issues are against church teaching.

Kerry

Over the next several months, more bishops weighed in, revealing their vast differences. Some said Communion should not be used as a public rebuke, while others urged Catholic lawmakers to abstain from taking the sacrament if they fail to uphold church teaching in their policy-making.

Bishop Michael Sheridan of Colorado Springs, Colo., went further — saying those who vote for defiant Catholic politicians should refrain from taking Communion along with the lawmakers themselves.

Even officials in the Vatican noted the American discord.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican's orthodoxy watchdog, effectively discouraged bishops from using the sacrament as a sanction earlier this month.

Bush tabs 12 to get Medal of Freedom

BY ELIZABETH WOLFE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has selected a dozen people to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the White House announced.

Two of the recipients will be honored posthumously, while the others are invited to receive America's highest civilian honor at a White House ceremony with Bush Wednesday.

The Medal of Freedom, established by President Harry Truman in 1945 to recognize civilians for their World War II service, was reinstated by President John F. Kennedy in 1963 to honor distinguished service in a range of fields, including arts, sports, business and science.

Medal recipients are:

■ Robert L. Bartley, conservative journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winner who was editorial page editor of The Wall Street Journal for three decades. He died in December at age 66.

■ Edward W. Brooke, first black elected to the U.S. Senate since Reconstruction.

■ Doris Day, singer and icon on the American movie screen in the '50s and '60s.

■ Vartan Gregorian, scholar and historian who headed the New York Public Library.

■ Gilbert M. Grosvenor, chairman of the National Geographic Society.

■ Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

■ Pope John Paul II, who was presented with the medal during Bush's June 4 Vatican visit.

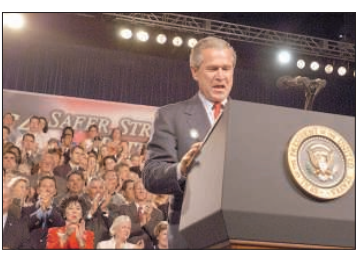
■ Estee Lauder, cosmetics pioneer who built a Fortune 500 company. She died in April at age 97.

■ Arnold Palmer, winner of 92 golf championships.

■ Arnall Patz, a world-renowned ophthalmologist and researcher of eye disease.

■ Norman Podhoretz, neoconservative author and longtime editor of Commentary.

■ Walter B. Wriston, former chairman and chief executive of Citibank and chairman of President Ronald Reagan's Economic Policy Advisory Board.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President Bush, seen speaking at the Reno Sparks Convention Center on Friday, has announced plans to present 12 civilians with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest honor.

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Kerry making an in-depth search for VP

BY JIM VANDEHEI AND LOIS ROMANO
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — John Kerry has been phoning friends at all hours and reviewing vice-presidential choices dating to 1932 as the Democratic candidate nears what many consider the biggest — and most telling — decision of his general-election campaign, according to Democrats inside and out of the campaign.

While Kerry is tight-lipped about the pick, these Democrats said the process is revealing much about how the Massachusetts senator views his strengths, his leadership style and the role of a vice president. Kerry has privately expressed confidence that voters see him as sufficiently strong on national security, they say, but wonders whether he needs a moderate or conservative Democrat on the ticket to improve his centrist credentials. Still, Kerry is skeptical a running mate can make a decisive difference in the election's outcome, these sources said, and is much more concerned with finding a ready-made president, though one who will not try to steal the show.

Kerry

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina has emerged as the favorite of many Democratic senators and Kerry friends and advisers. Edwards' stock has shot up in recent weeks as private polling shows the freshman senator providing a boost to the ticket in key states because of his Southern appeal and perceived likeability, two sources close to the campaign said. "The delay in announcing someone has helped Edwards," a Democrat close to Kerry said.

Kerry, who had been enamored with the idea of a unity ticket, all but dropped that as a possibility after Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., rebuffed his overtures, the sources said.

Many of his friends said Kerry showed where they think his heart is by giving a 90-minute interview Wednesday evening to another rival from the primaries, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri. Kerry considers the former House minority leader not only presidential and trustworthy but also unlikely to upstage or overshadow him on the campaign trail or in office, the sources said. Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack and Sen. Bob Graham of Florida appear very much in the running, too. Kerry met privately with Graham two weeks ago in Florida.

Two Democrats close to Kerry said retired Gen. Wesley Clark's stock plummeted after the former Democratic presidential candidate received lackluster reviews from some former colleagues.

No minorities or women are frequently cited by Kerry allies as top contenders. But history shows the eventual vice-presidential pick is often someone the campaign — and media — have not mentioned. Think Richard Cheney in 2000.

Friends say Kerry believes he has passed a national security threshold with voters that has freed him to tap a vice-presidential candidate who complements him in other ways. In 2000, Cheney was seen as a wise choice for Texas Gov. George W. Bush because he brought foreign policy credentials to the ticket.

Some Democrats said Kerry is less confident that he has successfully sold himself as a moderate politician, which helps explain the flirtation with McCain, a unity ticket and Democratic centrists such as Edwards. The campaign considers the South to be Kerry's biggest regional liability, which may bode well for Edwards.

Some close to Kerry talk of a "Mississippi strategy" that would move away from a traditional battle for the South and focus on the states stretching from Louisiana, through Arkansas and Missouri, northward.

This helps explain Kerry's early interest in Clark, who is from Arkansas, and Midwesterners Gephardt and Vilsack, according a Democrat close to the campaign.

Some Democrats are pushing Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, who voted for some Bush tax cuts, sending a clear signal of centrism. The Indiana Democrat would "underscore" that Kerry "is bringing mainstream values to the ticket," said Democratic pollster Mark Penn, who is promoting Bayh.

Kerry told American Urban Radio Networks on Thursday that a prerequisite is "somebody who has the ability to fill in as president if something terrible were to happen." Most presidential candidates say this, but Kerry seems unusually sensitive to that possibility, according to several people who have talked to him. Kerry is a student of history and an ardent fan of President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated. Kerry also seen death up close in the Vietnam War, and he faced prostate cancer in 2003.

Ads accuse Cheney's lesbian daughter of hypocrisy

BY ELIZABETH WOLFE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A campaign to compel the vice president's lesbian daughter to oppose a proposed ban on gay marriage is launching its first Internet ad on Monday.

A series of simply animated cartoon panels features stick figures of Mary Cheney and Vice President Dick Cheney. One image reads, "Dick's daughter sold out to help Dick run again."

The story line refers to Mary Cheney's job as director of vice presidential operations for the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign.

She held a public role as her father's assistant in the 2000 campaign and helped the Republicans recruit homosexual voters during the 2002 midterm elections. She has been less visible this year while traveling with the vice president or working at campaign headquarters in Arlington, Va.

President Bush, meanwhile, has disturbed many gays, Republicans included, by asking Congress to move on a constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage in the United States.

"They've clearly made the decision to keep her in the closet for this campaign," said John Aravosis, who in February launched the Web-based campaign **www.DearMary.com**, which started running the ad for free on Friday. "They clearly understand the contradiction between having a lesbian run the vice president's campaign at the same time they want to bash gays in the Constitution."

Nicolle Devenish, communications director for the Bush campaign, called Mary Cheney "a tremendous asset to the campaign" and dismissed such tactics as going after a politician's offspring.

"I think any group's actions are going to speak for themselves," she said.

Devenish said Mary Cheney will become more visible as the election nears, though she would not comment whether the vice president's daughter would be reaching out to gay voters or Republicans who oppose the amendment.

Among sites running the ads are **WashingtonPost.com**, the satirical newspaper The Onion and several liberal Web blogs, Aravosis said.

He said $23,000 has been raised to launch the ads, which could last a week or more depending on funding. But the majority of the costs — at least $50,000, he said — has been donated in services by an advertising firm and a Web advocacy firm that support the message.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Hate crimes down

TX FORT WORTH — The number of reports of hate crimes committed against Arabs and Muslims have nearly returned to pre-Sept. 11,2001, levels in Texas, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Thirteen Arabs were the targets of hate crimes last year, compared with 19 in 2002. Four anti-Islamic crimes were reported in 2003, down from 11 the year before.

Nationally, anti-Islamic hate crimes increased 121 percent last year, according to a report issued by the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Washington, D.C.

The downward trend in Texas surprised some Arab and Muslim leaders, who said they had feared the fighting in Iraq would incite violence here.

Disasterous flooding

WI More rain fell on Wisconsin hours after Gov. Jim Doyle asked President Bush to declare a dozen counties disaster areas because of recent flooding.

The latest rain appeared to be heaviest in the central part of the state, with 2 to 5 inches coming down in Portage and northern Adams counties, the National Weather Service estimated.

In Stevens Point, four vehicles had to be towed from water-covered underpasses, and basements of two homes filled with water, police said. To the southwest, water covered several Sparta streets, and several hundred people were voluntarily evacuated from a Sparta trailer park as water from the La Crosse River crept close, officials said.

Internet on the road

TX Weary highway travelers may soon be able to surf the Internet while they stretch their legs or grab a soda at Texas rest areas.

The Texas Department of Transportation is taking offers from companies willing to provide free wireless Internet access at the state's 84 rest areas and 12 travel information centers.

TxDOT began experimenting with Wi-Fi hotspots in the Panhandle last fall, installing them at a rest area along U.S. Highway 287 in Donley County and two rest stops along U.S. 287 in Hardemann County.

Texas is the first state to provide such free access at rest areas, TxDOT said.

Wage hike proposed

DE DOVER — The Democrat-led Senate voted 14-7 to approve a measure that would increase the state's minimum wage by one dollar to $7.15 by Jan. 1, 2006. The measure faces an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled House. A spokesman for Gov. Ruth Ann Minner says she'll sign the bill if it reaches her desk.

Clemency hearing

IN INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Parole Board scheduled a new round of clemency proceedings for Darnell Williams for June 21.

Williams is to be executed July 9 for the shooting deaths of a Lake County couple. He was just days away from being executed last year when the late Gov. Frank O'Bannon granted a stay for additional DNA testing. The tests were inconclusive.

Hands off minors

VA RICHMOND — The state is posting billboards with messages such as "Isn't she a little young?" as part of a campaign to dissuade men from having sex with underage girls.

The campaign is aimed at reducing the number of young girls who have children with older men, the Virginia Department of Health said Monday.

In 1999 and 2000 in Virginia, men older than 18 were responsible for 219 births involving girls who were 13 and 14, the department said.

Messages such as "Isn't she a little young?" and "Sex with a minor, don't go there" also appear on posters, coasters and napkins in bars, restaurants and stores in five cities.

Falcon corralled

NY NEW YORK — It wasn't a usual perp chase for police Lt. John Daly. But with help from passers-by, a bread basket and some luck, he was able to corral his suspect — an injured baby peregrine falcon.

"Right away I knew it wasn't an ordinary pigeon," Daly said, referring to New York's peskier feathered inhabitant.

Daly said he saw the 4- to 5-week-old falcon while driving his cruiser in Manhattan on Tuesday. The bird fell into the street near the Waldorf Astoria hotel and oncoming traffic swerved to avoid hitting the tiny raptor.

With the help of several pedestrians blocking the bird's path and a breadbasket from a restaurant inside the hotel, Daly was able to cage the bird.

The baby falcon was to be turned over to animal control officials for medical care and would likely be released back into the city once it recovers, Daly said.

Nice shades

Ali poses with her sunglasses on at the Ben Geren Park tennis courts as she watches owner Gail Faubus teach tennis in Fort Smith, Ark.

See no evil

GA PEACHTREE CITY — A blind man was charged with reckless conduct after he drove a golf cart through the city with help from an inebriated friend.

Samuel McClain, 35, drove two miles through winding streets — also accompanied by his guide dog — before running into a parked car, police said.

No one was hurt, but McClain and Michael Johnston, 47, were charged with reckless conduct "due to the blatant disregard for public safety," according to police reports.

The report said McClain drove the cart while Johnston gave directions after having six or seven beers.

Peachtree City, about 25 miles south of Atlanta, has about 80 miles of paved cart paths and 9,000 registered carts that residents use for daily errands.

Smoking reprieve

WA MONROE — Inmates in Washington state prisons have guards to thank for a four-month reprieve from a smoking ban.

The ban affects inmates and prison staff and was scheduled to take effect July 1. It was postponed to Nov. 1 under a recently negotiated agreement with Teamsters Local 117, said assistant deputy corrections secretary Lynne DeLano.

The union had two concerns with the ban, said Teamsters lawyer Spencer Thal. One concern was that inmates could become violent if they are cut off from tobacco. The other was that guards who were longtime smokers would have difficulty quitting.

State officials have said the chief purpose of the ban is to cut health care costs. At least 17 other states ban smoking in prison.

Bear visits hospital

VA ROCKY MOUNT — Perhaps visiting hours were over.

Police shot and killed a full-grown black bear that wandered into a hospital. The 300-pound male bear wandered in front of Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital at about 9:10 p.m. and activated a sensor that opens the hospital's doors, police said.

The bear wandered down a few hallways and into a computer room, said Lt. Karl Martin of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Two police officers yanked the door shut behind it.

Officers planned to sedate the bear, but because the hospital was nearly full they worried about it getting loose.

Raise your hands

Dana Parker, left, of Gardendale, Ala., and Jodie McCreless, of Morris, Ala., sing with the Gardendale First Baptist Church Choir at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

One hole of a problem

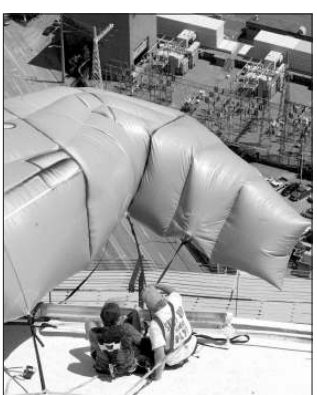
Heavy rains causes a sinkhole in an office building parking lot in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Fire in the hills

As dusk falls, flames and a wall of smoke rise from a ridge east of homes in Dammeron Valley, Utah. Lightning caused wildfires that were threatening structures and forcing the evacuation of residents in Brookside, Utah, a few miles north of Dammeron Valley.

Get on up there

Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department K-9 Officer James E. Ginger orders his German shepherd up the obstacle ramp during the United States Police Canine Association Region Three Police Dog Trials outside Martinsburg, W.Va.



From such great heights

Dante Leonardi, left, and Roger Reed, right, work on the roof of the Space Needle in Seattle to tie down a giant inflatable replica of the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame.

Out for a swim

A swan looks on as a duck emerges from a nest while another duck appears to stand guard at a pond in Fort Smith, Ark.

Cooling off

Nick Cavalier, 9, left, Shane Wilson, 12, center, and Anthony Marshall, 11, get a drink of water from a sprinkler while playing in Girard, Ohio.

Streakers beware

OR ASHLAND — Want to streak through downtown or drop your pants in the park in Oregon? You could be slapped with a $250 fine.

City councilors in the southern Oregon town have passed an anti-nudity ordinance, prohibiting genital exposure downtown and in public parks.

Some residents opposed the ordinance, saying it infringes on personal freedom.

"I prefer that we not be legislating morality," said resident Paul Copeland. "I have a problem with the proposed language of the ordinance. If your neighbor is mowing his lawn naked or doing objectionable things, I don't believe the police are the right way to resolve your dispute."

Thou shalt read this

LA SHREVEPORT — A chaplain is renting 10 billboards to teach the Ten Commandments.

Each month, a different commandment goes up at the direction of Steve Casey, a chaplain for Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries in Stonewall, 15 miles south of Shreveport.

This month, it's No. 3: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." For those who might not get it, there's a footnote: "God's last name does not start with a D."

Casey said God gave him the idea while former Judge Roy Moore of Alabama was fighting to keep a stone monument of the Ten Commandments in a state judicial building.

Nuclear grumbling

TX AMARILLO — Largely tucked away from public view, technicians work with radioactive and explosive materials at the 25-square-mile Pantex complex — the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant.

But some of the 250,000 people living near the plant have become increasingly concerned about how Pantex's operations affect public safety and the environment.

Federal inspectors found two safety violations in the past several months that were classified as minor but raise serious questions about employee training and procedures.

Interesting motivator

KY COVINGTON — Schools Superintendent Jack Moreland thought a little strip tease would be a good morale booster for his female employees. He may rethink the idea next year.

The women workers loved watching buff boys take it off, but at least one person was ticked off after Moreland shelled out $420 to send 20 female staff members to a Chippendales show.

An anonymous letter to the state Office of Education Accountability accused Moreland of using school-district funds to pay for the strip show. Moreland said he spent $420 of his own money — and faxed his personal credit-card receipt to investigators.

Bryan Jones, a lawyer for the state office, said he couldn't confirm or deny whether his office looked into a complaint.

History for sale

TX SAN ANTONIO — A copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence and a promissory note that secured the nourishment of Alamo warriors are among several pieces of Texas history that will be on auction blocks.

The rare historical documents have long been kept in private collections and will be auctioned off in New York and New Hampshire. Historians and dealers said they hope the artifacts eventually end up on public display in the Lone Star state.

"I would love to see them in state hands," Dorothy Sloan, an appraiser and dealer from Austin, said in the San Antonio Express-News.

Costly care

RI PROVIDENCE — The top expense for state taxpayers is health care for the needy, according to a report from the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council. Twenty-eight cents of every dollar the state spends is on Medicaid. The program is expected to cost $1.7 billion in the next fiscal year and enroll nearly one in every five Rhode Islanders.

No more reunion?

FL DAYTONA BEACH — Merchants who fought 20 years ago to save rowdy Bike Week won't do the same for the annual Black College Reunion. Bike Week generated substantial revenue, but BCR does not.

Daytona Beachside Redevelopment Board president Mike Shallow says his city is less tolerant unless an event is what he calls a "cash cow."

Shelter out of cash

IN FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The city's only 24-hour emergency shelter for children will close in 90 days because it has run out of money. Park Center CEO Paul Wilson said cuts in state assistance and rising health care costs make it unfeasible to continue operating the Daybreak Children's Shelter. The shelter's annual budget is about $700,000.

Insurance change costly

CO DENVER — A change in the state's auto insurance law is costing local hospitals millions of dollars, officials say.

Last year, lawmakers seeking to lower auto insurance premiums passed a bill eliminating requirements for personal injury protection.

Now hospitals are providing more free care to thousands of accident victims without health insurance who also have no medical coverage from auto insurance.

Plant closing

MI DETROIT — Union members rejected an agreement that would have saved an automotive supplier plant. Federal-Mogul Corp. hoped to win over 55 million in wage and benefit concessions in exchange for keeping the Greenville plant open and preserving its 310 jobs.

Federal-Mogul said it will close the plant and move the work to a place where costs are cheaper.

Stories and photos from wire services

Clinton goes from couch to best-seller list

42nd president's memoir hits stores Tuesday

BY HILLEL ITALIE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill Clinton says in his new book that his affair with intern Monica Lewinsky revealed "the darkest part of my inner life" and led to his temporary banishment from the White House bedroom to a nearby couch.

In "My Life," the former president wrote that when he finally confessed to Hillary Rodham Clinton after months of public denials, she looked as if she had been punched in the gut. The couple started going to counseling one day a week for about a year, he said.

The book, published by Alfred A. Knopf, comes out Tuesday with a first printing of 1.5 million and should be one of the biggest publishing sensations in years. It is almost certain to outsell a previous sensation, his wife's memoirs, published last year.

Hillary Clinton has offered her own memories of the affair. In "Living History," she wrote that she "wanted to wring Bill's neck" upon learning the truth and that at one point, Buddy the dog was the only member of the family willing to keep the president company.

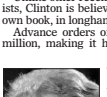
Also in "My Life," Clinton recalled meeting with President-elect George W. Bush and telling him that the biggest threat to the nation's security was Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida.

According to Clinton, Bush said little in response, and then switched subjects.

Clinton, 57, received a reported $10 million advance for "My Life," a 957-page book edited by Robert Gottlieb.

Unlike other recent presidential memoirists, Clinton is believed to have written his own book, in longhand.

Advance orders of "My Life" exceed 2 million, making it highly likely that "My Life" will sell more copies than "Living History." Hillary Clinton's book has about 2.3 million copies in print, including both hardcover and paperback editions, according to publisher Simon & Schuster.


Clinton

The former president's autobiography has been at or near the top of Amazon.com's best-seller list for the past month, holding on despite a wave of Ronald Reagan books that sold strongly after the former president's death. Bids for a signed first edition of "My Life" already have topped $450 on eBay.

In "My Life," Clinton wrote that he came to learn that his upbringing had made certain things difficult for him, and that he was particularly prone to self-destructive behavior when he was tired, angry or feeling lonely.

Clinton's father was killed in a car accident shortly before he was born, and the man his mother remarried was an alcoholic who frequently abused her and Clinton's half-brother, Roger.

Clinton wrote that the violence and alcoholism of his home left him with persistent feelings of shame and fear and a lifelong struggle with secrecy, not sure of what to reveal and what to hide.

Clinton said his biggest presidential mistake was a 1994 decision that would ultimately lead to his impeachment — asking then-Attorney General Janet Reno to name a prosecutor to look into his Whitewater land dealings.

The original prosecutor, Robert Fiske, was succeeded by Kenneth Starr, and the investigation was eventually expanded to include Clinton's affair with Lewinsky.

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Writing about his 1998 impeachment, Clinton said Republican leaders were not punishing him for dishonesty or immoral conduct in having an affair with Lewinsky and lying about it under oath. He said he believed the reason was power, and because his political goals were different from theirs.

He survived the ordeal and remained focused on his job because of the support of the White House staff and Cabinet — even those who felt betrayed by his behavior — numerous world leaders, and encouraging words from both friends and strangers.

He even expressed gratitude to his political enemies for bringing him and his wife closer together. And once the impeachment process was over, his eviction — of at least two months — to the couch in a living room next to the bedroom ended, too, he said.

Clinton also said of the impeachment process: "The whole battle was a badge of honor. I don't see it as a stain, because it was illegitimate."

Gorilla's leap shakes up zoo security

BY LISA FALKENBERG
The Associated Press

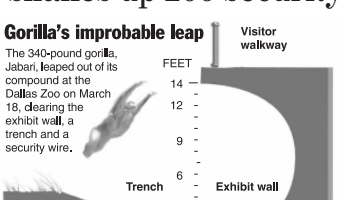
DALLAS — A cheetah could do it. So could a chimpanzee. But no one expected a stocky, knuckle-dragging 340-pound gorilla to leap across a 12-foot-wide moat and a wall that separated him from visitors at the Dallas Zoo.

But zoo investigators say that is exactly what happened the day 13-year-old Jabari escaped and went on a 40-minute rampage in March, snatching up a toddler with his teeth and injuring three other people before being shot to death by officers.

The gorilla's flying leap has astounded primate experts and is leading some to rethink the design of the gorilla exhibits.

"All it does is give you pause and you think, 'This may be one championship gorilla here, but I've got to be careful because maybe I've got one too,'" said Terry L. Maple, former director of Zoo Atlanta for 17 years, who has written about gorilla behavior.

Zoo officials who conducted a three-month investigation announced last week that they believe Jabari got a running start and sailed over the trench, clearing the 14-foot wall and an electrical wire atop it that is supposed to give a mild shock.



SOURCES: Dallas Zoo; Jones & Jones architects AP

Some experts speculate Jabari may have been doing a display run — a showy charge that younger males perform for females or other audiences. Others say he could have been motivated by fear, anger or desire to breed.

Dallas Zoo officials believe he leaped because they could not find evidence of human error, such as open doors, or any objects that could have aided his escape. But zoo director Rich Buickerood acknowledged: "We still have not had anyone come forward yet to say they actually witnessed the [leap]."

Jabari's escape moved the zoo to renovate the exhibit where younger gorillas stay, raising the walls to at least 15 feet, adding "gorilla speed bumps" to break up long, flat stretches.

Juneteenth still one Texas-sized debate

BY PAM EASTON
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Twenty-five years ago, Texas made June 19 — an important date in Civil War history — a state holiday. Today, some still remain unconvinced the day known as Juneteenth should be officially marked.

Juneteenth marks the day Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston in 1865 to share news of the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed slaves two years earlier on Jan. 1, 1863.

"It is not a real reason to celebrate in my opinion," said former U.S. Rep. Craig Washington, who was a state representative when Juneteenth became an official holiday in 1979.

"It is a celebration [marking] that we were kept ignorant for that time," said Washington, who pushed for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday to be observed as a state holiday the year Juneteenth was approved.

"King's holiday was the big debate in 1979," said state Sen.

Rodney Ellis, who said "somehow" Juneteenth emerged from the debate. "You had some members, even some of the civil rights advocates, who were offended at the notion of people who didn't want to recognize King's birthday all of the sudden deciding that they would support a Juneteenth celebration."

State Rep. Al Edwards was behind the push to designate Juneteenth as a holiday. His bill was passed on June 9, 1979.

"That was one piece of legislation that was tough to get passed," said Edwards, who encountered opposition from fellow black lawmakers. "When we passed the bill, it gave it sophistication. It became something that was done by blacks, whites and browns. It wasn't just a resolution, an observance, but an outright holiday."

Omowale Olanrewaju, secretary of the National Black United Front in Houston, said an official holiday designation doesn't make Juneteenth or any other holy day more significant.

"It is not necessary to have official holidays in order for our community to honor those events or individuals who we feel are our heroes," he said.

Astronaut's mission can't keep him from child's birth

BY MARCIA DUNN
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space station astronaut Mike Fincke was listening in from orbit Friday when he got the good news: It's a girl.

His wife Renita Fincke gave birth to their second child at a Houston-area hospital — just two days before Father's Day. The astronaut was connected via a NASA-arranged radio hookup to his wife's cell phone in the delivery room, a family friend said.

NASA officials said it was the first time to their knowledge that a U.S. astronaut was in space during the birth of his child.

The couple named the girl Tarali Paulina. Fincke, a 37-year-old Air Force lieutenant colonel, proudly informed Mission Control that Tara — the first two syllables of the name — means "star" in the Indian dialect of his wife's family.NASA also arranged two video conferences for the family in the hours after the birth, family friend Judith Hayes said.

American NASA astronaut Michael Fincke with his wife, Renita, and son, Chandra, stand together for photographers in Star City outside Moscow on April 13.

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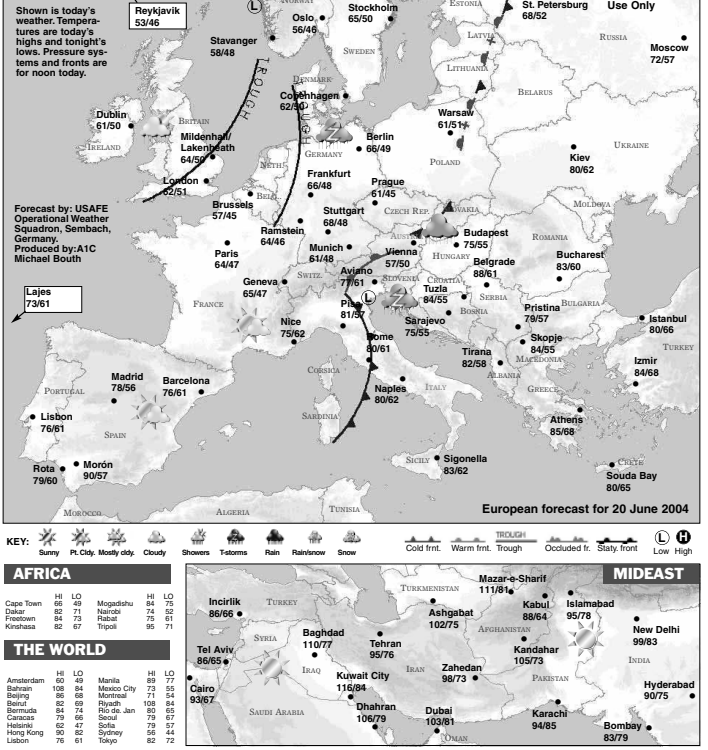

EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid-40s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the lower 60s and lows in the lower 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-70s to lower 80s and lows in the mid-50s.

France: Partly cloudy with highs in the mid-60s and lows in the upper 40s in the north. Highs in the mid-70s and lows in the lower 60s in the south.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

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Kosovo: Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Norway: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s on the coast and inland and lower 90s in the south. Lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 80s on the north coast and inland and in the upper 80s in the south. Lows in the upper 60s in the south and along the coast with the lows in the upper 40s inland.

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Dakar	82	71	Nairobi	74	52
Freetown	84	73	Rabat	75	61
Kinshasa	82	67	Tripoli	95	71

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Bahrain	108	84	Mexico City	73	55
Beijing	86	68	Montreal	71	54
Beirut	82	69	Riyadh	108	84
Bermuda	84	74	Rio de. Jan	80	65
Caracas	79	66	Seoul	79	67
Helsinki	62	47	Sofia	79	57
Hong Kong	90	82	Sydney	56	44
Lisbon	76	61	Tokyo	82	72

SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (London)	0435	0435
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0516	0516
Sunset (London)	2124	2124
Sunset (Frankfurt)	2139	2139

New moon 06/17 · First qtr. 06/25 · Full moon 7/02 · Last qtr. 07/09

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

	Hi	Lo	Ottlk
Abilene,Tex.	96	74	Cldy
Akron,Ohio	71	54	PCldy
Albany,N.Y.	72	50	Clr
Albuquerque	92	62	PCldy
Allentown,Pa.	74	50	Clr
Amarillo	94	67	PCldy
Anchorage	76	51	Clr
Asheville	82	61	Clr
Atlanta	93	70	PCldy
Atlantic City	75	54	Clr
Austin	93	71	PCldy
Baltimore	75	54	Clr
Baton Rouge	91	73	Cldy
Billings	72	52	Clr
Birmingham	88	70	PCldy
Bismarck	75	49	PCldy
Boise	85	56	PCldy
Boston	76	60	Clr
Bridgeport	75	51	Clr
Brownsville	93	79	PCldy
Buffalo	70	53	PCldy
Burlington,Vt.	72	50	PCldy
Caribou,Maine	59	48	Cldy
Casper	75	47	Cldy
Charleston,S.C.	87	73	PCldy
Charleston,W.Va.	75	51	Clr
Charlotte,N.C.	84	65	PCldy
Chattanooga	87	67	PCldy
Cheyenne	74	47	PCldy
Chicago	73	57	PCldy
Cincinnati	75	59	Clr
Cleveland	71	54	PCldy
Colorado Springs	83	50	PCldy
Columbia,S.C.	88	69	PCldy
Columbus,Ga.	92	73	PCldy
Columbus,Ohio	73	57	Clr
Concord,N.H.	74	45	Clr
Corpus Christi	93	76	PCldy
Dallas-Ft Worth	94	75	PCldy
Dayton	72	58	PCldy
Daytona Beach	89	73	Rain
Denver	82	54	PCldy
Des Moines	70	61	Rain
Detroit	73	56	PCldy
Duluth	72	52	PCldy
El Paso	94	67	PCldy
Elkins	75	45	Clr
Erie	67	52	Clr
Eugene	87	50	PCldy
Evansville	77	62	PCldy
Fairbanks	83	58	PCldy
Fargo	77	52	PCldy
Flagstaff	79	45	Clr
Flint	73	55	PCldy
Fort Smith	87	68	PCldy
Fort Wayne	72	57	PCldy
Fresno	94	64	Clr
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Grand Junction	92	60	Clr
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Hartford Sgrfld	76	51	Clr
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Indianapolis	75	59	PCldy
Jackson,Miss.	90	72	PCldy
Jacksonville	92	73	Rain
Juneau	85	50	Clr
Kansas City	78	64	Rain
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Savannah	91	72	PCldy
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop the name calling

I'd like to comment on "Bush's leadership fine" (June 14).

The writer complains about a previous writer saying, "The author should look at his facts better …" and then he proceeds to state that "Kofi Annan and the boys couldn't care less about America, or its servicemembers …"

Is that a fact? Or an opinion?

Or how about " … Al Gore, or John Kerry, who can't make up his mind at all about anything."

He then tries to bolster his lack of facts with name-calling: "I get so tired of reading about all the Kool-Aid drinking, tree-hugging liberals …"

Yet, I rarely see "beer-swilling, firearm-molesting conservatives," mentioned in print.

When the news media are comfortable with printing name-calling and regarding people who opine differently as less than human, I'm haunted with the feeling that I've seen it all before, in the newspapers of Nazi Germany of the 1930s, and their description of liberals and Jews.

Let's have different opinions, by all means, but let's remember that we are all created in God's image, and therefore we all deserve a bit of respect.

Tibor Pollerman
Suffolk, England

Differing opinions are good

This is in response to "Save Your Tears" (June 14).

I read the Stars and Stripes every day, and every day I read letters to the editor. It amazes me how many people feel like they speak for everyone in the military just because they wear it.

The service is a microcosm of society. Many people in the service have differing views.

You see, one of the great things about our country is that we have what many other nations do not: the ability to have political discourse.

Why is it that every time someone has a dissenting view of the president or the reasons why we engaged in war in Iraq, he or she is almost immediately labeled a flaming, tree-hugging liberal who would just as soon offer Osama bin Laden a cigarette and a beer than see him tried for his crimes? That is an unfair assertion.

The partisanship that is so pervasive in our society drives me crazy. It just seems like too many people don't want to have intellectual conversations.

Unfortunately, the way they think is so often dictated by either the R or the D in front of a politician they voted for. However, we have to have these discussions — it is needed in any Democratic society or Democracy just doesn't work.

What would happen to us as a society if we did not have such discussions? What would it be like if everyone who had a dissenting view kept it to themselves? Would we be any different than many of the places in the world where such things just simply are not tolerated? I don't think so.

While I may agree with many things an elected leader says, when I disagree it is not only my right but my responsibility to call him/her on it.

Personally I commend people whose views differ from mine. As a matter of fact, I relish it. It gives me the opportunity to hear their thoughts on the same subject from a different perspective. I learn from it.

I think it is unfair and disrespectful to anybody to crush and belittle people who oppose this war while at the same time say they support the troops.

What's wrong with that? It simply acknowledges the fact that we live in a society where majority rules, while at the same time protecting the rights of the minority. It's called democracy.

They say: I don't agree with WHY you are there but at the same time "I bid you good wishes." It's a stark contrast to the Vietnam era when protesters hated everything about that war, even the soldiers who had no choice but to fight in it.

I too volunteered to serve. I did it for my own reasons and I did it before there was ever any war on terrorism on the horizon. At that time, Osama bin Laden's name didn't even weigh too much on the minds of our intelligence community.

Everyone knows that in the military, the president is the elected leader of our nation and therefore the commander-in-chief. It's an indisputable fact.

I'll go anywhere and do anything he tells me, up to and including paying the ultimate price. We all sacrifice. Some more than others, but we all do it.

However, I feel that because of that sacrifice, not in spite of it, we owe it to one another and the people back home to voice our opinions. So to the writer of "Troops Not Forgotten" (June 7), I say thank you for your voice and keep those prayers and care packages coming.

Sir Wayne Wardlow
Camp Udairi, Kuwait

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Fuel prices too high

Officials with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service use the "excuse" that prices have risen too much in the States, so they have to raise their prices as well.

Unless I am mistaken, AAFES is not paying any local, state or federal taxes on the gas it sells. The civilian stations in the States add local, state and federal taxes to the price they pay for their supplies, which brings it to the figure they sell it for.

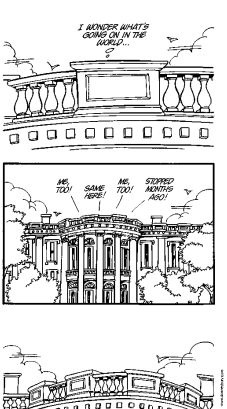
In other words, why is AAFES charging the same prices as in the States when they are not paying taxes on their supply?

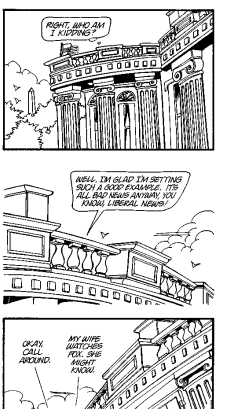
I am in Germany, but I have seen AAFES prices in the States. They are the same as the stations outside the gates of the installation. If it is true that AAFES does not pay taxes on its supply, why then does it charge the same prices as stations outside the gates?

Of course this is not true here in Europe, but still, to use the prices in the States as justification for raising gasoline prices here is absurd, if indeed they are not paying those same taxes.

So tell me, why are we paying more than $2 per gallon here?

Ron Rodrigues
Frieberg, Germany





OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

Weary GIs need a hand
The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee

U.S. war planners' miscalculations continue to exact their costs. Senior officials have insisted from the outset that there was no shortage of troops to cope with the postwar insurgency in Iraq, and that if commanders ask for more troops they will get them — knowing that commanders wouldn't ask for what their civilian bosses are disinclined to provide. Now the Army has admitted that it's overstretched. Many soldiers, both active-duty and reservist, are being required to extend their tours if their units are to be redeployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. In many cases that means an enforced delay of their scheduled separation from what is officially an all-volunteer army. …

What's done is done, but now thousands of young Americans must endure the rigors of front-line duty for as long as they're needed.

In the meantime, those — especially in Congress — who have faulted the administration for asking too much of too few should press for sensible redeployments, but not election year-inspired calls for expanding the Army.

Name of right approach: Wait
Erie (Pa.) Times-News

Ronald Reagan would no doubt find the politicians' rush to name various objects after him unseemly and embarrassing. Reagan was naturally modest, an aw-shucks, Jimmy Stewart president — that's one reason people liked him. So in the wake of President Reagan's death and subsequent outpouring of affection, Congress must choose Reagan commemorations wisely and cautiously. …

Reagan's name already appears on an aircraft carrier. (The ship received his name while he was living, an extraordinary honor.) The Washington airport favored by government officials bears Reagan's name. Within walking distance of the Capitol and White House is the Reagan International Trade Center, a huge monument if ever there was one. There's even a Mount Reagan in New Hampshire. So it is not as if Reagan will be forgotten. Americans have time to think about a decent, proper commemoration of the 40th president. …

No one must rush to decide. If Congress rushes to commemorate, after a few years' time they will find themselves with kitsch and embarrassment. Let the nation follow the advice given to a grieving spouse: Do nothing for a year.

Don't rock the establishment
South Florida (Fort Lauderdale) Sun Sentinel

The "establishment clause" of the U.S. Constitution is a vital pillar of American democracy.

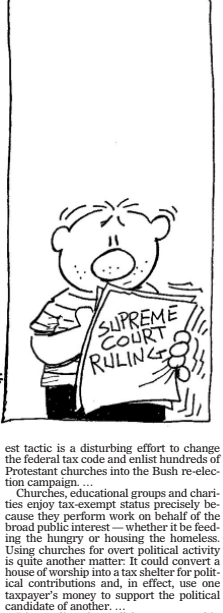
It prohibits government from establishing a state religion, which history has shown invariably results in oppression.

To argue the First Amendment also prohibits the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, however, is stretching constitutional reasoning into the realm of the absurd.

In a decision that will satisfy no one, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday dodged the question of the constitutionality of the pledge by ruling the person who brought suit in order to ban its recitation from his daughter's school and other public schools did not have standing to do so. …

The nation has "In God We Trust" emblazoned on its money and the Supreme Court opens its sessions with the words, "God save the United States and this honorable court."

These references to God, and the reference in the pledge, certainly don't constitute or even foster the establishment of a state religion or jeopardize the principle of separation of church and state. The mention of God is quite benign, and certainly not unconstitutional.



Heard enough from Enron
The Press & Sun Bulletin, Binghamton, N.Y.

Smugness and selfishness are not uncommon in today's society — indeed, they are manifest in the ways Americans drive and behave — but still it's chilling to hear people openly mock the suffering of others.

And it's infuriating to hear those same people boast and laugh about causing that suffering. Such casual cruelty is disgusting and disheartening. Is this what America has come to? This isn't about military guards in a war zone. It's about highly paid Americans in comfortable work places gloating over a crisis they helped create. It's about the obscenity-filled tapes of Enron energy traders recorded during the West Coast power crisis. …

The Justice Department reportedly has thousands of hours of this crud, only a fraction of which has been aired. Now some members of Congress say they want all the tapes released.

That's probably a good idea, but what little we've already heard is discouraging enough. It's still possible to conduct business honorably, and many companies do, but the fear is that this isn't isolated behavior — that there are others out there right now, gouging and gloating. And mocking the whole notion of integrity.

No faith in Republican tactics
Star Tribune of Minneapolis

Since Republicans won a majority in both houses of Congress in 2002, a handful of GOP leaders have shown an audacious and appalling tendency to use the tools of government to maintain their hold on political power.

First came a flagrant gerrymandering project that would have given Republicans a lock on congressional races in Texas, then an effort to dilute enforcement of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law by the Federal Election Commission. The latest tactic is a disturbing effort to change the federal tax code and enlist hundreds of Protestant churches into the Bush re-election campaign. …

Churches, educational groups and charities enjoy tax-exempt status precisely because they perform work on behalf of the broad public interest — whether it be feeding the hungry or housing the homeless. Using churches for overt political activity is quite another matter: It could convert a house of worship into a tax shelter for political contributions and, in effect, use one taxpayer's money to support the political candidate of another. …

Dismantling the wall between worship and politics is a threat both to the idea of secular American government and freedom of religious expression, and leaders of the U.S. House should know better.

Bush worked great with G8
The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C.

The international summit on Sea Island, Ga., almost came off well enough to restore one's faith in these annual get-togethers.

The world's leaders took off their ties, relaxed on sandy beaches, made some big decisions, and left still talking to each other. In today's fractious world, those are no small achievements.

Credit George W. Bush. The president's relentlessly upbeat approach to such seemingly intractable problems as Iraq, Middle East democracy and AIDS set the tone for the meeting. The president's re-election campaign must have been thrilled with the photo opportunities showing harmony among world leaders on the subject of Iraqi independence, given the charge from contender John Kerry that Bush has failed to obtain world support for his policies.

Last call for ladies night?
The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch

In a classic case of a solution without a problem, the state of New Jersey has taken action to rescue the drinking public from that grievous injustice known as ladies night.

The state's Civil Rights Division ruled recently in favor of a man who complained that the common promotional gimmick amounts to gender discrimination.

The Coastline in Cherry Hill offers special deals to women once a week. The $5 cover charge is waived, and drinks are cheaper for women.

If anyone is going to criticize ladies nights, it should be feminists. Advertising cheap drinks for women also draws men who like the idea of being around lots of women who are drinking.

The Coastline's owner acknowledged as much when he declared that 70 percent of his ladies-night patrons are men.

What better argument could there be that ladies night doesn't hurt men?

System still spared Nichols
Detroit Free Press

It was mildly surprising and no doubt vexing to some of the victims' families that an Oklahoma jury refused [on June 11] to sentence Michigan native Terry Nichols to death for his role in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

The relatives will have to settle for accountability and the knowledge that Nichols, who will be sentenced in August, will never again draw breath as a free man. He already is serving a life sentence for his federal court conviction in the bombing.

Nichols' partner in terror, Timothy McVeigh, who detonated the truck bomb that killed 168 people, was executed in 2001.

But the federal and state juries, while agreeing that Nichols was part of the terrible bombing plot and surely could have done something to stop McVeigh, seem swayed by the fact that he was miles away, in Kansas, when McVeigh acted. The bombing, the worst act of terror on American soil until the Sept. 11, 2001, events, killed 168 people, 19 of them children in a day care center. McVeigh, a disaffected veteran of the first Gulf War, described the children as "collateral damage."

Nichols, who met McVeigh in the Army, has remained silent in his own defense. In a book published before his death, McVeigh tried to minimize Nichols' role, but evidence showed that while he may not have known exactly what McVeigh was going to do, Nichols helped assemble the truck bomb and stash a getaway car in Oklahoma City.

The state of Oklahoma brought its case against him with execution in mind, arguing for the death penalty as ultimate justice for still-grieving families. Two juries have now said otherwise. There's no small irony in the fact that the government system for which Nichols shared McVeigh's contempt produced a verdict that spared his life.

YOUR MONEY

Bringing home a paycheck

Understanding your military spouse's LES

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband Jake's new command. Last week Susie started to organize her plan.

I drove Maggie to the March Family Readiness Group meeting talking about her parents' vacation trip to Malaysia on the way. We also talked about the guest speaker from the Personal Support Detachment, or PSD, who Maggie had met trying to work out an allotment problem. He was going to talk about military pay, income taxes and retirement pay.

Evelyn opened the meeting with an announcement, "We'll be having our spring social on April 10 and our social chair, Sammy Alexander, has requested volunteers to help with the event. Anybody interested?"

Maggie gently poked me in the ribs and whispered, "Go for it. You'll meet fun spouses. Besides, Sammy knows how to throw a great party."

I was reluctant for a couple seconds, but since Maggie had not let me down yet, I decided to raise my hand.

Then, a couple others did too. Look at that. I'm a trendsetter.

"Great," Evelyn said. "Talk to Sammy after the meeting."

After approving the minutes, the committee members gave their reports. We had a few unfinished business matters we resolved in 10 minutes. You could tell everyone was looking forward to hearing about finances.

"Since there is no new business," Evelyn said, "here's tonight's speaker, Petty Officer Ron Porch."

Petty Officer Porch was a burly man with a five o'clock shadow that probably showed up around noon. He wore a crisp, white uniform and circular wire rim glasses. Before he started, he handed out some papers.

"Good evening, everyone," Petty Officer Porch said. "Evelyn has asked me to talk tonight about the basics of your spouse's military finances, income taxes and military retirement pay. You can find all of your spouse's pay records at **https://mypay.dfas.mil**."

"The LES shows your spouse's income and leave balance," he said. "Take time each month to help your spouse check it for mistakes and to confirm any rank or pay-status changes.

"I always check the personal information section to make sure the LES is mine and the month is correct. I also check the entitlements, deductions, allotments and summary sections to ensure they add up to my paycheck."

"Remember, your spouse pays income tax on your base pay. Don't plan to spend all of it.

"Also, for your future reference, there are other kinds of military pay your spouse may receive that also are taxable, including: hazardous-duty pay — taxable unless received in a combat zone; skill-incentive pay such as foreign language proficiency pay; and career pay such as flight pay or sea pay.

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Ralph Nelson

"Next, on your spouse's LES are some of the nicer perks of being in the service — tax-free food, housing and clothing allowances.

"The Basic Allowance for Subsistence, or BAS, helps offset the cost of meals. While your spouse is in active service, the Navy promises to feed them — but not their families.

"When your spouses were single, they were able to live in the barracks and eat in the galley or cafeteria. They received partial-BAS of $25.80 a month. Now that they are married and moved out of the barracks, they do not rate free galley meals and start receiving full BAS of $254.46 per month.

"The Navy will take care of you and your spouse's housing needs with the Basic Allowance for Housing, or BAH.

"When sailors are single and below the rank of E-6, they do not receive any BAH, and are required to live in the barracks. Once they are married, or promoted above E-5, they are given a choice to live in on-base housing or to be given BAH to live off-base.

"If there is no base housing available, you can ask to be put on a waiting list and your orders will be stamped 'no government quarters available' when you check-in. Then, you have to find some place off-base. You can find how much BAH you are entitled to at **http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html**.

"The amount of BAH you receive depends upon your rank, where you are living and whether you have a spouse or children. For example, the E-5 in San Diego with family members receives $1,416 a month.

"Finally, if your spouse is enlisted, they'll receive a clothing replacement allowance, or CRA. The CRA allowance helps with the maintenance of your spouse's uniforms and is paid each year on the first of the month following the anniversary of their enlistment.

"Next on your spouse's LES are their deductions, or money taken out of their paycheck. The most common deductions are: taxes; repayment of advanced pay; Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, or SGLI; and any fines and forfeitures.

"After deductions, you'll see allotments. Allotments permit the Navy to send your money to somebody or someplace directly out of your pay.

"Finally, your LES includes a summary section to show the total of each section and your end-of-month pay.

"I hope my summary helps clear things up for all of you. Questions?"

A few people had personal finance questions and Petty Officer Porch suggested that many of them make appointments with their pay clerk at PSD.

Next week Petty Officer Porch talks about taxes.

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Small-business survey

WASHINGTON — Alan Greenspan wants small-business owners to take part in a Federal Reserve survey aimed at increasing policy-makers' understanding of how economic and regulatory changes affect their access to credit.

The Fed said Thursday that it plans to mail a letter to about 12,000 randomly selected small-business owners in which Fed Chairman Greenspan urges owners to participate and assures them their privacy would be protected.

The survey is being conducted for the Fed by NORC, a social science research organization at the University of Chicago.

Findings from the latest survey will be published in 2006. The last survey looked at small-business finances in 1998.

From wire reports

AP

Apple CEO Steve Jobs talks on stage Tuesday at the United Kingdom launch of Apple's iTunes music store in London, which coincides with the launches in France and Germany. The success of online music companies, such as iTunes, has inspired a new service that allows movie fans to rent videos by downloading them onto their computers.

Downloadable movies coming to computer near you

BY BENNY EVANGELISTA
San Francisco Chronicle

RealNetworks Inc., hoping to build on the momentum started by Internet music services such as iTunes, Napster and its own Rhapsody, now offers another form of online entertainment — downloadable movies.

The Seattle online media software company is teaming with premium cable television movie service Starz Encore Group LLC of Englewood, Colo., for a subscription service that lets movie fans rent films such as "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Finding Nemo" by downloading them to their computers.

The two companies started the service, called "Starz Ticket on Real Movies," last week. The service, which costs $12.95 per month, is only available to PC users with high-speed Internet access.

The firms first announced plans for the service in December 2002. But executives said the timing hasn't been right until now, when broadband Internet access has spread to about 26 million U.S. homes.

And the success of licensed music services such as Apple Computer's iTunes Music Store and RealNetwork's Rhapsody against free but unlicensed file-sharing networks such as Kazaa "show consumers are willing to pay for online content," said Richard Wolpert, RealNetwork's chief strategy officer.

The new service will offer a selection of at least 100 new major Hollywood movies and older films that are released to the home-video market at the same time as they are on the Starz cable channels, which reach about 23 million homes with digital cable. About 25 percent of the selection is replaced weekly with new films.

The movies, which are about 600 MB each and take an average of 20 minutes to download, are played back in "near-DVD quality" on the computer, Wolpert said. A movie such as "Pirates of the Caribbean" takes longer to download because it takes up 700 MB of hard-drive space. Subscribers can download as many films as their computers can store. To prevent piracy, however, the movies can't be transferred out of the computer.

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Movies: Service will offer downloadable movies

MOVIES, FROM PAGE 24

The new service will compete against two existing online movie services, Movielink LLC and CinemaNow Inc. Movielink, a joint venture of several big Hollywood studios, has attracted about 100,000 users per month for its service, which rents movies that can be downloaded individually for $1.99 to $5.99 each. Earlier this month the service began offering TV cartoon classics such as "Speed Racer." CinemaNow offers similar pay-per-download service and a subscription service that charges $9.95 per month or $49.95 per year.

But Wolpert said that unlike the other services, which have restrictions such as limiting playback of a movie to a 24- or 48-hour period, or requiring a continual Internet connection, the Starz-Real service will allow subscribers to watch new releases an unlimited number of times during the period they are available to Starz. For example, a newly released movie downloaded at the start of that period could be available for playback for a month and a half, he said.

Subscribers will also be able to watch movies shown on one of the Starz cable channels that will be streamed over the Internet.

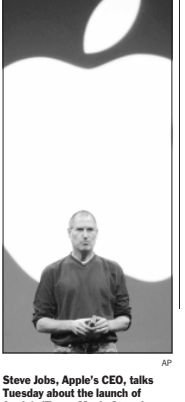
The online service is expected to find new customers who may not subscribe to the Starz cable offerings, said spokesman Tom Southwick.

The service is expected to initially attract fans who download films into laptops "and watch in the car or on airplanes," Southwick said.

"That's not something you can do currently with cable."

The service could also compete with Netflix Inc., the Los Gatos, Calif., firm that has attracted more than 2 million subscribers. For a monthly fee, Netflix subscribers pick a selection of DVD movies online and the discs are sent and returned by mail. Like Netflix, the Starz-Real service allows unlimited viewing and has no late-return fees, but eliminates the need to mail a disk, Wolpert said.

Mike McGuire, media research director at GartnerG2, a division of Stamford, Conn.-based Gartner Inc. that provides research on technology issues, said it's too early to tell whether the subscription or pay-per-download methods will succeed. But he said the new Starz-RealNetworks venture is a "pretty interesting step forward" in the delivery of digital entertainment over the Internet and could be a bellwether for future services.



AP

Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO, talks Tuesday about the launch of Apple's iTunes Music Store in London. iTunes' success against music piracy shows "consumers are willing to pay for online content," said Richard Wolpert, RealNetwork's chief strategy officer.

FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week High	52-week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
10,753.63	8,871.20	Dow Jones Industrials	10,377.52	-2.06	-.02	-.73	+13.05
3,090.07	2,352.87	Dow Jones Transportation	3,059.99	+.75	+.02	+1.76	+24.92
283.52	229.46	Dow Jones Utilities	275.41	+1.71	+.62	+3.19	+8.45
6,798.12	5,430.77	NYSE Composite	6,546.01	+10.64	+.16	+1.64	+16.32
1,278.81	938.73	Amex Index	1,211.64	+5.54	+.46	+3.25	+24.96
2,153.83	1,598.25	Nasdaq Composite	1,983.67	-14.56	-.73	-.98	+20.32
1,163.23	966.84	S&P 500	1,132.05	-1.51	-.13	+1.81	+13.81
618.46	473.90	S&P MidCap	594.84	-.42	-.07	+3.27	+22.82
606.42	437.20	Russell 2000	569.57	-.50	-.09	+2.27	+26.48
11,371.14	9,227.46	DJ Wilshire 5000	11,012.32	-12.25	-.11	+1.97	+15.85

NYSE MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NortelNw	713280	4.40	+.31
GenElec	389354	32.36	+.25
Lucent	211978	3.49	-.06
TexInst	208937	23.25	-.91
Calpine	188278	4.49	+.11
QwestCm	169755	3.75	-.01
Agere	168407	1.90	-.20
JabilCircuit	144163	24.49	-3.56
Motorola	131310	18.09	-.53
TaiwSemi	117044	7.38	-.07

AMEX MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Nasd100Tr	758323	36.39	-.34
SPDR	278011	113.81	-.17
SemiHTr	198993	35.94	-1.10
WheatR g	60988	2.77	+.12
iShR2000	54719	111.43	-.29
DHB Inds	33739	14.24	-.56
DIA Diam	33394	10.22	-.81
Viragen rs	29632	1.78	+.33
DIA Diam	27013	103.95	-.04
SP Fncl	26290	28.63	+.02

NASDAQ MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	940563	27.77	+.45
Intel	603328	1.09	-.05
Cisco	541248	23.36	-.52
Oracle	398734	11.14	-.21
Intel	382072	27.63	-.69
Cybernetic	280442	38.48	+1.59
IPIX Cp	277454	13.25	-1.21
AgileMatl	229241	18.35	-.33
JDS Uniph	228335	3.26	-.13
Proxim A	212724	1.42	+.31

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Alliant Techsystem	---	15	63.00	-1.06	+9.1
Armor Holdings	---	54	34.67	-.74	+31.8
Boeing	.80	22	52.48	+.43	+12.4
Computer Sciences	---	15	42.27	+.12	-4.4
Engineered Sup Sys	.07	24	53.05	-.07	-3.7
General Dynamics	1.44	19	99.28	-.03	+9.8
General Electric	.80	21	32.36	+.25	+4.5
Halliburton	.50	---	30.20	-.15	+16.2
Harris Corp.	.40	13	47.59	+.46	+2.6
Allied Signal	.75	23	36.17	+.12	+8.2
L-3 Communications	.40	22	63.76	-.47	+24.1
Lockheed Martin	.88	20	49.40	-1.07	-3.9
Northrop	1.84	23	105.46	-.24	+10.3
Raytheon	.80	37	34.87	---	+16.1
Rockwell Intl.	.66	26	35.62	+.11	-7.6
Sequa Corp.	.42	---	55.75	+.37	+13.8
Texas Instruments	.16	28	23.25	-.91	-20.9
Textron Inc.	1.20	25	57.28	+.90	+.4
United Technologies	1.40	18	89.10	+.38	-6.0

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	YTD %Chg
Fidelity Invest: Growth	36.38	-.01	+2.2
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	51.28	-.36	+2.4
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	27.71	-.11	+4.0
Fidelity Spartan: EqIdx	40.26	-.05	+2.5
Putnam Funds A: GVoy A	18.69	+.01	+2.8
Fidelity Invest: A Mgr	15.78	+.01	+.6
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	38.54	-.09	+1.1
AIM Investments A: Const p	21.46	-.11	-2
Fidelity Invest: USBl	14.52	+.02	-.5
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOpsT	28.66	-.09	+1
Fidelity Invest: Oversea	31.48	+.11	-1
Fidelity Advisor T: EqInT	26.87	+.01	+4.0
Scudder Funds S: GrowCo	28.55	-.03	+2.2
AIM Investments A: WeinsA p	12.13	-.07	+2.1
Putnam Funds A: GlBalty p	7.54	+.01	+1.1
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.25	---	+3.0
Merrill Lynch I: BalCapI	26.71	+.06	+1.1
Scudder Funds S: Intl FdS	39.05	+.24	+1.7
Fidelity Advisor T: OverseT	15.72	+.05	-4
Lord Abbett A: DevGrA p	14.67	-.09	-1.5
Scudder Funds S: Income S	12.65	+.03	-2
Merrill Lynch I: USGvMtg	10.24	+.02	-.3
Scudder Funds S: Devel	18.00	-.24	-4.5
Putnam Funds A: GlGoA p	12.11	+.02	-1.5

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Euro	$1.24
British pound	$1.88
Japanese yen (June 21)	107.00
S. Korean won (June 19)	1,127.00

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.37698
British pound	$1.8356
Canada (Dollar)	1.3704
Denmark (Krone)	6.1678
Egypt (Pound)	6.18
Euro	$1.2047
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7985
Hungary (Forint)	211.90
Iceland (Krona)	72.64
Israel (Shekel)	4.4964
Japan (Yen)	109.01
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	6.9548
Philippines (Peso)	56.43
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7158
S. Korea (Won)	1,159.90
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2532
Thailand (Baht)	40.85
Turkey (Lira)	1,494,000

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

London close

Gold	$395.40
Silver	$5.98

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.00
Discount rate	2.00
Federal funds market rate	1.00
3-month bill	1.39
30-year bond	5.38

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Discipline best financial defense

Q: The past 18 months have been extremely difficult financially, and I have had to use overdraft protection repeatedly.

Each time I use it, I am charged $22. This has truly snowballed on me. I paid over $4,000 in overdraft fees last year.

These charges make it impossible to start becoming solvent again.

The local bank is not much help. Can you please tell me who I go to with this problem?

A: Try your nearest mirror.

The way to deal with tough financial times isn't by kiting checks.

Overdraft protection is meant to prevent you from the occasional mistake that might otherwise result in a bounced check. You're using it to live beyond your means.

Unfortunately, some banks encourage this approach by suggesting their customers use overdraft protection as a line of credit. But as you've seen, this is an extremely expensive way to borrow.

You need to cut your expenses to the absolute bone and start living on cash — not credit cards, not checks, not debit cards. You need to see exactly what you're spending and where. If you truly can't make it on your current income, you need to look for ways to boost your pay or check with your local social services office to see what resources are available: food stamps, food banks, help with housing.

Money Talk

Liz Pulliam Weston

The solution to overspending is learning how to live within your means — not finding ways to paper over the problem with bad checks.

Q: In a recent article, you discussed the estate tax exclusion, which is scheduled to rise to $3.5 million before disappearing altogether for one year (2010). Could you explain what will happen in 2011 and after?

A: Right now, the estate tax exclusion, which is the amount that can be passed to heirs free of federal estate taxes, is scheduled to return to the $1 million mark in 2011.

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Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Watching out for troops

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — When personal financial disaster strikes at home, troops on active duty have some help, not just waits and worries.

Military service personnel, including reservists and members of the National Guard, are protected under the 1940 Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act — a law that recognizes the limitations active military service puts on fulfilling financial obligations. The law protects servicemembers from their first day of active duty to a short time after their discharge or release.

If you've been called to active duty, the SSCRA provides the following relief regarding property:

■ Protection against eviction for you and your dependents in a rented or leased home or apartment, if your rent is $1,200 or less.

■ Ability to terminate any lease you signed before entering active duty. This includes any property you live in or use for professional, commercial or agricultural purposes. You must submit a copy of your military orders and a notice of termination to your landlord.

The SSCRA provides other protections, including delays of civil lawsuits in which you are the plaintiff or defendant. To invoke the act, you must have your commanding officer (not a lawyer) write a letter to the court and to the opposing party's attorney, stating your inability to attend the proceedings. The judge will determine the length of the delay.

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Ryder's convictions reduced

AP

An image taken from a pool video shows actress Winona Ryder during a progress report hearing Friday in Beverly Hills, Calif. The judge in Ryder's shoplifting case reduced her felony convictions to misdemeanors Friday and allowed her to finish probation unsupervised. After reviewing Ryder's probation report, Superior Court Judge Elden Fox warned the actress that if she breaks the law before the end of her probation in December 2005, she would be sent to jail.

Bradbury demands filmmaker Moore rename '9/11' film

BY PAUL CHAVEZ
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ray Bradbury is demanding an apology from filmmaker Michael Moore for lifting the title from his classic science-fiction novel "Fahrenheit 451" without permission and wants the new documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" to be renamed.

"He didn't ask my permission," Bradbury, 83, said Friday. "That's not his novel, that's not his title, so he shouldn't have done it."

The 1953 novel, widely considered Bradbury's masterpiece, portrays an ugly futuristic society in which firemen burn homes and libraries in order to destroy the books inside and keep people from thinking independently.

"Fahrenheit 451" takes its title from the temperature at which books burn. Moore has called "Fahrenheit 9/11" the "temperature at which freedom burns."

His film, which won top honors in May at the Cannes Film Festival, charges that the Bush administration acted ineptly before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, then played on the public's fear of future terrorism to gain support for the war against Iraq. It opens nationwide this Friday.

Bradbury, who hadn't seen the movie, said he called Moore's company six months ago to protest and was promised Moore would call back.

He finally got that call June 12, Bradbury said, adding Moore told him he was "embarrassed" he'd let too much time go by.

Joanne Doroshow, a spokeswoman for "Fahrenheit 9/11," said the film's makers have "the utmost respect for Ray Bradbury."

"Mr. Bradbury's work has been an inspiration to all of us involved in this film, but when you watch this film you will see the fact that the title reflects the facts that the movie explores, the very real life events before, around and after 9-11," she said.

Bradbury, who is a registered political independent, said he would rather avoid litigation and is "hoping to settle this as two gentlemen, if he'll shake hands with me and give me back my book and title."

A new edition of Bradbury's book is scheduled for release in eight weeks, Bradbury said, and plans are in the works for a new film version, to be directed by Frank Darabont.

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2004	AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00	Rocket Power	WWE SmackDown!	Headline News	NASCAR Racing Craftsman Truck Series -- O'Reilly 200. From Memphis Motorsports Park in Memphis, Tenn. (Taped)	Swamp Critters	WWE SmackDown!
9:30	To Be Announced		America's Black Forum		Harvest: Greg Laurie	
10:00		Stargate SG-1 "The Changeling"	Chris Matthews Show		Music Word	Stargate SG-1 "The Changeling"
10:30	SpongeBob		Corps News		Real Videos	
11:00	Destinations	Headline News	Big Story Weekend Edition		The Simpsons	Headline News
11:30	Ebert & Roeper	ESPNews			The Bernie Mac Show	ESPNews
12:00	Headline News	America's Funniest Home Videos	CNN Presents		Everybody-Raymond	America's Funniest Home Videos
12:30	Army Newswatch			SportsCenter	The King of Queens	
13:00	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Movie ★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children.	Fox and Friends		Joan of Arcadia "Jump"	Movie ★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children.
13:30				Track and Field Nike Prefontaine Classic. From Eugene, Ore. (Taped)		
14:00			Fox and Friends		Leave It to Beaver	
14:30					The Andy Griffith Show	
15:00			CBS News Sunday Morning	SportsCenter	The Brady Bunch	
15:30		Seinfeld			The Cosby Show	Seinfeld
16:00	WWE SmackDown!	That '70s Show		Sports Reporters	Touched by an Angel "Song for My Father"	That '70s Show
16:30		Entertainment Tonight	Face the Nation	SportsCenter		Entertainment Tonight
17:00	Stargate SG-1 "The Changeling"		Headline News		Swamp Critters	
17:30		America's Black Forum	Corps News	SportsCenter	Harvest: Greg Laurie	America's Black Forum
18:00	ESPNews	SportsCenter	Late Edition Prime-time		Music Word	SportsCenter
18:30	ESPNews			Golf U.S. Open Championship Final Round. From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (Live)	Real Videos	
19:00	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series -- DHL 400. From Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. (Live)			The Simpsons	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series -- DHL 400. From Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. (Live)
19:30					The Bernie Mac Show	
20:00			FOX News		Everybody-Raymond	
20:30					The King of Queens	
21:00			FOX News		Joan of Arcadia "Jump"	
21:30						
22:00	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)		CNN Sunday		Leave It to Beaver	
22:30					The Andy Griffith Show	
23:00			Meet the Press		The Brady Bunch	
23:30		ESPNews			The Cosby Show	ESPNews
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00:00	(10:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	ESPNews	Tim Russert	Golf U.S. Open Championship Final Round. (Live)	Touched by an Angel "Song for My Father"	ESPNews
00:30		ESPNews				ESPNews
1:00	Headline News	Sesame Street (EI)	Fox Report	Baseball Tonight	The Wild Thornberrys	Sesame Street (EI)
1:30	Seinfeld				SpongeBob	
2:00	That '70s Show	Dora the Explorer	This Week	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	The Simpsons	Dora the Explorer
2:30	Entertainment Tonight	Rugrats			Happy Days	Wheel of Fortune
3:00		Dr. Phil	Dateline International		Average Joe	Dr. Phil
3:30	WWE SmackDown!					
4:00		Oprah Winfrey	60 Minutes		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ridicule"	Oprah Winfrey
4:30	America's Black Forum					
5:00	Meet the Press	Headline News	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Monster Garage	Headline News
5:30		Judge Judy				Judge Judy
6:00	Headline News	Access Hollywood	Larry King Live		New Detectives: Forensic Science	Access Hollywood
6:30	ESPNews	Guiding Light		SportsCenter		Guiding Light
7:00	Sesame Street (EI)	General Hospital	CNN Sunday Night		Movie ★★★½ "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan.	General Hospital
7:30				SportsCenter		
8:00	Dora the Explorer	Dateline NBC	Access Hollywood			Lilo & Stitch
8:30	Wheel of Fortune	Digimon-Digital				Digimon-Digital
9:00	Dr. Phil	I Spy	The Beltway Boys	Motorcycle Racing AMA.	The Wild Thornberrys	I Spy
9:30		Rocket Power	Fox News Watch		SpongeBob	Even Stevens
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Bulls and Bears	Motorcycle Racing AMA.	The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	Cavuto on Business		Happy Days	Headline News
11:00		ESPNews	Dateline NBC	NBA Finals Late Night	Average Joe	ESPNews
11:30	General Hospital	Advisory Block		SportsCenter		Pacific Report
12:00	Headline News	60 Minutes II	Access Hollywood		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ridicule"	60 Minutes II
12:30	Judge Judy					
13:00	Today Keenen Ivory Wayans; Hadas Dembo.	Cold Case "A Time to Hate"	Good Morning America	NBA Basketball Finals Game 7 -- Detroit Pistons at Los Angeles Lakers. (Taped)	Monster Garage	Cold Case "A Time to Hate"
13:30						
14:00		Without a Trace "No Mas"			New Detectives: Forensic Science	Without a Trace "No Mas"
14:30						
15:00	Lilo & Stitch	Pacific Report	Headline News	Boxing Paulie Ayala vs. Marco Antonio Barrera. (Taped)	Movie ★★★½ "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan.	Pacific Report
15:30	Digimon-Digital	The Tonight Show	World News			The Tonight Show
16:00	I Spy		The Early Show			
16:30	Even Stevens	Late Show				Late Show
17:00	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	
17:30	Headline News	Access Hollywood			SpongeBob	Access Hollywood
18:00	ESPNews	Movie ★★★★ "To Kill a Mockingbird" (1962) Gregory Peck. Two youngsters witness racial prejudice in the Deep South.	FOX News	Tennis Wimbledon -- Early Round -- Day 1. From the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Taped)	The Simpsons	Movie ★★★★ "To Kill a Mockingbird" (1962) Gregory Peck. Two youngsters witness racial prejudice in the Deep South.
18:30	AFN Evening News				Happy Days	
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21:30			Inside Politics			
22:00	Headline News	The Hot List			New Detectives: Forensic Science	The Hot List
22:30	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Headline News			Headline News
23:00		Today Keenen Ivory Wayans; Hadas Dembo.	Lester Holt	Around the Horn	Movie ★★★½ "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993)	Today Keenen Ivory Wayans; Hadas Dembo.
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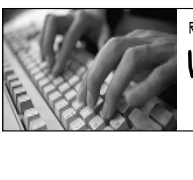

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Visnjic: Still on "ER," but for how long?

Q Say it ain't so. Is handsome Goran Visnjic really turning in his stethoscope and leaving "ER"? — Wendy Weiner, Cleveland

A Not quite yet. The brooding Croatian actor is contractually obligated to remain in NBC's emergency room as Dr. Luka Kovac for another season. But there are signs that his days on the small screen are numbered. Visnjic, 31, is now filming "Elektra," the comic book-inspired "Daredevil" spinoff starring Jennifer Garner. And once Visnjic gets a taste of big-screen big money, we predict there will be no turning back.

Q What is O.J. Simpson doing to fulfill his promise to "search for the real killer" of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman? It's been 10 years. — Gayle Muto, Chatham, Mass.

A Last we noticed, O.J. appeared to be looking in the rough on golf courses.

AP

O.J. — keeps busy interviewing, golfing.

Q I saw Glenda Jackson on C-SPAN, speaking as a member of the House of Commons. How long has she been in office? — C.M. Coates, Santa Fe, N.M.

A The double Oscar winner (1970's "Women in Love" and 1973's "A Touch of Class") was elected to Parliament in 1992, representing the Labour Party for the London district of Hampstead and Highgate. Jackson, now 68, retired from showbiz that same year, saying: "You can't be a part-time member of Parliament any more than you can be a part-time actress."

Q The release of the new CD "Dino: The Essential Dean Martin" got me wondering: Is Dean's wife Jeannie still alive? And what do his children remember most about him? — Nancy A., Fayetteville, Ark.

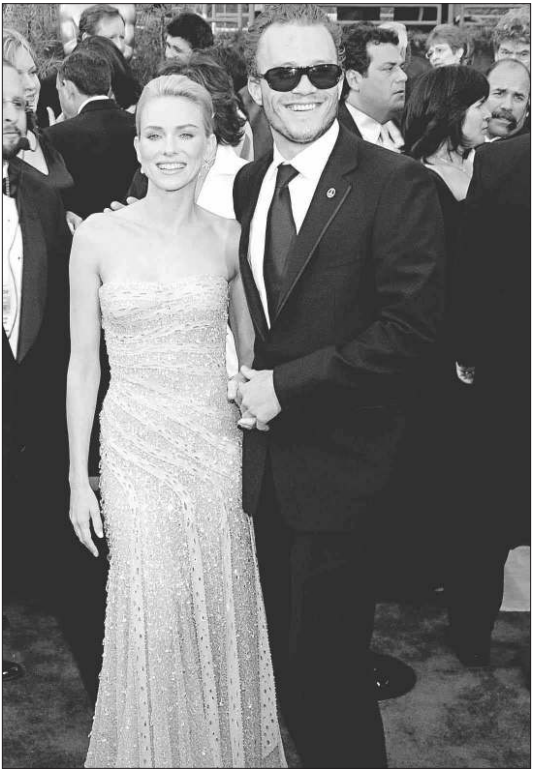
A Jeannie is alive and well at 77, as are six of Dean's eight kids. (Dean Paul died in 1987 at 37, and Claudia died in 2001 at 56.) "My father was always cool and funny," says Gail Martin, 59. "If you did anything you shouldn't have, you'd go into the den, and he'd say, 'I'm so disappointed.' We all adored him. That's why you never read about a Martin kid getting into trouble." Incidentally, Dean had three wives: Betty (1940-49), Jeannie (1949-73) and Catherine (1973-76).

KRT

Paula Abdul's lovely locks owe their length to hair extensions.

Q My wife swears that Paula Abdul of "American Idol" often uses hair extensions. I disagree. Who is right? — Tom Martin, Clifton, N.J.

A Your wife. Paula, 42, uses extensions to lengthen and highlight her tresses. "It's an intricate process that takes two to three hours," says Beverly Hills hairstylist Piny Benzaken, who has enhanced Paula's locks for years. Piny has had male extendees too, including John Travolta for "Pulp Fiction," Johnny Depp for "The Brave" and Tom Cruise for "Rain Man."



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The lovely Naomi Watts and the scruffy Heath Ledger are no longer a couple. Ledger, 25, will be making art resemble life when he stars in the movie "Casanova," while Watts, 35, has her role in "Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson's remake of "King Kong" to keep her busy.

Q You reported that Naomi Watts and Heath Ledger had broken up, but I recently saw them back together. What's their status now? — B. Charles, Wheeling, W.Va.

A Splitsville. And this time, it looks like it's for good. Sources close to the pair tell us their age difference — she's 35, he's 25 — finally caught up with them. Oscar nominee Naomi ("21 Grams") wants to share her hot career with a stable partner, while hunky Heath is more interested in sowing his wild Hollywood oats. Appropriately, he'll be romancing the ladies onscreen in "Casanova" starting in August. That same month, she starts shooting a remake of "King Kong" (no stable partner there, of course).

Q Despite the enormous potbelly he sports on "The Sopranos," I've heard that James Gandolfini takes his daily exercise routine very seriously. What health club does he belong to? — Jim Robbins, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

A None. Gandolfini, 42, exercises in the privacy of his Manhattan apartment. And his state-of-the-art equipment didn't "fall off a truck." He personally paid for it at a store in New York.

Q I'm a big fan of the Harry Potter books. When will J.K. Rowling release her sixth volume? — Melissa W., Greeley, Colo.

A Rowling, 38, says she has no idea when she'll finish her as-yet-untitled sixth installment. It took three years to get No. 5, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," into stores. The Potter books have sold 254 million copies in 61 languages. With those numbers, we can understand why Rowling is in no rush to write "The End."

Q Are singer Beck and his girlfriend, actress Marissa Ribisi ("Dazed and Confused"), still an item? — Jennifer Kunz, New Haven, Conn.

A This duo has graduated from mere item to full-scale entry: Beck Hansen, 33, and Marissa Ribisi, 29 — twin sister of actor Giovanni Ribisi — tied the knot in April. A baby is due July 3.

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Sunday Horoscope

Joyce Jillson

Happy Father's Day. The sun moves into Cancer, where it will be until July 22. During this period, much of our attention goes to domestic issues. We discover what would make our home sweeter, certainly in terms of the physical aspects but also in regards to the relationships built there. Loyalties are made clear during this time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 20). You're not only driven — you know exactly what you want this year. The next seven weeks are fabulous for your love life, and when you're happy, you do better at work as well. Employment seekers find a premium situation in August. Family is generous with you this fall — loved ones are surprisingly willing to grow. Lucky love signs are Pisces and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Get fresh air and exercise — you need it. If you can entertain at home, it's great for your personal life. Enchanting new friends surface. Stylish touches win points. Domestic niceties are now affordable — shop.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Daring moves improve your personal life. Call the one on your mind, and end the limbo you both are in. Someone you helped in the past repays you, just in time for you to repay someone else. Redecorate to improve your mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have plenty of energy, so get tedious business out of the way early. A wave of uncharacteristic impatience may come over you. Your brain processes information at high speeds — avoid interrupting a slow speaker.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A romantic encounter could turn into an adventure. Travel and getting lost are indicated. Bring a map. Social happenings are lively. Give company your undivided attention rather than trying to impress them with stories.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Regarding those personal goals: Ask a reliable friend to check back with you and make sure you're doing what you said you would. An important communication matter needs to be resolved. Go in with your defenses down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A romance is in danger of proceeding too quickly — pull back. Slow progress is ultimately more fulfilling. Family gatherings are featured. You don't need to talk up your accomplishments — an attitude of success says it all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's very satisfying to finally work out an important relationship issue — it all goes smoothly if you have the guts to say what you mean and mean what you say. Bonus. You'll find lost possessions while cleaning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a lot on your mind, but don't allow yourself to be distracted from your original plan. More socializing and less looking for love give you the right attitude to attract just the love you're not looking for.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Include as many people as you can in the fun, since you get energy from a group or, better yet, a crowd. A flirtation gets more exciting. You'll enjoy it if you can share the play by play with a trusted friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The bigger the idea, the more likely you are to make it real. Having a backup plan could save you from repeating a past mistake. You could get an offer that is simply too little too late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Revive romantic commitment, or be brave enough to step out on your own. Your desires and expectations are changing, so don't be surprised if you do something that is very uncharacteristic of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone else's loss is your gain. You've got the momentum of a positive string of events affecting your personal life. Make the most of this. Send a love letter, if that's what it takes. Problem solving is your specialty.

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On high seas, 'devil to pay'

The word "devil" in the expression "the devil to pay" does not refer to the theological "devil" but to some nautical term. Can you shed any light on this?

We are often told that the expressions "the devil to pay" and "between the devil and the deep (blue) sea" do not refer to Satan but to a perfectly innocent nautical devil. This "devil" is a seam in a ship's hull, on or below the waterline.

"The devil to pay" is supposed to be a short form of "the devil to pay and no pitch hot." This interpretation depends on a homonym of the verb "pay" which means "to apply pitch."

Unfortunately for the nautical explanation, both expressions are attested much earlier than is the requisite sense of "devil."

We first find "the devil to pay" in a poem written about 1500. The couplet, rendered in modern English, goes "It would be better to stay at home forever than to serve here to please — or pay — the devil." We have no evidence for the longer "the devil to pay and no pitch hot" until 1828.

"Between the devil and the deep sea" goes back at least to 1637. Robert Munro, in "His Expedition with the Worthy Scots Regiment called Mac-Keyes Regiment," wrote, "I, with my partie, did lie on our poste, as betwixt the devill and the deep sea."

The "devil" in a ship's hull, on the other hand, is first reported in William Henry Smyth's "Sailor's Word-Book: An Alphabetical Digest of Nautical Terms," compiled about 1865.

This column was prepared by the editors of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's Wordwatch, P.O. Box 281, 47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

Remembering Dad's wisdom on Father's Day and every day

Dear Abby: My dad, Alvin Hennerberg, who is now 78, is a retired farmer living in Nebraska. He and my mom, Elaine, have been married for 50 years. A few years ago, as I reflected upon his role in my life, I realized what a strong role model he has been through his daily rituals and work. Even though I didn't grow up to be a farmer, what he taught me has translated into how I conduct my daily life.

I put some of the lessons I learned from him in writing and gave it to him for his birthday.

I suspect many sons and daughters have similar sentiments about their dads on this Father's Day. There may be sons and daughters who would enjoy reading them, passing them along to their fathers, and telling them that they, too, learned important life lessons that only a dad can teach.

— Gary Hennerberg, Grapevine, Texas

Dear Gary: The wisdom you learned from your father is classic and deserves to be shared. You have done him proud.

Read on:

What I Learned From You

Make Hay While the Sun Shines. When it's sunny and the forecast is good, bring out the equipment and take advantage of the circumstances of the day. Not every day is sunny, and not every day in life brings opportunity. I learned from you that when times are good we should make the most of them.

Dear Abby

Sharpen Tools on a Rainy Day. When it rained and we couldn't go to the field, we used our time wisely by sharpening our tools, doing maintenance, or other tasks that would give us a jump start on the season. I learned from you that rainy days are actually a gift from God to refresh, renew and make us better.

Keep Machines Cleaned and Maintained. We washed the equipment and conducted routine maintenance as an automatic ritual. It made them look years newer than their actual age, and cost less to operate in the long run. That attitude you instilled in me continues to this day. I take care of my belongings and treat them with respect.

Stay Between the Lines. A clean field requires staying between the rows when cultivating it. When you stray outside the rows, you'll needlessly destroy precious crops. I stay within the lines in my personal life and do what's right for my business associates. I learned from you to be careful not to do anything that would destroy what we cultivate.

Take the High Road. An improper act shouldn't result in an improper response. Better to take the high road and be able to hold your head up, knowing you did the right thing. I learned from you that often the best response is silence, and that good fortune results when you treat people with respect.

Go to Church Every Sunday and Trust God. We did it. It's a lifelong habit you instilled in me. It has reinforced in me the real priorities of life and family. And, equally important, it has given me the freedom to know that at the end of the day, and at the end of time, everything will be all right.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at **http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby**

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WWII Memorial is tribute to both veterans and fathers

Dear Readers: Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and father-figures around the world. Here's a little poem that was sent to us. We do not know the author, but we thought it expressed a loving sentiment. Enjoy:

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength
of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning
in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it … Dad

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from "Feeling Forgotten," whose husband never could remember special occasions.

For seven years, I was married to a man who always came home with gifts and showered me on holidays, but it wasn't enough to make him a good husband. We divorced six years ago, and I have watched this man neglect his duties as a father to our 10-year-old daughter. Meanwhile, I married "Alan." Alan can never remember so much as a card for my birthday, but I wouldn't trade him for the world.

Annie's Mailbox

While my ex uses his money to take fancy vacations, my daughter and I know we can count on Alan. He is a perfect daddy in every way. He may not remember holidays, but he never forgets Girl Scout meetings or school functions. I have yet to see him come home with a bundle of roses, but he never fails to hand over his paycheck so we can meet our bills. He is honest, loyal and faithful to me and my daughter. I wouldn't change a thing.

— Feeling Loved in Kansas

Dear Kansas: What a wonderful tribute to your husband, and how appropriate for him to see it on Father's Day. We're betting it will make his day.

Dear Annie: The National World War II Memorial was recently dedicated in Washington, D.C. Please tell your readers that they can add their loved one's name, whether alive or deceased, to the registry by going online at wwiimemorial.com. I sent information and a picture of my dad, and it makes me so proud to go to the site and see the page on my father.

I would like to say thanks to the veterans of WWII — and all of our vets.

— B.

Dear B.: Thank you for mentioning the World War II Memorial and the Registry of Remembrances, an individual listing of Americans who contributed to the war effort. Any U.S. citizen who helped win the war, whether a veteran or someone on the home front, male or female, is eligible for the Registry.

You can register your information at wwiimemorial.com or write to the National World War II Memorial, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 501, Arlington, VA 22201. If you know any veterans who do not have access to the Internet, please offer to help enter the information so their memories can be preserved as part of the World War II Memorial.

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Vatican turns to new technology to track manuscripts

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Dealing with bug infestations, normal wear and tear and even the occasional thief, keepers of the 15th century Vatican Apostolic Library face an ever-challenging task. Their latest step to keep their invaluable collection intact has been to employ some 21st century technology.

Officials have started implanting computer chips in the 1.6 million books in the Vatican's collection. The chips communicate via radio wave with hand-held monitors, so librarians can tell if a book is missing.

"That is no small thing, because a book that's out of place is as if the book is lost," says Ambrogio Piazzoni, the library's deputy prefect.

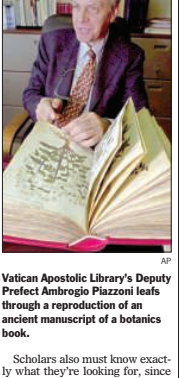
The technology has been around for a few years. But the Vatican believes its "Pergamon" system — named for the ancient city in modern Turkey that housed one of the Old World's greatest libraries — marks the first time that the system has been applied to a library catalogue on a large scale.

It's the latest advance for the Vatican Library, which was started by Pope Nicholas V in the 1450s with an initial 350 Latin manuscripts. By the time Nicholas died in 1455, the collection had swelled to about 1,500 codices and was the largest in Europe.

Today, the Vatican Library is known for its collection of manuscripts — the one-of-a-kind, often beautifully illustrated handwritten books that predate the era of the printing press.

One of the library's most important pieces is the "Codex B" — the oldest known complete Bible, which dates from about 325 A.D. and is believed to have been one of the 50 bibles Emperor Constantine commissioned.

The library today is housed in a series of frescoed halls inside Vatican City that are open to scholars who request permission to do research.



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Vatican Apostolic Library's Deputy Prefect Ambrogio Piazzoni leafs through a reproduction of an ancient manuscript of a botanics book.

Scholars also must know exactly what they're looking for, since the manuscript collection — like those of other great libraries — is not entirely catalogued.

In fact, only about 15,000 to 20,000 manuscripts have been logged so far since the modern process began in 1902, Piazzoni says.

"Which means that if we continue with the same criteria of cataloguing, we can assume that we'll finish in 3½ centuries," he says.

Developer Bernard McFarland is seen in a unit of his condo building, the former St. Peter and Paul's Church, in South Boston. At St. Peter and Paul's, the one- to three-bedroom condos have sold for between $300,000 for the smallest one-bedroom unit to $1.2 million for a penthouse unit with cathedral ceilings and the original bell tower of the 1848 church.

AP

Churches become condos in new trend

BY DENISE LAVOIE
The Associated Press

BOSTON — When St. Peter and Paul's Church was sold to a developer, there was a lot of resistance in South Boston. Not only was the beloved church closing, it was being turned into something that was an anathema to the working-class neighborhood: luxury condominiums.

As the Boston Archdiocese prepares to put 60 churches up for sale, developers and real estate brokers predict they will be scooped up and converted into condos because the market is hot for trendy, distinctive real estate.

"Huge, huge, huge, huge, huge," said Peter LaBranche, a real estate agent in Newton, where two churches are to be closed. "They'll sell in a heartbeat, overnight, in 10 minutes."

Eric Reensteirna, an appraiser who specializes in church properties, said converting them into living space is often difficult and expensive because of the desire to preserve unusual architectural details while creating extra floors within the often cavernous buildings.

"The big hall with high ceilings can have its uses, but the churches are designed for one use and that's religious, so they aren't an easy proposition in terms of converting them for residential use," Reenstierna said. "They are expensive and there is a lack of community acceptance. There's a kind of aversion to living in a building that was once a church."

But that aversion isn't overwhelming, and the draw of stained glass, stonework and moldings can translate into pricey apartments, Reenstierna said.

"Every one of these churches will have a market in terms of some residential developer because the demand is just so strong," he said.

Archbishop Sean O'Malley announced the closures in May in the midst of a financial crisis caused in part by settlements in the clergy sex abuse crisis. He said declining Mass attendance, a shortage of priests and the inability of the archdiocese to support struggling parishes — many with older buildings in desperate need of repairs — added to the crisis.

The Rev. Christopher Coyne, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said there will be open bidding for the properties, which are scattered from Rockport to Plymouth, but the archdiocese will try to find buyers who plan to convert the churches to uses consistent with the church's mission.

"It's not always accepting the highest offer," Coyne said.

Rocking teens with a message of faith

BY BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

I conducted a focus group last weekend while taking a vanload of teens to an event called Slopfest. It was a messy, unfocused group but it answered the question I posed: What bands rock but still roll out a good message for teens?

The question popped up when a mother asked what artists I'd recommend to a junior high girl who likes the energetic Christian "punk" music of Relient K. I asked the teens their thoughts. Here's an alphabetical rundown of the results, with a few personal comments on recent releases:

■ **Audio Adrenaline.** These guys have been rockin' for more than a decade and are only getting better. Their latest CD, "Worldwide," won the Grammy for Christian rock earlier this year. Without a doubt, it deserved the honor. Many of the band's songs focus on a call to take action — in the church, in society, in missions — and that's a theme that energizes teens. (**www. audioa.com**)

■ **Everyday Sunday.** This is a group of young guys who turned out a great debut CD, "Stand Up." The band's second CD, "Anthems for the Imperfect," just came out. The energetic music is very faith-based but also addresses a lot of teen concerns. That's a plus but the balance was tipped when we saw them at last year's Slopfest and the girls fell for lead singer Trey Pearson. (**www.everydaysunday.com**)

■ **FM Static.** This group is basically the alternative rock band Thousand Foot Krutch in a different incarnation. The band has released only one CD — "What Are You Waiting For?" — but it was one of the best of 2003. It offers plenty of songs about relationships and other high school concerns but also has some great faith-based songs. One of the great things about this band's Web site is that you can listen to full-length versions of all of the songs from the CD. (**www.fmstatic. com**)

■ **Relient K.** Frontman Matt Thiessen has an odd and ornery sense of humor that comes through in much of the band's music. That's a major plus with the teens I know. The lyrics tend to focus more on teen and college concerns than on faith issues but each of these concerns is tackled from a Christian perspective. Relient K's last two CDs — "Two Lefts Don't Make a Right … But Three Do" and "The Anatomy of The Tongue In Cheek" are packed with great music with a fun — but solid — message. (**www.relientk. com**)

■ **Sanctus Real.** Cute guys, good music — 'nough said for the girls. On the CD "Say It Loud," the title track and "Audience of One" really rock. These guys also have a new CD coming out this month. (**www.sanctusreal.com**)

■ **Superchic[k].** This band aims squarely at teens and its songs have been picked up for a number of mainstream soundtracks and commercials. ("One Girl Revolution" from the movie "Legally Blonde" is the most widely known.) Lyrics cover relationships, anxiety, faith and other teen concerns, often seriously but frequently with a good dose of fun. My favorite CD is "Last One Picked" but "Karaoke Superstar" runs a close second. (**www.superchickonline.com**)

■ **ZOEgirl.** These three women started as a pop group with a strong inclination toward dance rhythms. Those songs sounded great four years ago but seem a bit dated now. The band's latest CD, "Different Kind of Free," is a step toward rock but still has a lot of pop influences. The disc is pretty good, but I suspect ZOEgirl will get even better if the band continues in this line. (**www.zoegirlonline.com**)

Today's praise

Today's Praise is a roundup of news and reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry. It appears twice a month on the Religion page.

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Sam's Club selling 'Passion' in bulk

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Mainstream retailer Sam's Club is offering 50-copy "church packs" of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," in a twist on usual ways of selling to religious groups.

Advance sales for the film's Aug. 31 release on DVD and video cassette already have exceeded expectations for the retailer, the warehouse club division of Wal-Mart Stores.

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Report: Faith-driven abuses not so common

VATICAN CITY — Torture, burning at the stake and other punishment for the faithful condemned as witches or heretics by church tribunals during the centuries-long Inquisition was not as widespread as commonly believed, the Vatican said Tuesday.

Research findings into the dark era in church history were praised by Pope John Paul II as part of his efforts to identify wrongs it had committed.

During the Catholic Church's millennium celebrations in 2000, the pope apologized for the sins of Catholics made in the name of their faith throughout the ages, including such abuses as those committed during the Inquisition, a systematic crackdown by Church officials in defense of doctrinal orthodoxy.

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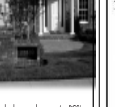

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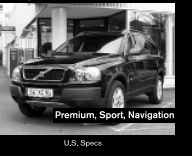

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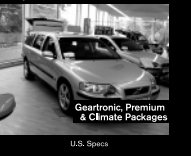

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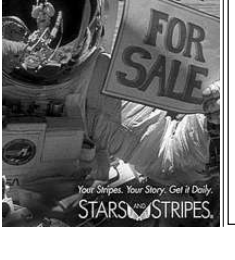

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NAF-SS-04-24 Pay/Plan/Series NF-0525 Grade 03

Salary: $31,000 - $40,000

Opening Date: 11-May-2004
Cutoff Date: 18-May-2004
Closing Date: 25-Jun-2004

Duty Station: GRIESHEIM, GERMANY

Area of Consideration: WORLDWIDE: Relocation expenses will be paid for CONUS HIRES only.

Duties: Recruits, trains and supervises carriers and /or contractor organizations in assigned area of responsibility. Responsible for sales, delivery, service and collections within assigned area. Analyzes distribution needs for deployment areas assigned and coordinating successful distribution within assigned deployment area. Must be able to successfully communicate with high-level military and civilian decision-makers to accomplish assigned distribution mission. Promotes the good will of European Stars and Stripes and assists with other newspaper needs that may be required due to staffing in assigned area.

Qualification Requirements: Minimum of 3 years experience as District Manager with daily newspaper. May substitute related circulation experience at ESS. May substitute knowledge of deployment areas and demonstrated ability to accomplish mission within military community. Demonstrated sales ability, leadership, supervisory skills, organization skills, and ability to be self-starter and work with minimal supervision.

Conditions of Employment: United States citizen. National Agency Check. Works to include nights, weekends, holidays as necessary, and outside in inclement weather. Driving extended distances required. Will be on extensive extended TDY assignments and may even be deployed if necessary. Travel is extensive and duty station is subject to change. Travel will be to places where living conditions are inadequate and often in war zones. Must have, or be able to obtain within 30 days of employment, and maintain a valid USAREUR vehicle operator's permit. Required to enroll in direct deposit. A valid motor vehicle operator's permit is required. Evening, weekend and holiday work will be required.

Positions offer full benefits including medical & life insurance and 401(k). Enrollment in retirement is mandatory for the first six months of employment. Supplemental allowance may be authorized. Quarters will be furnished. Travel and some transportation costs will be paid. Shipment of household goods is limited to 350 pounds. Shipment of Privately Owned Vehicle is authorized. Travel of family members is not authorized.

All employees are required to enroll in Direct Deposit. Employment is subject to successful completion of appropriate background checks as applicable.

How to Apply

Email Resume: jobs@mail.estripes.osd.mil
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Announcement: NAF-SS-04-31
Pay/Plan/Series: NF-0303 Grade 03

Salary: $21,000 - 24,000
Opening Date: 11-Jun-2004. Cutoff Date: none
Closing Date: 25-Jun-2004

CPAC: NAF - Stars and Stripes
Organization: EUROPEAN STARS & STRIPES
Duty Station: GRIESHEIM, GERMANY

Announcement Type: Special **Area of Consideration:** All interested and qualified applicants USAREUR WIDE. Relocation expenses will not be paid.

Duties: Sells, receives, places in-column classified line and display (such as Relocation Guide, Services Directory, etc.) advertising. Maintains accurate customer information in the database and files. Initiates call-back/solicitation programs. Advertises and sells special sections and promotions as assigned. Monitors all in-coming communications: telephone, fax, mail, e-mail and customer visits. Responsible for meeting daily deadlines. Substitutes and fills in on all classified matters/duties in the absence of classified co-workers.

Qualification Requirements: High School Diploma or equivalent plus progressively responsible clerical, office or other work that indicates the ability to acquire particular knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the position. Should be able to speak conversational German. Preferred candidates must be able to type 40 WPM and must have demonstrated Customer Service, Data entry and Sales experience.

Conditions of Employment: U.S citizen. All employees are required to enroll in Direct Deposit. WILL EARN SALARY AND COMMISSION.

How to Apply

Applications MUST be submitted using NAF Application for Employment, DA Form 3433, DA Form 3433-1 and a resume. Applicants serviced by this office may submit AE Form 215-3A-R. Prior military must include a copy of DD Form 214 (member 4 copy).

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NAF-SS-04-25 Pay/Plan/Series NF-1101 Grade 02
(Regular Part Time)

Salary: $8.39 - $11.00
Opening Date: 11-May-2004
Cutoff Date: 08-Jun-2004
Closing Date: 25-Jun-2004

Duty Station: GRIESHEIM, GERMANY

Special Info: Position earns commission bonuses. Position is part time.

Area of Consideration: All Interested and Qualified Applicants USAREUR Wide.

Duties: Reports directly to the Sales Associate in all general daily advertising matters, assisting the Sales Associate with duties pertaining to the general administrative support of the advertising and marketing directorates. Supports the advertising account executive staff by scheduling daily and other ROP display advertising into the Baseview system, providing tearsheet proof-of-performance and affidavits, client mailings and file maintenance, preparing sales call and presentation materials, directing incoming written and telephone communications. Responsible for regular telemarketing solicitation of local retail accounts under the direction of the account executives and advertising director. Sells to and maintains a core account base of local advertisers as assigned by the advertising director. Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualification Requirements: Must have good writing and customer service skills. Must be able to work with little supervision. Must be able to type 40 words per minute. Data entry experience required. Must be able to read and comprehend the English language. Prior telemarketing experience required.

Conditions of Employment: Must be a U.S. citizen. All employees are required to enroll in Direct Deposit.

How to Apply

Email Resume: jobs@mail.estripes.osd.mil
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AFN schedule

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Television

Baseball — Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1 a.m. Sunday, PAC; Minnesota at Milwaukee, 1 p.m. Sunday (dld), AFN-A; Cleveland at Atlanta, 7 p.m. Sunday, AFN-A; Boston at San Francisco, 10 p.m. Sunday, AFN-A; N.Y. Yankees at Los Angeles, 2 a.m. Monday, SPT; Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 2 a.m. Tuesday, AFN-A.

Basketball — WNBA: Detroit at Sacramento, 4 a.m. Saturday (dld), SPT.

Boxing — World Championship Boxing, Jermaine Taylor (20-0-0, 15 KOs) vs. Raul Marquez (35-2-0, 24 KOs), 3 p.m. Monday (dld), SPT.

Golf — 104th U.S. Open: Third-round wrap-up, 11:30 a.m. Sunday (dld), SPT; final-round preview, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, SPT; final-round coverage, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, SPT; final-round wrap-up, 6:30 a.m. Monday (dld), SPT.

Motor racing — NASCAR Trucks O'Reilly 200, 9 a.m. Sunday (dld), SPT; Nextel Cup DHL 400, 7 a.m. Sunday, PAC.

Tennis — Wimbledon 2004: Day 1, 6 p.m. Monday (live) and 4:30 a.m. Tuesday (dld), SPT.

Track and field — Prefontaine Classic, 1:30 p.m. Sunday (dld), SPT.

Radio

(Listings are feeds from AFN in California. Some might not air in all areas)

Baseball — Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1 a.m. Sunday; Cleveland at Atlanta, 7 p.m. Sunday; Boston at San Francisco, 10 p.m. Sunday; N.Y. Yankees at Los Angeles, 2 a.m. Monday; Pittsburgh at Houston, 2 a.m. Tuesday.

AFN-Europe can be reached at DSN 329-4444 or German civ. 069-156-88-444. Commercial callers from outside Germany must drop the initial zero after dialing country code 0049. AFN-Atlantic's Web site is **www.afnsports.com**. Click on "television" or "radio" for latest schedules. AFN's parent organization, AFRTS at March Reserve AFB, Calif., can be reached at DSN (312) 948-1319 or commercial (909) 413-2319. Its Web site is **www.myafn.net**.

Tennis

Nottingham Open

Saturday
At The City of Nottingham Tennis Centre
Nottingham, England
Purse: $450,900 (Intl. Series)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
Paradorn Srichaphan (1), Thailand, def. Thomas Johansson, Sweden, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Doubles
Championship
Paul Hanley and Todd Woodbridge (1), Australia, def. Rick Leach and Brian MacPhie (3), United States, 6-4, 6-3.

Eastbourne Championships

Saturday
At Devonshire Park
Eastbourne, England
Purse: $585,000 (Tier II)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
Svetlana Kuznetsova (2), Russia def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Doubles
Championship
Alicia Molik, Australia and Magui Serna, Spain, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova and Elena Likhovtseva (1), Russia, 6-4, 6-4.

Ordina Open

Saturday
's Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
Purse: Men, $450,500 (Intl.); WTA, $170,000 (Tier III)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Quarterfinals
Mario Ancic, Croatia, def. Martin Verkerk, Netherlands, 6-3.
Guillermo Coria (1), Argentina, def. Arnaud Clement (7), France, 6-2, 7-5.
Semifinals
Michael Llodra, France, def. Tommy Robredo (4), Spain, 6-4, 6-4.
Guillermo Coria (1), Argentina, def. Mario Ancic, Croatia, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3.
Women
Semifinals
Mary Pierce (3), France (1), def. Lina Krasnoroutskaya (8), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Mary Pierce (3), France, def. Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Doubles
Men
Semifinals
Martin Damm and Cyril Suk (1), Czech Republic, def. Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Leander Paes (3), India, 6-4, 7-6 (1).
Women
Semifinals
Lisa McShea, Australia, and Milagros Sequera (2), Venezuela, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, and Anne Kremer, Luxembourg, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.
Championship
Lisa McShea, Australia, and Milagros Sequera (2), Venezuela, def. Jelena Kostanic, Croatia, and Claudine Schaul, Luxembourg, 7-6 (6), 6-3.

Golf

Shoprite Classic

Friday
At Seaview Resort Bay Course
Galloway Township, NJ.
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,871; Par 71 (36-35)
First Round
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Denise Killeen	32-33—65	-6
Giulia Sergas	32-33—65	-6
Cristie Kerr	33-33—66	-5
Johanna Head	35-32—67	-4
Kristal Parker-Manzo	34-33—67	-4
Dawn Coe-Jones	35-32—67	-4
Brandie Burton	34-33—67	-4
Gloria Park	33-34—67	-4
Chiharu Yamaguchi	35-33—68	-3
Pearl Sinn-Bonanni	35-33—68	-3
Michele Redman	34-34—68	-3
Silvia Cavalleri	37-31—68	-3
Jackie Gallagher-Smith	34-34—68	-3
Juli Inkster	33-35—68	-3
Stephanie Louden	34-34—68	-3
Heather Daly-Donofrio	35-33—68	-3
Jill McGill	34-34—68	-3
Nancy Harvey	33-35—68	-3
Tracy Hanson	34-35—69	-2
Marcy Hart	34-35—69	-2
Young-A Yang	35-36—69	-2
Joanne Mills	36-33—69	-2
Michelle Estill	36-33—69	-2
Catriona Matthew	34-35—69	-2
Katie Gulden	35-34—69	-2
Mi Hyun Kim	33-36—69	-2
Kelly Robbins	35-34—69	-2
Tammie Green	34-35—69	-2
Sherri Steinhauer	32-37—69	-2
Cindy Schreyer	35-34—69	-2
Suzann Pettersen	36-33—69	-2
Kathryn Marshall	35-34—69	-2
Riko Higashio	37-32—69	-2
Maria Hjorth	37-32—69	-2
Candy Hannemann	34-35—69	-2
Laurel Kean	35-35—70	-1
Allie Blomquist	36-34—70	-1
Becky Iverson	33-37—70	-1
Katherine Hull	37-33—70	-1
Audra Burks	33-37—70	-1
Diane Irvin	34-36—70	-1
Leta Lindley	35-35—70	-1
A.J. Eathorne	35-35—70	-1
Tina Barrett	37-33—70	-1
Jennifer Rosales	37-33—70	-1
Joong Jang	36-34—70	-1
Hee-Won Han	35-35—70	-1
Heather Bowie	35-35—70	-1
Lorie Kane	34-36—70	-1
Miriam Nagl	34-36—70	-1
Loraine Lambert	35-35—70	-1
Kelly Cao	34-36—70	-1
Juli Hilton	36-34—70	-1
a-Paula Creamer	34-36—70	-1
Laura Myerscough	35-35—70	-1
Kris Tschetter	37-34—71	E
Laurie Rinker	36-35—71	E
Pat Hurst	34-37—71	E
Joo Young Moon	36-35—71	E
Karrie Webb	35-36—71	E
Tonya Gill	36-35—71	E
Cherie Byrnes	36-35—71	E
Jessica Reese	36-35—71	E
Maggie Will	34-37—71	E
Karen Pearce	34-37—71	E
Mikaela Parmlid	37-34—71	E
Shani Waugh	37-34—71	E
Jen Hanna	36-35—71	E
Beth Bauer	37-35—72	+1
Jenine Mackey	35-37—72	+1
Annette DeLuca	35-37—72	+1
Kim Williams	38-34—72	+1
Laura Davies	33-39—72	+1
Jean Bartholomew	35-37—72	+1
Keiki Kuehne	37-35—72	+1
Christina Kim	35-37—72	+1
Young Kim	36-36—72	+1
Becky Morgan	35-37—72	+1
Deb Richard	37-35—72	+1
Siew-Ai Lim	37-35—72	+1
Angela Jerman	39-33—72	+1
Amy Hung	39-33—72	+1
Luciana Benvenuti	36-36—72	+1
Ashley Wilson	35-37—72	+1
Jenna Daniels	38-34—72	+1
Rossanee Gulyanamitta	39-34—73	+2
Sunny Lee	35-38—73	+2
Cathy Johnston-Forbes	36-37—73	+2
Aree Song	38-35—73	+2
Kristi Albers	40-33—73	+2
Nadina Taylor	37-36—73	+2
Ashli Bunch	36-37—73	+2
Soo-Yon Kang	39-34—73	+2
Catherine Cartwright	36-37—73	+2
Reilley Rankin	37-36—73	+2
Nanci Bowen	37-36—73	+2
Jenny Park-Choi	37-36—73	+2

Auto racing

DHL 400 lineup

Friday; race Sunday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2-mile d-shaped oval
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 190.865 mph.
2. (25) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 190.169 mph.
3. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 190.164 mph.
4. (12) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 190.064 mph.
5. (31) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 189.954 mph.
6. (77) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 189.868 mph.
7. (97) Kurt Busch, Ford, 189.833 mph.
8. (19) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 189.818 mph.
9. (41) Casey Mears, Dodge, 189.813 mph.
10. (2) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 189.788 mph.
11. (8) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 189.728 mph.
12. (18) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 189.643 mph.
13. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 189.593 mph.
14. (0) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 189.414 mph.
15. (6) Mark Martin, Ford, 189.245 mph.
16. (01) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 189.240 mph.
17. (99) Jeff Burton, Ford, 189.175 mph.
18. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 189.150 mph.
19. (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 188.828 mph.
20. (10) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 188.773 mph.
21. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 188.635 mph.
22. (38) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 188.595 mph.
23. (42) Jeff Green, Dodge, 188.536 mph.
24. (40) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 188.511 mph.
25. (21) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 188.393 mph.
26. (32) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, 187.725 mph.
27. (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 187.632 mph.
28. (49) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 187.520 mph.
29. (23) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 187.349 mph.
30. (42) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 187.329 mph.
31. (5) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 187.018 mph.
32. (91) Kevin Lepage, Chevrolet, 186.848 mph.
33. (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 186.698 mph.
34. (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 186.099 mph.
35. (50) P.J. Jones, Dodge, 186.099 mph.
36. (4) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 186.022 mph.
37. (88) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 185.663 mph.
38. (37) Todd Bodine, Dodge, 185.588 mph.
39. (30) Dave Blaney, Dodge, Provisional.
40. (89) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, Provisional.
41. (72) Kirk Shelmerdine, Ford, Provisional.
42. (98) Geoffrey Bodine, Ford, Provisional.
43. (02) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, Provisional.

Failed to qualify

44. (33) Kerry Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 185.242 mph.
45. (00) Carl Long, Dodge, 183.748 mph.

Busch Meijer 300

Friday's qualifying; Saturday's race
At Kentucky Speedway
Sparta, Ky.
Race distance: 300 miles, 200 laps

1. (8) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 180.100 mph.
2. (5) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 179.832
3. (25) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Ford, 179.605
4. (00) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 178.992
5. (35) Bobby Gordon, Chevrolet, 178.803
6. (23) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 178.089
7. (60) Greg Biffle, Ford, 177.791
8. (37) David Green, Chevrolet, 177.573
9. (20) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 177.369
10. (27) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 177.229
11. (21) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 176.881
12. (22) Jason Keller, Ford, 176.776
13. (32) David Stremme, Dodge, 176.667
14. (18) Larry Pheneger, Chevrolet, 176.595
15. (59) Stacy Compton, Ford, 176.188
16. (8) Brad Teague, Chevrolet, 176.028
17. (66) Billy Parker, Dodge, 175.976
18. (7) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 175.650
19. (44) Justin Laborite, Dodge, 175.570
20. (02) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 175.536
21. (47) Robert Pressley, Ford, 174.646
22. (74) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 174.916
23. (52) Benjin Smith, Chevrolet, 174.803
24. (35) Kenny Hendrick, Chevrolet, 174.701
25. (12) Tim Fedewa, Chevrolet, 174.695
26. (4) Mike Wallace, Ford, 174.895
27. (14) Casey Atwood, Chevrolet, 174.402
28. (48) Jeff Fuller, Chevrolet, 174.115
29. (38) Tyler Walker, Dodge, 174.076
30. (46) Ashton Lewis Jr., Chevrolet, 173.784
31. (97) Stanton Barrett, Chevrolet, 173.712
32. (17) Johnny Benson, Ford, 173.550
33. (31) Travis Geisler, Chevrolet, 173.364
34. (99) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 172.822
35. (1) Buckshot Jones, Dodge, 172.430
36. (75) Ray Sauter, Chevrolet, 172.359
37. (10) Gus Wasson, Chevrolet, 172.210
38. (39) Mark Green, Ford, 171.816
39. (49) Clint Vahsholtz, Ford, Provisional.
40. (72) Jamie Mosley, Chevrolet, Provisional.
41. (51) Stan Boyd, Chevrolet, Provisional.
42. (77) Jimmy Kitchens, Ford, Provisional.
43. (24) Steve Grissom, Chevrolet, Provisional.

Failed to qualify.

44. (52) Brad Teague, Ford, 171.385
45. (91) Shawna Robinson, Pontiac, 170.870
46. (65) Stuart Kirby, Chevrolet, 170.450
47. (16) Justin Ashburn, Chevrolet, 167.764
48. (58) Chris Horn, Chevrolet, no speed

Grand Prix of Portland

Friday; race Sunday
At Portland International Raceway
Portland, Ore.
Lap length: 1.967-mile permanent road course
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (6) Bruno Junqueira, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 59.266 seconds, 119.603 mph.
2. (2) Sebastien Bourdais, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 59.698.
3. (1) Paul Tracy, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 59.791/118.553.
4. (10) A.J. Allmendinger, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 59.803/118.529.
5. (4) Alex Tagliani, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 59.900/118.337.
6. (21) Roberto Moreno, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.081/117.981.
7. (4) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.088/117.967.
8. (55) Mario Dominguez, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.097/117.949.
9. (7) Patrick Carpentier, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.182/117.783.
10. (9) Michel Jourdain Jr., Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.205/117.738.
11. (34) Justin Wilson, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.344/117.467.
12. (12) Jimmy Vasser, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.439/117.282.
13. (3) Rodolfo Lavin, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.530/117.106.
14. (19) Gastón Mazzacane, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:00.833/116.522.
15. (5) Mario Haberfeld, Ford-Cosworth/Reynard/Bridgestone, 1:00.971/116.259.
16. (14) Felix Sperafico, Ford-Cosworth/Reynard/Bridgestone, 1:01.333/115.572.
17. (17) Nelson Philippe, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:01.531/115.200.
18. (11) Oriol Servia, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1:04.785/109.414.

Soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	4	3	4	16	14	11
Columbus	4	3	3	15	11	11
MetroStars	3	3	4	13	16	19
D.C. United	3	4	3	12	12	17
New England	2	6	3	9	12	18

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	6	3	3	21	26	19
Kansas City	5	4	3	18	14	11
San Jose	4	3	5	15	19	15
Dallas	4	4	2	14	12	13
Colorado	2	3	5	11	6	8

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games
Los Angeles at MetroStars
Columbus at D.C. United
Kansas City at New England
San Jose at Chicago
Dallas at Colorado

Wednesday, June 23
MetroStars at Los Angeles

Saturday, June 26
D.C. United at Dallas
Colorado at Columbus
MetroStars at New England
Kansas City at San Jose

Sunday, June 27
Los Angeles at Chicago

U.S. men's team schedule

(Won 4, Lost 1, Tied 2)

Sunday, Jan. 18 — United States 1, Denmark 1, tie
Wednesday, Feb. 18 — Netherlands 1, United States 0
Saturday, March 13 — United States 1, Haiti 1, tie
Wednesday, March 31 — United States 1, Poland 0
Wednesday, April 28 — United States 1, Mexico 0
Wednesday, June 2 — United States 4, Honduras 0
a-Sunday, June 13 — United States 3, Grenada 0
a-Sunday, June 20 — vs. Grenada at St. George's, Grenada
Sunday, July 11 — vs. Poland at Chicago
b-Wednesday, July 18 — at Jamaica or Haiti
b-Saturday, Sept. 4 — vs. El Salvador or Bermuda at Foxboro, Mass.
b-Wednesday, Sept. 8 — at Panama or St. Lucia
b-Sunday, Oct. 10 — at El Salvador or Bermuda
b-Wednesday, Oct. 13 — vs. Panama or St. Lucia
b-Wednesday, Nov. 17 — vs. Jamaica or Haiti at Columbus, Ohio
a-World Cup qualifier
b-If U.S. advances to semifinals of World Cup qualifying

Military soccer

USAFE Soccer Championships

Results of the 2004 USAFE Soccer Championships being held at RAF Alconbury, England:

Men
Spangdahlem 2, Incirlik 0
Ramstein 3, Aviano 1
Mildenhall 5, Alconbury 0
Lakenheath 3, Incirlik 1
Ramstein 3, Alconbury 0
Mildenhall 1, Aviano 1
Women
Ramstein 2, Aviano 0
Incirlik 1, Lakenheath 0

College baseball

College World Series

At Rosenblatt Stadium
Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination
Friday, June 18
Bracket 1

Georgia 8, Arizona 7
Texas 13, Arizona 2
Saturday, June 19
Bracket 2

Game 3 — South Carolina (50-15) vs. Cal State Fullerton (42-21)
Game 4 — Miami (48-11) vs. LSU (46-17)
Sunday, June 20
Game 5 — Arizona (35-26-1) vs. Arkansas (45-23)
Game 6 — Georgia (44-21) vs. Texas (56-13)
Monday, June 21
Game 7 — Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4
Game 8 — Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
Tuesday, June 22
Game 9 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6
Game 10 — Winner Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8
Wednesday, June 23
Game 11 — Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 9
Game 12 — Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 10
Thursday, June 24
Game 13 — Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 11, if necessary
Game 14 — Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 12, if necessary
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Saturday, June 26
Bracket 1 Winner vs. Bracket 2 Winner
Sunday, June 27
Bracket 1 Winner vs. Bracket 2 Winner
Monday, June 28
Bracket 1 Winner vs. Bracket 2 Winner, if necessary

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	5	3	.625	—
New York	6	4	.600	0
Indiana	5	4	.556	½
Charlotte	5	5	.500	1
Washington	4	5	.444	1½
Connecticut	3	5	.364	2½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	7	2	.778	—
Los Angeles	7	4	.636	1
Houston	6	5	.545	2
Minnesota	4	5	.444	3
Phoenix	4	5	.444	3
Sacramento	3	6	.333	4
San Antonio	3	8	.273	5

Friday's games
Charlotte 63, Connecticut 58, OT
Seattle 69, Houston 63
Los Angeles 76, Phoenix 74
Saturday's games
Detroit at Sacramento
Houston at Minnesota
New York at Indiana
Seattle at San Antonio
Sunday's games
Washington at Connecticut
Los Angeles at Charlotte

Deals

Friday's transactions

BASEBALL
MLB—Suspended Pittsburgh RHP Salomon Torres four games and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing at Oakland's Eric Chavez on June 12. Suspended Pittsburgh manager Lloyd McClendon one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in the same incident.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned INF Jose Leon to Ottawa of the IL. Signed INF David Newhan to a three-year contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Recalled LHP Arnie Munoz from Birmingham of the Southern League.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Traded LHP Gabe White, a player to be named later and cash considerations to Colorado for LHP Charlie Manship.
TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned LHP Erasmo Ramirez to Oklahoma of the PCL. Transferred the contract of John Wasdin from Oklahoma. Designated LHP Ryan Snare for assignment.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed RHP Brandon Webb on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Lance Cormier from Tucson of the PCL. Transferred RHP Oscar Villarreal from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed RHP Rafael Gonzalez, RHP Jason Anderson, RHP Johnny Dilard, RHP Brad Cherry and RHP Ken Geiersbach. Designated RHP Brian Reith for assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated OF Preston Wilson from the 15-day disabled list. Sent OF Choo Freeman to Colorado Springs of the PCL.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed OF Joseph Pinero, RHP Jeremy Ramirez, LHP Jeffrey Gogal, SS Steve Gendron, RHP Patrick Hogan, SS Jonathan Mitchell, RHP Christopher Molloy and OF Ted Ledbetter and assigned them to Jamestown of the New York-Penn League. Signed C Jamar Wilson, RHP Jeffrey Lacher, RHP Brian Hoff, RHP Aaron Easton, LHP Parrish Gaskin, RHP Brandon Westmoreland, RHP Jarrett Santos, 1B Juan Figueroa and 2B Beau McMillan and assigned them to the Gulf Coast League.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Signed RHP Mark Rogers.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Claimed RHP Ricky Stone off waivers from Houston. Agreed to terms with RHP David O'Hagan, LHP Jake Vose, SS Jordan Brown, RHP Brian Burke, SS Kelvin Vazquez, RHP Brandon Kintzler, SS Pete White, OF Nate Whitney and OF Brian Medley.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived TE Jonathan Pitchett.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Released CB Eric Kelly, TE Steve Farmer and LB Brett Ellis. Signed CB Oliver Celestin.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed DT Bernard Holsey to a one-year contract. Released S Shane Walton.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Traded G Martin Gerber to Carolina for D Tomas Malec and a 2004 third round draft pick.
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms with RW Jeff Boerma and D Colin Stuart.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Re-signed D Ken Klee and F Darcy Tucker to multiyear contracts.

COLLEGE
CLEMSON—Named Alex Welp men's graduate basketball manager.
MISSOURI—Announced Kristin Hughes women's basketball coach.
MISSOURI—Announced the resignation of Tony Harvey, men's associate head basketball coach.
MONTBENBERG—Named Megan Eddinger field hockey coach.
SAINT LOUIS—Named Cheryl Levick athletic director.
SAN FRANCISCO—Announced basketball G Armondo Surratt will transfer from Miami.
SMU—Named Joe Sawyer defensive backs coach.
TENNESSEE STATE—Fired Sharon Allen, women's basketball coach. Named Tracen Jones women's interim basketball coch.
UTAH STATE—Named Randall Spetman athletic director.

Roddick, Federer open new era at Wimbledon

Younger generation hints at potential new rivalries

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

AWIMBLEDON, England ndy Roddick has what it takes to be a transcendent tennis star.

He boasts a record-breaking 150 mph serve worthy of a highlight reel that makes opponents whiff and spectators gasp. He backs that up with a ferocious forehand and the rest of his game is steadily improving under Brad Gilbert's tutelage.

It helps that he plays with a Connors-esque energy that can lead to high-fiving fans after a fantastic point. He even has a potential career-long foil: No. 1 Roderer Federer.

And unlike 12 months ago at Wimbledon, where play starts on Monday, Roddick now possesses something essential to consistently contending in Grand Slam tournaments: a Grand Slam title, earned last September in the U.S. Open.

"I was playing really well at Wimbledon last year, but maybe I didn't have the belief that I have now. Now having won one, that is definitely an advantage for me," Roddick said. "I'd always talked about, before I'd won a Grand Slam, that the only fear is the fear of the unknown.

"People would ask 'Can you win a Slam?' and I would say 'I'll let you know' — and that's a big difference."

It's also a big reason why, despite all the apparent depth in tennis (something also interpreted as a lack of top talent), no one would be surprised if Roddick and defending champion Federer square off July 4 for the championship at the All England Club.

A changing of the guard could be in the offing. With Andre Agassi out, citing a hip injury, it's the first time in 16 years neither he nor Pete Sampras, now retired, is entered.

"I'm disappointed that Andre isn't able to post at Wimbledon this year. I know how much it means to fans to have him on court, and I hope he's able to play soon," Roddick said. "There will be a lot of action for fans to keep up with since the rest of us will be giving it all we've got to try and win the tournament."

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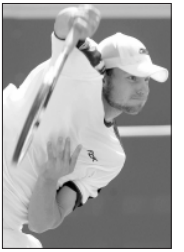
>
> **Maria Sharapova**
> French Open finalist

That, of course, includes Federer, on a 17-match grass-court winning streak and one of just three past champions in the men's field. The others are Lleyton Hewitt (2002) and Goran Ivanisevic (2001), who hasn't played here since collecting his lone major title and is retiring after the tournament.

"Next year, I'm going to come as a member with a tie and drink the tea," Ivanisevic, 32, said. "But this is going to be my last professional match and there's no better tournament than Wimbledon to end it."



AP

American Andy Roddick has been steadily improving under coach Brad Gilbert, and enters Wimbledon with one Grand Slam title.

The man known as Never Borin' Goran isn't the only past champion relishing one last hurrah. Nine-time winner Martina Navratilova, 47 and walking away from the game at season's end, competes in singles here for the first time since 1994.

With TV ratings in decline and some observers worrying aloud about tennis' direction, novelty acts like Navratilova or Ivanisevic can draw a bit of extra attention. But it's the real rivalries that drive popularity. Think Sampras-Agassi or Jimmy Connors-John McEnroe-Bjorn Borg.

How about Roddick-Federer? It's not a done deal that they'll meet in the Wimbledon final, naturally. A group of players could intervene, including Tim Henman, who will reprise his role as the Great British Hope for the locals' first male champion since 1936.

Others include 2002 finalist David Nalbandian, Mardy Fish (the only player to win a set against Federer last year), Swedes Robin Soderling and Joachim Johansson, and (if healthy) Marat Safin, last seen yelling at his hand blisters in the French Open.

Of that group, only Safin owns a Slam title, and for many talented players, it's the first that's the toughest. Federer followed his breakthrough at Wimbledon by winning the Australian Open, part of his tour-high five titles in 2004.

"I feel like there are not many guys left who really have an edge on me," says Federer, who is 5-1 against Roddick.

If Roddick, 21, is power and brashness, Federer, 22, is versatility and cool. Roddick's only loss in 16 grass matches was to Federer in the 2003 Wimbledon semifinals.

"I see Federer becoming more and more the Borg of the 2000s, with his game and style," said Dick Enberg, who first called Wimbledon on TV 25 years ago. "I don't see him going away for a while."

When it comes to a high Q-rating, Roddick seemingly has all the ingredients. He has a sense of humor and a willingness to promote the sport. He went from dating an actress to dating a model. And he has a cool nickname, albeit one shared with another athlete: A-Rod.

"Roddick gets it," Enberg said. "What I like about him, at his age, is he understands the responsibility of making that connection with the audience."

The Williams sisters remain the sport's most marketable stars, its biggest attractions on and off court. But beset by injuries, they haven't been at their best in a year — since Serena beat Venus in the Wimbledon final.

Both lost in the French Open quarterfinals, the first time they were bounced in the same round of any tournament.

With top-ranked Justine Henin-Hardenne and No. 2 Kim Clijsters sidelined, the sisters' history on grass makes them the most likely title contenders and they could meet in the final. Serena jumped from a No. 10 world ranking to a No. 1 seeding, and Venus went from No. 8 to a No. 3 seed.

Serena won the last two Wimbledons and Venus played in the past four finals, winning in 2000-01. Since combining to claim nine of 13 Slam titles, though, they've gone three majors without so much as a final appearance.

"Wimbledon is the perfect place for them to get that confidence back," said ESPN's Mary Joe Fernandez, a former pro.

"They were dominating for a while, and they raised the level of women's tennis. They forced everyone to get stronger and get fitter. That's what the Belgians did, and now the Russians are."

Anastasia Myskina became the first Russian woman to win a major by beating countrywoman Elena Dementieva in the French Open final.

Now the question becomes: Who's next? Six of the top 13 seeded women at Wimbledon are Russians, and No 8 Svetlana Kuznetsova, No. 10 Nadia Petrova, No. 12 Vera Zvonareva or No. 13 Maria Sharapova could make a run.

Just 17, can Sharapova take the giant leap to major champion?

"Whenever I go into a tournament, I never think I'm going to lose," Sharapova said. "Considering I've been playing well on grass the last three years and as a junior, I think 'Why not?' "

AP

Switzerland's Roger Federer is on a 17-match grass-court winning streak as he prepares to defend his singles title at Wimbledon.

WIMBLEDON 2004

A smashing good time

Despite the absence of marquee players like Andre Agassi and Gaston Gaudio, the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club will host the 127th Wimbledon championship.

Winningest singles players

Men singles	
Pete Sampras	7
W.C. Renshaw	7
Women Singles	
M. Navratilova	9
H.N. Wills/ F.S. Moody	8

Past singles winners

Men		Women
Roger Federer	2003	Serena Williams
Lleyton Hewitt	2002	Serena Williams
Goran Ivanisevic	2001	Venus Williams
Pete Sampras	2000	Venus Williams

SOURCE: Wimbledon AP

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	42	23	.646	—
Boston	39	27	.591	3½
Tampa Bay	32	33	.492	11½
Toronto	29	38	.433	14
Baltimore	27	36	.429	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	37	29	.561	—
Chicago	35	28	.556	½
Cleveland	32	33	.492	4½
Detroit	31	35	.470	6
Kansas City	26	38	.406	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	39	27	.585	—
Texas	35	29	.547	2½
Anaheim	36	30	.545	2½
Seattle	27	38	.415	11

Friday's interleague games

Oakland 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Seattle 5, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago White Sox 11, Montreal 7
Kansas City 10, Philadelphia 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Detroit 2
Texas 8, Florida 1
Cleveland 4, Atlanta 2
Houston 5, Anaheim 0
Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 1
Colorado 5, Baltimore 3
Toronto 3, San Diego 2
Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 14, San Francisco 9

Saturday's interleague games

Oakland at Chicago Cubs
Boston at San Francisco
N.Y. Yankees at Los Angeles
Texas at Florida
Cleveland at Atlanta
Anaheim at Houston
Seattle at Pittsburgh
Minnesota at Milwaukee
Chicago White Sox at Montreal
Kansas City at Philadelphia
Detroit at N.Y. Mets
Baltimore at Colorado
Toronto at San Diego
Tampa Bay at Arizona

Sunday's interleague games

Cleveland (JaDavis 1-5) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 6-5)
Chicago White Sox (Garland 5-3) at Montreal (Day 5-7)
Detroit (Bonderman 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 6-5)
Seattle (Garcia 3-6) at Pittsburgh (Ol.Perez 3-3)
Kansas City (D.Reyes 2-1) at Philadelphia (Powell 5-2)
Anaheim (Washburn 7-3) at Houston (Miller 6-6)
Minnesota (Santana 4-4) at Milwaukee (Santos 5-2)
Oakland (Zito 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 7-2)
Baltimore (Cabrera 3-3) at Colorado (Kennedy 5-4)
Texas (Kinsler 2-2) at Florida (A.J.Burnett 0-2)
Toronto (Batista 4-5) at San Diego (Lawrence 8-4)
Boston (Arroyo 2-5) at San Francisco (Schmidt 8-2)
Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 4-5) at Arizona (Webb 3-6)
N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 4-2) at Los Angeles (Lima 5-2)

Monday's AL games

Cleveland at Chicago White Sox
Oakland at Anaheim

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	37	32	.536	—
Philadelphia	34	31	.523	2
New York	32	34	.485	4½
Atlanta	31	35	.470	5½
Montreal	26	45	.308	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	27	.597	—
Chicago	37	30	.552	3
Cincinnati	37	30	.552	3
Milwaukee	34	30	.531	4½
Houston	34	32	.515	5½
Pittsburgh	26	41	.413	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	36	28	.563	—
San Francisco	35	32	.522	2½
San Diego	33	33	.500	4
Arizona	27	40	.403	10½
Colorado	24	42	.364	13

Friday's ML game

St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3, 10 innings

Saturday's NL game

Cincinnati at St. Louis

Sunday's NL game

Cincinnati (Bong 0-1) at St. Louis (Morris 7-5)

Monday's NL games

Pittsburgh at Houston
Arizona at San Diego
Los Angeles at San Francisco

Friday
Athletics 2, Cubs 1

OAKLAND					CHICAGO				
Kotsay cf	4	1	2	2	TWalkr 2b	4	0	0	0
Scutaro 2b	4	0	0	0	Barrett c	3	0	1	0
Dye rf	4	0	2	0	Aurilia ss	4	0	2	0
Durazo 1b	3	0	1	0	SSosa rf	4	0	0	0
Ramrez 3b	3	0	0	0	Hindsw lf	3	0	1	0
Crosby ss	3	0	1	0	DeLee 1b	3	1	1	0
Kielty lf	4	0	0	0	CPatson cf	3	0	0	0
Bridford p	0	0	0	0	REmtriz ss	3	0	1	1
DMiller c	4	1	2	0	Clmntnr p	2	0	0	0
Germn 3b	4	0	0	0	Godwin ph	1	0	0	0
MRdrn p	3	0	0	0	Beltran p	0	0	0	0
Byrnes lf	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**

Oakland	001 010 000—2
Chicago	000 010 000—1

E—Durazo (2), Kielty (1), REmtriz (4). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Oakland 6, Chicago 3. 2B—Kotsay (11), Durazo (10). HR—KotSay (4). CS—DeLee (3), CPatterson (3).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
MRedman W,5-3	8	4	1	0	1	6
Bradford S,1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Clemente L,7-5	8	7	2	2	0	8
Beltran	1	1	0	0	1	1

WP—MRedman.
T—2:37. A—40,073 (39,345).

Mariners 5, Pirates 4

SEATTLE	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi
Winn cf	4	0	2	1	Kendall c	4	0	2	0
JoCruz lf	3	1	0	0	JWilson ss	3	0	1	0
ISuzuki rf	4	0	0	0	Ward 1b	4	0	0	1
OSerrs rf	3	0	0	0	Lowell 3b	4	1	1	0
BBoone 2b	4	0	1	0	Ayala rf	4	2	2	2
Spiezio 3b	3	1	1	0	RMahon cf	4	0	0	0
DWilson c	4	1	2	0	Stynes 3b	4	0	0	0
Spiezio ss	3	1	0	0	Castillo 2b	4	1	1	0
Meyer p	2	0	1	2	Vglsng p	2	0	0	0
Bmazzat ph	1	1	1	0	Phillips p	0	0	0	0
JMateo p	0	0	0	0	Corey p	0	0	0	0
Hsgwa p	0	0	0	0	Gnzalez p	0	0	0	0
MMyrs p	0	0	0	0	Bottalico	1	1	1	1
Putz p	0	0	0	0	Mdows p	0	0	0	0
EMrtnz ph	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**5**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**5**	**9**	**4**

Seattle	030 000 200—5
Pittsburgh	003 000 101—4

DP—Pittsburgh 2. LOB—Seattle 5, Pittsburgh 4. 2B—Winn (15), Bloomquist (4), Castillo (5), HR—Bay 2 (5). SB—JoCabrera (4). S—JoCabrera. SF—Winn.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Meyer W,6-2	6	3	1	1	1	4
JMateo	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hasegawa	⅓	2	2	2	1	0
MMyers	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Putz	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Guardado S,13	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pittsburgh						
Vogelsong L,1-7	6	7	3	3	2	2
Johnston	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Corey	⅓	1	1	1	0	0
Gonzalez	⅓	0	0	0	0	2
Meadows	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Gonzalez. T—2:46. A—29,601 (38,496).

White Sox 11, Expos 7

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	MONTREAL	ab	r	h	bi
TPerez rf	5	1	1	1	Wlkrsn cf	5	2	3	2
Uribe 2b	5	1	2	0	Ochoa cf	1	1	1	0
CaLee lf	6	3	4	4	Vidro 2b	5	1	1	0
Vlentin ss	5	1	1	0	CEvrett lf	3	0	1	0
Konerko 1b	4	0	1	0	Brnsly rf	4	1	0	1
Rwand cf	5	0	2	1	Ayala p	0	0	0	0
Crede 3b	4	2	2	2	Afrck ph	1	0	0	0
Burke c	4	1	3	2	NJnnsn 1b	3	1	2	1
Podsednik lf	2	0	0	0	Phillips p	0	0	0	0
Thmas ph	0	0	0	0	Biddle p	0	0	0	0
Cntrs p	1	0	0	0	Vnzlbrn 2b	4	1	1	1
MJcksn p	0	0	0	0	Sledge rf	1	0	1	0
Marte p	0	0	0	0	Estrada c	4	0	1	0
					Schndr c	1	0	0	0
					Vargas p	0	0	0	0
					Tucker p	2	1	1	0
					Bentz p	0	0	0	0
					Wrtt 3b	2	0	1	0
Totals	**43**	**11**	**18**	**11**	**Totals**	**37**	**7**	**12**	**7**

Chicago	320 110 004—11
Montreal	500 200 000—7

E—Rowand (4), CEvrett (1). DP—Chicago 1, Montreal 1. LOB—Chicago 10, Montreal 7. 2B—CLee (18), Valentin (20), Rowand (14), Crede 2 (12), Burke (2), Cotts (1), CEvrett (7), Nnnsn (3). 3B—Wlkrsn (3). HR—CLee (8). SB—CLee (6), Wilkerson (11). SB—Valentin (4), Rowand (6). S—Burke (2). SF—Tbatista.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mdwrfe	6	10	7	7	1	4
Cotts W,1-3	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1
MJackson	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Marte S,3	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Montreal						
Vargas	1	3	3	3	1	1
Tucker	1	2	1	1	0	0
Bentz	1	2	1	1	0	2
Biddle	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Horgan	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Ayala L,0-6	2	4	2	2	1	1

HBP—by Buehrle (CEvrett). T—3:02. A—4,576 (46,338).

Royals 10, Phillies 4

KANSAS CITY	ab	r	h	bi	PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi
Grffnno 2b	3	0	1	1	Rollins ss	5	0	3	2
Beltran cf	4	1	0	0	Planco 2b	4	1	1	0
Randa 3b	4	1	1	1	Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0
Harvey 1b	5	2	2	1	Ledee rf	1	0	0	0
Sweeney lf	5	2	3	1	Bdrick cf	2	0	0	0
Getts rf	0	0	0	0	Thome 1b	4	0	0	0
Berg p	0	0	0	0	Lieber p	2	1	1	0
Stinnett c	3	2	0	0	Dalbnt lf	4	0	1	0
Stafford rf	1	1	1	0	Polanco ss	4	1	2	1
Berroa ss	5	1	3	1	Byrd cf	3	0	0	0
George p	2	0	0	0	Gonzlez p	0	0	0	0
Cerda p	0	0	0	0	Mchelf cf	2	1	1	0
Belliard 2b	3	1	1	0	Mdlrk ph	1	0	0	0
Seanez p	0	0	0	0	Glnville cf	2	1	1	0
MSwy ph	1	0	0	0	TOpPerz 2b	1	0	0	0
Affrmb p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**38**	**10**	**14**	**9**	**Totals**	**36**	**4**	**10**	**4**

Kansas City	400 003 203—10
Philadelphia	020 000 200—4

E—Beltran (3). DP—Kansas City 1, Philadelphia 2. LOB—Kansas City 10, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Stairs (5), Berroa (42), Polanco (14). 3B—Berroa (3). HR—Stairs 2 (9), BSantiago (6), SB—Harvey (1). S—Berroa 2.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
George W,1-0	6⅔	9	4	4	1	1
Cerda	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Seanez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Field	1	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia						
P.Abbott L,0-1	4	5	4	4	4	0
Geary	3	2	0	0	0	2
Ramirez	2	3	1	1	3	0

P.Abbott pitched to 2 batters in the 5th.

HBP—by Ramirez (Stinnett), by Geary (BSantiago). WP—Ramirez. PB—BSantiago. T—3:00. A—43,571 (43,500).

Mets 3, Tigers 2

DETROIT	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi
ASnchz cf	4	0	0	0	Matsui ss	4	0	0	0
Inge 3b	3	1	1	0	Zeile 3b	3	0	1	0
Gillies ss	4	0	0	0	Floyd cf	3	1	1	0
IRdrgz c	4	0	2	0	Spncer lf	3	0	0	0
DYoung 1b	4	0	1	0	Floyd ph	1	0	0	0
Whitlf lf	4	0	1	1	Looper p	0	0	0	0
Monroe rf	4	1	0	0	Hidalgo rf	4	0	0	0
Levine p	0	0	0	0	Wggnfln 2b	2	0	1	0
JWlkr p	0	0	0	0	Cmeron cf	4	2	2	1
Dtroit ph	0	0	0	0	PPhlips 1b	3	0	0	0
Infante 2b	2	0	1	0	TGlavin p	2	0	1	0
JSmith ss	3	0	0	0	Bttlico	0	0	0	0
Rbrtsn p	3	0	0	0	Wllams lf	1	0	0	0
Ngbsnrf	1	0	0	0	Dnnelly p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**

Detroit	100 100 000—2
New York	000 020 001—3

Two outs when winning run scored.

E—Wigginton (9). DP—New York 1. LOB—Detroit 9, New York 5. 2B—Whitt (17). HR—DYoung (2), Cameron (9). SB—Inference (4). S—ASanchez, JSmith.

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Robertson	7⅔	4	2	2	1	6
Levine	0	2	0	0	0	0
JWalker	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Rbrtsn L,0-1	⅓	1	1	1	0	0
New York						
TGlavine	7	7	2	2	1	4
Bottalico	1	1	0	0	1	1
Looper W,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Levine pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

HBP—by Bottalico (DYoung). T—2:39. A—36,141 (57,405).

Rangers 8, Marlins 1

TEXAS	ab	r	h	bi	FLORIDA	ab	r	h	bi
MYong ss	5	2	3	1	Pierre cf	3	0	0	0
Blalock 3b	5	2	4	0	LCstillo 2b	4	0	2	0
Gerrero dh	5	1	2	0	Lowell 3b	4	0	1	0
Fllmer 1b	4	1	2	3	Nunez rf	4	0	0	0
Mathews rf	1	0	0	0	Cbrera rf	4	0	0	0
Txeira rf	5	0	2	1	Koch p	0	0	0	0
Dllucci lf	5	0	0	0	Conine lf	4	0	0	0
Frazs c	4	1	1	0	Ellis 1b	4	1	1	0
Conti cf	3	1	1	1	Rdmnd c	2	0	1	0
Wasdin p	0	0	0	0	Ramirez ss	3	0	0	0
Perry ph	1	0	0	0	AGnzlz ss	3	0	1	0
Almzr p	0	0	0	0	Penny p	2	0	0	0
Frasco p	0	0	0	0	Perisho p	0	0	0	0
Mahay p	0	0	0	0	BHwrd p	0	0	0	0
					LHarris ph	1	0	0	0
					Brland p	0	0	0	0
					Mrmntjr ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**41**	**8**	**14**	**8**	**Totals**	**32**	**1**	**8**	**1**

Texas	100 100 501—8
Florida	000 000 100—1

E—Blalock (6). DP—Texas 4, LOB—Texas 7, Florida 6. 2B—Gerrero (24), Teixeira (14), Conti (1). HR—Fullmer (9), Choi (2).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wasdin W,1-0	7	6	1	1	2	1
Almanzar	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Francisco	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mahay	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Florida						
Penny L,6-5	6⅓	8	4	4	1	10
Perisho	0	0	0	0	1	0
BHoward	⅓	3	2	2	0	0
Borland	1	0	0	0	0	1
Koch	1	2	1	1	0	1

Perisho pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

WP—Penny.
T—2:55. A—20,506 (36,331).

Indians 4, Braves 2

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	ATLANTA	ab	r	h	bi
Billard 2b	4	0	2	1	Furcal ss	4	2	2	1
Crisp cf	5	1	2	0	NGreen 2b	4	0	1	0
Lawton lf	5	1	1	0	JDrew rf	2	0	1	1
VMrtnz c	5	0	1	1	Chipman 3b	4	0	0	0
Blake 3b	5	2	2	1	AJones cf	4	0	0	0
Marte ss	4	0	1	0	JuFrcn 1b	4	0	0	0
RGnzlz rf	3	0	1	0	JEstda c	4	0	0	0
Gerut rf	1	0	1	0	Mrrero lf	3	0	1	0
JMcDld ss	2	0	0	0	Hnptn p	2	0	0	0
Vizquel ss	1	0	0	0	Alfnsca p	0	0	0	0
Ellis p	3	0	1	0	Hssmn 2b	0	0	0	0
Hafner ph	0	0	0	0	Rtsma p	0	0	0	0
Riske p	0	0	0	0	Grybsk p	0	0	0	0
Bartosh p	0	0	0	0					
JImnez p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**

Cleveland	000 201 010—4
Atlanta	011 000 000—2

E—McDonald (2). LOB—Cleveland 10, Atlanta 5. 2B—JDrew (11), Clones (4), Marrero (4). HR—Blake (10), Furcal (5). CS—Marrero (2), AJones (3). S—Merloni, SF—Merloni, JDrew.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
CLee W,6-1	7	6	2	2	0	7
Riske	⅓	0	0	0	1	1
Bartosh	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
JJimenez S,6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Atlanta						
Hampton L,1-7	6⅔	9	3	3	2	1
Alfonseca	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Reitsma	1	2	1	1	0	2
Gryboski	1	0	0	0	0	1

Balk—Hampton.
T—2:49. A—28,000 (50,091).

Astros 5, Angels 0

ANAHEIM	ab	r	h	bi	HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi
Erstad 1b	4	0	0	0	Biggio cf	5	1	0	0
Figgins ss	4	0	1	0	Ensrg ss	5	2	4	0
VGrero rf	4	0	1	0	Brkmn lf	4	1	0	0
Glaudsn cf	3	0	1	0	JKent 2b	4	1	2	3
JGillen lf	4	0	0	0	Bgwell 1b	2	1	1	1
Quinlan 2b	4	0	0	0	Lamb 3b	5	0	1	0
Salmon rf	3	0	0	0	Ausmus c	4	0	0	0
Paul c	2	0	0	0	Asmus c	3	0	1	0
Forvsh ph	1	0	0	0	Berkman rf	3	0	0	0
JMolina c	0	0	0	0	DMicell p	0	0	0	0
Kischnr p	0	0	0	0	Wagner p	0	0	0	0
Hnsley p	0	0	0	0	Lidge p	0	0	0	0
Amzga ph	1	0	0	0	Dotel p	0	0	0	0
Donnelly p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**Totals**	**34**	**5**	**10**	**5**

Anaheim	000 000 000—0
Houston	000 022 01x—5

LOB—Anaheim 6, Houston 13. 2B—VGuerrero (20), Biggio (21), JKent (20). 3B—JKent (4). HR—Bagwell (10). SB—Lane (1).

Anaheim	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
KEscobar L,4-3	5⅔	7	4	4	0	3
Hnsley	1⅓	2	0	0	0	0
Donnelly	1	1	1	1	0	1
Houston						
PMuniz W,1-0	6⅔	3	0	0	1	3
DMicell	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Lidge	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dotel	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Hensley (Bagwell). WP—KEscobar. T—2:56. A—38,328 (40,950).

Brewers 4, Twins 1

MINNESOTA	ab	r	h	bi	MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi
CGzrmn ss	4	0	0	0	Psdnik cf	4	0	2	0
MnRkw 1b	3	0	0	0	Spivey 2b	4	1	2	0
LFord lf	4	0	1	0	Jenkins lf	4	1	2	0
Koskie 3b	4	0	1	0	Overbay 1b	4	0	1	0
THinter cf	3	1	1	0	Bclark rf	3	0	1	1
JJones rf	3	0	1	0	Kotsay rf	1	0	0	0
HBlnco c	3	0	0	0	Moeller c	4	1	1	1
Bmay ss	3	0	1	1	Cunsell ss	4	0	0	0
Balfour p	0	0	0	0	Bshtes p	2	0	0	0
Fultz p	0	0	0	0	Grieve ph	1	0	1	0
CSilva p	0	0	0	0	Bennitt p	0	0	0	0
Offrmn ph	1	0	0	0	BHall ph	1	0	0	0
Rdrgz p	0	0	0	0	Kolb p	0	0	0	0
Cddyer 2b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**34**	**4**	**11**	**4**

Minnesota	000 010 000—1
Milwaukee	201 000 10x—4

E—HBlnco (1). DP—Minnesota 1, Milwaukee 1. LOB—Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 10. 2B—THinter (13), Podsednik (13), HR—Moeller (3). SB—Podsednik (30).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
CSilva L,7-4	4	8	3	3	2	1
Rdrgz	2	2	1	1	2	1
Balfour	⅓	0	0	0	1	0
Fultz	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2
Milwaukee						
BSheets W,6-4	6	4	1	1	2	6
Bshtes	2	0	0	0	0	2
Kolb S,20	1	1	0	0	0	2

Rdrgz pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. HBP—by Balfour (KGinter). T—2:38. A—28,555 (41,900).

Rockies 5, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	bi	COLORADO	ab	r	h	bi
BRbrts 2b	5	0	0	0	Miles 2b	4	1	1	0
Roberts cf	5	0	2	0	Clayton ss	4	3	3	1
LLopez 3b	3	0	0	0	Helton 1b	3	0	1	3
Tejada ss	4	0	2	0	PWilsn cf	4	0	0	0
RPrino 1b	3	1	1	1	Castilla 3b	4	1	2	0
JvLopez c	3	0	2	0	MaSwry rf	3	0	1	1
Gibbons rf	4	0	0	0	Atkins c	4	0	0	0
HrstJr 3b	4	1	3	0	Hrkala p	0	0	0	0
Matos lf	3	0	0	1	Holmes ph	1	0	0	0
Ponson p	3	0	0	0	Hilliday lf	4	0	1	0
BRyan p	0	0	0	0	Chnson c	3	0	0	0
Newhan ph	1	1	1	0	Estes p	0	0	0	0
					Pellow rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**Totals**	**33**	**5**	**9**	**5**

Baltimore	000 101 001—3
Colorado	100 130 00x—5

E—BRoberts (2), LLopez (3), Clayton (5). DP—Colorado 2. LOB—Baltimore 8, Colorado 7. 2B—HrstJr (4), Helton (11), MaSweeney (6). 3B—JvLopez (1), HrstJr (1), Clayton (2). HR—RPalmeiro (10), Newhan (1). S—Hrkala.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ponson L,3-9	7	8	5	4	1	2
BRyan	1	1	0	0	0	0
Colorado						
Estes W,7-3	7	7	2	2	3	3
JrLopez	⅔	1	0	0	0	1
Harikkala	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Chnson S,13	1	1	1	1	0	2

Balk—Estes. T—2:28. A—30,148 (50,449).

Blue Jays 3, Padres 2

TORONTO	ab	r	h	bi	SAN DIEGO	ab	r	h	bi
Mnchno 2b	4	1	2	2	Payton cf	4	0	0	0
Phillips ss	2	0	0	0	Brghs 3b	3	0	1	0
Gomez ss	4	0	0	0	Loretta 2b	4	1	2	1
Jhnson cf	4	1	1	0	Nevin 1b	4	0	0	0
Wells rf	4	0	1	0	Bgwell lf	4	1	1	0
Zaun c	4	0	2	1	RaHrdz c	3	0	1	0
Rios rf	4	0	0	0	Knott rf	2	0	0	0
JPrlta 1b	3	0	0	0	Klesko rf	2	1	1	1
Berg lf	3	1	1	0	Rbnson pr	0	0	0	0
Hill p	0	0	0	0	Greene ss	3	0	0	0
OHudzn 2b	0	0	0	0	Ojeda ph	1	0	0	0
Lilly p	0	0	0	0	DWells p	2	0	0	0
HClark lf	1	0	0	0	Long ph	1	0	0	0
					Hffman p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**28**	**2**	**6**	**2**

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	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Detroit	2293	345	649	68	332	.283
Chicago	2208	357	624	81	341	.282
Cleveland	2287	355	641	56	329	.280
Texas	2234	345	619	90	329	.277
Anaheim	2318	326	640	61	308	.276
Baltimore	2247	320	619	67	300	.275
Oakland	2333	334	637	85	314	.273
Boston	2322	360	635	82	340	.273
Kansas City	2188	291	578	68	280	.264
New York	2227	351	587	96	337	.263
Minnesota	2320	312	608	75	292	.262
Toronto	2311	297	605	51	286	.261
Seattle	2280	263	592	48	246	.259
Tampa Bay	2164	278	561	58	264	.256

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Based on 192 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
IRodriguez Det	243	31	87	9	47	.358
Mora Bal	243	57	86	11	41	.354
Harvey KC	221	24	78	8	29	.353
VGuerrero Ana	265	55	91	15	56	.343
MRamirez Bos	240	41	81	18	48	.337
ASanchez Det	243	31	81	2	17	.333
MYoung Tex	281	46	93	10	39	.331
ISuzuki Sea	285	35	94	3	22	.330
Hatteberg Oak	201	31	66	9	40	.328
Lawton Det	255	52	83	10	33	.325
CGuillen Det	249	49	80	10	45	.321
THafner Cle	204	44	65	8	41	.319
LFord Min	230	33	73	9	36	.317
Durazo Oak	200	36	63	10	34	.315
Belliard Cle	251	38	79	2	26	.315
Uribe CWh	232	40	72	9	25	.310
JLopez Bal	245	75	76	9	36	.306
Figgins Ana	220	30	67	2	20	.305
VMartinez Cle	213	36	65	10	50	.305
CLee CWh	246	36	75	6	35	.305
Blalock Tex	262	43	79	16	45	.302
Crawford TB	259	43	78	1	18	.301
Eckstein Ana	200	29	60	1	11	.300
Byrnes Oak	207	42	62	9	22	.300
WWells Tor	260	41	78	9	30	.300
Tejada Bal	253	32	76	10	51	.300
KOtsay Oak	223	30	67	0	22	.300
Sheffield NYY	243	46	73	10	43	.300
ARodriguez NYY	261	46	75	9	38	.296
JOrtiz Bos	265	31	78	15	63	.294
Thomas CHW	194	44	57	17	43	.294
WHarris CHW	188	28	55	0	13	.293
JGuillen Ana	246	40	72	11	49	.293
Damon Bos	249	45	73	6	25	.293
Scutaro Oak	202	21	59	2	17	.292
ASoriano Tex	268	30	78	9	40	.291
Dye Oak	251	47	73	9	42	.291
Johnson Tor	235	28	68	5	34	.289
White Det	235	39	68	4	40	.289
Vizquel Cle	239	35	69	1	39	.289
Baldelli TB	233	41	67	6	30	.288
Lugo TB	234	34	66	2	29	.282
Matsui NYY	236	47	66	11	37	.280
CGuzman Min	254	37	71	2	31	.280
Beltran KC	244	47	68	13	47	.279
Varitek Bos	201	29	56	9	27	.279
Randa KC	222	28	62	2	22	.279
Higginson Det	184	30	51	2	29	.277
TMartinez TB	191	31	52	6	30	.272
Konerko CHW	211	31	58	14	40	.275
Monroe Det	195	23	53	2	25	.272
Gerut Cle	190	41	52	9	26	.272
Posada NYY	180	30	49	9	32	.272
Millar Bos	214	26	58	9	27	.271
BWilliams NYY	225	42	61	9	22	.271
Crosby Oak	208	29	56	9	26	.269
Rease Bos	183	27	49	3	26	.268
Ibanez Sea	194	34	52	11	28	.268
Blake CH	221	32	59	5	35	.267
Olerud Sea	202	24	54	3	17	.267
Bellhorn Bos	213	48	57	7	39	.266
Huff TB	249	33	66	9	41	.265
THunter Min	186	28	49	9	29	.263
RPalmeiro Bal	241	30	56	10	27	.262
MSweeney KC	229	31	59	10	40	.258
Winn Sea	231	30	59	2	19	.255
Jeter NYY	263	35	67	9	32	.255
Valentin CHW	184	36	47	11	33	.255
Bigbie Bal	235	32	60	7	31	.254
BRoberts Bal	252	43	64	1	18	.254
JJones Min	236	32	60	12	38	.254
Mientkiewicz Min	224	26	56	3	18	.250
JoCruz TB	200	34	51	10	33	.255
EMartinez Sea	223	17	55	3	24	.247
EChavez Oak	187	34	46	13	35	.246
Berroa KC	206	27	50	5	23	.243
Hinske Tor	226	28	55	6	31	.243
JaGiambi NYY	165	25	40	10	30	.242
Teixeira Tex	173	30	41	10	26	.237
Fullmer Tex	177	30	42	9	28	.237
AKennedy Ana	213	22	50	9	32	.235
Matos Bal	235	26	55	6	21	.234
JPhelps Tor	227	25	53	5	23	.233
Crede CHW	211	33	49	10	29	.232
Rollins Phi	251	40	70	2	20	.279
Nevin SD	251	33	70	9	41	.279
Pierzynski SF	194	21	54	5	27	.278
Bagwell Hou	234	43	65	10	36	.278
Mackowiak Pit	202	31	56	12	35	.277
Alfonzo SF	235	27	65	3	30	.277
LGonzalez Ari	246	49	68	14	40	.276
Feliz SF	236	29	65	12	40	.275
TWalker CHc	211	41	58	10	26	.275
Payton SD	212	25	58	3	25	.274
Tucker SF	198	39	54	7	30	.273
Holliday Col	195	29	53	9	28	.272
Bentera SSL	239	37	65	4	30	.272
BGiles SD	254	40	69	10	41	.272
Choi Pla	181	35	49	12	30	.271
Ensberg Hou	170	18	46	0	21	.271
Bradley LA	226	30	61	7	28	.270
CPatterson CHc	248	36	67	8	26	.270
RaHernandez SD	178	22	48	7	25	.270
Edmonds StL	233	42	63	14	46	.270
Wigginton NYM	182	24	49	6	26	.269
Conine Fla	197	20	53	4	20	.269
FThomas Mon	202	21	54	4	11	.267
DaBell Phi	210	26	56	6	27	.267
Dunn Cin	220	44	58	19	42	.264
Matsui NYM	262	41	69	5	22	.262
Greene SD	237	26	62	3	23	.262
Vidro Mon	237	18	62	2	26	.262
Tracy Ari	188	18	49	3	21	.261
Furcal Atl	241	34	46	5	17	.261
ShGreen LA	235	35	61	8	31	.260
Podsednik Mil	267	45	69	2	21	.258
Jenkins Mil	264	38	68	9	40	.258
Ausmus Hou	191	16	49	2	15	.257
Rhanders StL	206	28	53	12	34	.257
DJimenez Cin	227	32	58	3	21	.256
JEncarnacion LA	236	33	60	10	36	.254
Griffey Jr. Cin	236	41	60	18	51	.254
AGonzalez Fla	221	23	56	8	26	.253
Hidalgo NYM	203	21	51	4	30	.251
Cintron Ari	248	25	62	1	20	.250
Counsell Mil	196	31	49	0	12	.250
Lieberthal Phi	200	24	50	7	24	.250
Zaile NYM	181	18	45	6	21	.249
AJones Atl	246	39	61	12	37	.248
Freel Cin	208	27	51	1	11	.245
KGintner Mil	182	23	44	8	23	.242
Schneider Mon	178	17	43	7	20	.242
Wedman Pit	201	26	48	4	20	.239
OCabrera Mon	249	24	59	3	17	.237
KGarcia NYM	186	23	44	7	22	.237
Wilkerson Mon	216	30	51	11	28	.236
NPerez SF	227	16	52	2	27	.229
Byrd Phi	212	25	48	2	18	.226
DeRosa Atl	226	21	51	3	22	.226
TBatista Mon	225	22	50	4	24	.222
CJensen NYM	219	25	46	9	27	.210
JPhillips NYM	188	19	39	5	20	.207

TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
New York	3.60	590	238	330	561	4	13
Los Angeles	3.73	523	238	224	442	5	19
Chicago	3.74	556	254	222	542	2	18
Milwaukee	3.80	562	258	250	425	1	22
San Diego	3.84	586	251	193	418	4	16
Houston	3.91	604	263	185	385	3	12
Florida	3.97	570	266	206	472	7	25
Montreal	4.01	569	257	211	410	5	12
St. Louis	4.07	555	273	185	385	3	12
Atlanta	4.12	636	268	233	421	3	11
Philadelphia	4.14	597	268	229	428	2	18
San Francisco	4.68	630	317	223	403	1	20
Arizona	4.71	649	317	229	476	2	17
Cincinnati	4.88	647	322	209	389	2	28
Arizona	5.02	611	336	288	465	5	14
Colorado	6.21	675	385	289	469	1	13

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Based on 60 decisions

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TGlavine NYM	104	72	28	52	7	3	2.07
Zambrano CHc	89	69	38	61	7	2	2.32
Clemens Hou	84	64	34	94	9	1	2.46
Schmidt SF	82	56	27	61	7	2	2.55
BSheets Mil	94	70	15	95	6	4	2.59
Prior CHc	94	77	27	94	6	3	2.76
Penny Fla	92	81	25	84	6	5	2.83
OPerez LA	93	82	20	69	4	3	2.88
Mussina NYY	71	81	14	50	5	2	2.90
RJohnson Ari	100	66	24	113	9	5	3.05
DWells SD	70	62	17	25	5	3	3.06
Clement CHc	93	74	29	98	7	5	3.07
PWilson Cin	82	84	24	48	7	0	3.17
Pettitte NYY	78	81	23	54	5	3	3.13
JSWright Atl	74	74	35	59	5	5	3.41
Hernandez Mon	101	100	31	67	6	6	3.47
DDavis Mil	91	90	31	60	6	5	3.44
Ishii LA	78	65	50	39	8	3	3.45
Santos Mil	54	54	20	38	4	3	3.50
Day Mon	82	73	28	49	5	7	3.51
Fachnot NYM	85	84	30	50	6	4	3.54
Brower SF	42	44	14	23	4	3	3.61
Sheets StL	79	83	20	50	5	3	3.64
Lima LA	54	51	16	32	5	2	3.67
Alfonseca Atl	31	34	13	17	5	2	3.77
Weaver LA	87	92	30	71	5	7	3.77
JeWilliams SF	86	85	22	59	6	5	4.59
Milton Phi	92	81	32	58	6	7	4.60
Thomson Atl	84	104	21	50	5	6	4.61
Seo NYM	56	58	22	27	3	5	4.63
Ohlendorf SD	61	74	22	34	3	4	4.77
WWilliams StL	76	89	25	47	4	6	4.86
Millwood Phi	84	96	30	66	4	6	4.89
Benson Pit	81	90	31	60	5	6	5.00
Redding Hou	63	75	23	31	3	6	5.00
Rueter SF	78	102	28	38	3	7	5.03
Eaton SD	84	85	21	60	3	7	5.10
WWells Pit	72	81	41	37	3	6	5.25
Hampton Atl	75	106	31	39	1	7	5.28
Lidle Cin	95	100	24	56	4	5	5.29
JoAcevedo Cin	72	79	15	61	3	5	5.33
Fogg Pit	61	72	22	34	6	4	5.35
Kinney Mil	44	58	18	35	3	4	6.65
JJennings Col	78	97	48	54	6	6	6.75
Nomo LA	50	62	23	37	3	4	7.56
Vogelsong Pit	65	83	36	52	1	7	7.62

National League

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Los Angeles	2224	283	617	69	269	.277
Houston	2253	312	621	63	299	.275
St. Louis	2307	355	634	89	341	.274
Pittsburgh	2200	281	603	62	266	.274
Colorado	2279	344	616	85	324	.270
Chicago	2359	324	637	89	315	.270
San Diego	2276	292	611	43	273	.268
Florida	2291	295	605	71	279	.264
San Francisco	2310	331	604	70	314	.261
Philadelphia	2261	332	591	85	313	.261
Milwaukee	2235	289	567	58	274	.253
Cincinnati	2245	326	569	79	308	.253
Arizona	2311	300	586	73	284	.253
Atlanta	2243	297	567	66	283	.252
New York	2267	274	560	69	263	.247
Montreal	2165	198	508	51	188	.234

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Based on 192 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Bonds SF	141	50	52	18	39	.369
Casey Cin	257	51	93	13	50	.362
Rolen StL	236	45	82	17	67	.347
JWilson Pit	265	35	91	6	26	.343
Helton Col	216	47	74	12	41	.343
Overbay Mil	243	28	83	7	49	.342
Lo Duca LA	232	24	79	4	27	.341
Berkman Hou	210	43	69	16	51	.329
JEstrada Atl	197	29	64	4	38	.325
ARamirez Chc	264	51	85	14	49	.322
Loretta SD	265	47	85	6	29	.321
Kendall Pit	227	33	72	0	23	.317
DBautista Ari	241	37	76	7	37	.315
Izturis LA	258	29	81	2	24	.314
CWilson Pit	240	41	75	15	41	.312
Beltre LA	250	38	78	16	42	.312
Barrett CHc	190	22	59	8	33	.311
Pujols StL	239	56	74	18	45	.310
Burroughs SD	261	36	81	1	22	.310
Thome Phi	214	42	66	20	44	.308
Pierre Fla	277	36	85	1	20	.307
Piazza NYM	239	26	73	14	35	.305
Larkin Cin	208	38	63	4	29	.303
Womack StL	215	35	65	3	17	.302
Biggio Hou	268	41	81	8	28	.302
Hillenbrand Ari	220	30	66	7	32	.300
Alou CHc	263	41	79	16	43	.300
Grissom SF	237	37	71	9	38	.300
JKent Hou	249	46	74	10	47	.297
Lowell Fla	253	40	75	16	42	.296
BAbreu Phi	225	51	66	15	44	.293
LCastillo Fla	253	36	74	2	27	.292
Clayton Col	244	50	71	6	23	.291
DeLee CHc	241	35	70	8	42	.290
SFinley Ari	256	44	74	17	36	.289
Burrell Phi	212	26	61	11	47	.288
Burnitz Col	233	41	67	16	48	.288
Cabrera Fla	254	46	73	17	44	.287
Castilla Col	239	39	68	16	53	.285
JDrew Atl	205	48	58	13	37	.283
AEverett Hou	238	42	67	3	12	.282
Spivey Mil	177	25	50	4	22	.282
Robertson Det	83	68	33	77	5	3	3.76
PMartinez Bos	90	85	23	89	7	3	3.77
CLee Cle	82	79	41	66	6	1	3.81
Loaiza CHW	99	95	30	57	7	3	3.82
Lilly Tor	84	76	35	78	6	3	3.83
Halladay Tor	89	89	27	65	6	4	3.84
Harden Oak	73	71	35	74	3	4	3.95
Betancourt Cle	31	38	5	36	3	4	3.98
Parrish Bal	37	32	21	31	5	2	4.06
MRedman Oak	79	91	28	45	5	3	4.07
Buehrle CHW	97	112	21	77	7	1	4.07
KBrown NYY	80	83	18	48	7	1	4.13
CSilva Min	85	112	14	37	7	4	4.13
RFranklin Sea	82	87	27	42	3	4	4.14
Maroth Det	89	96	27	44	5	4	4.23
Hendrickson TB	78	85	22	26	4	5	4.27
Schoenewis CHW	81	86	36	50	5	5	4.33
MBatista Tor	89	78	44	59	4	5	4.32
Mussina NYY	85	102	19	57	7	4	4.43
Adams Tor	31	35	15	26	4	4	4.55
Zito Oak	81	90	31	69	4	3	4.67
Garland CHW	86	90	40	41	5	3	4.81
Wakefield Bos	78	82	31	45	4	5	4.81
Gobble KC	75	79	20	19	3	4	4.81
Lieber NYY	59	70	4	23	5	4	4.85
Santana Min	83	85	23	78	4	4	4.84
Pineiro Sea	86	93	30	69	2	8	4.92
Arroyo Bos	61	65	17	43	2	5	4.96
Waechter TB	50	44	18	23	3	6	4.97
Zambrano TB	84	72	64	81	7	4	5.21
DLowe Bos	70	86	34	32	6	5	5.25
Washburn Ana	78	93	20	47	7	3	5.31
ROrtiz Ana	44	52	17	39	2	5	5.32
JJohnson Det	76	94	26	46	4	7	5.40
Lackey Ana	80	88	23	40	4	8	5.51
Bondermann Det	70	71	33	57	5	5	5.63
Hentgen Tor	69	74	28	32	2	6	5.74
DuBose Bal	71	70	41	48	4	5	5.80
May KC	74	98	22	52	4	8	5.96

AP

New York Mets left-hander Tom Glavine leads the National League with a 2.07 ERA. He has struck out 52.

Big Unit can't halt Tampa's streak

BY MEL REISNER
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Randy Johnson's momentum was no match for Tampa Bay.

The Devil Rays stretched their franchise-record winning streak to nine games, beating the Big Unit and the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-2 Friday night behind Jose Cruz Jr.'s three-run homer.

Rey Sanchez added a run-scoring triple and Geoff Blum an RBI double for the Devil Rays, who have won 20 of 26 overall and have the best interleague record in the majors at 9-1. They also snapped Johnson's six-game winning streak in the first meeting between the 1998 expansion teams.

"We're getting hits at the right time," Julio Lugo said. "I think we're going to give a hard time to anybody that faces us."

John Halama (3-1), put in the rotation after 2½ months in the bullpen, allowed two runs on six hits and a walk in five innings in his first start since Sept. 4, when he pitched for Oakland in a 7-5 loss at Baltimore. The win was Halama's first as a starter since beating the Orioles 6-4 in Oakland on Aug. 28.

Jorge Sosa pitched three scoreless innings in relief for Tampa Bay.

Johnson (9-5) started his best winning streak in three years with a perfect game against Atlanta on May 18. He retired his first seven batters Friday night, but the Devil Rays got to him for Cruz's three-run homer in the fourth inning and scored two more runs in the sixth.

After that, Johnson was lifted for reliever Scott Service, who allowed Blum's RBI double in the seventh.

"It didn't seem like he was throwing as hard as I've seen him throw in the past," said Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella, who managed Johnson in Seattle. "But Randy competes. I remember when I first got there how he used to throw a lot of pitches. Now, he economizes."

Johnson was charged with five runs on eight hits and a walk in six innings. He struck out a season-low four.

"They just hit him," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said. "He made very few mistakes in the game, and when he did they hit him."

Johnson disagreed.

"This was a bad game, a poorly pitched game on my part," he said. "And when you don't have your good stuff against a team that's playing well, it shows."

L.A. gets dream game from Weaver

BY BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Giving up three runs off bloop hits would have rattled Jeff Weaver in his days with the New York Yankees.

The New York fans would have booed him mightily, too.

Now pitching for Los Angeles, Weaver steadied himself after a rough third inning Friday night and was the winner in the Dodgers' 6-3 victory over the Yankees.

Juan Encarnacion drove in the go-ahead run and Los Angeles won the first regular-season meeting between two of baseball's most storied franchises.

"Weaver has the ability to become a winning pitcher," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I thought he kept his emotions under control."

Having been booed out of New York, Weaver was excited to face his former teammates.

"Any time you face the team you played with last, you're looking for a little redemption to kind of show them what they might have lost," he said.

Playing before the largest regular-season crowd (55,207) in Dodger Stadium history, the Yankees lost back-to-back games for the first time in a month.

Weaver impressed former teammate Jason Giambi, who was 1-for-4 with two strikeouts.

"We got some hits off him and put some runs on the board early, but he didn't get frustrated," Giambi said. "He got stronger and stronger as the game went on and we just couldn't put anything together after that."

AP

Jeff Weaver limited his former team to three runs in six innings as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Yankees 6-3 on Friday night.

The teams hadn't played in a game that meant anything since the 1981 World Series, which the Dodgers won 4-2 by sweeping the final four games. Of their 11 World Series meetings, the Yankees won eight, seven when the Dodgers played in Brooklyn.

The lively crowd heartily booed the Yankees, especially former Dodger Gary Sheffield, during pregame introductions, and frequently shouted a derogatory chant about the visitors.

"It was incredible," said Dave Roberts, whose two-run single helped the Dodgers tie the game in the fourth. "I've been here for three years and I haven't seen it like this. To see the support and the excitement and the energy just filtered through the dugout, and we felt it."

Weaver (5-7) gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings. He struck out four, walked two, and shut down Alex Rodriguez, who had reached base safely in 53 straight games.

"He was the same old Weaver. He mixed up pitches well and had pretty good stuff," Rodriguez said. "The key for us is to get him early. We did, but we just couldn't apply the knockout punch."

Eric Gagne got three outs for his 17th save, extending his major league record to 80 in a row.

"The fans were really getting into it. They were amazing," he said. "You always want to win, but you put a little extra into it when you go out against the Yankees."

New York starter Javier Vazquez (7-5) struggled with his control, giving up five runs — two earned — and nine hits in five-plus innings. He threw three wild pitches — one led to a run in the fourth — and made a costly throwing error in the sixth.

"When I feel like I don't have good stuff, I just try to keep us in the game. It was just a bad night," Vazquez said.

The Dodgers took a 5-3 lead in the sixth. Adrian Beltre led off with a single and advanced to third on consecutive wild pitches by Vazquez. Encarnacion doubled to the left-field corner, scoring Beltre. Encarnacion scored from second when Vazquez fielded Alex Cora's bunt single and threw into the runner, causing the ball to pop loose.

The Yankees took a 3-0 lead with three bloop hits in the third, including Giambi's two-run single. Vazquez opened the inning with a double.

The Dodgers tied it with three runs in the fourth. Beltre doubled and scored on Vazquez's wild pitch. Roberts' single up the middle scored two runs.

Boston plays longball in Pac Bell debut

Baseball roundup

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Boston Red Sox showed manager Terry Francona the kind of offensive display he feared as Oakland's bench coach a year ago.

The craziest thing about it? Boston made pitcher-friendly Pac Bell Park seem like a hitter's haven after the Red Sox struggled at Coors Field in Denver.

Pinch-hitter Kevin Millar hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the fifth and Boston had four other homers in beating the San Francisco Giants 14-9 Friday night.

"It was a big hit at the time in a game we're down 7-2," Millar said. "This is something you just build off of."

David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez also homered in the fifth, and Trot Nixon and Doug Mirabelli hit back-to-back home runs in the ninth for Boston. The five homers were a record for a Giants opponent.

"Have you ever seen seven home runs hit in this ballpark?" slugger Barry Bonds said. "That was unreal. It makes this ballpark look like Colorado."

Marquis Grissom homered twice for the Giants, who had their nine-game home winning streak snapped in the highly anticipated first regular-season game between the teams.

The game was played before a rowdy sellout crowd of 42,557, the Giants' third-largest this season. After homers by Nixon and Mirabelli, fans threw about two dozen baseballs onto the field, delaying the game.

"About saw everything tonight," Francona said. "It was like playing a couple of different games. Early on, we were scrambling to stay in it. So many guys did so many things to keep us in the game."

Francona praised the poise of Mike Timlin (4-2), who pitched $2^{2}/_{3}$ innings, allowing only one hit.

With Boston trailing 7-6 in the fifth, Millar's shot hit the left-field wall just above Bonds' outstretched glove and went over for his second career pinch-hit homer and first by a Red Sox player this year.

Ortiz hit a two-run homer earlier in the inning and Ramirez hit his AL-leading 18th one batter later for Boston, which had lost six of nine on the road.

In other games Friday:

Athletics 2, Cubs 1: Mark Kotsay homered and drove in another run, and visiting Oakland spoiled Sammy Sosa's return from a month on the DL.

Sosa, who went 0-for-4 in his first game since May 15, had a chance to tie it with two outs in the ninth but grounded out to short to end the game.

Mariners 5, Pirates 4: Jamie Moyer (6-2) pitched six innings and hit a two-run single for visiting Seattle.

Moyer struck out four, walked one and allowed three hits in his first start in Pittsburgh since May 21, 1991, when he gave up two homers to Barry Bonds while pitching for St. Louis.

Royals 10, Phillies 4: Matt Stairs homered twice and Benito Santiago hit a three-run shot for visiting Kansas City.

Chris George (1-0) allowed four runs and nine hits in $6^{1}/_{3}$ innings, helping the Royals win their third straight.

Santiago broke his left hand and will be sidelined at least six weeks after he was hit by a pitch from Geoff Geary in the sixth.

White Sox 11, Expos 7: Carlos Lee had four hits and four RBIs and Chicago extended the host Expos' losing streak to seven.

Lee, who fell a triple short of the cycle, drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth with an RBI single off Luis Ayala (0-6).

Rangers 8, Marlins 1: John Wasdin (1-0) won his first start in nearly six years, Alfonso Soriano drove in two runs and visiting Texas snapped a four-game losing streak.

Indians 4, Braves 2: Cliff Lee (6-1) outpitched Mike Hampton (1-7) to win for the first time in six starts, and Casey Blake hit a tiebreaking homer to lift visiting Cleveland over the Braves in their first meeting since the 1995 World Series.

Astros 5, Angels 0: Pete Munro (1-0) combined with three relievers on a five-hitter and Jeff Kent drove in three runs.

The host Astros snapped a four-game losing streak and gave manager Jimy Williams his 900th career victory.

Brewers 4, Twins 1: Ben Sheets (6-4) pitched four-hit ball for six innings, and Chad Moeller homered for the Brewers, who snapped visiting Minnesota's three-game winning streak.

Rockies 5, Orioles 3: Shawn Estes (7-3) allowed two runs in seven innings for his first win in a month and Todd Helton drove in three runs.

Rafael Palmeiro hit career homer No. 538, and Jerry Hairston was a homer short of the cycle for the visiting Orioles, who lost their sixth straight.

Blue Jays 3, Padres 2: Frank Menechino homered on David Wells' fifth pitch, and Ted Lilly (6-3) shut down host San Diego, which lost its season-high sixth straight. The Blue Jays snapped a four-game losing streak.

Cardinals, Mets walk off with victories

Pujols' home run in 10th wins for streaking Cards

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Ken Griffey Jr. came up empty again in his bid to hit his 500th homer. Thanks to Albert Pujols, so did the Cincinnati Reds, who lost their eighth straight on the road.

Pujols homered off Mike Matthews leading off the bottom of the 10th inning to give St. Louis a 4-3 victory over the Reds on Friday night, extending the Cardinals' winning streak to five.

The NL Central leaders have won 14 of 18 overall and have won their last two games in their final at-bat.

"I like the other kind (of wins), the no-brainers," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "If we get so far ahead, I can't mess those up."

Reminiscent of Mark McGwire's 70-homer season in 1998, flashbulbs popped throughout each of Griffey's at-bats. Otherwise, the occasion was less than a big event in St. Louis, with Busch Stadium about 10,000 seats shy of a sellout. There were more than 3,000 no-shows.

Griffey was 0-for-4, taking a called third strike in the second, lining to shortstop in the fourth, flying to center in the seventh and tapping out on a checked swing in the ninth. He's 3-for-17 with two RBIs in four games since hitting his 499th homer last Sunday against Cleveland.

Cardinals starter Chris Carpenter didn't shy away from the confrontation.

"I wasn't going to pitch around him," Carpenter said. "I said this the other day: If he hits the homer, he hits the homer.

"I was going to challenge him and I was going to make pitches, and I did."

The Cardinals tied it with a two-out rally in the ninth off closer Danny Graves, who has blown seven saves in 34 chances. The rally featured hits by pinch-hitters Marlon Anderson and Ray Lankford, and the tying run scored on Tony Womack's infield hit — his third hit of the game.

Pujols, who entered the game in a 4-for-26 slump since returning from a hamstring injury, was 2-for-4 and also had a sacrifice fly in the sixth. He hit a 2-0 pitch from Matthews (1-1) over the right-field wall for his 18th homer, and the third game-winning homer of his career.

"I hit it real good," Pujols said. "I know the air was kind of thick but I thought I had a pretty good chance because I know my stadium pretty well."

AP

Albert Pujols is mobbed by teammates after his walk-off homer in the 10th Friday night beat Cincinnati 4-3.

Cameron's shot caps Mets' climb back vs. Detroit

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Cameron homered with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to give the New York Mets a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Friday night.

On a night when a convention of Hall of Fame catchers showed up to honor New York's Mike Piazza, it was Cameron who had the big hit for the Mets.

Cameron's ninth home run — and second in as many nights — came on a 2-2 pitch from reliever Danny Patterson (0-4) and sent the Mets to their second victory in a row.

During a pregame ceremony, Piazza was honored for breaking Carlton Fisk's record for home runs as a catcher on May 5. Hall of Famers Fisk, Johnny Bench, Gary Carter and Yogi Berra were on hand.

Piazza caught for the first time since May 23 on Thursday and was behind the plate again for Friday night's game.

Tom Glavine allowed seven hits and two runs over seven innings and hit a two-run single.

In the top of the ninth, Detroit had runners at first and third with one out, but Braden Looper (1-1) pitched out of the jam.

Dmitri Young hit a solo homer in the fourth for Detroit.

Texas plays like a top seed

BY ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — J.P. Howell and two relievers combined on a two-hitter, Dooley Prince drove in four runs and Curtis Thigpen scored four times to lead top-seeded Texas to a 13-2 victory over Arkansas in the College World Series on Friday night.

The Longhorns (56-13) have scored 10 or more runs in three straight games and four times over the last six.

For the Razorbacks (45-23), who are in the CWS for the first time since 1989, it was the most lopsided loss in 83 games.

"I'm just disappointed with the score being the way it was," Arkansas coach Dave Van Horn said. "The game got away from us early, and you have to give Texas credit. They got after us."

Arkansas is one of four Southeastern Conference teams in the College World Series. In the first game Friday, Georgia of the SEC scored four runs in the fourth inning to come from behind and beat Arizona 8-7.

The Bulldogs (44-21) play Texas on Sunday and Arizona (35-26-1) will play Arkansas in an elimination game.

Howell, the Big 12 pitcher of the year and a first-team All-American, struck out eight and held Arkansas hitless until Scott Hode led off the fourth with a clean single.

Howell (15-2) lost his shutout bid in the seventh when Scott Bridges hit a two-out home run over the right-field wall.

Howell then put Jake Dugger on base with his sixth walk of the game and was replaced by J. Brent Cox. Buck Cody pitched the ninth.

Thigpen had three singles and a triple and reached base a fifth time on an error. Ryan Russ drove in three runs for the Longhorns.

"I think the only statement is we won the first game," Thigpen said. "We feel like we're playing well."

Howell pitched out of trouble in the second and fifth innings.

After walking two of the first three Arkansas batters in the second, he struck out Devin Day and got Bridges on a grounder.

The Hogs loaded the bases in the fifth on two walks and an error, but Howell escaped when he threw out Clay Goodwin after fielding a hard comebacker to the mound.

Arkansas starter Charlie Boyce (10-3) struggled, hitting three of the first eight batters he faced.

The teams combined for a CWS-record eight hit batsmen, five by Arkansas pitchers.

In the first game of the day, Joey Side hit a two-run single that capped Georgia's four-run fourth and Will Startup pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth for the Bulldogs.

Side drove in the go-ahead runs as Georgia turned a 6-3 deficit into a 7-6 lead.

The Bulldogs added an insurance run in the seventh when Jason Jacobs came in from third after Arizona catcher Nick Hundley threw into center field on an attempt to pick a runner off second.

Startup, the All-Southeastern Conference closer, came on in the seventh and struck out the side.

He ran into trouble in the eighth. Arizona made it 8-7 when Brad Boyer beat out a potential double-play grounder, allowing Hundley to score. Trevor Crowe then singled and Jeff Van Houten walked to load the bases.

Startup ran the count to 3-2 against Jordan Brown before Brown struck out swinging at a fastball.

"When you get into those situations, whatever happens, happens," Startup said. "How you react to it is how the team will react to it."

Startup pitched a perfect ninth to earn his 11th save.

Mickelson's new style less thrilling, but more fulfilling

BY RON GREEN JR.
The Charlotte Observer

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Remember when watching Phil Mickelson play was more fun than playing quarters with Robin Williams? When you watched with one eye open any time The Left-Hander faced a shot that mattered and there was a tree, a pond or a major championship involved? He could wipe out quicker than the Bodine brothers.

Commentary

Well, you can kiss that kind of golf goodbye now.

If you want drama, watch Tiger, who needs a Sherpa to get around Shinnecock Hills. He winces and grimaces and leans like a yoga master trying to coax his ball where it doesn't want to go anymore.

Watching Mickelson play is like watching Annika, only without the pony tail. You know where every shot is going and, you have a pretty good sense of who's going to win.

Good thing Mickelson isn't paired with Jeff Maggert in Saturday's third round. You might not be able to tell them apart.

It wasn't that long ago that Mickelson issued his manifesto, boasting he'd never change the way he played. He was going to swing for the fences, and if he struck out in every major championship he played, well, he'd go down swinging and smiling.

Then Rick Smith, Dave Pelz and a year absence from a trophy presentation convinced Mickelson to try it the other way, good old meat and potatoes golf, and now he's Mr. 9-to-5.

Did someone say, "Told you so?"

Get in line.

After seeing Mickelson go through his metronomic motions Friday, striping it down the middle of virtually every fairway, hitting most of the greens and holing any putt that mattered on his way to a 66, someone asked New York's adopted son if his game had become boring.

"Yes," Mickelson said, nodding his head and fighting back a grin. "But the outcome is okay."

Better than okay.

For a guy who couldn't win a major, it's beginning to look like no one else can now.

Good thing Mickelson isn't the type to dwell on the past, or he might have bruises on his butt from kicking himself for all the chances to win majors he let slip away through the years. Instead, he changed.

He can give you all the golf talk about how he's hitting soft cuts and gentle draws, and he's right. If the big blow comes this weekend, as it might, all of Mickelson's good work through the first two days might get swept away. It's the nature of the game.

The difference is Mickelson knows he doesn't have to spit into the wind. He can be patient and stick to his plan, knowing it works.

Nicklaus and Woods have built their careers proving it.

AP

Phil Mickelson reacts to sinking a birdie putt on the 12th hole during the second round of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills on Friday.

The one thing that hasn't changed about Mickelson is the love train he's on when he comes to New York. Two years ago at Bethpage, when it felt as if the Open was played in an alley, Mickelson won hearts while Tiger won the trophy.

It's been no different this week, though the gallery's behavior has been noticeably more refined. This is, of course, the Hamptons.

"Is there a branch campus of Arizona State here?" Kirk Triplett asked after playing the first two rounds with Mickelson, a former Sun Devil.

No. But Mickelson has been to class and learned his lesson. He plays it by the book now.

Open: Murayama won't let gallery get to him

OPEN, FROM BACK PAGE

and Angel Cabrera. No slouches in that group, either.

"The leader board is shaking out a little bit, and you're getting a good look at guys that are going to have a chance on Sunday," Maggert said.

Once again Saturday, Shinnecock Hills was plenty tough but lacked the wind that usually terrorizes the world's best players.

Cheered on by a raucous crowd that loves Mickelson as much as he loves New York, Lefty finished two trips around Shinnecock Hills at 6-under 134.

Maruyama joined him late in the afternoon with a 68, letting a chance to lead a major by himself for the first time slip away when he drove into the rough on his final hole and made bogey.

They will be in the final pairing Saturday. Maruyama, who was paired at the Masters with Mickelson, knows who will be the crowd favorite.

"I will get ear plugs," Maruyama joked.

He got an idea of what it will be like when he played the first two rounds with Woods. Maruyama didn't seem the least bit flustered by the experience — joking around with his partner than playing hard-to-hit things backed up, playfully thumping his chest when a testy putt fell in, slapping hands with his caddie to celebrate another key shot.

Mickelson plodded along, meanwhile, to near perfection. He accepted par and took advantage of the few birdies chances that came his way. No more "Phil the Thrill" for this guy.

"I felt as though I'm not having any surprises," he said. "I know that if I hit it over here, I'm OK; if I hit it over here, I don't have a chance, and so forth. I think that has given me a lot of confidence playing the course."

His control off the tee was phenomenal, mostly with a 3-wood.

"Left chimney," caddie Jim MacKay told him on the ninth tee, picking out the target from the clubhouse high on the hill. Another perfect shot.

Through it all, the size of the gallery swelled, and they held nothing back.

"Win it for the New Yawkers," one man cried.

Despite the lack of wind, Shinnecock Hills only accepts the best golf, which was evident on a leader board that featured all the top players.

Well, all but No. 1.

Woods was at 141 through two rounds, seven shots behind and still holding out hope.

"The great thing about it is the guys aren't going to run away and hide on this golf course," Woods said.

Maybe not, but catching Mickelson won't be easy.

U.S. Open scoreboard

Friday
At Shinnecock Hills Golf Club
Southampton, N.Y.
Purse: $6.25 million
Yardage: 6,996; Par: 70
Second Round
(a-amateur)

Shigeki Maruyama	66-68—134	-6
Phil Mickelson	68-66—134	-6
Jeff Maggert	68-67—135	-5
Fred Funk	70-66—136	-4
Retief Goosen	70-66—136	-4
Angel Cabrera	66-71—137	-3
Ernie Els	70-67—137	-3
Vijay Singh	68-70—138	-2
Corey Pavin	67-71—138	-2
Mike Weir	69-70—139	-1
Trevor Immelman	69-70—139	-1
Pat Perez	73-67—140	E
Stephen Ames	74-66—140	E
Billy Mayfair	70-70—140	E
Sergio Garcia	72-68—140	E
Jay Haas	66-74—140	E
Kevin Stadler	68-72—140	E
Kirk Triplett	71-70—141	+1
Tim Herron	75-66—141	+1
David Roesch	68-73—141	+1
Daniel Chopra	73-68—141	+1
Tiger Woods	72-69—141	+1
a-Spencer Levin	69-73—142	+2
Lee Janzen	72-70—142	+2
Stephen Leaney	72-70—142	+2
Steve Flesch	68-74—142	+2
Scott Verplank	71-71—142	+2
Ben Curtis	69-73—142	+2
Mark Calcavecchia	71-71—142	+2
Kris Cox	68-74—142	+2
a-Casey Wittenberg	71-71—142	+2
Robert Allenby	70-72—142	+2
Chris DiMarco	71-71—142	+2
Shaun Micheel	71-72—143	+3
Timothy Clark	73-70—143	+3
Zachary Johnson	70-73—143	+3
Nick Price	73-70—143	+3
Craig Parry	70-73—143	+3
Chris Riley	72-71—143	+3
Joakim Haeggman	74-69—143	+3
Phillip Price	70-73—143	+3
Tom Kite	72-71—143	+3
Ben Curtis	68-75—143	+3
Skip Kendall	68-75—143	+3
Spike McRoy	72-72—144	+4
John Rollins	76-68—144	+4
Geoffrey Sisk	72-72—144	+4
K.J. Choi	76-68—144	+4
Padraig Harrington	73-71—144	+4
J.J. Henry	75-69—144	+4
Dudley Hart	71-73—144	+4
Hidemichi Tanaka	70-74—144	+4
Peter Lonard	71-73—144	+4
Lee Westwood	73-71—144	+4
Jim Furyk	72-72—144	+4
Tim Petrovic	69-75—144	+4
Tom Carter	74-71—145	+5
Jerry Kelly	76-69—145	+5
a-Bill Haas	72-73—145	+5
Joe Ogilvie	70-75—145	+5
David Toms	73-72—145	+5
a-Chez Reavie	73-72—145	+5
Charles Howell III	75-70—145	+5
Alex Cejka	75-70—145	+5
Scott Hoch	75-70—145	+5
Cliff Kresge	72-73—145	+5
Failed to Qualify		
Brad Faxon	74-72—146	+6
Ian Poulter	74-72—146	+6
Bob Estes	74-72—146	+6
Duffy Waldorf	72-74—146	+6
Rory Sabbatini	72-74—146	+6
Michael Campbell	78-68—146	+6
Jonathan Kaye	77-69—146	+6
J.P. Hayes	72-74—146	+6
Bob Tway	73-73—146	+6
Miguel Angel Jimenez	77-69—146	+6
Justin Leonard	71-75—146	+6
Omar Uresti	75-71—146	+6
Justin Hicks	75-71—146	+6
Brian Davis	73-73—146	+6
John Senden	76-70—146	+6
Rocco Mediate	74-72—146	+6
Rich Beem	74-72—146	+6
Tom Byrum	76-70—146	+6
Chad Campbell	72-74—146	+6
Dan Forsman	74-72—146	+6
Bubba Watson	73-74—147	+7
Dan Olsen	73-74—147	+7
Tripp Isenhour	74-73—147	+7
Darren Clarke	73-74—147	+7
Kevin Sutherland	76-71—147	+7
Briny Baird	73-74—147	+7
Paul Casey	74-73—147	+7
Craig Bowden	76-71—147	+7
Tom Pernice, Jr.	73-75—148	+8
Brian Gay	69-79—148	+8
Dennis Paulson	72-76—148	+8
Joey Sindelar	79-69—148	+8
Toshinitsu Izawa	72-76—148	+8
Steve Stricker	75-73—148	+8
Chris Smith	77-71—148	+8
J.L. Lewis	73-75—148	+8
John Daly	76-72—148	+8
Robert Garrigus	74-74—148	+8
Brad Lardon	73-75—148	+8
Thomas Bjorn	77-71—148	+8
Stuart Appleby	79-70—149	+9
Stewart Cink	74-75—149	+9
Brendan Jones	71-78—149	+9
Parker McLachlin	75-74—149	+9
a-Nathan Smith	73-76—149	+9
John Elliott	76-73—149	+9
a-Brock Mackenzie	73-76—149	+9
Camilo Villegas	74-75—149	+9
Steve Allan	74-75—149	+9
Andrew Tschudin	73-76—149	+9
Eric Axley	72-77—149	+9
David Morland IV	75-75—150	+10
Thomas Level	75-75—150	+10
Adam Scott	75-75—150	+10
Scott Weatherly	76-74—150	+10
Charleston Dechert	73-77—150	+10
Raymond Floyd	75-75—150	+10
Davis Love III	76-75—151	+11
Aaron Baddeley	79-72—151	+11
Todd Hamilton	77-74—151	+11
Pete Jordan	79-72—151	+11
Matthew Goggel	76-75—151	+11
Nick Faldo	81-70—151	+11
Kenny Perry	76-75—151	+11
David Faught	75-76—151	+11
John Connelly	73-78—151	+11
Mark Brooks	74-78—152	+12
Jimmy Green	78-74—152	+12
Jeff Gove	75-77—152	+12
Fredrik Jacobson	75-77—152	+12
Fred Couples	75-77—152	+12
Roger Tambellini	79-73—152	+12
Jonathan Byrd	74-78—152	+12
Gabriel Hjertstedt	75-77—152	+12
Payton Osborn	76-77—153	+13
Paul Lawrie	76-77—153	+13
Scott Hend	75-78—153	+13
Carl Paulson	72-81—153	+13
Leif Olson	76-77—153	+13
Stephen Sokol	76-77—153	+13
Johnson Wagner	77-77—154	+14
a-Nick Flanagan	80-74—154	+14
Steve Gotsche	76-78—154	+14
Justin Rose	77-78—155	+15
Casey Bourque	78-79—157	+17
a-Oscar Alvarez	78-80—158	+18
Joey Maxon	78-82—160	+20
Brad Duval	83-82—165	+25
David Carr	83-83—166	+26

Inaccuracy with driver costs Woods

New York Daily News

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Tiger Woods continues to insist there's nothing wrong with his game, but something must have been bugging him after he shot a disappointing 72 in the first round of the U.S. Open.

On Thursday night, he went home and punched up the tournament statistics on his computer to "see if I'm doing something different than anyone else."

Woods' conclusion: His stats, namely driving accuracy, compared favorably with those of the leaders.

It's time to check that computer for a bug. Woods' research is off — he's hit just 12 of 28 fairways, ranking 117th in the field of 155.

Woods rallied Friday with back-to-back birdies on the back nine to finish with a 69, putting him at 1-over 141 after 36 holes, but it was an unremarkable performance. Gutty, yes, but largely devoid of electricity.

Before Woods' birdie-birdie exacta on the fifth and sixth holes — he started the day on the 10th — he was 3-over and flirting with then-projected cut of 4-over. The cut wound up being 5-over, but there was a buzz in the gallery, with fans wondering if the unthinkable would happen.

No, Woods made his 32nd straight cut in a major and 125th overall, the longest active streak, but he finished in a five-way tie for 18th place, seven shots behind leaders Phil Mickelson and Shigeki Maruyama.

Maintaining his glass-is-half-full attitude, Woods refused to acknowledge any frustration even though 11 of his rivals were under par heading into the weekend. The red numbers were plentiful, but Woods insisted he's not green with envy.

"No, because you look at the way you scored the last few times, and you know all it takes is one day for the wind to blow," Woods said. "If they're right, the forecast, it's supposed to blow [Sunday]. If that's the case, you never know."

Woods, continuing to struggle off the tee, has hit less than 50 percent of his fairways (12-for-28) in two rounds, ranking him 117th in the field of 155. Friday, on his first hole (No. 10), he drove into the rough and took a bogey. He spent a lot of time in the deep stuff, although he made several nice recovery shots to save par.

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Gordon pushes past teammates for pole

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Michigan — In his 13 years in NASCAR's top series, Jeff Gordon has learned when to use finesse and when to charge.

So, making that call Friday was no sweat for the four-time champion. He charged — and the pole was his for the DHL 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Racing roundup

"You know when to push it and when to hold it back," Gordon explained. "Today was a day to push it because the car was just about perfect. When the car's getting through the corners and down the straightaways like that, it certainly makes my job easy."

Gordon's fast lap of 190.865 mph broke the race qualifying mark of 190.365 mph set last year by Bobby Labonte. But it fell short of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s track qualifying record of 191.149 mph at the August race in 2000.

It was Gordon's second pole of the season and the 48th of his career.

He led a sweep of the top three spots by Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolets, with rookie Brian Vickers second and Jimmie Johnson third.

The 20-year-old Vickers might have had a second career pole if he had listened to Gordon.

"I'm always seeking advice when I go to Jeff Gordon," Vickers said. "He told me one thing not to do and that was to ask too much out of the car and go to the gas too soon. He said the car would get tight.

"I did that anyway in turns three and four, and that's probably what cost us the pole. Obviously, he applied that wisdom a little better than I did."

AP

Brian Vickers, left, listens to teammate Jeff Gordon during qualifying Friday for the NASCAR Nextel Cup DHL 400 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. Gordon won the pole for Sunday's race and Vickers will start second.

Johnson was disappointed, too.

"Today, we felt we had a shot at the pole and we thought our lap would hold up," said Johnson, coming off a victory last Sunday at Pocono and heading into Sunday's race just 58 points behind series leader Earnhardt in the standings. "We came close but, if you don't win it, you re-evaluate and think about the race."

Ryan Newman's Dodge was fourth on Friday, followed by the Chevy of Robby Gordon, the Dodge of rookie Brendan Gaughan and the Ford of defending race winner Kurt Busch.

Earnhardt will start 11th in Sunday's race, alongside Bobby Labonte, who qualified 12th after winning both poles here in 2003.Rookie Kasey Kahne, who leads the series with four poles this season, had a rare off day, qualifying 34th.

Truex wins second straight Bush pole

SPARTA, Ky. — Martin Truex Jr. won the pole Friday for the NASCAR Busch Series Meijer 300 at Kentucky Speedway, topping a record-setting qualifying session.

Truex, the series points leader, reached a top speed of 180.102 mph in his Chevrolet around the 1½-mile track in warm, humid conditions. He broke the track and event record held for barely 15 minutes by Kyle Busch, who turned in a lap of 179.832 mph in his Chevrolet.

Kenny Wallace, the first driver to qualify his car, initially broke the mark with an opening lap of 178.089 mph, also in a Chevrolet. But he qualified only sixth, as defending race champion Bobby Hamilton Jr. (179.605 mph), Jason Leffler (178.992) and Robby Gordon (178.093) passed him after Truex and Busch qualified for Saturday's race.

Stacy Compton set the former record of 176.384 mph last year.

Thirteen drivers exceeded that speed in qualifying Friday.

"We were able to make our car just about perfect for qualifying, and that's what you try to do," Truex said.

Truex, who hadn't won a Busch Series pole before this year, has won five in 2004, including the last two. He started on the pole last week at Nashville Superspeedway for the Federated Auto Parts 300 and finished second behind Leffler.

He's won four Busch Series races this year, including one from the pole — the Charter 250 at Gateway International Raceway.

Junqueira leads Champ field

Portland, Ore. — Bruno Junqueira was quick in more ways than one.

Not only did he have the fastest lap in qualifying Friday for the Champ Car Grand Prix of Portland, he did it on his third trip around the course, and wrapped up his day after six laps.

Junqueira earned one series point for his fast lap of 59.266 seconds, at an average speed of 119.603 mph, on the road course at Portland International Raceway.

With the provisional pole, Junqueira upped his series total to 77, two points ahead of Patrick Carpentier.

The Brazilian driver also is guaranteed a front-row spot for the race Sunday on the 1.969-mile permanent road course just north of downtown Portland.

"On the lap that I posted my fasted time, I had no traffic and just pushed really hard," he said.

Sebastien Bourdais, Junqueira's Newman-Haas Racing teammate, was second best at 118.698. Paul Tracy overcame engine trouble in practice with a lap at 118.553.

The drivers have a second qualifying session Saturday in preparation for the 94-lap, 186.06-mile race.

Fast break

Jackson leaving L.A.; Shaq seeks trade; Kobe opts out

BY JOHN NADEL
The Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The coach is leaving, one superstar has opted out of his contract, and the other wants a trade.

The breakup of the Los Angeles Lakers began in most dramatic fashion.

Phil Jackson, one of the most successful coaches in NBA history, won't return in that capacity with the Lakers next season, the team said Friday.

As that was being announced, a team source told the AP on condition of anonymity that Shaquille O'Neal, a staunch supporter of Jackson, had requested a trade.

And as expected, Kobe Bryant became an unrestricted free agent, opting out of his contract.

All this just three days after the heavily favored Lakers lost to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals, ruining their attempt at a fourth championship in five years.

"Oh, we've had such a great run here. It's been a great time," Jackson told KNBC-TV outside the Greek Theatre on Friday night.

"You know, things have to end. This is the right time for me."

Jackson said his relationship with Bryant, shaky over the years, was not a factor in what happened.

"The Lakers will go on and so will Phil Jackson," he said.

Jackson agreed with Lakers owner Jerry Buss to end his tenure as coach. Buss offered Jackson another position with the organization, which Jackson soon will decide whether to accept, the team said in a statement.

Jackson's departure was expected even before he met with Buss following the coach's participation in season-ending interviews with several players earlier in the day.

Jackson's five-year, $30 million contract expires at the end of the month. He was discussing a contract extension, but the Lakers in February put off talks until after the season.

Jackson joined the Lakers in June 1999, and coached them to their first championship in 12 years in his first season. Two more titles followed, giving him nine to tie him with former Boston coach Red Auerbach for the most in NBA history.

The Lakers were eliminated in the second round of the playoffs by eventual champion San Antonio last year and reached the NBA Finals this year before losing to the Pistons in five games.

In 14 seasons as a head coach, Jackson is 832-316 for a .725 winning percentage — best in NBA history. His 175 playoff wins are the most ever and his .717 postseason winning percentage also is tops.

The 58-year-old Jackson coached the Michael Jordan-led Chicago Bulls to championships in 1992-94 and 1996-98. Jackson then took a year off before becoming coach of the Lakers. His teams in Chicago and Los Angeles had a 9-0 record in the NBA Finals before this year.

Among names mentioned already as possible successors are former Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich, former Seattle SuperSonics and Milwaukee Bucks coach George Karl, and current Southern California coach Henry Bibby.

O'Neal said in a telephone interview with the Los Angeles Times and Los Angeles Daily News that he had lost faith in the franchise and general manager Mitch Kupchak.

"The direction they're going in, if they're going to continue to go in the same direction, I don't want to be a part of this," O'Neal said. "This team, it ain't about me. It ain't about Phil. It's supposed to be about team.

"Right now, upstairs in the Laker offices, they've lost the team concept. They're trying to pit people against each other. ... So, obviously, we don't have the same thought process anymore. That's fine."

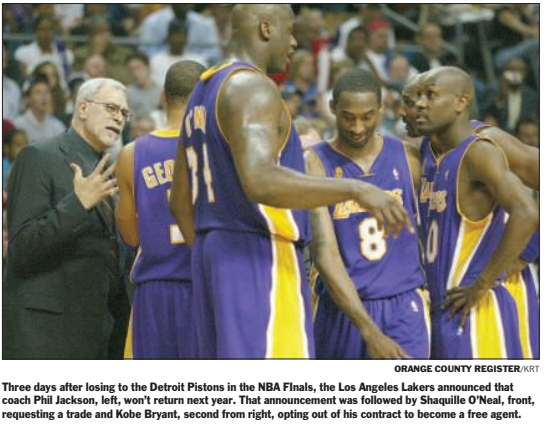
Kupchak said Thursday he would consider trading O'Neal if that's what the 32-year-old center wanted. O'Neal has two years remaining on his contract but can opt out next season.

Karl Malone already has opted out of his contract, although he hopes to play for the Lakers if healthy. Gary Payton and Derek Fisher could follow Bryant and Malone and opt out of their deals, although it's believed Payton will exercise his $5.4 million option now that Jackson is gone.

Kupchak made clear the team's priorities Thursday when he said the Lakers would do anything they need to keep the 25-year-old Bryant.

Kupchak said the team will offer Bryant the maximum allowed — seven years and more than $140 million. That's a lot more money and one year longer than any other team can offer.

O'Neal, Bryant and Fisher all joined the Lakers in 1996. Bryant had his differences with Jackson, especially over the triangle offense employed by the coach.



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Three days after losing to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA FInals, the Los Angeles Lakers announced that coach Phil Jackson, left, won't return next year. That announcement was followed by Shaquille O'Neal, front, requesting a trade and Kobe Bryant, second from right, opting out of his contract to become a free agent.

Report: McGrady wants out of Orlando

BY MIKE BRANOM
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady has reportedly told the Magic that he wants out of Orlando.

McGrady informed the team of his decision in a meeting on Friday, the Orlando Sentinel and Florida Today newspapers reported on their Web sites, quoting league sources.

Magic spokesman Joel Glass declined comment on the reports.

McGrady didn't answer phone calls, and someone who answered the intercom at his gated home said he wasn't there Friday night. His agent, Arn Tellem, didn't return a call from The Associated Press.

McGrady can opt out of his seven-year, $93-million contract after next season, and has said he will do that rather than suffer through more losses — such as the 21-61 campaign that ended in April.

Team executives repeatedly have said they wanted to know soon if McGrady is in or out. They insist they won't let him walk without receiving compensation, as happened with Shaquille O'Neal, who joined the Los Angeles Lakers as a free agent in 1996.

The future of the Magic apparently wasn't an interest for McGrady on Friday as he skipped a pre-draft workout by potential No. 1 overall pick Emeka Okafor.

McGrady also won't watch prep power forward Dwight Howard work out with the team on Saturday. The Magic own the top pick in the draft and are deciding who to take or whether they should trade the selection.

McGrady has said he'd rather see Orlando deal the pick it won in the draft lottery to acquire veteran help.

"That's his opinion," said Okafor, the 6-foot-10 center-forward from Connecticut.

Magic general manager John Weisbrod claims he has received trade bids that are intriguing and getting better by the day.

"There are teams offering three guys and their first-round pick. Three established players and a lottery pick is certainly a respectable offer for a team that has a lot of holes to fill," Weisbrod said. "It comes down to making a judgment of how special you think one of these two kids can be."

Drafting Okafor, a two-time national defensive player of the year, would immediately toughen up Orlando's play in the paint. The Magic finished last in almost every defensive statistic last season.

Okafor averaged almost 4.3 blocks per game in his three seasons at Connecticut, and his 411 career blocks rank seventh in NCAA history. He also averaged 10.6 rebounds.

The knock on Okafor is his offense, although it improved at Connecticut. His career average of 13.8 points has many wondering if his ceiling is limited.

"I'll try to help in as many ways as I can," Okafor said.

Nets seeking long-term deal for coach Frank

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Lawrence Frank will be back to coach the New Jersey Nets next season, and possibly longer if an agreement on a long-term contract can be reached.

Earlier this week, the Nets guaranteed that the 33-year-old Frank would be back without an interim tag when they picked up his contract option for next season.

"We plan on negotiating with him to see if we can do a long-term contract," Nets president Rod Thorn said Friday.

Andy Miller, Frank's agent, said the two sides have not held negotiations on a new deal.

Frank guided the Nets to a 25-15 record after taking over in late January when Byron Scott was fired. He set a record for major sports in North America by winning his first 13 games as the coach.

"I think he did a remarkable job under the circumstances," Thorn said. "Just a remarkable job."

The Nets' bid for a third straight Eastern Conference title ended when they were eliminated in the second round of the playoffs by the Detroit Pistons in seven games.

New Jersey had a 3-2 lead in the series before the eventual NBA champions rallied.

Miller had no timetable for a new talks with the Nets. He wasn't worried that Frank might head into next season as a lame duck.

"He is a good coach," Miller said. "The more time he can develop his body of work, the more people will appreciate him."

The Nets had until the end of the month to exercise the option of Frank's contract.

Miller said Frank was handed a letter Wednesday informing him of the move.

"I think he (Frank) was so focused on preparing for next season, I don't think he even thought about it," Miller said.

After the Nets were eliminated, Frank didn't help his bargaining position, saying he would accept whatever the Nets offered.

"I love to coach and I love our guys," Frank said. "This is what you want to do for the rest of your life."

Montgomery not giving up Olympic dreams

The Associated Press

Saying he will fight for the chance "to fulfill his dreams and participate in the 2004 Olympics," 100-meter world record holder Tim Montgomery told the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency that he has done nothing wrong and ridiculed alleged USADA evidence against him.

Montgomery, one of four U.S. athletes formally notified on June 7 that the USADA is pursuing possible drug charges against them, issued the response Friday to the anti-doping agency.

Montgomery and the other three athletes — Chryste Gaines, Michelle Collins and Alvin Harrison — had until Friday to respond to the USADA's formal notice. Now, a USADA review panel will decide whether to bring doping charges against them.

If they are found guilty of doping, they would face minimum bans of two years.

Montgomery's girlfriend, three-time Olympic champion Marion Jones, also is under investigation by the USADA but has not received a formal letter that the agency is pursuing a case against her.

None of those athletes failed a drug test, so the USADA is building cases based on documents and other circumstantial evidence deriving from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative case. Documents from the grand jury investigation of BALCO were subpoenaed by a Senate committee and then turned over to the USADA.

Sports briefs

ShopRite Classic up for grabs

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. — With one round down and two to go, the ShopRite LPGA Classic is anyone's tournament. Except Annika Sorenstam's, of course.

There's an up-and-comer, Giulia Sergas of Italy, who shared the first-round lead Friday after a 6-under 65. There's 42-year-old Denise Killeen, who also topped the leaderboard.

Cristie Kerr was a shot back. Behind her stood five players, all with a chance.

Sorenstam's absence — she opted to skip the event — might be bad news for the tournament, but it is giving others a chance.

Killeen eagled the par-5 16th, her seventh hole of the day.

"That just kind of jump-started everything," she said.

After that, she used precision iron play to set up short putts for birdies on Nos. 3, 5, 6 and 9, getting a good start on a self-imposed goal of 18 birdies for the tournament.

Wie short at Masters qualifier

HERSHEY, Pa. — Michelle Wie shot a 2-under 142 at the U.S. Men's Public Amateur Links qualifying, all but ending her chance to qualify for the 2005 Masters through the Publinx tournaments.

The only female in the field, the 14-year-old Wie finished two strokes behind winners David Bradshaw and Alex Knoll.

Had she been victorious, Wie would have been invited to the Minnesota event in July as one of two southeastern Pennsylvania representatives.

The top 64 players from the Publinx will qualify for a match-play tournament and would have to win six matches to make it to the Masters. Wie has said that winning the July match-play tournament would have been her best hope of getting to Augusta.

Ducks send G Gerber to Hurricanes for Malec

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Mighty Ducks traded goalie Martin Gerber to Carolina for defenseman Tomas Malec and a third-round pick in this year's draft Friday.

Malec had seven goals and 13 assists in 74 games for Lowell of the AHL last season. Malec, scoreless in two games with Carolina, was originally drafted by Florida in the third round of the 2001 draft.

Gerber had an 11-12-4 record in 32 games for Anaheim last season, with a 2.26 goals-against average and .918 save percentage.

The backup to Jean-Sebastien Giguere, he was originally drafted by Anaheim in the eighth round in 2001.

The Mighty Ducks now have four selections in the first three rounds of the draft, which takes place June 25-26 in Raleigh, N.C.

On Wednesday, the Hurricanes traded goaltender Arturs Irbe to the Columbus Blue Jackets for future considerations. He had been Carolina's all-time goaltending leader with 309 games played, 130 wins and 20 shutouts.

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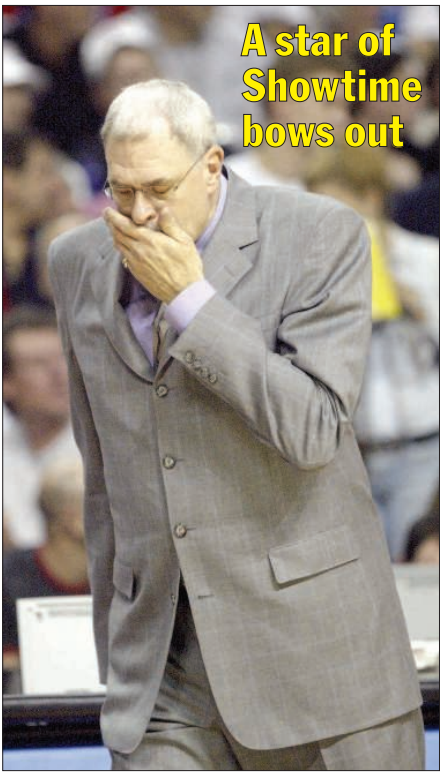

A star of Showtime bows out

AP

Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson walks back to the bench during Game 5 of the NBA Finals against Detroit on Tuesday. Three days after the Lakers lost the series 4-1, the team announced Jackson won't be back next season. See story on Page 42.

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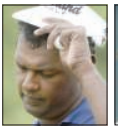

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Golf's best begin to Open things up

Big names take charge in second round

By Paul Newberry
The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — This is how a U.S. Open leader board should look.

There's Phil Mickelson, who has a new green jacket in his closet and now wants a trophy. There are Ernie Els and Retief Goosen, a pair of South Africans who've won America's national championship.

There are Vijay Singh and Corey Pavin and Mike Weir, major winners all.

About the only thing missing was Tiger Woods, still hacking his way through the weeds at Shinnecock Hills but somehow convinced that he's close to turning things around.

It didn't look that way Saturday when Woods bogeyed two of the first three holes. After driving into the hay — again — at No. 5, he slammed his club in disgust.

Even without Woods in contention, it shapes up as another dramatic weekend. The Open began separating the haves — Mickelson and Co. — from the have-nots — mini-tour regular David Roesch and others like him began to fade away after a surprising Day 1.

Looking as though he has this major thing all figured out, Mickelson surged to the top in the second round with a 4-under 66 in surprisingly calm conditions Friday, sharing the lead with Japanese star Shigeki Maruyama.

The guy who didn't win his first 42 majors as a pro has positioned himself to win two in a row — the first two legs of the Grand Slam.

"After winning Augusta, I feel like the preparation I had, the style of shots I've worked on, seem to be allowing me to play and score well in the majors," Mickelson said. "Now I look forward to and can't wait for them to come."

Winning two in a row won't be a gimme.

Goosen was two strokes back, Els three. Singh and Pavin were within four. And Weir climbed into the red, five shots off the pace heading into Saturday's third round.

"Obviously, I know I can do it," said Goosen, who won this tournament three years ago at Southern Hills. "You've just got to hang in there."

Mixed in among the major winners were Maruyama, Jeff Maggert, Fred Funk

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Leader board

Leaders after the second round of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, N.Y.:

104th U.S. OPEN — SHINNECOCK HILLS

Shigeki Maruyama	66	68–134	-6
Phil Mickelson	68	66–134	-6
Jeff Maggert	68	67–135	-5
Fred Funk	70	66–136	-4
Retief Goosen	70	66–136	-4
Angel Cabrera	66	71–137	-3
Ernie Els	70	67–137	-3
Vijay Singh	68	70–138	-2
Corey Pavin	67	71–138	-2
Mike Weir	69	70–139	-1
Trevor Immelman	69	70–139	-1

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