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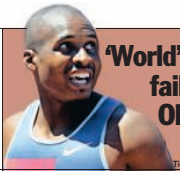

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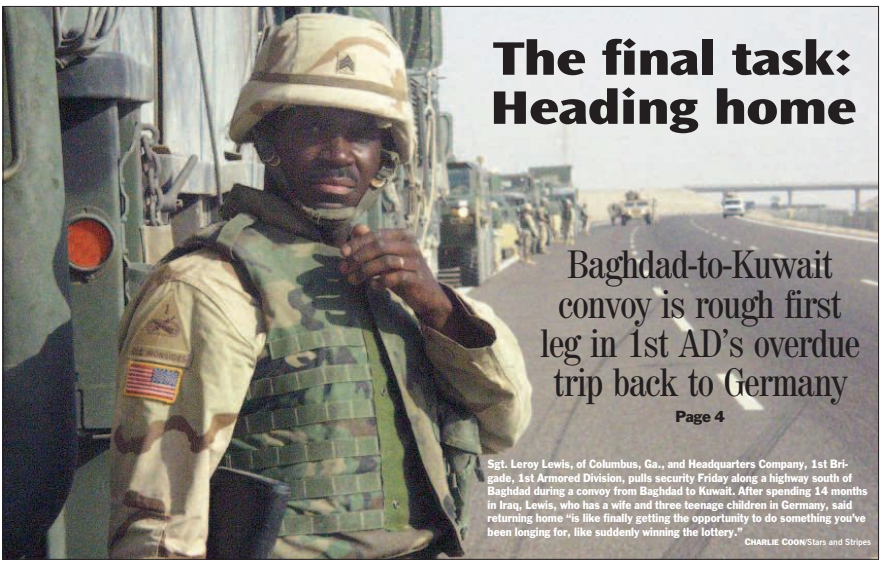

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Sgt. Leroy Lewis, of Columbus, Ga., and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, pulls security Friday along a highway south of Baghdad during a convoy from Baghdad to Kuwait. After spending 14 months in Iraq, Lewis, who has a wife and three teenage children in Germany, said returning home "is like finally getting the opportunity to do something you've been longing for, like suddenly winning the lottery."

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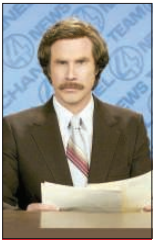

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Arizona wildfires: A handful of the residents evacuated from nearly 100 homes threatened by wildfires were allowed back into their communities Monday to survey the damage, officials said.

About 10 residents eager to tour charred areas of Mount Graham were escorted by U.S. Forest Service officials and sheriff's deputies, said Forest Service spokesman Sam Whitted. The group was to report their findings to the other homeowners, he said.

Firefighters have said no homes were destroyed but there may be minor damage to some of the houses and property.

Morgan Stanley sex discrimination suit: Wall Street brokerage Morgan Stanley on Monday settled a sex discrimination suit brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for $54 million.

In its lawsuit, the EEOC alleged a pattern of discrimination that denied scores of women promotions and gave higher salaries to less productive men.

Morgan Stanley is to implement "far-reaching" measures — including agreeing to oversight by an outside monitor — to enhance the role of women in its work force.

Anthrax cleanup: The former headquarters of a supermarket tabloid was declared clean of anthrax spores Monday, almost three years after it became the first target in a series of deadly attacks.

At 7:30 a.m., the cleanup crew stopped pumping a chemical into the American Media Inc. building in Boca Raton, Fla., to kill anthrax spores, said Karen Cavanagh, chief operating officer of BioONE and Sabre Technical Services, which led the project.

The cleanup is followed by thousands of tests to ensure the building is safe before a quarantine is lifted. That process normally lasts about six to eight weeks, Cavanagh said.

Lea Fastow sentence: Lea Fastow, the wife of former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow, reported to a strict federal prison in Houston on Monday, not the prison camp for women she had hoped for, to begin serving a yearlong sentence for a misdemeanor tax crime.

The 42-year-old real estate and grocery heiress pleaded guilty in May, admitting that she helped her husband hide money from financial schemes that fueled the one-time energy giant's December 2001 failure.

Fastow

Fastow's legal team had asked the judge to recommend the Federal Bureau of Prisons place her in a minimum-security camp for women in Bryan, about 90 miles northwest of Houston. But U.S. District Judge David Hittner refused to recommend a specific institution, and the prisons bureau last month assigned her to the Houston prison, four miles from her home in an affluent neighborhood here and a mile from Enron's former headquarters.

World

Kashmir violence: Guerrillas chopped off the ears, nose and tongue of a teenage girl they suspected of helping police Monday, while other violence in Indian-controlled Kashmir left at least eight people dead, authorities said.

The girl was held captive for eight days before the rebels abandoned her in a field outside the village of Manoh, about 190 miles southwest of Srinagar, the capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state, a police statement said.

Madrid bombings suspect: Spanish police have arrested a new suspect in connection with the Madrid rail bombings, a court official said Monday.

The man was arrested in Leganes, a small town close to Madrid where seven other suspects in the March 11 attacks blew themselves up to avoid arrest on April 3.

Running of the bulls: Several runners were gored Monday in the sixth running of the bulls at this year's San Fermin festival in northern Spain.

Along the 930-yard route from starting corral to the bull ring, a number of runners in the annual festival honoring Pamplona's patron saint were trampled or crushed against wooden barricades or buildings close to the street.

The initial tally of injured was eight, according to Spanish news media.

Minister suspension: The Danish government upheld Monday a decision by a state Lutheran church bishop to suspend a minister who publicly denied the existence of God, opening the way for him to be fired or be fined.

The Rev. Thorkild Grosboell, a pastor in the town of Taarbaek, outside Copenhagen, was suspended by the bishop of his diocese on June 10 following a sermon in which he said that "God had abdicated."

On Monday the nation's justice minister backed Grosboell's suspension and said his case would be taken up by a disciplinary labor court consisting of two theologians and a presiding judge, who will decide if he should be fined or fired.

Russia oil scandal: Speaking from behind the bars of a courtroom cage, magnate Mikhail Khodorkovsky offered Monday to relinquish his stake in the beleaguered oil company Yukos to pay its tax debt, the Interfax news agency reported.

Khodorkovsky

The offer came in the first day of Khodorkovsky's fraud and tax evasion trial since the state moved toward seizing Yukos assets as collateral for the multi-billion-dollar tax claim. Khodorkovsky said he and his partners were prepared to give up their 44 percent stake in Yukos, Interfax reported.

Afghan explosion: An elderly man wounded by a bomb in a western Afghan city died overnight, a city health official said Monday, lifting to six the toll from a blast that underlined the fragile security this nation still faces less than three months before presidential elections.

A suspect arrested in the wake of Sunday's rush-hour explosion in Herat's Old City led authorities to three more people wanted for questioning in the blast, deputy intelligence chief Abdul Wahid Tawaqali told The Associated Press.

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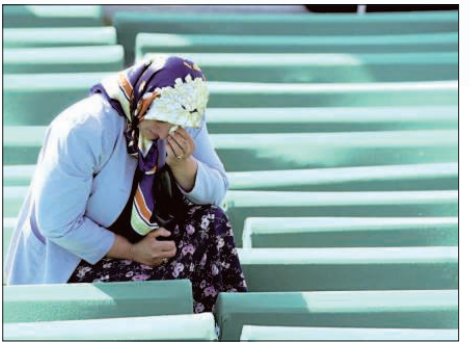

Srebrenica massacre: A Bosnian Muslim woman cries Sunday during the funeral for 338 victims of the Srebrenica massacre in the memorial center of Potocari near Srebrenica, north of Sarajevo. Up to 10,000 Bosnians gathered during the funeral of the newly identified bodies of Muslims killed in the worst massacre of civilians since World War II. The slayings of up to 8,000 Muslim men and boys in July 1995 in Srebrenica at the hands of the Bosnian Serbs have come to symbolize Bosnia's devastating war, which lasted more than three years.

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Iraq leader vows 'sharp sword' for rebels

President al-Yawer plans to announce amnesty program

BY JAMIE TARABAY
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer threatened Monday to use a "very sharp sword" to fight insurgents and anyone else threatening the security of the country.

Also Monday, France and Iraq restored diplomatic relations that were severed before the Gulf War 13 years ago.

Al-Yawer spoke two weeks after the United States handed sovereignty over to an interim Iraqi government. The handover, however, has not quelled the violence that has wracked the country since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime nearly 15 months ago.

Foreign and local insurgents have launched numerous attacks in Iraq in an effort to create chaos and attempts to thwart the country's postwar reconstruction. The attacks have killed scores of U.S. troops and hundreds of Iraqi civilians.

"Terrorism isn't just killing and blowing up bombs, whoever threatens the ordinary life of the people is a terrorist," al-Yawer told reporters. "We have a very sharp sword ready for anyone who threatens the security of this country."

Al-Yawer, who was meeting with Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan and National Guard Brig. Gen. Muther al-Rashardi, said the roughly 160,000 coalition forces led by the United States were required to stay here to fight the insurgents, but violent groups should not use this as an excuse to continue attacks.

Security officials also sought to reassure Iraqis they were trying to restore order.

Al-Rashardi said the national guard has divided the capital, Baghdad, into eight sectors to make it easier to control.

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Moder al-Mawla al-Rachidi, commander of the Iraqi National Guard, left, is greeted by Iraqi President Ghazi al-Yawer at a Monday news conference in Baghda. Al-Yawer said his government will soon offer amnesty to those who have fought against the U.S.-led coalition, a British newspaper reported Monday.

Al-Yawer, a prominent Sunni whose position is largely ceremonial, said the government planned to announce an amnesty program soon for some of the insurgents.

Al-Yawer appealed to insurgents to accept the amnesty and lay down their weapons.

"This is your last chance, otherwise there will be the sword," he said.

Meanwhile, Iraq and France, which opposed the U.S.-led war that toppled Saddam, restored diplomatic relations that were severed 13 years ago during the Persian Gulf War. The countries plan to exchange ambassadors as soon as possible, the French Foreign Ministry said Monday.

"The two governments are convinced this decision will contribute to closer ties between France and Iraq and will intensify exchanges to the greater benefit of the two countries," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

France has turned down American requests for military help in quelling the insurgency, but expressed willingness to help train Iraqi security forces.

Violence continued across Iraq.

Gunmen killed Abd el-Oun Hassan, the head of the Musayyib office of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, one of the largest Shiite parties, in a drive-by shooting south of the capital Sunday night, police officials said Monday.

Insurgents Sunday also killed three U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi civilian in separate attacks north of Baghdad.

Also Sunday, insurgents fired mortar rounds at the Abu Ghraib prison, the center of a scandal involving alleged abuse of Iraqi detainees by U.S. guards. One person was injured.

The attack was the sixth by insurgents on the facility since a mortar attack on in April killed 22 Iraqi detainees and wounded over 100, the military said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Friday, 875 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 651 died as a result of hostile action and 224 died of nonhostile causes. The department did not provide an update over the weekend.

The British military has reported 59 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, 737 U.S. troops have died — 542 as a result of hostile action and 195 of nonhostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by military:

- Two soldiers were killed Sunday in a bomb attack in Samarra, Iraq, north of Baghdad.
- One soldier was killed Sunday in a bomb attack south of Mosul.
- Four Marines were killed Saturday in Iraq's Anbar Province.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- No identifications reported.

— The Associated Press

Memorial set for 1st ID soldiers

BY LISA HORN
Stars and Stripes

Five 1st Infantry Division soldiers based in Schweinfurt, Germany, will be remembered in a joint memorial service Wednesday in Schweinfurt.

The soldiers and two Iraqi National Guardsmen were killed Thursday in Samarra, Iraq, when the National Guard headquarters, used jointly by the 1st ID and the Iraqi National Guard, came under a mortar attack.

A militant group linked to terror suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the attack, which also injured 20 1st ID soldiers and four Iraqi guardsmen.

By late Monday, the Department of Defense had released four of the five soldiers' names. They are: Spc. William River Emanuel IV, 19, of Stockton, Calif.; Sgt. Robert Colvill, 31, of Anderson, Ind.; Pfc. Collier Edwin Barcus, 21, of McHenry, Ill.; and Spc. Sonny Gene Sampler of Oklahoma City. Sampler's age was not released.

The Schweinfurt community has lost 15 soldiers since seven of its units deployed to Iraq in February, said George Ohl, 280th Base Support Battalion spokesman.

The memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Ledward Barracks Chapel in Schweinfurt.

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Philippine hostage shown on videotape

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Al-Jazeera television broadcast a videotape Monday of a kidnapped Filipino truck driver pleading for his life, and his captors said the man had been taken to the place where he would be killed if the Philippines fails to meet their demands.

The militants said the Philippines had until 3 p.m. EDT Monday to agree to pull the country's small peacekeeping force out of Iraq by July 20 or Angelo dela Cruz, 46, would be killed.

While pleading to be spared, dela Cruz also asked that his body be sent to the Philippines for burial should he be killed.

In the video, dela Cruz appeared to wearing an orange garment similar to those worn by two other hostages who have been beheaded: American Nicholas Berg and South Korean Kim Sun-il.

The militant group, the Iraqi Islamic Army-Khaled bin Al-Waleed Corps, said it had done everything in its power to prove it had wanted to spare his life.

The Philippines government had said earlier Monday that the kidnappers extended the deadline for killing dela Cruz until 3 p.m. EDT Tuesday.

But in the videotape and statement broadcast by Al-Jazeera, the group said it was only extending the deadline for 24 hours, until 3 p.m. Monday.

The group had said it would kill dela Cruz by Sunday if the Philippines did not agree to pull its small force out of Iraq by July 20, one month earlier than planned.

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Protesters light candles near the Presidential Palace in Manila on Monday to demand the pullout of the small Philippine military contingent in Iraq. Filipino truck driver Angelo dela Cruz was taken hostage by Iraqi insurgents who vowed to kill him if the military did not leave.

Convoy shows leaving Iraq not a fun ride

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

The soldiers gathered around Capt. Matt Scalia and stood in the darkness. Behind him, 35 vehicles were lined up and ready to go.

"This is going to be the most painful drive you've ever experienced," Scalia said.

He wasn't kidding.

For a soldier, leaving Iraq after 15 months of dirt, heat and homesickness sounds easy. The 1st Armored Division is in the midst of returning to Germany, and dozens of convoys carrying its soldiers and equipment are currently proceeding from Baghdad south to Kuwait.

The vehicles and equipment are being cleaned, loaded onto boats and shipped back to Europe. Soldiers with visions of beer and barbecue are being loaded onto planes and flown back.

But leaving Iraq isn't as easy as it sounds, as soldiers of the 1st Brigade's Headquarters Company and 501st Forward Support Battalion recently found out.

On Friday two hours before the sun came up, they rolled out of Camp Victory North. The only thing between them and Germany, home of the 1st AD, were the dangers the trip presented.

The vehicles — Humvees, 5-ton trucks and other large, lumbering machines — proved hard to drive as the convoy tried to stay together over highways and rutted roads. Insurgents who wanted to kill Americans was another risk.

"It would suck to get hammered on the way to Kuwait," said Pfc. Hugh Lowes of Villarica, Ga., whose unit was to leave in a later convoy. "I'm not as scared of getting in an accident as much as getting shot or blown up.

"And if [other soldiers] don't show it, they feel it."

Camp Victory North is one of several sprawling bases around the miles-wide area known as Baghdad International Airport, known as BIAP. In a sign of things to come, as they tried to leave BIAP the soldiers were cut off by another convoy.

So they sat as though waiting at a railroad crossing. More than an hour after they'd begun their trip home, the soldiers were still at BIAP. It was two hours until sunrise and the weather forecast called for another hot day.

"I'm already sweating my [expletive] off," said Pfc. Antonio Rodriguez of Linton, Ind., who was driving one of the Humvees.

At 5 a.m., the convoy finally left the security of BIAP and started onto a highway outside Baghdad.

"Once I start to feel nervous, I pray," Rodriguez said. "God never let's me down."

Sgt. La'Manza Davis of Phoenix rode shotgun and held an M-16 automatic rifle, its barrel hanging out the window. Davis' left index finger was near the trigger and his thumb was on the safety switch that controlled whether the rifle fired in single shots or three-shot bursts.

The road being used by the convoy had been patrolled and swept for improvised explosive devices but that did not sweep away the paranoia.

Just before dawn a half-dozen white Toyota pickups pull onto the highway from adjacent farm roads and spread out among the mile-long convoy, carrying something that looked like sandbags. In a few minutes they pulled off the highway and into other farms.

"This road was supposed to be cleared of civilian traffic," Davis said.

As it moved along, the convoy passed ripped-away tires, car parts, boxes and piles of dirt and rock strewn along the highway.

"They even have IEDs now that look like rocks," Davis said. "Unless there's a wire coming out of it, there's no way to tell. It looks like the same rubble that's everywhere else."

A series of vehicle breakdowns slowed progress. The convoy's tow truck had a flat tire. But the convoy eventually reached the first checkpoint, a U.S. refueling station three hours south of Baghdad. The station was surrounded by a sea of military vehicles and 18-wheelers going this way or that.

Some vehicles needed oil, others minor repairs. The generator on one of the Humvees was kaput. Sgt. Brett Michael of Montoursville, Pa., a mechanic, popped the hood and diagnosed the problem: just a broken bolt.

"Our goal is to fix it on the spot or tow it to a safe, nonhazardous area," Michael had said before the trip. The refueling area was a safe area, so he crawled under the Humvee and went to work.

Nearly three hours later the convoy fired back up. It eventually reached a stretch of road in southern Iraq the military calls the "unimproved highway." It's a highway, but without pavement.

The plan was for the convoy to have already traversed the unimproved highway before the peak heat of the afternoon. But because of delays, the vehicles began the nearly four-hour stretch of rocky road at 1 p.m., when the air temperature was about 110 degrees. And climbing.

For the next four hours, the sweaty soldiers sat crammed inside military vehicles, chugging water while passing children on the roadside begging for it. They passed miles of desert and the charred carcasses of 18-wheelers.

Several times the convoy pulled aside to allow a vehicle to be repaired, or to allow a slower portion of the convoy to catch up like a giant Slinky.

The convoy eventually reached Camp Cedar II, a base camp that was like a big truck stop of convoys and other military motorists heading in various directions.

Scalia, commander of the convoy and 1st Brigade's Headquarters Company, again gathered his troops. He told them to grab whatever chow and rest they could and be ready to roll at 4 a.m.

It had taken 15 hours to cover the first leg of the trip, which was 210 miles, for an average speed of 14 mph. It had been a long, hot day. But thanks to mechanics and tow-bars, all the soldiers and vehicles had made it this far. They were all ready for a break.

Scalia, son of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, acknowledged that it had been "painful."

"You always get frustrated having to wait," he said. "That's why leaders have to be patient enough to let soldiers do their jobs.

"Tomorrow will be much easier, I think."

It was.

The road was smooth from Camp Cedar to the Kuwait border and farther south to Camp Arifjan. There were no major breakdowns or delays, except for a stop at the border and another at a U.S. camp in Kuwait, where the soldiers dumped unused ammunition and removed protective steel from their vehicles. Then it was on to the final destination.

The trip overall covered nearly 500 miles and took 42 hours. And even though the second day was much easier than the first, it was still hard work.

As Pfc. Shadividka Rogins of Wichita Falls, Texas, summed it up: "It was like it was never going to end."

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Sgt. Brett Michael of Montoursville, Pa., and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, backs his Hemmit all-purpose wrecker into the convoy line at Camp Victory North for last week's 500-mile convoy from Baghdad south to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Sgt. La'Manza Davis, of Phoenix and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, rode in the convoy holding an M-16 automatic rifle, its barrel hanging out the window.

Left: Destination reached as a fuel truck rolls into Kuwait after the two-day convoy. Right: Pfc. Renee Aponte, left, a medic from Tampa, Fla., and Pfc. Shadividka Rogins, a chaplain's assistant from Wichita Falls, Texas, smile after arriving in Kuwait following their deployment in Iraq with the 501st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

Marine who vanished in Iraq is debriefed

Hassoun might leave Germany in a few days

BY DAVID RISING
The Associated Press

BERLIN — The U.S. Marine who mysteriously vanished in Iraq and reappeared in Lebanon nearly three weeks later has been cooperating fully with a team of specialists questioning him at a U.S. military hospital in Germany, the supervisor of debriefing said Monday.

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun was being debriefed at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center by intelligence specialists, psychologists, physicians and a Muslim chaplain, said Army Lt. Col. Sally Harvey, a clinical neuropsychologist at the hospital who is overseeing the questioning.

"He has fully engaged in the process," Harvey said in a telephone interview from Landstuhl. "His spirits are good and he's participated fully."

Harvey was not permitted to say what Hassoun might have told investigators about his disappearance June 20 from his base near the troubled Iraqi city of Fallujah.

In the three weeks that the 24-year-old was missing, various conflicting reports emerged about him — first that he was beheaded, then that he was alive. Arab television on June 27 showed a videotape of him with his eyes covered by a white blindfold and a sword hanging over his head.

He then showed up July 8 at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, but it was unclear how he reached Lebanon and contacted American officials. The Navy has said it is investigating whether the entire kidnapping might have been a hoax.

But Harvey said the questioning at Landstuhl is no different than what has been undergone by others who have escaped captivity in Iraq.

"It's exactly the same process that Jessica Lynch went through … it's exactly the same process Tommy Hamill went through — there is nothing different, nothing unique, about how we are treating Cpl. Hassoun," she said.

The debriefing team was conducting "survival, evasion, resistance, and escape" questioning of Hassoun, and the results would be passed back to try and help others in Iraq, said Marine Corps Europe spokesman Maj. Tim Keefe.

He is now sleeping better, and has been talking on the telephone with his mother in Lebanon and his brother in Utah as well as other family members, said hospital spokeswoman Marie Shaw.

She said that the debriefing team had been speaking with Hassoun regularly.

"Most of it's just conversations, and it's done in an atmosphere as comfortable as possible for him," she said.

Iraq, Syria to create force to prevent infiltration of militants

BY ALBERT AJI
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria and Iraq will set up a special security force to prevent infiltration of foreign fighters across their shared border, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh said Sunday.

Saleh, speaking after meeting with Syrian President Bashar Assad, said Iraq and its neighbors "should join forces to prevent infiltration and boost the political process in Iraq."

"We have agreed that specialized security forces would cooperate to investigate the issue of the infiltration of terrorists to launch military operations, and to prevent all aspects of infiltration," Saleh said.

Syria has denied charges it allows foreign Islamic militants to enter Iraq from its territories to attack U.S.-led coalition forces there, but also said it cannot thoroughly police its the shared 360-mile border.

The infiltration issue has soured already-strained relations between Damascus and Washington, leading to U.S. trade sanctions against Syria.

Saleh said he received Syrian assurances of interest in Iraq's security "and in solving any problems that might occur in the future."

Saleh met Saturday with Syrian Prime Minister Naji al-Otari. His visit was the first by an Iraqi official to Syria since the United States transferred power to an interim Iraqi government last month, and precedes an upcoming visit by interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi.

Allawi's trip will include Jordan and Iran, and is purportedly meant to convey Iraq's rejection of the idea of sending Arab troops to Iraq as part of a multinational peacekeeping force as called for by the United Nations.

2 soldiers killed near Samarra were not 1st ID

Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — Two 13th Corps Support Command soldiers were killed and five injured Sunday near Samarra, Iraq, during an improvised explosive device attack on their convoy.

A Coalition Press Information Center release on Sunday incorrectly identified the soldiers killed and injured by the IED as being assigned to the 1st Infantry Division. A release Monday corrected the unit to 13th COSCOM.

The misidentification may have stemmed from the fact that 13th COSCOM, based in Fort Hood, Texas, supports the 1st ID during its rotation in Operation Iraqi Freedom, according to Maj. Richard Spiegel, a 13th COSCOM spokesman.

The injured soldiers were evacuated to a military medical facility in Iraq. Four were treated and returned to duty; the fifth was medically evacuated to the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad.

Spiegel could not comment on the extent of that soldier's injuries or the type of IED that hit the convoy.

The names of the soldiers who were killed are being withheld until next of kin are notified.

Aug. 3 hearing set for private in Iraq prison abuse case

BY ESTES THOMPSON
The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Pfc. Lynndie England, the Army reservist at the center of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse case, was read her rights in military court Monday and given a date of Aug. 3 for a hearing on whether she is to face a court-martial.

England appeared in court for the five-minute hearing, accompanied by her lead civilian lawyer, Rick Hernandez.

England answered "Yes, ma'am" when Col. Denise Arn, the military judge presiding over the case, asked if she understood her rights and "No, ma'am" when she was asked if she had any questions.

The hearing to determine whether England faces a court-martial, at which witnesses are to be called and evidence presented, was scheduled to begin Monday. But the defense requested a delay last week, which meant that the hearing Monday was only to deal with procedural matters.

England, 21, is charged with 13 counts of abusing prisoners.

Last week, an additional five charges were added against her, stemming from "the creation and possession of sexually explicit photographs" and indecent acts, according to the Army. The latest photographs do not involve Iraqi prisoners, the Army has said.

Army spokesman Maj. Richard Patterson said Monday that a sixth charge also had been added last week, accusing England of failing to obey an order from a noncommissioned officer.

Since being brought back to the United States, England, who is pregnant, has been assigned to a desk job at a military police brigade office at Fort Bragg.

Photos taken at the Abu Ghraib prison that were made public in May show the reservist from Fort Ashby, W.Va., pointing at naked detainees and flashing a cocky thumbs-up at the camera.

England

The photos enraged much of the Arab world and shocked many people in the United States.

England's attorneys have said she was following orders when the prisoner photos were taken.

They have said their witness list of nearly 100 people would include Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, along with top generals.

England, a support specialist, is one of six soldiers charged in the scandal. One, Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits, has already pleaded guilty and been sentenced to a year in prison. All seven soldiers charged in the abuse scandal are from the 372nd Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit from Cresaptown, Md.

Spc. Charles A. Graner Jr., 35, another soldier in England's unit, also has been charged with abuses and was involved in a romantic relationship with England; he faces adultery charges for allegedly having sex with England last October.

Her lawyers have said England is pregnant with Graner's child.

GI dies of head injury

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — A U.S. soldier died Monday morning after suffering a noncombat related head injury, according to Master Sgt. Cindy Beam, an Army spokeswoman in Iraq.

The soldier was pronounced dead at approximately 8 a.m. at Bagram Airfield, Beam said.

The death is under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Command, she said. The name and unit of the soldier is being held pending next-of-kin notification.

Baby boom coming

Fort Campbell, Ky., home of the 101st Airborne Division, is expecting a record baby boom this fall: 220 births are anticipated in November, just nine months after the division's return home from Iraq, according to Gannett News Service.

That number would top the current record of 211 babies who were born in January 1992 during Operation Baby Storm, the name that the post gave the newborn influx after Operation Desert Storm, the GNS story said.

The latest boom is a combination of younger families and the extended Iraqi deployment, Fort Campbell officials said.

"We have peaks and valleys in our births," Col. Matrice Browne, an obstetrician at the base's Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, told GNS. "When the whole division deploys, there is a longer valley and a huge peak."

Blanchfield is already the Army's third busiest hospital for births, after Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Bragg, N.C.

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Getting a feel for America

DALE E. BROWN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Afghan National Army soldiers participating in an intensive English language course get a taste of America during a visit to the U.S. military compound in Kabul. The visit included a luncheon with Western dishes — including ice cream — and a stop at the the Rahimi House, where the students were able to read copies of Stars and Stripes. The field trip was a break from their six-month course being taught at the Kabul Military Training Center by two civilian instructors from the Defense Language Institute at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and two Air Force military training instructors.

Wanted: Accordion player who can push envelope in AF

BY MARK PRATT
The Associated Press

QUINCY, Mass.

There's a great job out there awaiting an accordion player.

The catch: Six weeks in boot camp.

The Air Force has been looking to replace the accordion player of its band's Strolling Strings music ensemble since the musician retired two years ago. So far, the search has been fruitless.

"It is very hard to find the right person for this job, but it's a great job for the right person," said Chief Master Sgt. Jane Bockenek, the Strolling Strings' music director who plays the violin in the band.

So, since the accordion players aren't coming to the Air Force, the Air Force is going to the accordion players.

Bockenek is looking to recruit at the 66th annual American Accordionists Association festival, which is happening this week in and around Boston.

AP

Sgt. Maj. Manuel Bobenreith, who belongs to the U.S. Army Band, plays the accordion in Quincy, Mass.,on Sunday during the American Accordionists Association annual competition and festival.

"I consider myself lucky that I am the only accordion player out of more than 490,000 active-duty soldiers."

Sgt. Maj. Manuel Bobenreith
Army's accordionist for 18 years

She interviewed a half-dozen people Sunday and was scheduled to hear auditions on Monday.

She is looking for more than an accomplished musician.

"They have to be under age 35, they have to fit our weight and fitness requirements, and they have to be able to get a security clearance," she said.

"We are looking for someone who's not just qualified to do the job, but who fits the parameters of the United States Air Force."

They also will have to endure six weeks of rigorous basic training.

"They'll have to go through boot camp like every other recruit, but they will also be entitled to all the benefits of being in the military," she said.

Those who join the band are unlikely to see combat, she said, but they may be assigned administrative work such as maintaining the band's motor pool or coordinating its performances.

The 22-member ensemble plays state functions at the White House and entertains troops.

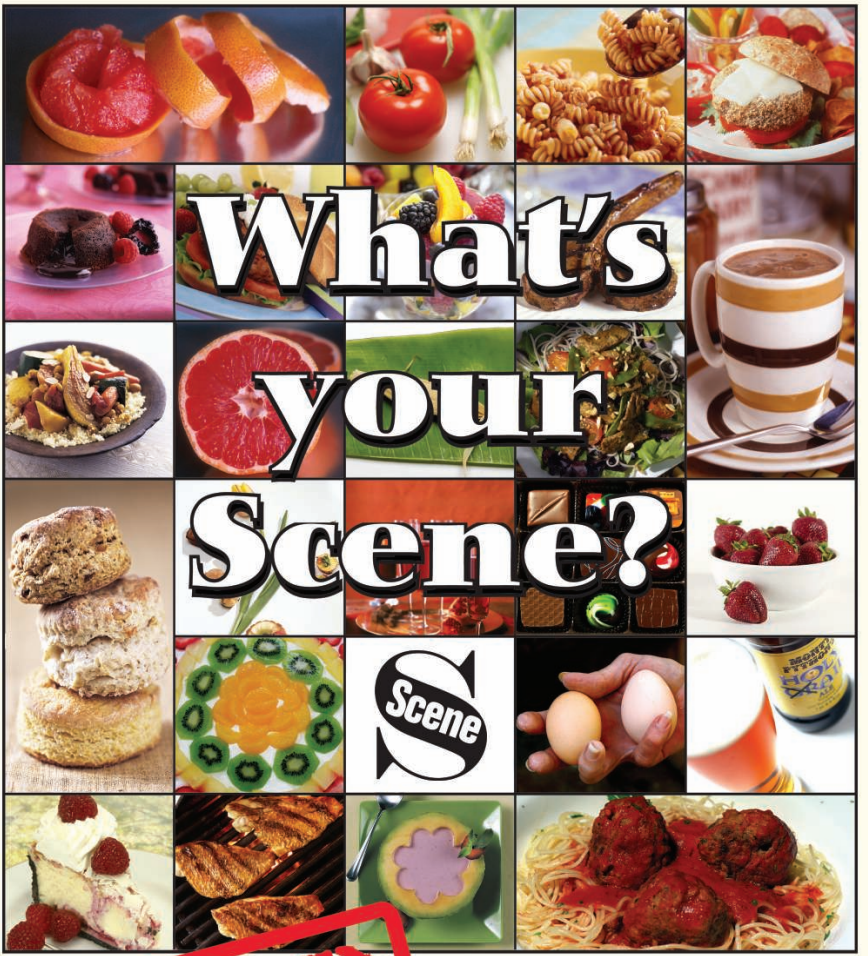
"What is so terrific about being in this band is that we are doing something so important from a diplomatic standpoint," Bockenek said.

"And keeping up morale for the troops is an important part of our job. Not many musicians can say what they do has the impact that we have."

A case in point is Sgt. Maj. Manuel Bobenreith, the accordion player in the U.S. Army's band and the military's only official accordion player for now.

"I consider myself lucky that I am the only accordion player out of more than 490,000 active-duty soldiers," said Bobenreith, who has been the Army's accordionist for 18 years.

The accordionists' festival is expected to draw about 350 musicians, said Frank Busso, the group's comptroller and a member of the governing board.



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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Stephanie Rodgers uses a signal lamp to communicate with nearby ships while aboard the USS Enterprise.

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Above: Sailors prepare to launch an F/A-18 Hornet off the flight deck of the USS Enterprise on Monday in the eastern Atlantic Ocean. The U.S. Navy has deployed seven of its 12 carrier strike groups to tests its new Fleet Response Plan. Left: A U.S. sailor aboard the USS Enterprise looks through a large pair of binoculars during Summer Pulse '04 exercise.

Navy sets new pace during Summer Pulse '04 exercise

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS ENTERPRISE — The pungent smell of jet fuel fills the air as the fighter jet's engines reach a deafening, teeth-rattling roar.

Seconds later, the F/A-18 Hornet catapults off the flight deck, its tail dipping slightly over the eastern Atlantic Ocean before the afterburners shoot the jet into the sky.

It's another successful takeoff on Monday for a carrier crew that hurried out to sea to show that it can and will go, if needed.

The USS Enterprise is one of seven U.S. carrier strike groups cruising across the globe as part of Summer Pulse '04 exercise, a trial run of the Navy's new, ambitious plan to rapidly deploy a large chunk of its fleet on a moment's notice. The exercise, which began in June and lasts until August, is one of the largest since the Cold War and includes smaller training events with allies from all over the world.

While the drill gives U.S. warships a chance to flex their maritime muscles and break out a new strategy, sailors are learning that the plan is a work in progress.

"These are where the lessons learned are the most valuable and deep-rooted," Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Keith, 34, said. "We're finding all of the weakest links in all of the plans everywhere on this exercise."

For decades, the Navy used to deploy two or three carrier strike groups every six months. When one group came home, another group replaced it. But commanders say that rigid schedule is too predictable and plays into the hands of terrorists.

The new approach, dubbed the Fleet Response Plan last year, aims to project naval forces faster and would deploy as many as six carrier strike groups anywhere in the world in 30 days. Also, a couple of more carriers would be ready to go in 90 days to provide additional support.

The Enterprise and Harry S. Truman strike groups are in the eastern Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Morocco this week along with ships from 10 other nations as part of an exercise called Medshark/Majestic Eagle '04. The U.S.-led event includes 20,000 personnel aboard more than 20 ships. The Enterprise crew found out that it would be heading out to sea this summer just 30 days prior to leaving its home port of Norfolk, Va.

"I think our families understand the importance of being ready to go," said Capt. Rick Neidlinger, commanding officer of the USS Enterprise. "If you've got this much combat power, you want to be able to use it, or at least use it to deter any aggression around the world."

Initially, many sailors feared that the new plan would mean more time at sea. But Rear Adm. Barry McCullough, the Enterprise strike group commander, told reporters Sunday that wouldn't necessarily be the case. While the new strategy doesn't mark the end of six-month deployments, some tours could be shorter.

"Maybe we'll get under way for two months or maybe we'll get under way for four months," McCullough said. "But there will be a great benefit reaped during the underway period."

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class William Brockett, 29, of Norfolk, said sailors are not accustomed to deploying so quickly on such short notice. He said sailors are trying to find a "new groove." The exercise includes almost daily flight operations with various aircraft, including F/A-18 Hornets, S-3 Vikings and C-2 Greyhound transport propeller planes.

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Troops get a few tips on what to do when the heat is on

BY KENT HARRIS
Stars and Stripes

According to the calendar, the summer of 2004 is almost a month old.

According to the thermometer, spring's still hanging around.

But while current forecasts are predicting cooler temperatures across much of Europe than in last year's deadly heat wave, the weather will soon get warmer.

It always does. So military medical experts across the continent are trying to get the word out to their communities: Be prepared when temperatures soar.

"We're cognizant that people have to be reminded about summer hazards each year," says Lt. Col. Mark Lovell, deputy commander for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine-Europe.

Especially at risk, Lovell says, are young children, retirees and those with existing health conditions. While the most common summer ailment might be sunburn, there are far more serious conditions that can occur.

That was demonstrated last summer when thousands died in countries such as France, Germany, Spain and Italy as hotter-than-normal temperatures lingered for weeks.

The Europe Regional Medical Command says American military communities, however, weathered the heat fairly well. It says it saw only a minimal increase in heat-related cases.

That's attributed, officials say, to the nature of the American military population — skewed toward young, healthy people — education and experience.

Troops are told to watch for signs from their buddies that something's wrong — and get them to medical attention quickly. But Lovell said most of those in the military aren't in high-risk categories, unless they're engaged in heavy physical activity.

"Our risk of injuries comes more from exertion," Lovell says.

So units are advised to take the heat into account when scheduling special activities or when going through normal routines.

Many heat-related illnesses can be spotted as they develop. Flushed faces, physical or mental fatigue, confusion and fainting are warning signs.

Loss of water and salt can cause heat cramps. Heat exhaustion is more serious, with problems exhibited such as nausea, vomiting, elevated temperatures and disorientation. Heatstroke is the most serious, with victims sometimes losing consciousness and even dying.

Lovell says that's what happened to many Europeans last summer — especially the elderly who were living on their own.

There are a handful of measures people can take to lessen their risks. Wear sunscreen and drink liquid at regular intervals when outside. Scale down activities when it's hot, especially in an environment that you're not acclimated to. For example, those coming from much hotter environments — such as Iraq — will face generally cooler temperatures, but more humidity, when returning to Europe. Those with medical conditions such as high blood pressure, heart conditions or diabetes, or pregnant women, infants and retirees are at greater risk of heat-related illnesses, Lovell says.

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Forecasting above-normal temperatures

So, is it going to be a hot one?

The answer appears to be yes, with an asterisk.

"For the most part, especially in Germany, we are expecting temperatures to be slightly above normal, but not nearly the records we saw last summer," says Capt. Louis Lusssier of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Operational Weather Squadron in Sembach, Germany.

Thousands died from heat-related illnesses in Europe last summer as high temperatures hit much of the continent for weeks.

So far this year, temperatures in Germany have been unseasonably cool. It's been warmer until recently in Italy and temperatures were in the triple digits in parts of Spain last week.

Currently, the warmest temperatures are in the Balkans and Turkey, with two heat-related deaths in Romania over the weekend. Lussier says making long-range projections is a tricky business, with historical references and current patterns playing a role. He says he could guess when it might be the best time to vacation at a beach on the Mediterranean, "but I wouldn't base a vacation on it."

— Kent Harris

Sigonella center opens Thursday

BY KENDRA HELMER
Stars and Stripes

At a new community center at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, patrons can check out books and get checkups for their pets.

The massive center at NAS 1, which is scheduled for a grand opening on Thursday, houses a library, veterinary clinic, teen center, thrift store, post office, Italian bank, Red Cross, Navy College, Angie's Travel and an Information, Tours and Travel office.

"It's basically two buildings with a breezeway," said Lt. Jennifer Avery, NAS 1 recapitalization manager.

Construction on the two-story, 35,490-square-foot structure started in August 2002 and finished in April. Employees started moving in to the $5.96 million center in May.

The second level, home to the library and Navy college, features an outdoor terrace where people can study, read and eat. Richard Aubrey, library manager, said a library cafe sells coffee, pastries and sandwiches.

There are several ongoing projects in Sigonella. Next year, a Bank of America will open in the community center.

Avery said a renovation to the Department of Defense Dependents School will start by fall, and families recently moved into a new housing area.

In summer 2005, a massive Morale, Welfare and Recreation complex is scheduled to open. It will have two movie theaters, a bowling alley, fitness center, rock-climbing wall and outdoor swimming pool.

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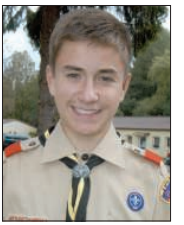
Photos courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Top: The new library at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, features 16 new computers with flat-screen monitors, a cafe and a selection of resources including CDs and video cassettes. The library is located on the second floor of the new NAS Sigonella Community Building.

Above: The new community center's grand opening is Thursday.



Andrew Hamilton Reese

Scout gets top honor

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Andrew Hamilton Reese, 14, will receive his Eagle Scout badge, the Boy Scouts' highest award, on Tuesday.

Andrew, son of Air Force Maj. Andy Reese and his wife, Kris, earned his award by helping renovate the Landstuhl Thrift Shop. He spent five months on the project with Scouts and parents from Troop 243 and Thrift Shop manager Amanda Nelson.

The team removed everything from the store and put it into temporary storage. Then they painted fixtures, hung shelves and built a new dressing room. The Scouts returned all the items to the shop and raked and cleaned the yard before the store was reopened.

Andrew, a ninth-grader, and his family are scheduled to move to the States this summer.

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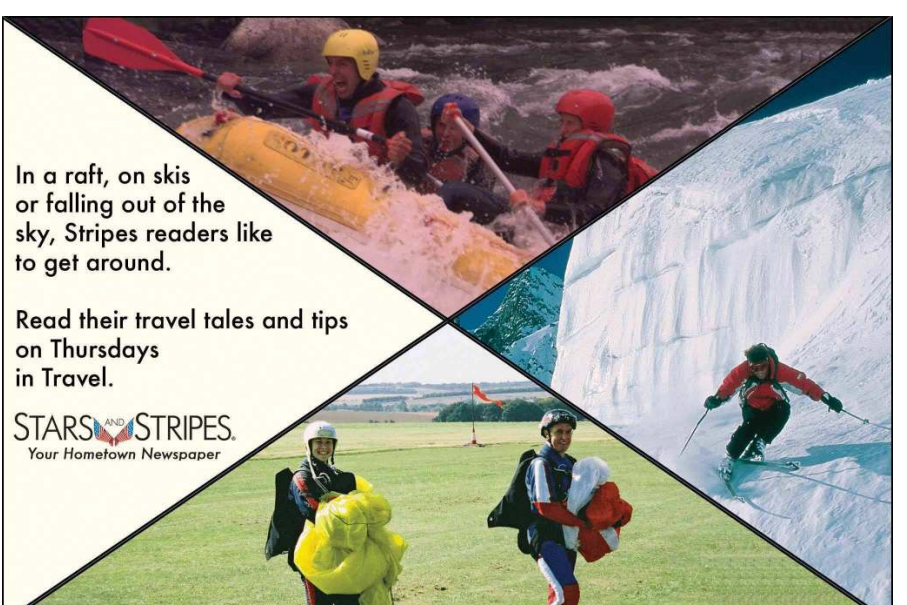

Photos from the Front

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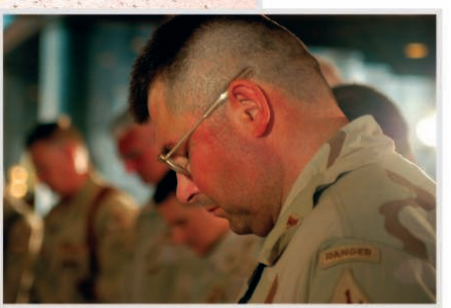
TOP LEFT Female Iraqi recruits learn to use the AK-47 weapon during basic training at the Jordanian Royal Military Academy, Jordan, on June 22, 2004. *ASHLEY BROWN/U.S. AIR FORCE*

BOTTOM RIGHT Task Force 1st Armored Division Troops pay respect to troops who made the ultimate sacrifice during a ceremony at Freedom Rest Sunday. The rest of the unit is scheduled to make its way back to Germany in the coming weeks. A plaque stands as a reminder of those who will not make the trip back with them. *ANDREE REYNOLDS/U.S. ARMY*

BOTTOM LEFT Pfc. Jeremy Humphreys, a forward observer with 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's combat observation lazing team (COLT), conducts his morning shave at Forward Operating Base Duke, Iraq. *COURTESY U.S. ARMY*



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IN THE WORLD

EU offers assistance to rebuild war-torn Iraq

BY CONSTANT BRAND
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union foreign ministers told their Iraqi counterpart on Monday they were ready to help rebuild his country by providing money and other aid to establish a stable democracy.

The pledge coincided with another sign of Europe's eagerness to mend ties: France said Monday it had restored diplomatic relations with Iraq, which were broken 13 years ago during the Persian Gulf War.

In a draft statement, the 25 EU foreign ministers agreed to send a scouting mission to Iraq "as long as conditions allow it" to determine the best way for the EU to promote democracy, the rule of law and human rights there.

The statement did not make specific commitments on what aid would be provided or when.

The EU has pledged $371 million for humanitarian and reconstruction aid for Iraq this year. A similar commitment is expected next year.

Iraqi foreign minister Hoshyar Zebari and his EU counterparts were meeting for the first time since the United States transferred power to the Iraqi government last month, hoping to cement closer political ties.

"We hope the European Union will stand by Iraq in this situation of reconstruction, as well as backing the political process and support us in organizing the upcoming elections," Zebari told reporters as he arrived for the talks.

At their meeting, EU foreign ministers considered proposals for helping train the Iraqi police, preparing the elections and advising the government on setting up their administration and running ministries.

"We will explore together with him all the possibilities that we will give help, concrete help, substantial help to Iraq," said Dutch Foreign Minister Ben Bot, whose country holds the EU presidency. "We will discuss with him what is needed at this moment. He is the best placed to tell us where help is required."

However, officials said plans for dispatching EU personnel were dependent on improved security in the country. A skeleton staff of EU aid workers are currently stationed in Amman, Jordan, overseeing EU humanitarian aid to Iraq, until they get stronger guarantees of safety in Baghdad, officials said.

The foreign ministers were to look at how they can use contacts with Iraq's neighbors — Iran, Syria, Jordan and Turkey — to improve regional stability.

Zebari also was expected to have talks at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Tuesday to discuss the alliance's offer to help train Iraq's armed forces and other possible assistance.

At the EU's regular monthly meeting, foreign ministers also backed EU trade chief Pascal Lamy's "strategy and tactics" for forging a global trade deal after he debriefed them on the results of weekend trade negotiations in Paris.

Labor, Likud may support Gaza retreat

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon invited the moderate Labor Party into his shaky coalition Monday, and warned Likud Party rebels he would call early elections if they try to block the partnership.

An alliance with Labor would boost Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and four isolated West Bank settlements by 2005.

The main threat to such a union appears to be coming from Likud hard-liners opposed to a Gaza withdrawal. Sharon warned Likud legislators Monday that he'll call early elections if they make good on their threats.

The coalition talks were held as U.S. Mideast envoys were in the region to discuss the Gaza withdrawal plan. White House officials Elliot Abrams and Steve Hadley were to meet with Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia on Monday and with Sharon on Tuesday, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

Sharon and Peres met privately for an hour Monday morning. Both sides said the talks had gone well.

AIDS forum debates condoms, abstinence

BY VIJAY JOSHI
The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Scientists, activists and policymakers Monday touted condoms as a trusted weapon in the fight against AIDS, dismissing President Bush's policy of abstinence as a "serious setback" in global efforts to control the pandemic.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni was the only big-name speaker at the International AIDS Conference to support the ABC policy of the United States: Abstinence, Being faithful and Condoms — in that order of priority.

Museveni said loving relationships based on trust are crucial, and that "the principle of condoms is not the ultimate solution."

"In some cultures sexual intercourse is so elaborate that condoms are a hindrance," he told a plenary session. "Let the condom be used by people who cannot abstain, cannot be faithful, or are estranged."

Condoms have been promoted as a front-line defense against AIDS by countries such as Thailand where a campaign to get sex workers to insist on condoms yielded a more-than-seventfold reduction in HIV rates in 13 years.

Some 25 million of the 38 million infected with HIV worldwide are in sub-Saharan Africa, but the virus is taking root increasingly in Asia, where 7.6 million are infected.

AP

Dr. Risma, right, talks with a former intravenous drug user who just found out that he had AIDS as his mother sits with him on Monday in Jakarta, Indonesia. A recent report issued by the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS said that the increase in HIV prevalence among intravenous drug users had caused six of Indonesia's 31 provinces to now be classified as being badly affected by the disease.

In Asia, the sex trade has been the main engine behind infections in countries such as Thailand and Cambodia, where epidemics exploded by the late 1980s — sparking aggressive responses including campaigns to boost condom use.

Proponents say there is no better way to prevent HIV than by using condoms and giving clean syringes to intravenous drug users.

Their philosophy is known as CNN, or Condoms, Needles, Negotiating Skills. The Bush administration maintains that emphasizing condoms promotes promiscuity among the youth.

"In an age where 5 million people are newly infected each year and women and girls too often do not have the choice to abstain, an abstinence-until-marriage program is not only irresponsible, it's really inhumane," U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee said.

Uganda has waged a successful battle against HIV in a rare success story for sub-Saharan Africa — though some experts say it's unclear how it has been achieved. Musaveni credited abstinence.

Uganda has brought its infection rate down from more than 30 percent in the early 1990s to about 6 percent of the country's 25 million people last year.

A young Ugandan man, Simon Onaba, who gave an impassioned speech during the CNN vs. ABC debate, said abstinence works if people have the will.

"It is possible for young people to abstain. We are motivated, we are empowered. If I can start having sex, I can also stop having sex," he said.

However, epidemiologists tracking Asia's emerging epidemics told conference delegates that the world's most populous continent face HIV problems largely driven by prostitution, and that promoting condoms is best to block further spread.

There was consensus at the six-day conference, in its second day, that fighting the epidemic needs more money that can only come from rich countries.

"The 200-300 billion dollars spent in Iraq probably could have eradicated this illness," actor Richard Gere — one of several celebrities at the meeting — told another panel discussion.

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Bush: Iraq war sound despite no WMD found

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — President Bush defended his decision to invade Iraq even as he conceded on Monday that investigators had not found the weapons of mass destruction that he had warned the country possessed.

Allowing Iraq to possibly transfer weapons capability to terrorists was not a risk he was willing to take, Bush said.

"Although we have not found stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction, we were right to go into Iraq," Bush said after inspecting a display of nuclear weapons parts and equipment, including assembled gas centrifuges for uranium enrichment, from Libya.

The hardware was shipped here in March as part of an agreement with Moammar Gadhafi to end his country's nuclear weapons program.

"We removed a declared enemy of America who had the capability of producing weapons of mass murder and could have passed that capability to terrorists bent on acquiring them. In the world after September 11th, that was a risk we could not afford to take," Bush said.

The president offered a broad new defense of the March 2003 invasion of Iraq three days after the release of a Senate report that harshly criticized unsubstantiated intelligence cited in the run-up to the war in Iraq, a crucial battle in the war on terrorism.

The key U.S. assertions leading to the 2003 invasion of Iraq — that Saddam Hussein had chemical and biological weapons and was working to make nuclear weapons — were wrong and based on false or overstated CIA analyses, a scathing Senate Intelligence Committee report asserted Friday.

Without directly acknowledging the intelligence was flawed, Bush said a wide array of government leaders, from members of the Clinton administration to lawmakers to the U.N. Security Council, had studied the same intelligence and "saw a threat."

Speaking to reporters in Boston, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said in the two years since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, fewer nuclear materials have been secured than in the two years prior to the attacks. He said he has proposed a plan to reduce the threat of nuclear terrorism and keep nuclear materials from falling into the hands of terrorists.

Bush's trip to Tennessee was designed to showcase a victory in his administration's campaign against weapons of mass destruction.

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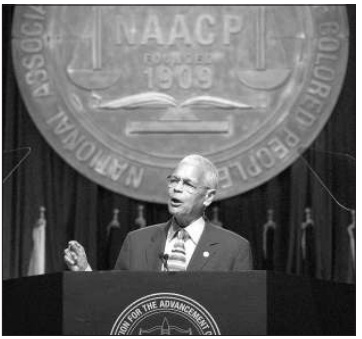
Jon Kreykes, manager of National Security Advanced Technology, shows President Bush materials and equipment Monday collected from Libya and stored at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn.



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NAACP National Board of Directors Chairman Julian Bond speaks Sunday at the NAACP 95th Annual Convention in Philadelphia.

NAACP chief calls on members to oust Bush

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — NAACP chairman Julian Bond urged members of the nation's oldest civil rights organization to increase voter turnout to oust President Bush, and condemned the administration's policies on education, the economy and the war in Iraq.

"They preach racial neutrality and practice racial division," Bond said Sunday night in the 95th annual convention's keynote address. "They've tried to patch the leaky economy and every other domestic problem with duct tape and plastic sheets. They write a new constitution of Iraq and they ignore the Constitution here at home."

Volunteers with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have been working on voter drives in black communities across the country, registering more than 100,000 so far in 11 key states, including Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and New Mexico, Bond said.

Bond, a leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during the 1960s civil rights movement and a Georgia legislator for 20 years, became chairman of the NAACP in 1998.

Bush has declined invitations to speak in each year of his presidency, making him the first president since the 1930s to skip it, officials said.

Democratic challenger John Kerry has accepted an invitation to speak Thursday on the final day of the convention, the Baltimore-based group said.

Reagan son to speak

WASHINGTON — Democrats have snagged a high-profile speaker for their convention: Ron Reagan.

The younger son of the late President Ronald Reagan will address the Democratic National Convention in Boston about stem cell research.

David Wade, a spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, said Monday that Reagan will have a "prime time" speaking slot during the July 26-29 convention.

Reagan's speech will only deal with the subject of stem cell research, something he and Nancy Reagan, the former first lady, have argued could lead to cures for a number of diseases like the Alzheimer's that afflicted the late president.

'Jefferson' actress dies

LOS ANGELES — Actress Isabel Sanford, best known as "Weezie," Louise Jefferson on the television sitcom "The Jeffersons," died of natural causes, her publicist said Monday.

Sanford

Sanford, 86, died Friday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where she had been hospitalized since July 4, said Brad Lemack. Her daughter, Pamela Ruff, was at her side, he said.

In 1981, Sanford became the first black woman to receive an Emmy for Best Actress in a Comedy Series for her work on "The Jeffersons."

Besides her daughter, Sanford is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Rules open up logging

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will propose a new plan to open up national forests to more logging, confirming a draft plan published two weeks ago, The Associated Press learned.

Under the plan, governors would have to petition the federal government to block road-building in remote areas of national forests, replacing a national rule against such projects adopted by the Clinton administration.

From The Associated Press

No question, he's a winner

Utah man nears $1 million in winnings on 'Jeopardy!'

BY LYNN ELBER
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If the answer is Ken Jennings and his record $972,960 so far in "Jeopardy!" winnings, the question must be how does he do it? A curious mind, good memory and astute buzzer technique, said Jennings, a Utah software engineer who made an unprecedented 29th appearance on the syndicated quiz show Monday night.

A Seattle native who grew up in South Korea — his father works for an international law firm in Seoul — Jennings watched "Jeopardy!" on the U.S. Armed Forces TV network and thought to himself, "Hey, maybe you could go on 'Jeopardy!'. You're not half bad at it."

"A lot of it is just God-given memory that I can't take any credit for," he said. "I've always been interested in a lot of different fields. It's not just that I'm a computer engineer and all I care about is computers."

Playing "Jeopardy!" fulfills a longtime dream, said Jennings, 30, although he concedes the cash prize is a bit dreamy, too.

"It's enough fun that the money's just icing on the cake," he said. "But there seems to be a lot of icing."

There's also an unexpected measure of celebrity. A few "Jeopardy!" champs have caught the public eye — such as New York City transit cop Frank Spangenberg with his then-record $100,000-plus winnings in 1990 — but it's typically the challenging game itself that's the star.

Jennings' run that started airing June 2 has changed that, especially as he nears $1 million. On Monday, he's set to appear on ABC's "Good Morning America" and on CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman."

Jennings admits feeling nervous and a bit overwhelmed by the attention.

"I remember the first time I was watching Diane Sawyer mention me," Jennings said. "Suddenly hearing her say, 'Ken Jennings,' it was very surreal. It's a little weird to me I get recognized in the grocery store, and Letterman's calling."

AP

Ken Jennings, of Salt Lake City, has won 29 consecutive appearances on the syndicated quiz show "Jeopardy!" Jennings has earned $972,960 since his first appearance aired June 2.

Not bad for a family man who gives a self-deprecating shake of the head when his cash total is announced and whose boldest gesture is adding a flourish to his name on the player ID screen.

Jennings is making the most of a change in "Jeopardy!" rules.

To mark the start of its 20th season last year, the quiz show lifted its five-game limit for winners and allowed them to keep going until they lose.

On the show, which is taped in advance and crams five shows — a week's worth — into one day of production, players are given answers in a wide variety of categories and must quickly buzz in to pose the correct question.

"I admire the heck out of the guy," said Bob Harris of Los Angeles, a "Jeopardy!" five-time champion who competed before the rule change. "To run five games straight any day is mentally exhausting, and he does it flawlessly, with a big smile on his face."

"I'd be lying if I said there wasn't a certain degree of envy," added Harris, a political satirist who writes for TV and film.

Previous record-holder Tom Walsh, 39, of Washington, D.C., managed a seven-day run with $184,900 in winnings on the show in January.

After years of toying with the idea of trying out for the show, Jennings finally got "fed up with being wishy-washy," and made a road trip to Los Angeles to audition. When he was invited on the show, friends and family predicted big things.

A member of Brigham Young University's College Bowl team in the 1990s, Jennings writes and edits literature questions for the National Academic Quiz Tournament.

He insists he had modest hopes, knowing full well how tough the "Jeopardy!" competition can be.

"My expectations were maybe to get a few answers to show I wasn't a total dummy, so even if I was getting shut out on the buzzer I still looked like I knew a thing or two," he said. "And I would have been happy with that."

His love of novels — he was an English literature major in college — and general fascination with the world have served him well on "Jeopardy!"

He's also got a willingness to study. A teetotaler, Jennings read up on alcoholic drinks in anticipation of the "potent potables" category that can, and did, come up. He easily handled it.

Jennings expects to invest what he's won for wife Mindy and their 1½-year-old son, Dylan. There will be a splurge or two, probably on a trip to Europe.

20 years since mandate, air bags prove effective

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Terri Vaccher was driving along a California freeway in 1997 when a truck jackknifed in front of her. As her sport utility vehicle plowed into the truck, the expectant mother saw a white light and thought her life was over.

It turned out that light was an air bag deploying. One of Vaccher's legs was crushed from the impact, but her son was born healthy the day after the accident.

"I completely attribute my life and my son's life to the air bag and to the seat belt," said Vaccher, 38, a property manager from Fullerton, Calif.

Vaccher is one of the 15,000 people the government estimates have been saved by air bags since then-Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole signed an order on July 11, 1984, requiring all vehicles to have driver's side air bags or automatic seat belts by 1989 and passenger-side bags soon after.

To get the rule, which was opposed by the auto industry because it would add cost to vehicles, Dole promised it would be rescinded if states that accounted for two-thirds of the population passed laws requiring seat belt use.

Dole, now a Republican senator from North Carolina, said tying seat belt use to air bags made sense in an era when the national seat belt use rate was just 13 percent, compared with 79 percent today.

The rule followed fierce debate between air bag advocates and the auto industry, which objected to the cost and warned that because the devices deployed with such force — many at well over 100 mph — they could harm people, particularly children. The warning was prophetic: 242 deaths — many of them children or small women — are blamed on air bags.

Dr. Jeffrey Runge, who heads the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said those deaths are one reason NHTSA is slowly phasing in a regulation requiring side air bags by 2009.

By 2006, every new vehicle will have sensors to make sure air bags inflate lightly or not at all if the occupant is too small.

L. Rockefeller dies

NEW YORK — Conservationist, philanthropist and venture capitalist Laurance Rockefeller died in his sleep Sunday morning at the age of 94. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis, his spokesman, Fraser Seitel, said in a statement.

The fourth of six children of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, Laurance emerged as the family mediator, helping placate brothers David and Nelson in their disputes over who should run the Rockefeller Brothers Fund family charity.

He was less attracted to the spotlight than Nelson, who was vice president under Gerald Ford and served four terms as New York's governor.

He gave 50,000 acres to the National Park Service to form Virgin Islands National Park and was instrumental in the establishment of Redwood National Park in California.

Rockefeller is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

From The Associated Press

Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Bankruptcy traps

Scripps Howard News Service

Americans are going broke as never before: A record 1,625,208 families sought bankruptcy protection last year, and filings are up 2.7 percent so far in 2004.

A National Bankruptcy Review Commission appointed by Congress to study the problem concluded that 90 percent of people in bankruptcy get there because of death, divorce, illness or job loss.

To that, Harvard bankruptcy-law professor Elizabeth Warren and her business-consultant daughter Amelia Warren Tyagi have added a new twist: After studying 30 years of bankruptcy, Census and Labor Department data, the two argue convincingly in "The Two-Income Trap: Why Middle-Class Mothers & Fathers Are Going Broke" that it's not overindulgence on luxuries but spending on necessities that has caused the bankruptcy epidemic.

There are rising health costs, even for families lucky enough to have insurance coverage through work, plus soaring tuition even at public colleges where taxpayers used to pick up more of the tab.

The result: Seemingly comfortable couples are one disaster away from losing it financially.

EXCHANGE RATES

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Euro	$1.274
British pound	$1.91
Japanese yen (July 14)	105.00
S. Korean won (July 13)	1,118.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	$1.8607
Canada (Dollar)	1.3186
Denmark (Krone)	5.9924
Egypt (Pound)	6.2364
Euro	$1.2402
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7993
Hungary (Forint)	203.33
Iceland (Krona)	71.065
Israel (Shekel)	4.4823
Japan (Yen)	108.19
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	6.8169
Philippines (Peso)	55.78
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6970
S. Korea (Won)	1,147.70
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2236
Thailand (Baht)	40.73
Turkey (Lira)	1,449,275.00

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Club crowd too loud

It's 0515, Saturday, 10 July. For the third time tonight, I have been awaken from a very deep sleep. A car has been sitting on the street outside my house, its driver revving its engine and hitting the horn. Next thing I hear is the sound of screeching tires. The driver's not content to just drive by the house. No, he or she returns and repeats the motocross experience, possibly for the entertainment of friends walking on the sidewalk in front of this housing complex. It is very loud and my baby wakes, screaming in fear.

I do not appreciate your inconsiderate breaking of local German quiet laws. If you had still been in front of my house when I looked out, I would have taken your license plate and made a formal complaint with law enforcement officials. I have to say that your behavior was the worst of many in quite a while.

Is it unusual to be rudely disturbed on an early Saturday morning for my household? Unfortunately it's not. I live on a quiet night street — except most Friday to Saturday mornings when the Landstuhl Black Sounds Club is open for business. I don't know the German club's opening hours, but it seems that the Friday night cliental is particularly rude and ear-drum shattering.

Cars driving by with the bass blasting on their sound systems, drag-racing, fights, people screaming at one another as they walk in front of our houses, bottle throwing, public urination and even a vehicle accident have all been witnessed by us during the last five years. Occasionally, there are mass vehicle checks by the German police, but those are even less appreciated, since traffic backs up and everyone begins stereo wars.

I have witnessed driving actions, which indicates possible DUIs. I am very surprised that military police and German Polizei do not stake out this area more because of the high probability of intoxication. The street in front of the club is always covered with the remnants of beer bottles and trash — not very pleasant at all.

I am not a light sleeper. The double-paned windows remain closed. We have fans, an air conditioner and thick walls that cover up a lot of road and aircraft noise.

But the basses on car stereos are so loud that my windows shake. These individuals (mostly young Americans, judging from the license plates) are very loud and getting louder every single year. It's plain rudeness and inconsideration toward the families who live here.

I've been asked why I don't just move. Because of a one-night club? It's my residence, my house that I have lived in for over five years. It's expensive and time-consuming to relocate. Why should I move from a designated residential area because of rude club attendees?

I know I am not the only one in this housing area disturbed every week by these patrons. I've talked with neighbors who are also unhappy about the situation. There are also Germans who live around here who also might be complaining, but thanks to language and custom differences, there is little information on how to possibly resolve this situation.

I've talked with the military police desk at Vogelweh off and on through the years. They've been polite, but can't do anything unless a telephone call is made for every single incident. They have patrol zones and apparently this is not really one of them. Where else can I turn?

I have nothing against the patrons of the club. Will asking through this public forum to please be more considerate of residents and respect quiet laws do anything? I really hope so. I just would like a chance for undisturbed sleep for me and my baby on early Saturday mornings.

Sara Hall

Landstuhl, Germany

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Only Christians told to change

I agree with the July 4 letter "Religious tolerance needed": The fact that the Army refuses to help distribute medallions because a Bible verse may offend someone shows just how far this country is getting away from the values upon which it was founded.

What about me, the Christian? I find it offensive that I always have to be the one to change because my prayer or Bible or Ten Commandments hanging on the wall may offend someone — yet it's all right to offend the Christian as long as we don't offend everyone else. It's OK that television shows, including cartoons, commercials and even songs on the radio are so vulgar that I don't let my daughter watch or listen. They are only offending the Christians, so that's OK.

It is very sad to me that even if one person complains about being offended by something "religious" then the Christian community is expected, if not court-ordered, to change. I do applaud the decision not to take "under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance. But really, how long will it be before it offends another single person and then *is* taken out.

The one thing that keeps all of this tolerable is the fact that in the end all of those people who were "offended" by Christianity will find out just how "offended" they shouldn't have been.

Staff Sgt. Douglas R. Morris

Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Claims of media bias naked

In regard to the writer's July 3 comments about Fox News and the political orientation of the mainstream U.S. news media ("No liberal bias in media"), I thought he was a bit light with the specifics. In fact, he never mentioned any.

As a fan of Fox (and an observer of the news media since the Vietnam War), I, too, think there is a liberal bias. So, I was a bit disappointed when the writer could only suggest that I do my own research. I did and, so far, besides the liberal media denials that there is no bias, I've come up with Bernard Goldberg's "Bias," which is a good read by a former award-winning CBS reporter. Goldberg asserts that the liberal bias is persistent and pervasive. And he's a liberal.

Anyway, I think that I may be looking in the wrong place: Possibly that staunchly middle-of-the-road radio program funding agency, PBS, will have something on this matter soon.

Gary Hagland

Torii Station, Okinawa

Paper not worth $1

I was very surprised last Sunday when I tried to purchase a newspaper. I put 75 cents into a vending machine, but the door would not open. Then to my surprise, I saw that little sign that read $1 for the paper on Sundays.

I always thought that 75 cents was too high, but I figured I would pay 50 cents for the comics and 25 cents for the paper itself. But now that the price has gone up to $1, I must refuse to pay 75 cents for the comic and 25 cents for the paper, because I just don't think it is worth more than 75 cents.

If the daily newspaper goes up to more than 50 cents, I'm going to have to refuse to buy the papers unless I just have to have a paper to read. Sorry, I just don't think Sunday's paper is worth $1.

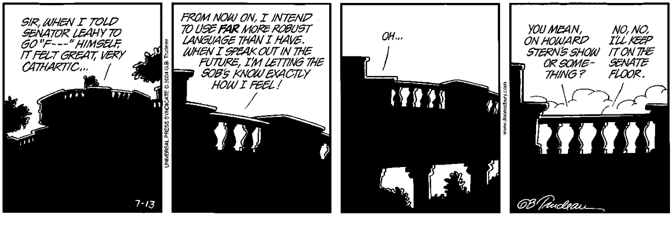
You may not print this, but I've said what I wanted to say. And that's just my opinion.

Jim Crook,

Hanau, Germany

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

In Baghdad, diplomacy behind a fortress

BY JOHN H. BROWN

*"This embassy is going to have a thousand people hunkered behind sandbags. I don't know how you conduct diplomacy in that way." — **Edward L. Peck, U.S. ambassador to Iraq, 1977-80; quoted in the Boston Globe, June 26***

One of the better-known secrets of the U.S. Foreign Service is the amount of dead time it imposes on its officers, which keeps Foreign Service officers (FSOs) from doing what taxpayers pay many of them to do while abroad: observe the society around them, keep in touch with its most important elements, provide fresh information and ideas for formulating policy, and negotiate with the host government on bilateral or multilateral issues.

Despite all stated good intentions, the new U.S. embassy in Baghdad promises to be the mother of all dead-time factories, no matter how hard FSOs there try to do their jobs. Based on more than 20 years of experience in the Foreign Service, I see half a dozen ways in which the size and complexity of the American mission in Iraq — which will cost up to an estimated $1 billion to operate in 2005, not including the initial construction costs of the embassy's permanent quarters — will complicate if not undermine the work of the 190 FSOs who will be assigned to it.

First is the embassy's sheer size. By year's end, it is expected to house nearly 1,000 Americans from 10 U.S. government agencies, as well as an estimated 600 Iraqi employees, making it the world's largest U.S. mission. With so many bodies around, an inordinate amount of time will be spent deciding on assignments and responsibilities.

Second, the tour of duty for FSOs in Iraq lasts only one year, which includes a (probably necessary) vacation every three months and a trip home twice a year. How much real work can an FSO accomplish in one year? It is a rule of thumb in the Foreign Service that it takes several months, at least, for a new officer to get accustomed to a new posting.

Third, given the rush to staff the mission, it is doubtful that many FSOs at the new embassy will be adequately prepared to deal with and observe Iraqi society. FSOs will have to depend on the Iraqis working at the embassy to understand what's going on outside their sandbagged fortress. But any experienced FSO will tell you that depending on the insight of local employees, no matter how dedicated and reliable, is insufficient.

Fourth, the perilous security situation means the embassy will have great difficulty carrying out one of its most important functions: implementing public diplomacy programs, such as media and cultural presentations, in an effort to win over local hearts and minds. These activities require constant, open contact with host country audiences, but given the rampant hostility toward Americans in Iraq — and an insurgency throughout the country — such programs will prove to be a challenging, if not impossible, task.

Fifth, the Baghdad embassy will be constantly visited by VIPs and agency heads from Washington, with FSOs arranging the logistics. It will be Americans talking to Americans to prepare visits by Americans, with Iraqi employees probably assigned the task of organizing more local arrangements (if there are any, given security concerns). Meanwhile, for the Americans inside the embassy, Iraq will just about not exist.

Finally, and this is very important, an essential part of the American presence in Iraq — the military, which is already entrenched in parts of the country — will not be under the embassy's supervision.

That makes sense, but in practical terms, this means FSOs will spend an inordinate amount of time trying to find out what their military colleagues are up to. In broader terms, it will mean that the embassy and the military will have their own agendas, leading to potential confusion among Iraqis (and the international community) as to what exactly the United States is up to.

All these obstacles raise a fundamental question: Why should the nascent embassy in Iraq be so large in the first place? Couldn't a smaller and leaner operation — better prepared and trained — do a more efficient job? And wouldn't a more modest-size embassy communicate an important message that the Bush administration is supposedly trying to bring home to the new Iraqi government and the local population: that the fate of their country is in their hands, not in those of their present occupiers?

John H. Brown, a former Foreign Service officer, compiles the daily e-mail Public Diplomacy Press Review. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Threat from N. Korea won't go away even if GIs do

BY JOHN HALL
Media General

WASHINGTON

When the Army's vice chief of staff, Gen. Richard Cody, publicly conceded [this month] that his service was stretched thin around the world, no one challenged him or rebuked him or even handed him his head.

The Donald Rumsfeld Defense Department used to cashier Army subordinates for complaining about insufficient manpower. But the pitch now seems to be that, yes, the system is stressed but relief could be near.

Things are on track for an eventual withdrawal from Iraq, Pentagon witnesses told Congress [this month]. When that will be they couldn't predict. The training of a new Iraqi military force is just under way.

A worsening security situation could require more outside assistance, not less, with Americans the only help in sight.

Both Republicans and Democrats have become increasingly restive about the war's growing toll in casualties, the extension of tours and disruption of constituents' lives by National Guard, Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve call-ups.

Meantime, the greater cost may be the security balance outside of Iraq — places such as the Korean peninsula, which just keeps getting shoved farther and farther back on the burners.

We think of this problem as a simple nuclear standoff with North Korea. But this is a conventional warfare dilemma with vast strategic implications.

At the moment, South Korea has been shaken by a U.S. decision to cut its deployment of troops by a third to meet manpower requirements in Iraq and elsewhere. The 38,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea comprise a small force — particularly compared to the million-member North Korean army — but, oh, what an impact it has.

President Carter found out when he decided in 1977 to pull U.S. troops out of South Korea over five years. That set off a sustained backlash, not only in Seoul but in Tokyo and Washington.

Eventually he backed down after the diplomatic community and the Pentagon fought him secretly in the trenches, half the Congress rebelled against his executive order and one commanding general, John Singlaub, was recalled and reprimanded for insubordination for telling The Washington Post that the withdrawal would lead to war.

President Bush and Rumsfeld, at least so far, have somehow avoided much of a controversy since their announcement that the U.S. force would be moved back from the Demilitarized Zone and lopped by a third. Some people think everyone's attention was on Baghdad. Others blame South Korea, which has become increasingly inhospitable toward U.S. troops.

Relations seem to be deteriorating. Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser, was in Seoul in the last few days for a meeting with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun. She reportedly was carrying a personal letter from Bush citing the history of close relations and thanking South Korea for its commitment to send 3,000 troops to Iraq for help with postwar reconstruction.

That commitment apparently stands firm despite the beheading last month of a South Korean hostage by Islamic militants.

Lately, however, some South Korean hardliners are questioning Roh's toughness. They fear that all his signals have been concessions. Roh may be preparing to invite North Korean leader Kim Jong Il to a Seoul summit without any sign the communist leader has stopped nuclear weapons cheating. And his party appears to be willing to drop allegations that the mop-top North Korean leader ordered the bombing of a South Korean airliner.

A long-closed investigation into the bombing, judged to have been ordered by Kim himself, is being reopened by Roh's political party.

Bush got off to a rocky start with the South Koreans from the beginning of his administration. Bush threw water on a so-called "sunshine policy" of Roh's pro-unification predecessor, Kim Dae-jung, and tried to guide Seoul toward a more hard-nosed approach.

What is worrisome now is the change in perspective. South Koreans say they now hear bitter talk from Americans they never used to hear.

It usually goes like this: "All right, we're out of here. When the North Koreans burst across DMZ and occupy Seoul, maybe you will wish you had been a bit friendlier to us and not so eager to see us go."

Pretty drastic.

Are we stretched too thin yet?

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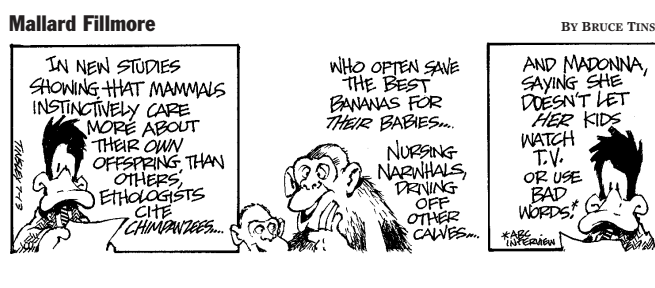
Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Quick Trips

Treasure hunt

Old Belgian town hosts antique flea market

BY MICHAEL ABRAMS
Stars and Stripes

Tongeren is supposedly the oldest town in Belgium, so it is only appropriate that it is also home to the biggest antique flea market in the Belgium-Netherlands-Luxembourg region.

You have to get up early, though, if you want to do some shopping: The market begins at 7 a.m., and ends at noon.

Actually, that's a good thing. It gives you plenty of time to have lunch, see the sights and explore the surroundings.

The flea market takes place on Veemarkt square and on Leopoldswal, an area running along the town's medieval wall. Vendors also line up on the lower end of Maastrichterstraat, a lane that leads down from the central Grote Markt square. Off Leopoldswal there are also two covered market areas on Clarissenstraat.

What can you find at the antique market? Just about anything. Furniture, of course, plus silverware, flatware, glasses, vases and chandeliers. Planning to renovate an old house? You can find doorknobs, locks and light fixtures here. Collect old-fashioned irons or tools? Ditto.

Most people probably would call a lot of the things for sale here junk. Old glass bottles seem to be popular for some reason, as are tin cans.

You probably can find something rare here, but the seller likely will know its value, so don't expect bargains. However, if you see something that tickles your fancy, and you can afford it, go for it. You never know when the chance will come again.

At noon, the vendors start packing up, but they usually are willing to make a sale until they are finished. Visitors head for the cafés along Veemarkt for a drink or lunch and a chance to take a closer look at their new possessions.

Some will walk up to the Grote Markt, Tongeren's main square for lunch. Here stands a statue of Ambiorix, king of the Eburons, facing the Notre Dame basilica across the square. The Eburons were a Celtic tribe that battled the invading Roman army of Julius Caesar and won a victory over the Roman Legion in 54 B.C.

The Romans founded the city in 15 B.C. and called it Atuatuca Tungrorum. Gothic Notre Dame dates to the 13th century and sports a bell tower 211 feet high.

Other sights in Tongeren are Roman walls, medieval walls and a Gallo-Roman museum.

After a morning of commerce and an early afternoon of culture, make a trip to the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery.

Here on a bluff overlooking the Belgian countryside, 7,989 of American World War II dead are buried. Most of them were killed during the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944 and during the advance into Germany in 1945.

Like all American military cemeteries in Europe, Henri-Chapelle is both beautiful and somber, with its sweeping rows of white crosses honoring those who gave their lives for their country.

If you have a little more time, go just up the road, across the Dutch border, to the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten.

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Merchandise changes hands at the antique flea market in the old city of Tongeren, Belgium. The market, said to be the biggest in the Belgium-Netherlands-Luxembourg region, takes place every Sunday.

All manner of merchandise, from shoes to household goods to novelty items, await shoppers in search of something useful or just unique.

PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes

A statue of Ambiorix, king of the Eburons, stands facing the cathedral in Tongeren's main square.

On the QT

Directions

Tongeren is in southeastern Belgium near the German and Dutch border.

Coming from Mons, take A7 and A15 to Liège, then A13 to Tongeren. From Brussels, take A3 toward Liege, exit at Waremme, and head to Tongeren.

From Brunssum and Schinnen, head to Maastricht, then take highway N278, which turns into N79 when you cross into Belgium, straight to Tongeren.

"Tongres" is the name for the city in the French-speaking areas of Belgium, so watch for that name on signs, also.

The Henri Chapelle American Cemetery is on route N18 between Henri-Chapelle and Hombourg, Belgium, about 25 miles southeast of Tongeren. Exit A3 at Battice, take N3 towards Aachen and Henri-Chapelle, then N18 at the fork in Henri-Chapelle.

Times

The flea market is from 7 a.m. to noon every Sunday.

The Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Food

There are plenty of cafés and restaurants in Tongeren.

The estblishments on the Veemarkt are popular with the post-market crowd.

The cafés at the Grote Markt are a good alternative.

Information

On the Web, go to **www.trabel.com/tongeren.htm** and **www.tongereninfo.net/enantickmarkt.htm** for information on Tongeren and its flea market. Click on **www.abmc.gov** for info on Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and other American Battlefield Monument Commission sites in Europe.

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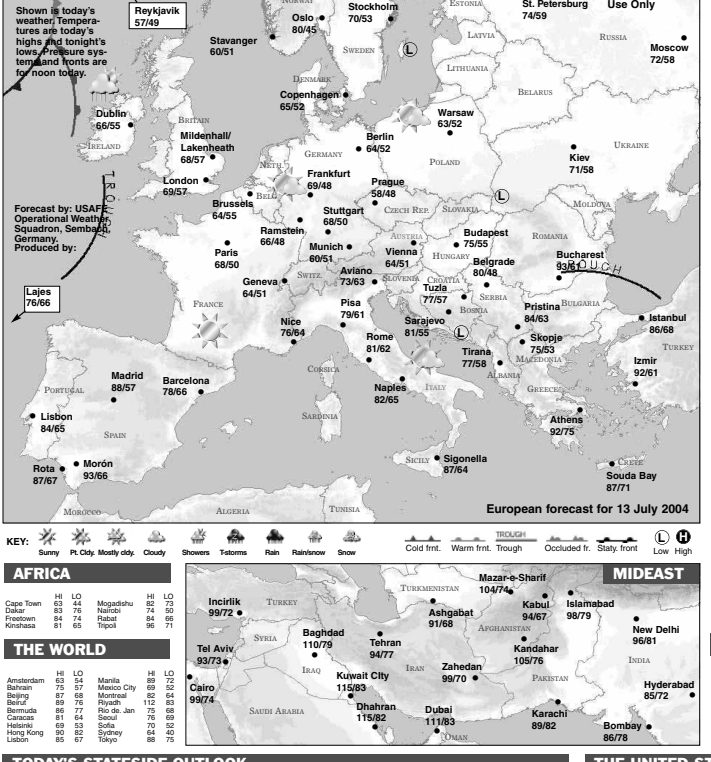

EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid-60s and lows in the 50s

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy and morning rainshowers. Highs in the mid to upper 60s and lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with morning rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and lows in the mid to upper 50s

France: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.and lows in the lower 50s to mid-60s

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers in the afternoon. Highs in the 60s and lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers in the afternoon. Highs in the 60s and lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs will be in the mid-70 to lower 80s and lows in the mid-50s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the 70s and lows in the lower 60s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs 80s and lows in the lower to mid-60s.

Kosovo: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid-80s and lows in the lower 60s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers in the afternoon. Highs in the 60s and lows in the 50s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 90s and lows in the upper 50s to mid-60s.

Turkey: Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s to the northwest and 90s elsewhere. Lows in the lower 60 to lower 70s.

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AFRICA

	Hi	LO		Hi	LO
Cape Town	63	44	Mogadishu	82	73
Dakar	83	76	Nairobi	74	50
Freetown	84	74	Rabat	84	66
Kinshasa	81	65	Tripoli	96	71

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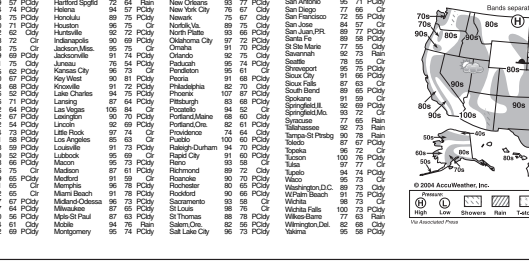

THE WORLD

	Hi	LO		Hi	LO
Amsterdam	63	54	Manila	89	72
Athens	75	57	Mexico City	69	52
Beijing	87	68	Montreal	82	64
Beirut	89	76	Riyadh	112	83
Bermuda	86	77	Rio de. Jan	75	68
Caracas	81	64	Seoul	76	69
Helsinki	69	53	Sofia	70	52
Hong Kong	90	82	Sydney	64	50
Lisbon	85	67	Tokyo	88	75

SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (London)	0451	0452
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0530	0531
Sunset (London)	2116	2115
Sunset (Frankfurt)	2132	2131

First qtr. x · New moon. x · Last qtr. x · Full moon x

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

	Hi	Lo	Ottlk
Abilene,Tex.	95	74	PCldy
Akron,Ohio	86	67	PCldy
Albany,N.Y.	73	63	Rain
Albuquerque	95	66	PCldy
Allentown,Pa.	81	64	Cldy
Amarillo	96	66	Clr
Anchorage	78	54	Clr
Asheville	87	67	PCldy
Atlanta	90	74	PCldy
Atlantic City	80	67	Cldy
Austin	95	71	PCldy
Baltimore	88	70	Cldy
Baton Rouge	94	75	PCldy
Billings	90	62	PCldy
Birmingham	93	73	PCldy
Bismarck	89	57	PCldy
Boise	95	63	Clr
Boston	73	62	Cldy
Bridgeport	75	66	Cldy
Brownsville	94	75	Clr
Buffalo	80	65	PCldy
Burlington,Vt.	75	62	Cldy
Caribou,Maine	76	57	PCldy
Casper	94	53	PCldy
Charleston,S.C.	92	76	Rain
Charleston,W.Va.	84	63	PCldy
Charlotte,N.C.	91	71	PCldy
Chattanooga	93	73	Clr
Cheyenne	88	59	PCldy
Chicago	89	65	PCldy
Cincinnati	90	70	PCldy
Cleveland	86	67	PCldy
Colorado Springs	89	57	PCldy
Columbia,S.C.	94	74	PCldy
Columbus,Ga.	93	75	PCldy
Columbus,Ohio	90	71	PCldy
Concord,N.H.	72	62	Cldy
Corpus Christi	93	72	Clr
Dallas-Ft Worth	98	75	Clr
Dayton	89	69	PCldy
Daytona Beach	91	75	Cldy
Denver	95	62	PCldy
Des Moines	90	67	PCldy
Detroit	88	68	PCldy
Duluth	78	52	PCldy
El Paso	96	71	PCldy
Elkins	82	64	PCldy
Erie	82	67	PCldy
Eugene	82	54	PCldy
Evansville	94	73	PCldy
Fairbanks	81	58	PCldy
Fargo	83	59	PCldy
Flagstaff	80	52	PCldy
Flint	88	66	PCldy
Fort Smith	96	75	Clr
Fort Wayne	89	65	PCldy
Fresno	101	65	Clr
Goodland	89	65	Clr
Grand Junction	97	67	PCldy
Grand Rapids	87	64	PCldy
Great Falls	90	56	PCldy
Green Bay	84	61	Cldy
Greensboro,N.C.	92	69	PCldy
Harrisburg	83	70	Cldy
Hartford Sgfld	72	64	Rain
Helena	94	57	PCldy
Honolulu	89	75	PCldy
Houston	96	75	Clr
Huntsville	92	72	PCldy
Indianapolis	90	69	PCldy
Jackson,Miss.	95	75	Clr
Jacksonville	91	74	PCldy
Juneau	76	54	PCldy
Kansas City	96	73	Clr
Key West	90	81	PCldy
Knoxville	91	72	PCldy
Lake Charles	94	75	PCldy
Lansing	87	64	PCldy
Las Vegas	106	84	Clr
Lexington	90	70	PCldy
Lincoln	92	69	PCldy
Little Rock	97	74	Clr
Los Angeles	85	63	Clr
Louisville	91	73	PCldy
Lubbock	95	69	Clr
Macon	95	73	PCldy
Madison	87	61	PCldy
Medford	91	59	Clr
Memphis	96	78	PCldy
Miami Beach	91	79	PCldy
Midland-Odessa	96	73	PCldy
Milwaukee	87	65	PCldy
Mpls-St Paul	87	63	PCldy
Mobile	91	76	Rain
Montgomery	95	74	PCldy
Nashville	92	73	PCldy
New Orleans	93	77	PCldy
New York City	76	67	Cldy
Newark	75	67	Cldy
Norfolk,Va.	89	75	Cldy
North Platte	93	66	PCldy
Oklahoma City	97	72	PCldy
Omaha	91	70	PCldy
Orlando	92	75	Cldy
Paducah	95	74	PCldy
Pendleton	95	61	Clr
Peoria	91	68	PCldy
Philadelphia	82	70	Cldy
Phoenix	107	87	PCldy
Pittsburgh	83	68	PCldy
Portland, Me	74	52	Cldy
Portland,Maine	68	60	Cldy
Portland,Ore.	82	61	PCldy
Providence	74	64	Cldy
Pueblo	100	60	PCldy
Raleigh-Durham	94	70	PCldy
Rapid City	91	60	PCldy
Reno	93	58	Clr
Richmond	89	72	Cldy
Roanoke	90	70	PCldy
Rochester	80	65	PCldy
Rockford	86	63	PCldy
Sacramento	93	58	Clr
St Louis	98	76	Clr
St Thomas	88	78	PCldy
Salem,Ore.	92	55	PCldy
Salt Lake City	96	73	PCldy
San Angelo	95	73	PCldy
San Antonio	95	71	PCldy
San Diego	77	66	Clr
San Francisco	72	55	PCldy
San Jose	84	57	Clr
San Juan,P.R.	89	77	PCldy
Santa Fe	89	58	PCldy
St Ste Marie	77	55	Cldy
Savannah	92	73	Rain
Seattle	78	55	Clr
Shreveport	95	75	PCldy
Sioux City	91	66	PCldy
Sioux Falls	87	63	Clr
South Bend	89	65	PCldy
Spokane	91	59	Clr
Springfield,Ill.	92	69	PCldy
Springfield,Mo.	93	72	Clr
Syracuse	77	62	Rain
Tallahassee	92	73	Rain
Tampa-St Pmsbg	90	78	Rain
Toledo	87	67	PCldy
Topeka	96	72	Clr
Tucson	100	76	PCldy
Tulsa	97	77	Clr
Tupelo	94	74	PCldy
Waco	95	73	Clr
Washington,D.C.	89	73	Cldy
W Palm Beach	91	76	PCldy
Wichita	98	73	Clr
Wichita Falls	100	73	PCldy
Wilkes-Barre	77	63	Rain
Wilmington,Del.	82	68	Cldy
Yakima	95	58	PCldy

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Shoe swipe

KS OVERLAND PARK — If people say you've got two left feet, there's a thief somewhere with a deal for you.

Nike salesman Ray Staiger said he left his hotel on Tuesday morning, and found the lock to his pick-up truck bed had been broken. Staiger told police someone took 312 shoes he used as sales samples, which he valued at $10,789.

They were all left shoes. A salesman in Missouri has the right mates.

Staiger had to cancel sales presentations he had scheduled for Kansas City and Omaha, Neb., and return to Wichita for replacement shoes, paying a $500 deductible.

Reeling them in

FL FORT MYERS— The deputy who reels in the most suspects gets to go fishing.

Capt. Randy Crone of the Lee County Sheriff's Office is offering a free fishing trip to the deputy who makes the most arrests this month.

After winning a $100 fishing trip in a raffle, Crone sent a memo titled "The Race is on!!" to 55 deputies, offering up the trip and outlining the incentive.

"It's no different than the state of Florida giving an award to an officer who makes more than 100 DUI arrests," he said.

Lee County Sheriff Rod Shoap said the contest does not encourage quotas or "bad arrests," partly because supervisors must still approve all arrests.

"How many businesses offer their employees bonuses for top performance? You tell me the difference," Shoap said.

Dog, owner reunited

ID BOISE — Thomas Gaide thought the caller was barking up the wrong tree. An animal shelter in California couldn't possibly have his dog, Chevy.

Chevy was right in front of him, 650 miles away at his Boise home.

But when the man insisted and mentioned a computer chip in the dog's neck, Gaide realized that after seven years, Chevy's predecessor had finally been found.

The older dog disappeared from Gaide's Hayward, Calif., back yard in 1996. Calls were made to the pound, hours were spent searching the neighborhood and countless flyers were posted to no avail.

Now the older Chevy is living happily with Gaide's other three dogs, including Chevy the younger.

Mascot retired

VT SOUTH BURLINGTON— Officials at a South Burlington High School are retiring the school's mascot, a caricature of an American Indian that has come under criticism over the years. Rice Memorial High School officials say the mascot will change within the next few weeks.

Dress-code debate

VT AUGUSTA—Public schools in Augusta want to ban students from wearing gold teeth, sagging pants, large belt buckles and clothing that appears to be gang-related. The Richmond County school board will consider the proposal, saying it could cut down on distractions and unnecessary fashion statements.

Cashing in

IA CEDAR RAPIDS— Gambling revenues at state-run race tracks and casinos have topped the billion-dollar mark for the first time, with help from the Meskwaki Tribe's casino near Tama.

The three tracks and 10 casinos together raked in $1.05 billion in the last fiscal year.

Construction ahead

MI DETROIT — A private developer will build a $40 million office building and a parking deck in Detroit next to Ford Field, where the Detroit Lions football team plays. An upscale hotel is also in the works for the warehouse attached to Ford Field, a team official said. Construction will start in the fall and is expected to be completed in late 2005.

Stamp honors writer

DC WASHINGTON— A new stamp honoring writer James Baldwin will be issued July 23, the U.S. Postal Service said.

The 37-cent self-adhesive stamp will be released at a ceremony at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York.

Authors Maya Angelou and Amiri Baraka are scheduled to deliver tributes at the event. Actor Avery Brooks will serve as master of ceremonies and others expected to participate include actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee; Howard Dodson, head of the Schomburg Center, and the Rev. Samuel Joubert Sr., of Community Baptist Church in New York.

Performing at the event will be the Boys Choir of Harlem and singers Odetta and Jerry Dixon.

A native of New York, Baldwin's work explored race relations, the arts and human relationships. He was a leading figure at the height of the civil rights movement.

"Go Tell It on the Mountain," was Baldwin's first novel.

Published in 1953, it was a partly autobiographical story of a young boy's struggle with personal and spiritual issues.

Much-needed shower

Clean water advocate Christopher Swain, of Colchester, Vt., rinses off during a photo opportunity after a quick dip in the Hudson River in New York.

Schools are broke

CA LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Unified School District said it has no money to raise the pay of teachers and other employees this year because of steep budget cuts. The district made $500 million in cuts to balance a $6.8 billion budget, officials said.

Bar heads to court

UT LOGAN— A woman and the 20-year-old she allegedly lent her identification are being sued by The White Owl Bar and Grill. The bar had a banner warning minors they'd be sued for illegally entering. The lawsuit claims the 20-year-old placed the bar at risk of losing its liquor license.

Fugitive canine

VA McLEAN— Police were looking for a black Labrador retriever after it was captured on videotape taking four ceramic figurines from a woman's yard in McLean.

Fairfax County police said yesterday that the dog is a suspect in four other heists.

In June, police said, Ruth Breiner, 75, asked for help in stopping a series of thefts from her yard. A ceramic raccoon vanished in April. A small deer figurine disappeared in early June.

Fairfax police set up a video surveillance system, Officer Sophia Grinnan said. They caught the thief — on videotape — but the thefts haven't stopped. Grinnan said four more figurines were stolen late at night, and the culprit each time was a Labrador that scooped up the small items with his mouth and trotted off.

Korean War memorial

ME PORTLAND— An abandoned gas station in Buxton may become the site of Maine's third memorial to veterans of the Korean War.

The York County town has memorials to World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War, but only a small marker commemorates the Korean War. The plan is to level the defunct Groveville Service Station and make it into a monument to what has been called "America's Forgotten War."

The once-contaminated property, which was donated to the town by Jeff Bacon of Gorham, was the site of a $260,000 pollution cleanup funded by the state.

Welcome delivery

A sky crane drops retardant on a portion of the Nuttall fire atop Mount Graham, near Safford, Ariz.

Daring to bare

Dave Goar competes in the jump category of the Fergus Falls Barefoot Open and National Barefoot League Tournament in Fergus Falls, Minn. Goar landed his first attempt for 22 feet and fell on his following two runs.

Aquarium adventure

A group of children from the Westgate Family Childcare summer camp in Delhi, Ohio, look at a display of West Coast sea nettles (a type of jellyfish) during a visit to the Newport Aquarium in Newport, Ky.

On track

Members of West Virginia University's Mountaineer Alumni participate in a train pull in Cumberland, Md., during Canalfest-Railfest. The 15-member group pulled the 1916 Baldwin Steam Engine 22.94 feet.

Descending the mountain

Members of the Northern Nevada Development Authority tour the Yucca Mountain, Nev., Project.

Cleaning up

Tourists lie down on the carpet under the dome of the West Baden Hotel in West Baden, Ind. Residents of West Baden hope a casino operator will restore both the vacant West Baden Hotel and the French Lick Springs Resort & Spa.

Trotting to the graveyard

Randy Tribitt's longtime friends Bruce Kenyon, left, and Lynn Pederson transport his body to the LaBolt Cemetery in a horse-drawn hearse followed by Kenneth Raymond who leads a riderless horse in South Dakota.

Upset teen shoots mom

NY ROCHESTER — Upset when his mother harangued him about abusing drugs, a teenager told police he aimed a shotgun at the back of her head as she lay on the living-room couch and "stood there for a few minutes thinking" before pulling the trigger.

Nathan DeWispelaere, 18, whose elder brother died of a drug overdose last year, was charged with killing their mother, Lizabeth, a nursing director, at their home in Sparta in rural western New York in May.

Although the gun barrel was just two feet from her head, "I don't think that Mom knew that I was there," sheriff's investigators quoted DeWispelaere as saying.

Trucking drug money

KY LOUISVILLE — Kentucky authorities snatched $330,000 in suspected drug money, thanks to a truck driver's poor sense of direction.

The cash was stashed in 32 bundles in a secret compartment under a sleeping mattress in the tractor-trailer, a Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officer said. The hiding place was uncovered by a drug-sniffing dog at a weigh station along Interstate 65 outside Elizabethtown.

"We feel confident that the compartment was used to not only smuggle currency but also drug contraband," Maj. David Herald, who commands vehicle enforcement's special operations unit, said in a phone interview.

No drugs were found, he said, and two Texas men aboard the tractor-trailer were released after questioning. The vehicle belonged to a trucking company based in Brownsville, Texas, he said.

Spill-free year for oil

AK ANCHORAGE — Not one drop of crude oil spilled into Prince William Sound from oil tankers in 2003 — the first spill-free year since the ships started carrying crude from the trans-Alaska pipeline terminal in 1977.

More modern tankers and better management helped the sound's four tanker operators ship 450 loads, or about 330 million barrels, of North Slope crude from the tanker dock at Valdez last year without a spill, regulators and industry officials said.

Dietrick said part of the credit goes to the double-hulled tankers that Congress mandated after the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill. Several prior spills occurred when cracks developed in older, single-hulled ships.

Pit bulls confiscated

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — State narcotics agents seized more than 80 pit bull dogs after three search warrants were served in Checotah and at the Tulsa residence of a former NFL football player.

The seizures are part of an investigation that resulted in the confiscation of 141 dogs in May and the arrests of 22 people, including former running back LeShon Johnson, said Mark Woodward, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control.

"When we did the roundup in May, we knew we didn't get all of the people involved, nor did we get all of the dogs," Woodward said. "Today, we found the dogs we were looking for, as well as documentation that will help tie seven to 10 more people to this dog fighting and drug distribution network."

Rough landing

CA SANTA CLARITA — A single-engine plane trying to make an emergency landing on a freeway clipped a van and flipped upside down, and the pilot was arrested for flying under the influence of alcohol, authorities said.

Pilot Marc South, 53, of Eloy, Ariz., was treated for minor injuries before being taken into custody, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

South was administered a sobriety test, said Officer Brian Joy of the California Highway Patrol. His blood-alcohol level was not released.

South told investigators his plane's engine died and he began making an emergency landing on northbound lanes of Interstate 5.

Drivers slowed down to make way but South lost control when the plane's wing clipped a van, said Officer Brian Joy of the California Highway Patrol.

More science in school?

TX DALLAS — A $200 million plan being considered by the State Board of Education would require high school students across the state to take four years of science classes in order to graduate — double the current requirement.

Proponents say the more rigorous standards are needed in the face of poor test scores in science. But critics cite a lack of science teachers and say the increased costs needed to build hundreds of new science classrooms and laboratories could take away from other areas and hurt already cash-strapped districts.

Under a new law passed by the Legislature, beginning this fall Texas high school students will have to take at least three years of science to graduate. Previously, only two years of science classes were required.

School name choices

NH MERRIMACK — There's a showdown brewing over the name of a new middle school set to open in September.

It's down to two on the short list of names — the late President Ronald Reagan vs. legendary Native American leader Sachem Passaconaway.

Republican state Rep. Peter Batula is pushing for Reagan, who often played cowboys in his movie career. But town resident and history buff Rick Barnes insists Passaconaway is a better choice because of his local ties.

Passaconaway led the tribes of the Merrimack Valley during the 1600s. He is said to have had mystical powers and lived past 100.

"There's really no connection between Merrimack and Reagan," Barnes said, echoing arguments he made to the School Board. "I couldn't even find any evidence that he stopped here when he was campaigning," he said.

Stories and photos from wire services

'Spider-Man 2' sticks to top of box office take

BY DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Spider-Man fended off an anchorman and a king at the weekend box office to hold on to its supremacy.

"Spider-Man 2" took in $46 million in its second weekend, pushing its total to $257.3 million after just 12 days, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Will Ferrell's broadcast-news comedy "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" premiered a strong No. 2 with $28 million, but "King Arthur," starring Clive Owen, had a so-so opening of $15.2 million to come in third.

The weekend's other new wide release, the girl-power flick "Sleepover," debuted a weak No. 10 with $4.2 million.

Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" was a healthy holdover in its third weekend, at No. 4 with $11 million and raising its total to $80.1 million. Moore's assault on President Bush over the Sept. 11 attacks, "Fahrenheit 9/11" appears headed beyond $100 million, which would make it the first documentary to cross that mark.

Twelve days into its run, "Spider-Man 2" had grossed about $20 million more than the original "Spider-Man" had at the same point. That improves its chances of exceeding the $403.7 million total domestic take for "Spider-Man," the top-grossing movie of 2002.

AP

Actors Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate arrive for a special screening of the movie "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" last week in New York.

"We're on the right path, but that's a big number. I wouldn't be comfortable saying anything beyond that," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony, which released both "Spider-Man" movies. "I'm almost afraid to jinx it."

The solid opening of "Anchorman" follows Ferrell's holiday smash "Elf" last fall, lifting the former "Saturday Night Live" comedian to Hollywood's upper ranks.

"You can add him to the list of talent that can open a movie," said Jim Tharp, head of distribution for DreamWorks, which released "Anchorman."

"King Arthur," directed by Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day") and produced by Jerry Bruckheimer, opened on the same weekend that Bruckheimer's blockbuster "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" debuted a year ago.

But since its Wednesday debut, "King Arthur" had taken in $23.6 million, just a third of the $70.6 million Wednesday-Sunday haul of "Pirates of the Caribbean."

"King Arthur," a different take on the Arthurian legends that drops the sword-and-sorcery themes and sets the story toward the end of Roman rule in Britain, is the latest in a string of anemic debuts for distributor Disney.

It follows such Disney commercial duds as "Around the World in 80 Days," "The Alamo," "Raising Helen" and "Home on the Range."

Top 10 movies

1. "Spider-Man 2," $46 million
2. "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," $28 million
3. "King Arthur," $15.2 million
4. "Fahrenheit 9/11," $11 million
5. "The Notebook," $6.53 million
6. "White Chicks," $6.5 million
7. "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story," $5.4 million
8. "The Terminal," $5 million
9. "Shrek 2," $4.5 million
10. "Sleepover," $4.2 million

From Exhibitor Relations

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/

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004

	AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00	Dr. Phil	Taina	Nightline	Ballroom Boxing	The Wild Thornberrys	Lizzie McGuire
9:30		All That	Corps News		SpongeBob	All That
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune			Happy Days	Headline News
11:00		ESPNews	CNN Daybreak		Ed "The Dream"	ESPNews
11:30	General Hospital	Advisory Block				Pacific Report
12:00	Headline News	7th Heaven "Major League"	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	ER "Next of Kin"	7th Heaven "Major League"
12:30	Judge Judy					
13:00	Today Will Ferrell; Ned Vizzini.	Movie ★★ "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps" (2000, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Janet Jackson.	Good Morning America	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	The Residents "Real Medicine"	Movie ★★½ "Don't Say a Word" (2001, Suspense) Michael Douglas, Sean Bean.
13:30						
14:00					Movie ★★★★ "The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill, Darth Vader launches an attack to crush the rebellion.	
14:30						
15:00	Arthur (EI)	Pacific Report	Headline News	SportsCenter		Pacific Report
15:30	Animaniacs	The Tonight Show	World News			The Tonight Show
16:00	Lizzie McGuire		The Early Show	Beyond the Glory		
16:30	All That	Late Show			Ebert & Roeper	Late Show
17:00	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	
17:30	Headline News	Access Hollywood			SpongeBob	Access Hollywood
18:00	ESPNews	Movie ★★★ "Lethal Weapon 3" (1992) Mel Gibson. Riggs and Murtaugh must stop an ex-cop's gunrunning business.	FOX News	ESPNews	The Simpsons	Movie ★★★ "Thunderheart" (1992) Val Kilmer, Sam Shepard. An agent's heritage is integral to a murder investigation.
18:30	AFN Evening News			Baseball Tonight	Happy Days	
19:00	7th Heaven "Major League"		FOX News	SportsCenter	Ed "The Dream"	
19:30						
20:00	Movie ★★½ "Don't Say a Word" (2001, Suspense) Michael Douglas, Sean Bean.	Movie ★★ "The Wrong Man" (1993) Rosanna Arquette, Kevin Anderson.	FOX News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	ER "Next of Kin"	Movie ★½ "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson.
20:30						
21:00			Headline News		The Residents "Real Medicine"	
21:30			Inside Politics			
22:00	Headline News	The Hot List		The Hot List	Movie ★★★★ "The Empire Strikes Back" (1980, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford.	The Hot List
22:30	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Corps News	The Hot List		Headline News
23:00		Today Will Ferrell; Ned Vizzini.	Lester Holt	Around the Horn		Today Will Ferrell; Ned Vizzini.
23:30	Late Show			Pardon the Intrrptn		

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2004

00:00	(11:30) Late Show	(11:00) Today Will Ferrell; Ned Vizzini.	Headline News	SportsCenter	"Empire Strikes"	(11:00) Today Will Ferrell; Ned Vizzini.
00:30	Access Hollywood		NBC Nightly News		Ebert & Roeper	
1:00	4 Qtrs	Sesame Street (EI)	ABC Wld News	Cycling Tour de France - Stage 9. Stage 9 from Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat to Guéret, France.	The Wild Thornberrys	Sesame Street (EI)
1:30			CBS Evening News		SpongeBob	
2:00	MLB Baseball All-Star Game. The American League's best meet the National League's finest. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (Live)		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		The Simpsons	MLB Baseball All-Star Game. The American League's best meet the National League's finest. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (Live)
2:30		Rugrats			Happy Days	
3:00		To Be Announced	Hannity & Colmes	ESPY Nomination	The Amazing Race	
3:30						
4:00			The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Boxing Tuesday Night Fights -- Freddy Hernandez vs. Jesus Soto Karass. (Taped)	Andromeda "Heart for Falsehood Framed"	
4:30						
5:00	Headline News	NBC Nightly News	BET Nightly News		Mail Call	NBC Nightly News
5:30	ESPNews	Judge Judy	Business Rpt.		Legends of Airpower	Judge Judy
6:00	Headline News	Access Hollywood	Larry King Live	ESPNews	Secrets of War	Access Hollywood
6:30	Headline News	Guiding Light		Baseball Tonight		Guiding Light
7:00	Sesame Street (EI)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown	ESPNews	Movie ★★★ "Blaze" (1989, Drama) Paul Newman, Lolita Davidovich, Jerry Hardin.	
7:30		General Hospital		Totally NASCAR		General Hospital
8:00	Blue's Clues "Nurture!"	Larry King Live	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter		Between the Lions
8:30	Wheel of Fortune	Teamo Supremo (EI)				Teamo Supremo (EI)
9:00	Dr. Phil	Mechanics for Kids	Nightline	Boxing Tuesday Night Fights -- Freddy Hernandez vs. Jesus Soto Karass.	The Wild Thornberrys	Mechanics for Kids
9:30		Liberty's Kids (EI)			SpongeBob	Liberty's Kids (EI)
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
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12:00	Headline News	The King of Queens	The O'Reilly Factor	MLB Baseball All-Star Game. The American League's best meet the National League's finest. From Minute Maid Park in Houston.	Andromeda "Heart for Falsehood Framed"	8 Simple Rules
12:30	Judge Judy	The Bernie Mac Show				The Bernie Mac Show
13:00	Today John McEnroe; Julianna Margulies; Dyan McDermott; Kelly Slater; Sara Gerhardt.	Fear Factor	Good Morning America		Mail Call	Fear Factor
13:30					Legends of Airpower	
14:00		Las Vegas			Secrets of War	Las Vegas
14:30						
15:00	Between the Lions	Pacific Report	Headline News	SportsCenter	Movie ★★★ "Blaze" (1989, Drama) Paul Newman, Lolita Davidovich, Jerry Hardin.	Pacific Report
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16:00	Mechanics for Kids		The Early Show	Motorcycle Racing MotoGP.		
16:30	Liberty's Kids (EI)	Late Show				Late Show
17:00	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	
17:30	Headline News	Access Hollywood			SpongeBob	Access Hollywood
18:00	ESPNews	Movie ★★★ "The Prince of Tides" (1991, Drama) Nick Nolte. Streisand directed this tale of a dysfunctional family.	FOX News	Cycling Tour de France – Stage 10. Stage 10 from Limoges to Saint-Fiour, France. (Same-day Tape)	The Simpsons	Movie ★★★ "The Prince of Tides" (1991, Drama) Nick Nolte. Streisand directed this tale of a dysfunctional family.
18:30	AFN Evening News				Happy Days	
19:00	8 Simple Rules		FOX News		The Amazing Race	
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20:30						
21:00	Las Vegas	Movie ★★ "Evil Dead 2" (1987, Horror) Bruce Campbell, Sarah Berry.	Headline News		Mail Call	Movie ★★★ "Evil Dead 2" (1987, Horror) Bruce Campbell, Sarah Berry.
21:30			Inside Politics		Legends of Airpower	
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Graham heads back to revival

Evangelist **Billy Graham** is returning to the site of a tent revival 55 years ago that helped make him a national figure.

Graham

Graham's staff has rented more than 10,000 square feet of office space in preparation for the Nov. 18-21 crusade at the Rose Bowl in **Pasadena, Calif.**.

The event originally was scheduled for this month but had to be rescheduled when Graham fell in his **North Carolina** home in May and broke his pelvis. A crusade in **Kansas City** also was postponed.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to attend the Rose Bowl event, organizers said. **Los Angeles** crusade director **Jeff Anderson** said more than 1,000 churches have signed on to participate and nearly 800 people have volunteered to serve as ushers and section captains.

The event will cost nearly $5.4 million, Anderson said. Money will come from churches, donors and offerings from people who attend.

Candidate gets 'West Wing' backing

Democratic congressional hopeful **Beth Troutman** has landed solid support from her old colleagues on the "The West Wing."

Sheen

Martin Sheen, who plays the fictional President Josiah Bartlet on the NBC show, is among several cast members who have contributed to Troutman's campaign to oust incumbent U.S. Rep. **Robin Hayes** from **North Carolina,** a Republican.

Troutman worked on "The West Wing" for four years, most recently as manager of the director-executive producer's office.

Other "West Wing" members contributing to Troutman's campaign include series creator **Aaron Sorkin**, executive producer **John Wells** and his wife, **Marilyn,** actor **Bradley Whitford** and actress **Allison Janney**.Troutman, 27, has raised more than $47,750 from **California** — nearly 70 percent of the $69,495 she reports raising since she filed two months ago.

Highway stretch named for Alan Jackson

When country music star **Alan Jackson** was a boy, his father used to drive to work along Interstate 85 in **Georgia**.

Eugene Jackson died four years ago, but the award-winning country singer says his father would be proud to see that same highway now.

More than a five-mile stretch of I-85 has been named for Alan Jackson, and runs through his native **Coweta County** south of **Atlanta**.

Trump interviews 'Apprentice' prospects

Donald Trump hasn't even chosen his second apprentice, and he's already looking for his third.

Trump

Trump spent Friday interviewing prospective candidates for the third season of his hit NBC reality show, "The Apprentice," at Universal Studios Hollywood in **Los Angeles** on Friday.

Some 200 hopefuls waited in line for a casting call.

The real estate mogul is only expected to make one other appearance during the casting tour — at the Trump Tower in **New York City** on July 30.

Auditions will be held in **Miami**, **Boston**, **Honoluluu**, **Salt Lake City**, **Philadelphia**, **San Antonio**, **Jacksonville**, **Fla.**, **Minneapolis**, **Chicago**, **San Francisco**, **Memphis**, **Tenn.**, **Las Vegas**, **Cincinnati** and **Seattle**.

Vanna White spells out her big news

"Wheel of Fortune" co-host **Vanna White** used her best-known prop — the game show's puzzle board — to announce her engagement to **California** businessman **Michael Kaye**.

A publicity shot shows White, 47, in front of the board with "Vanna's Engaged" spelled out. It was her way of letting fans know about her big news. The couple have not set a date, according to the "Wheel of Fortune" Web site.

From The Associated Press

Old soul, new soul

Young artists like Ricky Fante and Joss Stone are reviving sounds of the past

BY JIM FARBER
New York Daily News

Forget neo-soul, that decidedly modern take on music that dates from the sock-it-to-me heyday of artists like Aretha Franklin and labels like Stax.

There's a growing movement in retro-soul — music made by young musicians that sounds exactly like the shouted style of old.

Up-and-coming artists like the Bo-Keys, Joss Stone, Ricky Fante and Ellis Hooks make no concessions whatsoever to the music of their peers, preferring vocal inflections and instrumental styles directly nicked from the records an earlier generation spun in its youth.

On "Rewind," the major-label debut coming next month from 25-year-old Fante, he growls with the grit of a young Otis Redding. On Stone's debut, "The Soul Sessions," she tries to out-rasp Janis Joplin, while the Bo-Keys' debut, "The Royal Sessions," imitates the Southern-fried instrumentals of Booker T and the MGs.

"I felt that the world doesn't need another smooth neo-soul singer," Fante explains. "I wanted something that would put more of a push on my throat, that classic soul style."

"This is definitely a throwback sound," says Bob Slade, who hosts the old-school radio show "Soul Beginnings" at KISS-FM in New York.

"But these new kids knock me out. They can really sing."

The results have paid off for Stone. Her album earned an immediate press buzz when it came out in September. With careful promotion, it has recently broken into the upper quarter of Billboard's Top 200 Album chart.

Stone hardly fits the profile of the classic soul mama. She's a 16-year-old white girl — from England.

KRT

Joss Stone performs at the VH-1 Divas event at The MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegasin April.

She got her introduction to old soul by listening to her parents' scratchy 45s.

That's what first hooked Fante, as well. His mother and father played plenty of Motown around their house in Washington and took him to see Stevie Wonder when he was just 5.

"(Stevie) was doing a free concert on the Washington Mall to try to get Martin Luther King's birthday made into a national holiday," says Fante. "I was totally blown away."

The Bo-Keys came to vintage soul by exploring the music of their home city, Memphis, Tenn. Band leader Scott Boman, 28, says: "Living in this city you can't help but see guys still playing in clubs who were on those original records from (locally based labels like) Stax."

Boman conceived the Bo-Keys as a multi-generational band, mixing guys who played on the old Stax Records with younger bucks. He was teaching music at a school connected with a museum that salutes the Stax history when he hooked up with Skip Pitts, who created the classic wah-wah guitar line on Isaac Hayes' "Shaft," and organist Ronnie Williams, who has worked with, among others, Stax songwriter, producer and artist David Porter. The resulting group named its first CD after Royal Studios, where they recorded it and where Al Green waxed his greatest hits.

Ellis Hooks, whose gravelly tones recall Wilson Pickett, has the most traditional background of these new artists. The 30-year-old singer was born in Bay Minette, Ala., the 13th of 16 children of an African-American sharecropper. He's been playing since he was 15, traveling the country as a street performer, even busking for a while in New York.

"I picked cotton, peas and all that," Hooks told the roots-oriented magazine No Depression. "It taught me to work hard."

Hooks found himself more entranced by the older sounds than the new. Fante says the lure has to do with the formal structure of old soul songs. "They have verses, choruses, a real bridge," he explains. "It's not like modern R&B, which is just a groove."

Boman feels the appeal of the sound comes from the fact that "the musicians all played together live on the recordings. It was more spontaneous."

Slade says the love of vintage soul is spreading among the young, citing ratings for his "Soul Beginnings" program. It ranks in the Top 10 with 18- to 34-year-olds. He also feels TV shows like Fox's "American Idol" have helped by featuring lots of older R&B songs.

There's also the question of whether such songs can sell at a time when hip-hop-inflected R&B dominates the field. To address this, Fante's record company is offering a modern remix of his single.

Slade feels the music will make it "if the record companies stick with it."

"People want to hear real singing again," he says. "Next we have to bring back real playing."

Horoscope

Joyce Jillson

The interplay of Mercury and Neptune make it easy to get caught up in a dreamy exchange, believing the whole time that you're on the same page with your conversation partner, and then walk away with a big question mark hanging over your head. The moon in Gemini keeps things light-hearted and non-committal. Be happy in the moment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 13). Enjoyable social relationships mark the beginning of this new chapter in your life. Friends lead to new jobs, financial opportunities and romantic prospects. Former employers may return to make you an interesting offer in September. Let your past together inform your future. October's adventure is one for the books! Love signs are Virgo and Taurus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're sensitive as to how you're being received and may even be bold enough to ask, "How am I doing?" Such boldness goes over well in romantic comedies and will be equally effective in real life — you're a real charmer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You expect yourself to be brilliant. What a coincidence! So does everyone else. That sounds like a lot of pressure, and it is — the kind that makes you shine like an Olympic athlete. Go to bed early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Things don't have to go your way for you to be happy and make the most of them. Bumps in the road take a humorous bent — you amuse yourself! Refusing to take this whole thing so seriously is your most attractive quality.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're sticking to your own business when out of the blue — bam! You're all caught up in someone else's drama.

How did you get back here? And more importantly, how do you get out? Say, "Sorry," and walk away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a day to speak up and act boldly. This creates momentum in your life, so much so that you'll make a smart move without even realizing you've made it. Salesmanship is featured as one of your astrological talents.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Unfortunately, no one is going to hand you leisure time on a platter. You have to not only carve it out but barricade it from infringements likely to come on with the force of a Mack truck. Set your limits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Always the diplomat, you're even more persuasive today. A little politicking helps you nab a piece of the action. You'll be going after financing and in doing so get to the point. Tonight, wish on a star.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Modern problems are featured — technical difficulty, logistical complications and a host of inconveniences are all worth the trouble because, in the long run, you'll be doing less work and saving a lot of money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Nobody knows what a relationship is really like except the people that are in the relationship. Couples have their own language, and you'll be in a position to defend or justify yours. Pay no mind to unsolicited advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your patience and planning pay off! In fact, you'll be rewarded handsomely! This gives you the guts to embark on an all-new journey into the unknown. This is the perfect time to settle accounts with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Self-reflection is positive and enlightening. Tally up not only your recent accomplishments but also how they made you feel. This afternoon is ripe for making a final decision. So resolve, commit, and plunk down the cash!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're prone to impulsive outbursts, especially involving corporate stores and plastic cards. You may chalk it up to needing things for so long that you're suddenly not caring if they're out of your budget. Just keep receipts.

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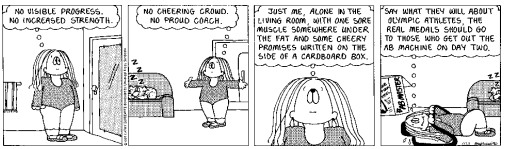

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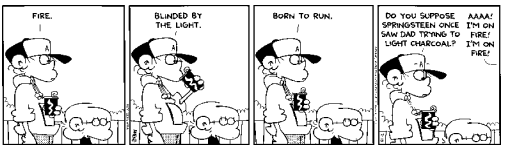

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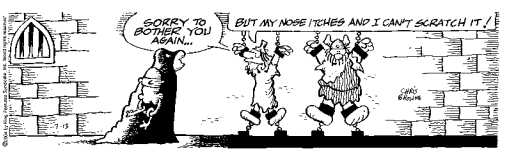

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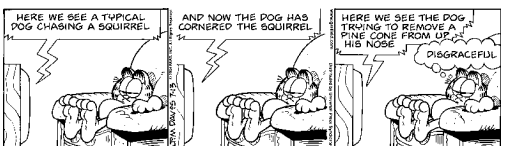

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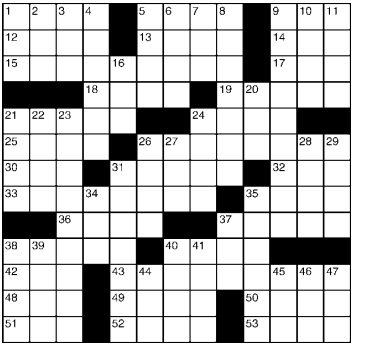

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5 99 of the 101 Dalmatians
9 Unlikely trick-taker
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19 Big dipper?
21 Madison Avenue writers
24 "It's a Sin to Tell —"
25 Loathsome one
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30 Bob of CBS News
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32 Expert
33 Remodel
35 Weaponry
36 Arrived
37 Hazzard family
38 Beautiful maiden
40 Facilitate a felony
42 Priestly vestment
43 Shoe style
48 Afternoon affair
49 On the briny
50 Immoderate revelry
51 Inheritor, often
52 Boys
53 Anger

Down

1 Vacationing
2 Scratch
3 Lemieux milieu
4 Rained cats and dogs
5 Segment
6 Hexagonal state
7 Spacecraft compartment
8 Relieved
9 Distinguishing characteristic
10 Humpty's perch
11 Look lecherously
16 Great weight
20 Melody
21 Teensy bit
22 "David Copperfield" character
23 Billionaire who bought the Dallas Mavericks
24 Mimic
26 Rescue
27 Take advantage of
28 Pinnacle
29 "Untouchables" role
31 Funny
34 Corn spike
35 Book-maker?
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SHORT-ORDER COOKS HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH YOU, I RECKON THEY HASH IT OVER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals T

A prayer for wayward dieters

Dear Abby: My cousin, "Hazel," was recently told by her doctor that she must lose 75 pounds. She tells me that sticking to her diet is almost impossible. Years ago, you printed a prayer for dieters in your column. It was based on the 23rd Psalm. I kept a copy of it for years, but I lost it. Would you please print it again?

— Sympathetic in Taos, N.M.

Dear Sympathetic: I couldn't locate the prayer you requested, but the premise intrigued me — so I wrote one myself. I hope it inspires your friend. I empathize with her. By the way, she's not alone. I am told that one-third of all Americans are overweight. Read on:

A DIETER'S PRAYER

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down on vinyl-covered gym mats.

He leadeth me to flavored calorie-free waters; He restoreth my goals.

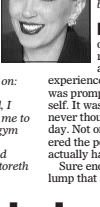
He diverteth me from the path of midnight snacking for my health's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the alley of the Vendors of Pastry, I will fear no weevil; for thou art with me; My diet and exercises, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me Spread with veggies and low-fat protein; Thou steameth my fish in foil, My resolve runneth over.

Surely, if I follow this living plan all the days of my life, My hips will be slim forever. Amen.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: A little over a year ago, after reading your column about a man who had experienced testicular cancer, I was prompted to examine myself. It was something I had never thought about until that day. Not once had I ever considered the possibility that it could actually happen to me.

Sure enough, I found a large lump that sent a cold chill down my spine. My general practitioner didn't think it was anything to be concerned about. But I made an appointment for a second opinion with a urologist. The morning after I consulted him I found myself in the hospital having my first surgery.

Now, one year later, after two surgeries and six weeks of chemotherapy, I am 99 percent cured and feeling great.

Thank you, Abby. Your column saved my life.

— Grateful Guy in Maryland

Dear Grateful: I'm pleased that my column helped you.

The American Cancer Society informs me that testicular cancer diagnosed early, it is highly curable. Self-examinations are quick and easy, and should be performed once a month. For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) 227- 2345 or visiting the Web site: **www.cancer.org.**

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Mother-in-law wrecking home

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for three years, and we have a 6-month-old son. The problem? My wife's mother is living with us.

Last year, we invited my mother-in-law (and her two large dogs) to move in so that we could help her get back on her feet. Mom had been on welfare, and we opened our home until she could find a job. She pays us a little rent each month.

When my wife became pregnant, I informed my mother-in-law that she had nine months to move out. It has been nearly 15 months, and Mom hasn't budged. Last week while shopping, my wife noticed a store with a sign for part-time help. She pushed her mother to go in and get a job application. The next day, Mom was supposed to return the application to the manager, but she refused.

Our neighbors often inform us when people are looking to hire temporary help, but Mom never follows through.

Annie's Mailbox

Mom has so much stuff stored in our house that we no longer have access to our basement or garage. And her dogs have done a lot of damage to our carpets and doors. My wife and I want to be able to raise our child in peace. Are we the bad guys for asking her to move? Can I get a moving van, load up her stuff and move it to a storage area?

— Canada

Dear Canada: Mom obviously is reluctant to find her own place when yours is so inexpensive and offers security. Your wife should be the one to discuss this with her mother. She must make it clear that Mom has overstayed her welcome.

It sounds as if Mom has some emotional issues that are hampering her ability to support herself. She could use some counseling (check the YWCA, United Way or a local women's center), and couple it with an ultimatum that if she doesn't make a serious effort to find a job, you will be forced to make good your threat to load up the moving van.

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "Perplexed in Iowa," who is a widow and wants to remarry without losing her widows' benefits.

Benefits are established to help those who are truly needy, not those who merely feel a sense of entitlement. If her fiance is willing and able to support her, or if she is able to seek employment elsewhere, she should get married and stop accepting money from Iowa's hard-working taxpayers.

— Unsympathetic in Florida

Dear Florida: You weren't the only one who thought "Perplexed" should stop looking for government assistance once she remarries.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to **annies-mailbox@comcast.net,** or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DRYLY BLAZE MEMOIR SAFARI

Answer: When the train conductor went surfing, it was — ALL A "BOARD"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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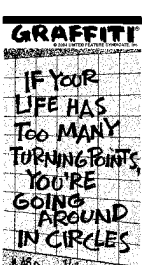
Family Circus

"When I'm a big recording star you guys can be my backup singers."



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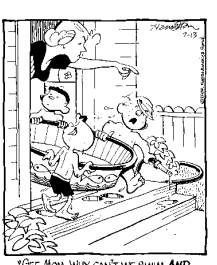

"GEE, MOM, WHY CAN'T WE SWIM *AND* WATCH TV?"

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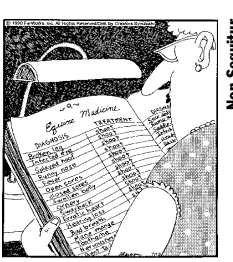

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Real Estate 850

Relocating to Bethesda , MD-2-3 bdrm, 2 baths, brick colonial, in Kensington. 5 min. to NNMC and USUHS. Near park and marc train, $2100 p - month, Please email if interested travelingeurope1@yahoo.com

Apartment Unfurn 856

Darmstadt area, Top 3br apartment, BIK, balcony, for single or couple, rent 950eur +200 util, dep req, call 0173-6720181

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Language Classes 912

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Jobs Offered 630

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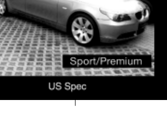
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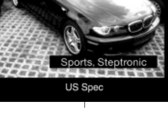
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NAF-SS-04-24 Pay/Plan/Series NF-0525 Grade 03

Salary: $31,500 - $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 allowances 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.

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How to Apply

Email Resume: jobs@mail.estripes.osd.mil
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Fax Resume: 001-49-6155-601421 (International) 06155-601421 (civilian) 349-8421 (DSN)
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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.

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SCOREBOARD

AFN schedule

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Television

Baseball — All-Star celebrity softball game, 11 a.m. (dld) Tuesday, SPT; All-Star Home Run Derby, 8 p.m Tuesday (dld), SPT; 75th All-Star Game, 2 a.m. Wednesday, AFN-A and PAC, and noon and 8 p.m. (dld), SPT; 2004 AAA All-Star Game, 1 a.m. Thursday, SPT.

Boxing — Ballroom Boxing, 9 a.m. Tuesday (dld), SPT; Tuesday Night Fights, Freddy Hernandez (16-0, 14 KOs) vs. Jesus Soto Karass (12-1, 8 KOs), junior middleweights, 4 a.m. (live) and 9 a.m. (dld) Wednesday, SPT.

Cycling — 2004 Tour de France: Stage 9, 1 a.m. Wednesday (dld), SPT; Stage 10, noon Thursday, (dld) SPT.

Motor racing — Dutch GP for motorcycles, 4 p.m. Wednesday (dld), SPT; AMA motocross, 3 p.m. Thursday, (dld), SPT.

Radio

(Listings are feeds from AFN in California. Some might not air in all areas)

Baseball — 75th All-Star Game, 2 a.m. Wednesday.

AFN-Europe can be reached at DSN 329-4444 or civilian (+49) (0)69-156-88-444. AFN-Atlantic's Web site is **www.afneurope.net**. Click on "television" or "radio" for latest schedules. AFN's parent organization, AFRTS at March Reserve AFB, Calif., can be reached at DSN (312) 348-1319 or commercial (909) 413-2319. Its Web site is **www.myafn.net**.

Auto racing

Tropicana 400

NASCAR Nextel Cup Series
Sunday
At Chicagoland Speedway
Joliet, Ill.
Lap Length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (10) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 267 laps, $336,803.
2. (3) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 267, $208,640.
3. (29) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 267, $183,592.
4. (1) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 267, $172,453.
5. (19) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 267, $130,575.
6. (24) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 267, $123,075.
7. (32) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 267, $126,200.
8. (9) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 267, $112,850.
9. (39) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 267, $129,556.
10. (17) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 267, $122,053.
11. (20) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 267, $121,908.
12. (26) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 267, $127,853.
13. (14) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 267, $88,100.
14. (4) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 267, $87,950.
15. (12) Casey Mears, Dodge, 267, $92,150.
16. (31) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 267, $73,250.
17. (23) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 267, $107,837.
18. (11) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 267, $117,133.
19. (22) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 267, $75,150.
20. (5) Greg Biffle, Ford, 267, $84,400.
21. (13) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 267, $109,083.
22. (25) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 267, $116,828.
23. (40) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 267, $91,975.
24. (18) Mark Martin, Ford, 265, $79,850.
25. (34) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 265, $71,550.
26. (42) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 265, $78,839.
27. (41) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 263, $69,750.
28. (38) Jeff Green, Dodge, 248, accident, $95,300.
29. (16) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 245, $94,037.
30. (15) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 240, $76,100.
31. (7) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 205, accident, $65,900.
32. (30) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 204, $91,256.
33. (6) Jeff Burton, Ford, 197, $99,342.
34. (8) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 166, accident, $111,667.
35. (21) Kurt Busch, Ford, 151, $84,600.
36. (2) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 136, accident, $94,275.
37. (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 129, accident, $72,175.
38. (35) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, 116, engine failure, $71,975.
39. (43) P.J. Jones, Dodge, 108, too slow, $63,765.
40. (33) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 103, transmission, $63,555.
41. (28) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Dodge, 86, engine failure, $63,355.
42. (27) Kevin Lepage, Chevrolet, 34, fuel pump, $63,170.
43. (37) Chad Blount, Dodge, 3, electrical, $63,207.

Race Statistics

Time of race: 3 hours, 5 minutes, 33 seconds.
Margin of victory: 2.925 Seconds.
Winner's average speed: 129.507 mph.
Caution flags: 9 for 43 laps.
Lead changes: 20 among 13 drivers.
Lap leaders: J.Gordon 1-14; K.Kahne 15-19; T.Labonte 20; K.Lepage 21; T.Stewart 22-83; J.Johnson 84; M.Martin 85-94; S.Marlin 95-99; M.Kenseth 100; D.Blaney 101; R.Gordon 102-103; T.Stewart 104-121; K.Kahne 122-126; T.Stewart 127-173; S.Marlin 174; T.Stewart 175-180; J.Johnson 181-210; B.Labonte 211; S.Marlin 212-214; J.Mayfield 215-240; T.Stewart 241-267.
Nextel Cup driver standings: 1, J.Johnson, 2,720. 2, D.Earnhardt Jr., 2,615. 3, J.Gordon, 2,478. 4, T.Stewart, 2,418. 5, M.Kenseth, 2,321. 6, B.Labonte, 2,278. 7, E.Sadler, 2,252. 8, K.Harvick, 2,229. 9, K.Busch, 2,211. 10, R.Newman, 2,173.

Grand Prix of Toronto

Sunday
Toronto street circuit
Lap length: 1.755 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (1) Sebastien Bourdais, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 84.
2. (11) Jimmy Vasser, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 84.
3. (6) Patrick Carpentier, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 84.
4. (14) Mario Haberfeld, Ford-Cosworth/Reynard/Bridgestone, 84.
5. (2) Paul Tracy, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 84.
6. (16) Gaston Mazzacane, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 84.
7. (9) Alex Tagliani, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 84.
8. (7) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 84.
9. (10) Oriol Servia, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 83.
10. (17) Alex Sperafico, Ford-Cosworth/Reynard/Bridgestone, 83.
11. (8) A.J. Allmendinger, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 82.
12. (5) Justin Wilson, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 81.
13. (15) Roberto Gonzalez, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 80.
14. (13) Rodolfo Lavin, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 78, mechanical.
15. (12) Michel Jourdain Jr., Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 73, contact.
16. (18) Memo Gidley, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 36, contact.
17. (4) Mario Dominguez, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 0, contact.
18. (3) Bruno Junqueira, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 0, contact.

Time of race: 1:45:36.930.
Margin of victory: 1.396 seconds.
Winner's average speed: 83.749 mph.
Caution flags: 7 for 27 laps.
Lead changes: 4 between 3 drivers.
Lap leaders: Bourdais 1-63; Vasser 64-68; Tracy 69-72; Bourdais 73-84.
Champ Car driver standings: 1. Bourdais 164. 2. Junqueira 136. 3. Carpentier 129. 4. Tracy 108. 5. Tagliani 103. 6. Vasser 101. 7. Hunter-Reay 100. 8. Dominguez 85. 9. Wilson 83. 9. Allmendinger 83. 11. Servia, 78.

Golf

John Deere Classic

Sunday
At TPC at Deere Run
Silvis, Ill.
Purse: $3.8 million
Yardage: 7,193; Par: 71
Final
x-won on second playoff hole

x-M. Hensby, $684,000	68-65-69-66—268	-16
J. E. Morgan, $410,400	66-69-68-65—268	-16
Jose Coceres, $258,400	62-68-68-71—269	-15
Joel Kribel, $149,625	70-65-70-65—270	-14
Vijay Singh, $149,625	69-67-67-67—270	-14
G. Chalmers, $149,625	64-67-69-70—270	-14
Steve Stricker, $149,625	71-67-64-68—270	-14
John Rollins, $110,200	66-69-69-67—271	-13
Jeff Sluman, $110,200	69-68-66-68—271	-13
Stewart Cink, $110,200	70-65-67-69—271	-13
Scott Hoch, $87,400	68-68-68-68—272	-12
Jeff Brehaut, $87,400	65-70-68-69—272	-12
Jay Haas, $87,400	67-68-67-70—272	-12
Carl Paulson, $62,700	68-72-67-66—273	-11
Jason Bohn, $62,700	67-71-68-67—273	-11
P. Sheehan, $62,700	69-66-69-69—273	-11
Scott McCarron, $62,700	70-69-65-69—273	-11
Vaughn Taylor, $62,700	63-69-70-71—273	-11
Robert Gamez, $62,700	67-68-67-71—273	-11
Len Mattiace, $44,270	68-68-69-69—274	-10
C. Wittenberg, $44,270	68-71-66-69—274	-10
Zach Johnson, $44,270	70-69-65-70—274	-10
Jim McGovern, $44,270	67-69-68-70—274	-10
Glen Day, $33,440	70-68-70-67—275	-9
Olin Browne, $33,440	68-71-68-68—275	-9
Joe Durant, $33,440	66-69-67-73—275	-9
J.L. Lewis, $26,980	67-73-68-68—276	-8
D. Morland IV, $26,980	71-69-66-70—276	-8
S. Maruyama, $26,980	70-70-69-67—276	-8
Hank Kuehne, $26,980	69-68-68-71—276	-8
Tom Pernice, Jr., $26,980	68-68-67-73—276	-8
Lucas Glover, $20,574	68-67-72-70—277	-7
Joel Edwards, $20,574	71-68-70-68—277	-7
Stan Utley, $20,574	70-69-67-71—277	-7
K. Sutherland, $20,574	67-69-73-68—277	-7
Chris DiMarco, $20,574	72-66-72-67—277	-7
Ben Crane, $20,574.28	69-71-70-67—277	-7
Aaron Barber, $20,574	66-70-76-65—277	-7
Bart Bryant, $14,820	70-68-69-71—278	-6
Daniel Chopra, $14,820	64-72-73-69—278	-6
Mark Wilson, $14,820	68-68-70-72—278	-6
Neal Lancaster, $14,820	70-70-69-69—278	-6
Wes Short, Jr., $14,820	68-71-71-68—278	-6
Harrison Frazar, $14,820	69-71-70-68—278	-6
John Senden, $14,820	70-69-72-67—278	-6
Todd Fischer, $9,880	69-70-69-71—279	-5
Woody Austin, $9,880	69-70-68-72—279	-5
Mike Heinen, $9,880	70-66-71-72—279	-5
Kris Cox, $9,880	69-71-68-71—279	-5
Nick Price, $9,880	68-70-69-72—279	-5
H. Tanaka, $9,880	72-67-70-70—279	-5
Ted Purdy, $9,880	65-71-73-70—279	-5
Briny Baird, $9,880	69-68-68-74—279	-5
Jason Dufner, $9,880	68-72-71-68—279	-5
D. Hammond, $8,626	71-67-72-70—280	-4
Carlos Franco, $8,626	70-67-73-70—280	-4
J.P. Hayes, $8,626	69-68-68-75—280	-4
Mike Springer, $8,626	70-70-71-69—280	-4
Todd Hamilton, $8,284	67-70-71-73—281	-3
Kirk Triplett, $8,284	68-72-68-73—281	-3
Camilo Villegas, $8,284	71-68-68-74—281	-3
Willie Wood, $8,284	70-68-74-69—281	-3
Chris Smith, $8,284	67-73-73-68—281	-3
R. S. Johnson, $8,018	68-68-72-74—282	-2
Jonathan Byrd, $8,018	67-72-70-73—282	-2
Pat Perez, $7,904	70-69-75-69—283	-1
Roland Thatcher, $7,752	70-68-73-73—284	E
Kevin Na, $7,752	70-70-71-73—284	E
David Edwards, $7,752	69-70-73-72—284	E
Tripp Isenhour, $7,486	70-70-71-74—285	+1
R. Tambellini, $7,486	68-70-74-73—285	+1
J.J. Henry, $7,486	68-72-74-71—285	+1
D.J. Brigman, $7,486	69-71-74-71—285	+1
Patrick Moore, $7,258	72-68-68-78—286	+2
Matt Kuchar, $7,258	69-70-72-75—286	+2

Senior Players Championship

Sunday
At TPC of Michigan
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Purse: $2.5 million
Yardage: 7,069; Par: 72
Final

Mark James, $375,000	68-67-67-73—275	-13
J, M. Canizares, $219,000	68-66-71-71—276	-12
Bruce Fleisher, $180,000	68-69-69-71—277	-11
Bruce Lietzke, $150,000	70-67-70-71—278	-10
Dana Quigley, $110,000	68-67-72-72—279	-9
Gary McCord, $110,000	70-64-71-74—279	-9
Tom Kite, $85,000	72-68-69-71—280	-8
Jim Thorpe, $85,000	70-69-68-73—280	-8
Gil Morgan, $62,500	65-70-75-71—281	-7
Mark McNulty, $62,500	69-72-69-71—281	-7
Hale Irwin, $62,500	69-74-66-72—281	-7
Allen Doyle, $62,500	68-70-70-73—281	-7
D.A. Weibring, $47,500	70-69-73-70—282	-6
Don Pooley, $47,500	72-70-68-72—282	-6
Ed Fiori, $47,500	69-67-71-75—282	-6
Walter Hall, $41,250	71-68-73-72—284	-4
Morris Hatalsky, $41,250	72-67-72-73—284	-4
Andy Bean, $34,150	72-71-74-68—285	-3
B. Summerhays, $34,150	72-72-70-71—285	-3
Bobby Walzel, $34,150	69-72-72-72—285	-3
Craig Stadler, $34,150	70-67-73-75—285	-3
M. McCumber, $25,708	69-72-73-72—286	-2
Graham Marsh, $25,708	71-70-73-72—286	-2
Tom Jenkins, $25,708	74-72-68-72—286	-2
L. Thompson, $25,708	69-72-72-73—286	-2
Tom Wargo, $25,708	72-69-70-75—286	-2
Doug Tewell, $25,708	69-67-74-76—286	-2
Hajime Meshiai, $19,375	73-69-73-72—287	-1
Wayne Levi, $19,375	73-70-72-72—287	-1
Hugh Baiocchi, $19,375	71-67-74-75—287	-1
Isao Aoki, $19,375	68-71-72-76—287	-1
Mike Smith, $19,375	72-70-69-76—287	-1
James Mason, $19,375	74-67-68-78—287	-1
Jerry Pate, $15,050	75-68-74-71—288	E
B. Wadkins, $15,050	77-69-70-72—288	E
V. Fernandez, $15,050	72-74-70-72—288	E
M. McCullough, $15,050	73-71-71-73—288	E
Jay Sigel, $15,050	70-70-74-74—288	E
Stewart Ginn, $12,000	74-72-73-70—289	+1
Jerry McGee, $12,000	72-72-72-73—289	+1
Bob Gilder, $12,000	78-69-68-74—289	+1
Gary Koch, $12,000	70-76-69-74—289	+1
Eamonn Darcy, $12,000	70-70-74-75—289	+1
Jim Ahern, $12,000	72-65-69-83—289	+1
Bobby Lincoln, $10,250	75-70-74-71—290	+2
Keith Fergus, $8,750	74-71-74-72—291	+3
Dick Mast, $8,750	72-74-71-74—291	+3
Lonnie Nielsen, $8,750	72-74-71-74—291	+3
D. Eichelberger, $8,750	73-70-73-75—291	+3
John Bland, $8,750	71-72-70-78—291	+3
John Harris, $6,750	77-73-70-72—292	+4
Des Smyth, $6,750	78-67-74-73—292	+4
Larry Nelson, $6,750	70-70-75-77—292	+4
David Eger, $5,875	71-71-78-73—293	+5
Tom Purtzer, $5,875	75-72-70-76—293	+5
Ben Crenshaw, $5,375	71-74-76-73—294	+6
J.C. Snead, $5,375	70-75-71-78—294	+6
Sammy Rachels, $4,500	75-74-73-73—295	+7
Terry Dill, $4,500	77-71-73-74—295	+7
Jim Albus, $4,500	76-74-70-75—295	+7
Fuzzy Zoeller, $4,500	77-71-71-76—295	+7
Gary Player, $4,500	73-71-74-77—295	+7
Joe Inman, $3,500	78-71-74-73—296	+8
Bob Murphy, $3,500	79-71-72-74—296	+8
Fred Gibson, $3,500	77-72-72-75—296	+8
Dave Stockton, $2,750	77-70-75-75—297	+9
Howard Twitty, $2,750	76-72-73-76—297	+9
Jack Spradlin, $2,750	76-69-73-79—297	+9
John Jacobs, $2,350	82-67-70-79—298	+10
Bill Rogers, $2,200	70-71-81-77—299	+11
Jim Colbert, $1,900	77-70-77-77—301	+13
Jim Dent, $1,900	73-80-72-76—301	+13
Dave Barr, $1,900	76-74-73-78—301	+13
Ed Dougherty, $1,650	74-77-80-72—303	+15
Mike Hill, $1,550	80-75-76-73—304	+16
Bob Eastwood, $1,450	73-70-80-82—305	+17
Rex Caldwell, $1,350	80-76-83-77—316	+28

Canadian Open

Sunday
At Legends on the Niagara,
Battlefield Course
Niagara Falls, Ontario
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,544; Par 72
Final Round
a-amateur

Meg Mallon, $195,000	65-70-65-70—270	-18
Beth Daniel, $117,899	69-68-67-70—274	-14
J. Bartholomew, $75,845	75-67-65-69—276	-12
Lorena Ochoa, $75,845	69-67-70-70—276	-12
Lorie Kane, $48,412	72-69-68-68—277	-11
D. Coe-Jones, $48,412	68-69-69-71—277	-11
Jamie Hullett, $34,212	72-69-70-67—278	-10
Wendy Ward, $34,212	72-67-70-69—278	-10
J. Rosales, $27,433	68-72-68-71—279	-9
Gloria Park, $27,433	67-70-70-72—279	-9
Natalie Gulbis, $21,963	72-72-68-68—280	-8
Jeong Jang, $21,963	72-68-72-68—280	-8
Kelli Kuehne, $21,963	71-71-69-69—280	-8
Janice Moodie, $21,963	69-74-67-70—280	-8
Jill McGill, $17,730	75-67-69-70—281	-7
Mi Hyun Kim, $17,730	69-70-70-72—281	-7
S. Prmmnsudh, $17,730	71-69-68-73—281	-7
S. Young Moon, $15,686	73-70-69-70—282	-6
Christina Kim, $15,686	70-72-69-71—282	-6
a-Paula Creamer	73-70-67-72—282	-6
Cristie Kerr, $13,325	72-73-70-68—283	-5
Leta Lindley, $13,325	73-71-69-70—283	-5
Jung Yeon Lee, $13,325	73-71-69-70—283	-5
Nancy Scranton, $13,325	69-69-75-70—283	-5
Siew-Ai Lim, $13,325	72-71-69-71—283	-5
Johanna Head, $13,325	67-72-72-72—283	-5
Aree Song, $13,325	71-66-70-76—283	-5
J. Gllghr-Smith, $10,973	71-72-71-70—284	-4
Joanne Morley, $10,973	74-69-70-71—284	-4
Kim Saiki, $10,973	72-72-68-72—284	-4

Tennis

Fed Cup

WORLD GROUP
Quarterfinals
Winners advance to semifinals Nov. 22-28; losers to 2005 World Group I
At Bergisel Stadion
Innsbruck, Austria
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Austria 4, United States 1
Singles

Chanda Rubin, United States, def. Barbara Schwartz, Austria, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.
Barbara Schett, Austria, def. Lisa Raymond, United States, 6-2, 6-4.

Reverse Singles

Barbara Schett, Austria, def. Chanda Rubin, United States, 6-3, 6-2.
Barbara Schwartz, Austria, def. Lisa Raymond, United States, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 10-8.

Doubles

Barbara Schett and Patricia Wartusch, Austria, def. Jill Craybas and Martina Navratilova, United States, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.

At Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Russia 4, Argentina 1
Singles

Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Anastasia Myskina, Russia, def. Natalia Gussoni, Argentina, 6-3, 6-0.

Reverse Singles

Anastasia Myskina, Russia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-1, 7-5.
Vera Zvonareva, Russia, def. Mariana Diaz-Oliva, Argentina, 6-3 6-0.

Doubles

Svetlana Kuznetsova and Elena Likhovtseva, Russia, def. Gisela Dulko and Patricia Tarabini, Argentina, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.

At Circolo Tennis Rimini
Rimini, Italy
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
France 3, Italy 2
Singles

Amelie Mauresmo, France, def. Silvia Farina Elia, Italy, 6-2, 6-1.
Mary Pierce, France, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.

Reverse Singles

Amelie Mauresmo, France, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Silvia Farina Elia, Italy, def. Emilie Loit, France, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

Doubles

Tathiana Garbin and Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Tatiana Golovin and Mary Pierce, France, 6-0, 7-6 (5).

At Club Nazaret
Jerez de la Frontera, Spain
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Spain 3, Belgium 2
Singles

Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 7-6 (5), 1-6, 6-2.
Els Callens, Belgium, def. Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, 2-6, 6-4, 11-9.

Reverse Singles

Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Els Callens, Belgium, 6-4, 6-0.
Maria Sanchez Lorenzo, Spain, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles

Anabel Medina Garrigues and Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, def. Els Callens and Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-3, 6-2.

Swedish Open

Monday
At Bastad Tennis Stadion
Bastad, Sweden
Purse: $462,173 (Intl. Series)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Championship

Gaston Gaudio (2), Argentina, def. Mariano Zabaleta (8), Argentina, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

Soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
MetroStars	6	6	4	22	28	31
D.C. United	5	6	5	20	22	22
Columbus	5	5	4	19	15	16
Chicago	4	5	6	18	16	16
New England	3	8	4	13	16	24

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	9	5	3	30	32	25
Kansas City	8	4	4	28	24	14
Colorado	5	4	6	21	13	14
Dallas	5	5	5	20	17	21
San Jose	4	6	5	17	23	23

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

MetroStars 2, San Jose 0
Columbus 0, Dallas 0, tie
Kansas City 1, D.C. United 0
Los Angeles 2, Colorado 0

Sunday's game

New England 1, Chicago 1, tie

Wednesday's games

Chicago at New England
Los Angeles at Colorado

2004 U.S. men's schedule

(Won 5, Lost 1, Tied 3)

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 — United States 3, Grenada 2
Sunday, July 11 — United States 1, Poland 1, tie
a-Wednesday, Aug. 18 — at Jamaica
a-Saturday, Sept. 4 — vs. El Salvador at Foxboro, Mass.
a-Wednesday, Sept. 8 — at Panama
a-Saturday, Oct. 9 or Sunday, Oct. 10 — at El Salvador
a-Wednesday, Oct. 13 — vs. Panama at Washington
a-Wednesday, Nov. 17 — vs. Jamaica at Columbus, Ohio
a-World Cup qualifier

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	10	7	.588	—
Connecticut	11	8	.579	—
Detroit	9	8	.529	1
Indiana	10	9	.526	1
New York	9	10	.474	2
Washington	8	9	.471	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	14	6	.700	—
Seattle	10	7	.588	2½
Minnesota	9	9	.500	4
Houston	8	11	.421	5½
Phoenix	8	11	.421	5½
Sacramento	7	10	.412	5½
San Antonio	5	13	.278	8

Sunday's games

New York 77, Phoenix 69
Connecticut 65, Indiana 61
Minnesota 83, Sacramento 73, OT

Monday's games

Sacramento at Detroit
San Antonio at Seattle

Tuesday's games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's games

Connecticut at Minnesota
Houston at Indiana

Deals

Weekend transactions

BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed 1B-DH Frank Thomas on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Joe Borchard from Charlotte of the IL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Rafael Betancourt from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Cliff Bartosh to Buffalo of the IL.
DETROIT TIGERS—Recalled LHP Wilfredo Ledezma from Erie of the Eastern League. Optioned RHP Franklyn German to Toledo of the IL.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Activated OF Shannon Stewart from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Michael Restovich to Rochester of the IL.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated RHP Orlando Hernandez from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Juan Padilla to Columbus of the IL.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Designated SS Rich Aurilia for assignment. Activated OF Raul Ibanez from the 15-day DL.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed OF Ken Griffey Jr. on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF John Vander Wal from Louisville of the IL. Transferred OF Austin Kearns from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Released INF Andy Fox.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Agreed to terms with G Brent Barry on a four-year contract.

Women's National Basketball Association

NEW YORK LIBERTY—Signed F Linda Frohlich to a seven-day contract.

American Basketball Association

GWINNETT GWIZZLIES—Released G Andrell Hoard.

SOCCER

NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME—Elected Scott Blackmun to the board of directors.

COLLEGE

COLGATE—Named Eve Rackham women's assistant volleyball coach.

TANK MCNAMARA

James first European to win Seniors major

The Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — Mark James thought he would have to put together a solid round to win the Senior Players Championship.

He found out just surviving was good enough.

Golf roundup

The former European Ryder Cup captain shot a 1-over 73 to hold off Spain's Jose Maria Canizares by a stroke Sunday. The Englishmen finished at 13-under 275 to become the first European player to win a Champions Tour major.

While James was getting ready to play, he heard from other players that the sun-baked TPC of Michigan was playing much tougher than it had the first three days.

"I was aware that nobody was having an easy time," he said. "People shooting even par in the middle of the field were moving up. It was obviously difficult."

Canizares proved that as much as any other player.

He had double bogeys at Nos. 14 and 17 in a 71.

Andy Bean's 68 was the only round in the 60s Sunday, two days after 25 players had sub-70 rounds.

"The course started off as a friendly little fellow and turned into a ruthless menace," James said.

Bruce Fleisher (71) finished third at 11 under, and Bruce Lietzke (71) was fourth, another stroke back.

Gary McCord (74) and Dana Quigley (72) tied for fifth at 9 under. Quigley played in the 250th consecutive event he has been eligible for since 1997, and 235th in a row overall.

"You couldn't shoot at the flags, because the greens were so dead," McCord said. "You had to make 20-footers, and I couldn't."

AP

Mark Hensby celebrates after winning the John Deere Classi on Sunday. Hensby was tied with John Morgan at 16-under 268 after the final round, but defeated him on the second playoff hole.

Just four years ago, James wasn't sure he would be able to play golf again.

The Englishman was so ill he could barely eat and was losing weight rapidly, then was diagnosed with testicular cancer. He has the first of two operations in October of 2000, and it took nearly two years for him to feel well again.

"It's been a dream, really," said James, who became the sixth player — and third straight — to make the Players Championship his first Champions Tour victory.

Hensby clinches Deere title, gives up British Open berth

SILVIS, Ill. — Mark Hensby won the John Deere Classic for his first victory, then made the startling announcement that he was turning down a spot in the British Open.

England's John Morgan, the runner-up to Hensby on Sunday, thought he was headed to Royal Troon instead but found out he wasn't.

From start to finish, this was a tournament of surprises.

Hensby tapped in for par on the second playoff hole to beat Morgan and claim his first PGA Tour victory after several close finishes this year.

The win also qualified Hensby for next week's British Open — an offer he declined. Hensby said he has no experience playing on links courses and wouldn't have enough time to prepare.

"It was really a no-brainer. I've never played a course like that," he said. "I feel pretty good inside that I gave it to John."

But, he didn't.

The PGA Tour initially announced the spot went to Morgan.

A thrilled Morgan said "I feel like a winner, I really do. It'll take a bit of time to sink in."

As it turned out, not that much time.

Long after the tournament was over, a Tour official announced that the spot did not go to Morgan. After speaking with British Open organizers, the Tour was told there is no clause that allows the winner to pass the spot on to the next-highest finisher.

It was a bizarre ending to a thrilling tournament.

Hensby birdied five of the first eight holes to rally from four shots down, finishing tied with Morgan at 16-under 268.

The Australian won it on the second playoff hole when Morgan hit his first shot on the par-3 16th far left of the green.

Greg Chalmers, playing in the final group, had a hole in one on the 226-yard, par-3 seventh to briefly get back in contention.

It was a lone high point for Chalmers. He finished two shots back in a tie for fourth with last year's champion Vijay Singh (67), Steve Stricker (68) and Joel Kribel (65).

Mallon earns North American double

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — Meg Mallon completed her North American double on Sunday, running away to win the Canadian Women's Open a week after winning the U.S. Women's Open.

Leaning heavily on her sharp putting stroke, Mallon shot a final-round 2-under 70, finishing with an 18-under 270 to win $195,000 at Legends on the Niagara Battlefield course.

Defending champion Beth Daniel finished second, four strokes back, after shooting a final-round 70. Jean Bartholonew (69) and Lorena Ochoa (70) finished in a tie for third at 276.

Mallon became the first woman to win both U.S. and Canadian titles in the same year and her 18-under matched a tournament record for lowest score, first set by Brandie Burton in 1998 at Windsor, Ontario.

She also became only the third U.S. Open champion to win an LPGA event the following week, joining Se Ri Pak, who did it in 1998 and Jane Geddes in 1986. Louise Suggs also won back-to-back events in 1952, but that's when the All-America Women's Open was held six weeks after the U.S. Open.

Source: Pistons offer McDyess $23M contract

BY LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Pistons have offered Antonio McDyess a four-year, $23 million contract, a source told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The NBA champion Pistons, according to a league source who spoke on the condition of anonymity, hope to sign the 6-foot-9 forward on Wednesday when the NBA's two-week player movement moratorium expires. The source said a fifth year is included in the deal, but it is not guaranteed.

McDyess has averaged 16.7 points, 8.5 rebounds and 1.6 blocks during his eight-year career, which has been plagued by injuries since the 2000-01 season.

He played 42 games last season — 24 in Phoenix and 18 with New York — and averaged 6.9 points and 6.1 rebounds.

McDyess played just 10 games for Denver during the 2001-02 season — one season after averaging 20.8 points and 12.1 rebounds — and missed all of the 2002-03 season with knee problems.

If McDyess signs with the Pistons, he will likely fill the void left by reserve center Mehmet Okur, a restricted free agent who has agreed to sign with the Utah Jazz.

Detroit is not expected to match the offer to Okur because its top priority is signing Rasheed Wallace, who helped the Pistons knock off the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Finals.

Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars traveled to Philadelphia almost a week ago to speak at Wallace's camp, and to talk to him about returning to Detroit.

McDyess made his regular-season debut last season with the Knicks against Detroit in December, nearly 14 months after breaking his kneecap in a preseason game.

New York later sent the former All-Star and Olympian to Phoenix as part of the Stephon Marbury trade.

McDyess, a former Alabama star, was picked second overall in 1995 by the Los Angeles Clippers and his draft rights were traded to Denver.

After two strong seasons with the Nuggets, he was sent to Phoenix, where he stayed only one season, before going back to Denver for three seasons as a free agent Denver traded him — again — after the 2001-02 season to New York for Marcus Camby and Nene Hilario.

AP

The Detroit Pistons have offered Antonio McDyess a four-year, $23 million contract, a source told The Associated Press.

McDyess looked spectacular in three exhibition games for the Knicks prior to the 2002-03 season, but his fortunes changed in the fourth game when he crumpled to the floor holding his knee — the same one he had surgically repaired the previous season.

McDyess was distraught later that night as he struggled to come to grips with the possibility of yet another career-threatening injury.

It turned out to be so serious McDyess needed two operations to correct it, but he was able to average 22 minutes in 42 games last season in New York and Phoenix.

Tour officials trying to bar two cyclists

The Associated Press

LIMOGES, France — Tour de France organizers have asked that two riders being investigated for suspected doping be withdrawn from the race.

Sports briefs

Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc said Monday that organizers don't want the riders, Stefano Casagranda and Martin Hvastija, to start Tuesday's ninth leg.

Leblanc said the organizers of cycling's premier race have asked the riders' teams to withdraw them.

"The two team directors have been informed, (the riders) will not be at the start tomorrow," Leblanc said. "According to our rules of conduct, we do not want the serenity of the competition disrupted by their presence in the race."

Hvastija, of Slovenia, was 124th overall in the standings, and Casagranda, of Italy, 155th after eight stages.

Before the start of the Tour, organizers said all riders "implicated in a judicial inquiry or under police investigation" would not be able to race.

Danilo Di Luca of Italy, David Millar of Britain and Cedric Vasseur of France, two of six Cofidis team members under investigation for suspected doping, have already been banned from the race. Last week, Belgian Christophe Brandt was expelled.

Hendrik Redant, coach of Brandt's Italian team Lotto-Domo, said the rider was sent home after testing positive for methadone, a drug used to help recovering heroin addicts.

Brandt suggested that a laboratory error might be to blame.

Power outage hits Athens

ATHENS, Greece — A widespread power outage hit Athens and southern Greece on Monday, cutting off air conditioning as temperatures pushed past 104 degrees and causing traffic chaos in the capital a month before the start of the Olympics.

The midday blackout, blamed by the government on "mismanagement" of the electrical grid, raised serious concerns about Athens' ability to handle increased power demands during the Olympics, but officials promised the network was ready to handle the Aug. 13-29 Games.

Preparations for the Olympics have been plagued by significant construction delays.

Greece's Public Power Corp. did not explain what caused the blackout, saying only that it knocked out four major plants. The company — an Olympic sponsor — blamed the state-owned grid operator for the outage.

AP

Rookie Kasey Kahne (9) slides along the wall on Turn 1 after his car was tapped from behind by Tony Stewart's car, leading to a multi-car accident during the Tropicana 400 Sunday in Joliet, Ill. The wreck sparked a fight in the pits between the teams' crews and led owner Ray Evernham to call for Stewart to be suspended.

Stewart touches off wreck, pit brawl in Chicagoland win

Rival owner Evernham calls for 2002 Cup champ to be suspended

BY NANCY ARMOUR
The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Trouble has a way of finding Tony Stewart.

With a car so smooth no one had a chance to catch him, Stewart raced to his first victory of the year Sunday in the Tropicana 400.

But he rolled into Victory Lane to boos, fallout from a collision with rookie Kasey Kahne that touched off a fight between pit crews and had Kahne's car owner, Ray Evernham, calling for Stewart to be suspended.

"The thing I've learned from this sport in the last couple of years is they like a good guy and they like a bad guy," Stewart said. "Nobody will let my past go away."

A past like Stewart's is hard to ignore. He has racked up more than $100,000 in fines in six years in NASCAR's top series, and is on probation through Aug. 18 for a for a run-in with Brian Vickers after the race June 27 in Sonoma, Calif. NASCAR also fined the 2002 champ $50,000 and docked him 25 championship points.

Asked if anyone would have cared about Sunday's wreck if he wasn't involved, Stewart said, "Nope. And it's understandable. We've been the hot topic of discussion about this all year.

"But I'm pretty much a black-and-white guy. If I make a mistake, I tell you. A lot of times I'm not proud of what I do, but whatever happened today, I didn't do it."

If only it were that easy.

Kahne was leading the race with Sterling Marlin second and Stewart third as the field completed a caution period and took the green flag on lap 127. All three were bunched tight in a pack with several cars not on the lead lap in front of Kahne.

After the restart, Stewart passed Marlin on the outside and slid in behind Kahne. But Stewart's Chevrolet tapped the back end of Kahne's Dodge, sending it headfirst into the wall while Stewart darted out of harm's way and into the lead.

Evernham and Kahne said Stewart spun the rookie intentionally.

"The 20 [car] was in the back of me and put us up in the wall. I don't know why he would do that," Kahne said. "He had the car to beat all day. All he had to do was go through a couple more turns and he probably would have passed us."

When Kahne checked up, Stewart said he had nowhere to go but Kahne's bumper.

"We didn't need the accident to win the race, we had the strongest car," Stewart said. "That wasn't going to make the race or break the race for us."

Stewart led 160 of the 267 laps on the 1½-mile oval, running as much as seven seconds ahead. After taking the lead for good on lap 241, he beat Nextel Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson by 2.925 seconds — almost 20 car lengths.

NASCAR decided the collision was simply a racing accident. There won't be any penalties.

"If I did something wrong, I can understand worrying about it," Stewart said. "I didn't do anything wrong. Whatever happened, it was a racing incident."

Not in the eyes of Kahne's team. A few seconds after the wreck, Kahne's crew chief, Tommy Baldwin, charged into Stewart's pit.

Baldwin and Greg Zipadelli, Stewart's crew chief, shouted at each other, and then members of the crews began fighting.

"I was just talking to Zippy and telling him his driver is a moron," Baldwin said. "They started pushing me and then the official grabbed me. I don't know what happened after that."

> *"Nobody has ever really grabbed him and given him a good beating. If he doesn't get suspended, maybe I'll do that."*
>
> **Ray Evernham**
> Kahne team owner

The pit crews mixed it up for a few minutes before order was restored. The shirt of one crew member was ripped open but no one was hurt. A decision on penalties won't come until later in the week, at the earliest.

Kahne eventually got back in the race, but his 36th-place finish dropped him three spots to 14th in the standings, 676 behind Johnson. Only the top 10 drivers — and others within 400 points of the lead — will be allowed to race for the championship over the final 10 events.

Johnson increased his lead in the series to 105 points over Dale Earnhardt Jr., who finished 22nd. Jeff Gordon is third, 242 points behind teammate Johnson. Stewart is 302 points back in fourth place.

"[Stewart] definitely needs to get suspended, and he should have his [backside] beat," said Evernham, owner of Kahne's team, Evernham Motorsports. "That's the problem with him. Nobody has ever really grabbed him and given him a good beating.

"If he doesn't get suspended, maybe I'll do that."

After the Chevys of Stewart and Johnson came the Ford of Dale Jarrett and the Chevy of polesitter Jeff Gordon. Jeremy Mayfield was fifth in a Dodge.

Bourdais' road clear to GP of Toronto title

BY MIKE HARRIS
The Associated Press

TORONTO — Another victory for Sebastien Bourdais and more trouble for Paul Tracy. Just another day in the Champ Car series.

Bourdais somehow avoided trouble Sunday on the way to his third straight victory, leading all but nine of 84 laps of the Grand Prix of Toronto.

Defending series champion Tracy found all the trouble Bourdais missed, being involved in two crashes and penalized twice by race officials.

The winner didn't even realize how chaotic it was on the tight, 1.755-mile, 10-turn street course at the edge of downtown Toronto.

Runner-up Jimmy Vasser brought a surprised look to Bourdais' face when he talked about the race.

"It was pretty wild out there and I had a great seat for a lot of the action," Vasser said. "Apparently, it was all behind Sebastien."

Bourdais listened closely as Vasser and third-place finisher Patrick Carpentier talked about the race that included seven caution flags and plenty of collisions and near misses.

"About the only thing I can say is I'm glad I was out front because it looks like it was real crazy out there," Bourdais said, smiling. "Apparently, I missed a lot of it. I just tried to keep my nose clean and stay focused out there."

The 25-year-old Frenchman started from the pole and was virtually assured of his fourth win of the season and taking over the series points lead from Bruno Junqueira when his Newman/Haas Racing teammate crashed on the first turn of the race.

Schumacher will chase own record in Germany

BY SALVATORE ZANCA
The Associated Press

SILVERSTONE, England — Even the renewal of a rivalry couldn't keep Michael Schumacher from winning again.

Now he looks to return to his native Germany in two weeks with a chance to equal another Formula One record.

After his 10th victory of the year Sunday in the British Grand Prix, Schumacher can match the record of 11 wins in a season in the German GP on July 25. When he set the record of 11 in 2002, he needed 17 races to do it.

This year, Schumacher can do it in just 12.

On Sunday, he finished 2.1 seconds ahead of McLaren's Kimi Raikkonen. Raikkonen came close to Schumacher, making a race of it for the first time this season.

Rubens Barrichello, Schumacher's Ferrari teammate, finished third.

Raikkonen has gotten progressively quicker since McLaren introduced its new model MP4-19B in the previous race, the French Grand Prix. He qualified first for this race and had the top practice times in his Mercedes-powered car.

Now the drivers head to Hockenheim, Germany, and Raikkonen is intent on getting better.

"I guess that it is a quick car and it is reliable, but we still need to improve it and I think we are getting some new parts for the next race," Raikkonen said.

But Schumacher's team is not standing still.

"Certainly we are not sleeping so we are working on new projects but we keep on working on the old one as well, because we like winning, honestly," Schumacher said.

With seven of 18 races remaining, Schumacher has 100 points. Barrichello is second with 74.

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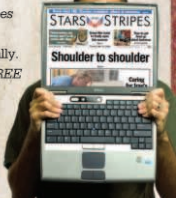

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100: Greene backs up his 'G.O.A.T.' motto

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That left Alvin Harrison as the only one of the four still running at the trials. He made it through the first round of the 400 Sunday.

Jones has not been formally accused of any drug offense, but remains under investigation by the USADA. She has repeatedly, firmly denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs.

After her poor showing Saturday, she followed a beefy bodyguard off the track to a golf cart that took her away.

"I talk to you guys and you say something negative," she said. "I don't talk to you guys and you say something negative. I'd much rather not talk and spend time with my son."

Montgomery is finished, but Jones will be back at the Cal State-Sacramento track Monday night for the long jump qualifying. She also is entered in the 200.

Greene, who turns 30 on July 23, appeared ready to defend his gold medal in the 100 with a 9.91 clocking. Justin Gatlin was second at 9.92 and Shawn Crawford third at 9.93. The top three in each event make the Olympic team.

"My goal is to go 1-2-3 and show the world we have the best sprinters," Greene said.

Crawford has the world's fastest time this year, 9.87 seconds last month in the Prefontaine Classic.

"I think I'll win it" in Athens, Crawford said. "I'm through being humble."

Greene's comeback from a broken leg in a 2002 motorcycle accident is complete.

"Greatest of all time, what can I say?" he said.

That's what the "G.O.A.T" tattoo on his right biceps stands for. There's also a lion in the tattoo, representing Greene's self-proclaimed status as king.

"And the track is my jungle," he said.

By winning, Greene prevented a sweep of the sprint titles by coach Trevor Graham — whose pupils include Gatlin, Crawford and women's 100 champion LaTasha Colander. Graham is the former coach of Montgomery and Jones, who dumped him last year.

Montgomery, Jones and dozens of other athletes testified before the grand jury that ultimately indicted four men connected with the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. The four men, including baseball star Barry Bonds' personal trainer, have pleaded innocent to distributing steroids to top athletes.

Harrison finished second in his opening-round heat of the 400 to advance to Monday's semifinals. Also advancing was his twin brother, Calvin, who faces a two-year suspension for failing two drug tests.

"Everything will be OK, so just keep your thumbs up and keep the smiles going," Alvin Harrison said. "Everything's all right."

Joining the Harrisons in the semifinals was world champion Jerome Young, who recently had his 2000 Olympic relay gold medal taken away because of a failed drug test in 1999.

In other events Sunday in 96-degree heat, Tiombe Hurd — who is legally blind — broke the U.S. record in the women's triple jump with a winning leap of 47 feet, 5 inches. The old record of 47-3½ was set by Shelia Hudson in 1996.

Sheena Johnson, who just completed her senior season at UCLA, won the 400 hurdles in a world-leading 52.95 seconds, the fastest time by an American on U.S. soil.

Johnson, Brenda Taylor and Lashinda Demus had the three fastest times in the world in making the U.S. team in the event.

Tim Mack won the men's pole vault, but failed in three attempts to break the U.S. record of 19-9½. He will be joined in Athens by Toby Stevenson and Derek Miles. Defending Olympic champion Nick Hysong finished fifth and failed to qualify.

World champion Dwight Phillips easily won the long jump. The event was absent his chief rival, Savante Stringfellow, who is out for the season with a torn Achilles' tendon.

Hansen, Lezak earn share of spotlight at swim trials

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Brendan Hansen set another world record at the U.S. swim trials on Sunday, stealing some attention away from Michael Phelps.

Hansen won the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2 minutes, 9.04 seconds, beating the record of 2:09.42 set by Japan's Kosuke Kitajima at last year's world championships.

On Thursday, Hansen broke Kitajima's record in the 100 breaststroke.

"When I got in this pool for the first time, I definitely thought something special might happen here," Hansen said.

It did. The 22-year-old native of Havertown, Pa., became the first American since John Hencken in 1974 to hold the world record at both distances.

In other races, Jason Lezak won the 100 freestyle and gained the upper hand over rival Gary Hall Jr., who finished third. Hall still earned a trip to Athens on the relays, joining Gary Hall Sr. as the first father-son duo to make three Olympics apiece.

"I just qualified for my third Olympics and I'm really happy," Hall said. "I'd also like to start campaigning now for team captain."

In another testament to family ties, Dana Kirk won the 200 butterfly, joining older sibling Tara as the first sisters to make the same U.S. Olympic swim team.

Ed Moses, who was America's dominant breaststroker at the Sydney Games, failed in his bid to return to the Olympics. Bothered by breathing problems, he struggled to a fourth-place showing, more than three seconds behind runner-up Scott Usher, who claimed the expected second spot on the team at 2:10.90.

"It's 100 percent disappointing," Moses said.

Then there's Hansen, the dominant college breaststroker over the past four years who peaked at just the right time. He even surprised his coach by eclipsing Kitajima's 200 record.

"We figured it would be two or three years down the line before anyone broke it," said Eddie Reese, who coached Hansen at Texas and will be part of the U.S. staff in Athens. "The only way he could break it was to go out as fast as he went out. The 100 speed gave him the confidence to push his 200 out."

Hall made his third Olympic team in Long Beach, just as his father did 28 years ago. At those trials, the elder Hall held up his son — not yet 2 years old — in the pool after qualifying for the Montreal Games.

"I have no recollection of that," Hall Jr. quipped.

But Lezak got the last laugh in this pool, a temporary outdoor structure set up at the Long Beach harbor. He went out strong — under-world-record pace at the turn — and held on to win at 48.41.

Ian Crocker, who holds the world record in the 100 butterfly, earned the second individual spot at 49.06. After winning bronze at Sydney, Hall missed a chance to duplicate that feat in Athens, but he'll swim the 400 free relay.

Lezak and Hall have been trash-talking back and forth over the past few months, their rivalry sparked again at the trials when Hall's agent, David Arluck, compared Lezak to "Spud Webb kicking Michael Jordan in the shins."

"That will never go away," backstroker Aaron Peirsol said. "They're sprinters, man. Sprinters are a different breed. It's expected."

Lezak took advantage of a great start, hitting the water two-tenths of a second ahead of Hall, and gutted it out at the end.

"I was really tired going into the wall," Lezak said. "I saw my competition to the side of me and I just wanted to get there before them."

When it was over, Hall leaned over the rope and shook hands with Lezak — their feud apparently put aside for now.

Dana Kirk also went out strong in the butterfly and held on to win in 2:08.86. Tara Kirk had already made the team in the 100 breaststroke.

Kaitlin Sandeno finished second to Dana Kirk at 2:09.94, claiming a spot in her third individual event for Athens.

"It's great to be on the Olympic team with my sister," Dana Kirk said. "I've been waiting for this a long time. It's going to be great having someone there who knows what I need to swim my best."

Misty Hyman finished last in the eight-woman final — very different from her performance four years ago, when she won Olympic gold with a stunning upset of "Madame Butterfly," Australia's Susan O'Neill.

"I'm obviously disappointed," Hyman said. "Training had just started coming together in the last four or five months. I was hoping it would be enough, but it was too little, too late."

Phelps had his busiest day yet with four races. He advanced to Monday's final in the 200 backstroke as the second-fastest qualifier behind Peirsol, the world record-holder and silver medalist at Sydney.

Peirsol challenged his own world record with a time of 1:55.33 — just 0.18 off the mark. Phelps, conserving energy for the 200 IM semis, won his heat at 1:57.30.

"It was pretty easy," Peirsol said. "It's good that I'm two seconds ahead of the field. I will do the best I can to hold [Phelps] off tomorrow. I am not going to hold back. This is not the place to do that."

Phelps, who holds the world record in the 200 IM, was easily the fastest semis qualifier at 1:57.64 — nearly four seconds ahead of anyone else.

Armstrong remains wary of Ullrich

BY JAMEY KEATEN
The Associated Press

LIMOGES, France — Lance Armstrong knows exactly where his biggest rival stands in the Tour de France.

While Jan Ullrich went largely unnoticed in the crash-marred first week, Armstrong has been paying close attention to the German and figures he'll be a factor in the mountain stages.

"That's OK to be quiet so far," Armstrong said. "He's been safe, conservative and out of the way."

Still, doubts about Ullrich remain.

"Where's Ullrich?" read a headline Sunday in the French sports newspaper L'Equipe, speculating that a cold he had in the week before the race could have hurt him.

But his team insists all is well, and Armstrong rejected suggestions that the 30-year-old German has lost his drive after five second-place finishes — one off the record in the event.

"He's hungry," Armstrong said after he and other riders arrived by plane Sunday in Limoges.

After a rest day Monday, the race heads for three days into the Massif Central, a mountainous, agricultural plateau offering an indication of how riders will fare in tougher climbs through the Pyrenees and Alps later in the three-week event.

"We'll start to see the start of the real race," said Armstrong, seeking his record sixth straight title.

Norway's Thor Hushovd, the winner Sunday in a hilly but fast stage through Brittany in western France, and other speedsters will give way in the mountains to more nimble climbers and all-arounders such as Ullrich and Armstrong.

French champion Thomas Voeckler retained the overall leader's yellow jersey, with Armstrong sixth — 9 minutes, 35 seconds behind.

Ullrich was 20th — 55 seconds behind the American.

Armstrong and other top riders, including American Tyler Hamilton and Italy's Ivan Basso, are likely to make moves to wrest the yellow jersey from Voeckler before the race finishes in Paris on July 25.

More than half of the 188 riders who started the race July 3 have been involved in crashes — the latest Sunday in the 104.4-mile stage from Lamballe to Quimper in Brittany.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	55	31	.640	—
Boston	48	38	.558	7
Tampa Bay	42	45	.483	13½
Toronto	39	49	.443	17
Baltimore	37	48	.435	17½
Central Division				
Chicago	46	38	.548	—
Minnesota	47	40	.540	½
Cleveland	42	45	.483	5½
Detroit	42	45	.483	5½
Kansas City	31	54	.365	15½
West Division				
Texas	49	37	.570	—
Oakland	47	39	.547	2
Anaheim	47	40	.540	2½
Seattle	32	54	.372	17

Sunday's games
Anaheim 5, Toronto 2
Cleveland 4, Oakland 1
N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 11, Baltimore 7
Texas 6, Boston 5
Detroit 2, Minnesota 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 3

Monday's games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's game
All-Star Game at Houston

Wednesday's games
No games scheduled

Thursday's games
Baltimore at Tampa Bay
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit
Minnesota at Kansas City
Boston at Anaheim
Chicago White Sox at Oakland
Cleveland at Seattle

Sunday

Angels 5, Blue Jays 2

ANAHEIM	ab	r	h	bi	TORONTO	ab	r	h	bi
Eckstin ss	4	0	1	0	Jhnson cf	4	0	0	0
Figgins 3b	5	0	1	1	OHudsn 2b	3	0	1	0
GAndsn cf	5	0	1	1	Hinske 3b	4	0	1	0
VGrero dh	4	1	1	0	CDlgdo dh	4	1	1	1
JGillen lf	4	0	1	0	Zaun c	4	1	2	0
Erstad 1b	4	1	2	1	Rios rf	3	0	0	0
DVnon rf	3	1	1	0	JPhlps 1b	4	0	0	0
BMolna c	4	0	1	1	Gomez ss	4	0	1	1
AKndy 2b	4	2	3	1	HClark lf	3	0	1	0
Totals	37	5	12	5	**Totals**	33	2	7	2

Anaheim 011 012 000—5
Toronto 020 000 000—2

E—OHudson (8), Gomez (7). DP—Toronto 3. LOB—Anaheim 7, Toronto 6. 2B—Figgins (13), VGuerrero (25), AKennedy (12), Hinske (14), HClark (6). 3B—AKennedy (4). HR—CDelgado (10). S—Eckstein, Rios.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
Lackey W,7-8	5 2/3	6	2	2	0	5
Shields	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	0
FRodriguez	1	0	0	0	1	1
Percival S,15	1	0	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
MBatista L,8-6	6	10	5	5	0	2
Chulk	2	1	0	0	1	1
Frasor	1	1	0	0	0	0

WP—Lackey. T—2:39. A—17,573 (50,598).

Indians 4, Athletics 1

OAKLAND	ab	r	h	bi	CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi
Kotsay cf	4	1	2	0	Blliard 2b	4	1	1	0
Kielty lf	3	0	0	0	Crisp cf	4	2	3	2
McLmr ph	0	0	0	0	Lawton lf	4	1	1	0
EChavz 3b	5	0	1	1	VMrtnz c	4	0	2	0
Dye rf	4	0	2	0	Blake 3b	2	0	1	0
Byrnes lf	0	0	0	0	Hafner dh	4	0	1	2
Durazo dh	4	0	1	0	Merloni 1b	3	0	0	0
Karros 1b	3	0	1	0	Brssrd 1b	1	0	0	0
Httberg 1b	1	0	0	0	Gerut rf	0	0	0	0
Crosby ss	4	0	0	0	JMcDld ss	3	0	0	0
DMiller c	3	0	0	0					
Scutaro 2b	4	0	2	0					
Totals	35	1	9	1	**Totals**	29	4	9	4

Oakland 001 000 000—1
Cleveland 000 101 02x—4

DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Oakland 11, Cleveland 6. 2B—EChavez (7), Scutaro (22), Crisp (13), Blake (16). HR—Crisp (5). CS—Crisp (8), Gerut (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Zito L,4-7	7	6	2	2	4	6
Dotel	1	3	2	2	0	0
Cleveland						
ClLee W,9-1	7	6	1	1	3	5
Wickman	1	2	0	0	0	1
Riske S,4	1	1	0	0	1	0

HBP—by Dotel (Blake). T—2:55. A—24,622 (43,389).

Yankees 10, Devil Rays 3

TAMPA BAY	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi
Crwfrd lf	5	0	1	0	BWllms cf	5	0	0	0
Baldelli cf	5	0	0	0	Jeter ss	5	1	1	0
Huff 3b	3	1	1	1	Shffield rf	4	2	3	2
TMrtnz 1b	3	1	1	0	Crosby rf	0	0	0	0
JoCruz rf	4	0	0	0	ARdrgz 3b	5	1	1	0
Lugo ss	3	1	2	0	JaGbi dh	4	1	1	1
Fick dh	2	0	0	0	Posada c	2	1	2	2
Rolls dh	2	0	0	0	Flherty c	2	0	0	0
THall c	4	0	3	2	Matsui lf	4	2	3	2
Blum 2b	4	0	1	0	TClark 1b	4	2	2	3
					Cairo 2b	4	0	2	0
Totals	35	3	9	3	**Totals**	39	10	15	10

Tampa Bay 000 201 000— 3
New York 014 002 21x—10

E—Baldelli (6). LOB—Tampa Bay 8, New York 6. 2B—Lugo (22), Jeter (22), Cairo (11). HR—Huff (13), Sheffield (16), Posada (11), Matsui (17), TClark 2 (10). CS—Crawford (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Hndrck L,6-7	3	8	5	5	0	1
JoSosa	3	4	2	2	1	4
LCarter	1	2	2	2	0	1
DBaez	1	1	1	1	0	2
New York						
OHrndz W,1-0	5	5	2	2	3	5
Heredia	2 2/3	2	1	1	0	1
Marsonek	1 1/3	2	0	0	0	0

PB—Posada. T—2:58. A—53,383 (57,478).

Royals 11, Orioles 7

KANSAS CITY	ab	r	h	bi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	bi
Rlaford 3b	6	1	1	0	BRbrts 2b	5	1	0	0
Grffnno 2b	6	0	2	1	Newhn lf	4	2	2	1
MiSwy 1b	6	3	4	3	Tejada ss	5	1	2	2
Stairs rf	4	1	3	2	JvLopz dh	5	1	2	3
RMateo rf	1	0	0	0	RPlmo 1b	3	0	1	0
Harvey dh	5	0	0	0	Hrst Jr rf	4	1	2	0
DBrwn lf	5	2	3	0	JLeon 3b	4	0	1	1
DJcksn lf	0	0	0	0	Matos cf	4	0	0	0
Berroa ss	4	2	2	1	Hckaby c	4	1	2	0
DJesus cf	4	1	1	1					
Buck c	4	1	1	0					
Totals	45	11	17	8	**Totals**	38	7	12	7

Kansas City 102 002 600—11
Baltimore 001 100 032— 7

E—JLeon (1). LOB—Kansas City 11, Baltimore 6. 2B—Relaford (8), Stairs (7), DBrown (2), DeJesus (1), Newhan (4), Tejada (20), Hairston Jr. (13), Huckaby (2). HR—MiSweeney 2 (16), Stairs (12), JvLopez (12). SB—DBrown (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Gobble W,5-6	6	6	2	2	1	1
Seanez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Huisman	1	3	3	3	1	2
Cerda	2/3	3	2	2	0	0
Bukvich	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
RLopez L,6-6	5 1/3	10	5	5	0	3
Rodriguez	2/3	1	1	1	1	0
Groom	2/3	4	5	3	1	1
DeJean	1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Parrish	2	1	0	0	1	3

Rodriguez pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. HBP—by DeJean (Stairs). PB—Buck. Balk—Groom. T—3:16. A—31,042 (48,286).

Rangers 6, Red Sox 5

TEXAS	ab	r	h	bi	BOSTON	ab	r	h	bi
MYong ss	6	0	2	0	Damon cf	5	1	1	1
Blalock 3b	5	0	0	0	Bllhorn 2b	4	1	1	0
ASrano 2b	2	2	2	2	DOrtiz dh	4	1	2	1
Fllmer dh	5	0	2	0	Grcprr ss	4	0	1	0
Txeira 1b	4	1	1	2	Nixon rf	4	0	0	1
EYong lf	5	1	5	0	Millar lf	2	0	0	0
Mench rf	4	1	1	2	McCty 1b	4	0	0	0
Mathws rf	1	0	1	0	Mueller 3b	2	1	1	0
Nix cf	4	0	2	0	Reese pr	0	0	0	0
Brajas c	4	0	1	0	Mrbelli c	3	1	1	2
Conti pr	0	1	0	0	MRmrz ph	1	0	0	0
Ardoin c	1	0	0	0					
Totals	41	6	17	6	**Totals**	33	5	7	5

Texas 030 010 110—6
Boston 000 200 300—5

E—Blalock (8), Ardoin (1), McCarty (2). DP—Texas 1, Boston 1. LOB—Texas 13, Boston 6. 2B—MYoung (18), Fullmer (19), EYoung (9), Matthews (7), DOrtiz (33). HR—ASoriano (17), Teixeira (18), Mench (13), Damon (10), Mirabelli (7). SB—ASoriano (9), Damon 2 (11), Garciaparra (2). SF—ASoriano, Teixeira.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Drese	6	4	2	2	1	3
Francisco	2/3	2	3	3	2	1
BShouse W,2-0	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
FCordero S,27	2	1	0	0	1	3
Boston						
Wakefield	6	12	5	5	1	5
Leskanic	1	1	0	0	0	1
Foulke L,2-2	2	4	1	1	1	2

Wakefield pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. HBP—by Drese (Millar), by Wakefield (ASoriano). T—3:04. A—34,778 (35,095).

Tigers 2, Twins 0

DETROIT	ab	r	h	bi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	h	bi
Infante cf	4	0	0	0	CGzmn ss	4	0	1	0
Hggnsn rf	4	0	0	0	LFord lf	4	0	0	0
CGillen ss	3	0	0	0	Mauer c	4	0	0	0
DYong 1b	4	0	0	0	Koskie 3b	4	0	1	0
RoWhte dh	2	0	0	0	THnter cf	4	0	1	0
Thmes lf	3	0	1	0	JJones rf	3	0	1	0
DFelice c	3	1	0	0	LeCroy 1b	3	0	0	0
Munson 3b	3	1	1	2	Offrmn dh	3	0	1	0
JSmith 2b	3	0	0	0	Punto 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	29	2	2	2	**Totals**	31	0	5	0

Detroit 020 000 000—2
Minnesota 000 000 000—0

E—Santana (4). DP—Detroit 1. LOB—Detroit 2, Minnesota 5. 2B—Thames (4), CGuzman (17), JJones (12). HR—Munson (12). SB—Infante (6).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
JJohnson W,7-7	9	5	0	0	1	11
Minnesota						
Santana L,7-6	8	2	2	2	2	11
Nathan	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—JJohnson. T—2:08. A—21,618 (45,423).

White Sox 4, Mariners 3

SEATTLE	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	4	1	2	0	Uribe 2b	4	1	1	1
Winn cf	4	1	3	2	Rwand cf	4	1	1	1
BBoone 2b	4	0	0	0	MOrdz dh	4	0	0	0
Ibanez lf	4	0	1	0	CaLee lf	3	0	0	0
EMrtnz dh	4	0	0	0	Knerko 1b	2	0	1	0
Olerud 1b	3	0	0	0	Crede 3b	3	0	0	0
Spiezio 3b	4	0	1	0	Brchrd rf	3	1	1	0
DWilsn c	3	0	0	0	Vlentin ss	3	1	1	2
Blmqist ss	2	1	0	0	BDavis c	3	0	0	0
					Burke c	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	7	2	**Totals**	29	4	5	4

Seattle 002 010 000—3
Chicago 000 130 00x—4

DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Seattle 4, Chicago 2. 2B—Winn (21), Spiezio (9). HR—Winn (8), Uribe (12), Rowand (9), Valentin (18). SB—Winn (9).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Moyer L,6-6	8	5	4	4	1	7
Chicago						
FGarcia W,6-8	6 2/3	6	3	3	1	7
Marte	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Takatsu S,5	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by FGarcia (Olerud). T—2:19. A—31,305 (40,615).

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	46	41	.529	—
Atlanta	45	42	.517	1
Florida	45	43	.511	1½
New York	44	43	.506	2
Montreal	31	56	.356	15
Central Division				
St. Louis	54	33	.621	—
Chicago	47	40	.540	7
Cincinnati	47	41	.534	7½
Milwaukee	45	41	.523	8½
Houston	44	44	.500	10½
Pittsburgh	39	47	.453	14½
West Division				
Los Angeles	48	38	.558	—
San Francisco	49	40	.551	½
San Diego	47	41	.534	2
Colorado	36	51	.414	12½
Arizona	31	58	.348	18½

Sunday's games
Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 1
Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 4
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 6
Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 2
San Diego 4, Colorado 2
San Francisco 9, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 7, Houston 4
Chicago Cubs 8, St. Louis 4

Monday's games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's game
All-Star Game at Houston

Wednesday's games
No games scheduled

Thursday's games
St. Louis at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets
Montreal at Atlanta
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs
San Francisco at Colorado
Los Angeles at Arizona

Expos 2, Pirates 1

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	MONTREAL	ab	r	h	bi
Kendall c	3	0	1	0	Wlkrsn lf	3	0	0	0
JWilsn ss	4	0	0	0	EChvez cf	4	0	1	0
Bay lf	4	0	0	0	TBtsta 3b	3	1	1	0
CWilsn 1b	3	0	0	0	NJhnsn 1b	3	0	1	0
TAlvrz cf	3	0	1	0	OCbera ss	4	0	0	0
TRdmn ph	1	0	0	0	Sledge rf	2	1	0	1
Stynes 3b	2	0	1	0	Schndr c	3	0	3	0
Simon ph	1	0	0	0	Carroll 2b	3	0	0	1
JDavis rf	1	0	1	0	Downs p	1	0	0	0
Mckwk rf	3	1	1	0	JRivra ph	1	0	0	0
Castillo 2b	4	0	1	0	Ayala p	0	0	0	0
Fogg p	2	0	0	0	CCrdro p	0	0	0	0
Hill ph	1	0	0	0					
Gnzalez p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	32	1	6	0	**Totals**	27	2	6	2

Pittsburgh 010 000 000—1
Montreal 000 011 00x—2

E—Mackowiak (8), Carroll (3). DP—Pittsburgh 2, Montreal 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 7, Montreal 6. 2B—TAlvarez (2), JDavis (1), TBatista (10). CS—Sledge (2). S—Downs.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Fogg L,6-7	6	4	2	2	3	1
Gonzalez	2	2	0	0	0	2
Montreal						
Downs W,1-3	7	5	1	0	2	5
Ayala	1	0	0	0	0	1
CCordero S,7	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Fogg (TBatista), by Downs (CWilson). WP—Gonzalez. T—2:11. A—8,101 (19,000).

Braves 6, Phillies 4

ATLANTA	ab	r	h	bi	PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	1	2	0	Rollins ss	5	0	1	0
NGreen 2b	5	0	2	0	Planco 2b	5	0	1	0
JDrew rf	5	2	4	2	BAbreu rf	4	1	2	0
CJones 3b	4	1	2	0	Thome 1b	4	0	0	0
JEstda c	5	1	1	0	Burrell lf	4	1	1	1
JuFrco 1b	4	1	2	3	Ledee cf	3	1	1	0
AJones cf	4	0	0	0	DaBell 3b	3	1	1	2
Mrrero lf	5	0	3	0	Lbrthal c	4	0	1	0
RuOrtiz p	1	0	0	0	Wolf p	0	0	0	1
Alfnsca p	0	0	0	0	RHrndz p	0	0	0	0
Ritsma p	0	0	0	0	Mchels ph	0	0	0	0
Thmas ph	1	0	0	0	Madson p	0	0	0	0
Smoltz p	1	0	0	0	Worrell p	0	0	0	0
					Utley ph	1	0	0	0
					BWgnr p	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	6	16	5	**Totals**	33	4	8	4

Atlanta 000 104 010—6
Philadelphia 100 102 000—4

DP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Atlanta 12, Philadelphia 11. 2B—JDrew (16), JEstrada (27). HR—JDrew (21), JuFranco (6), DaBell (12). S—RuOrtiz 2, Wolf. SF—Wolf.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta						
RuOrtiz W,10-6	5 2/3	6	4	4	5	2
Alfonseca	2/3	0	0	0	1	1
Reitsma	2/3	0	0	0	1	1
Smoltz S,16	2	2	0	0	0	3
Philadelphia						
Wolf L,3-5	5 1/3	10	5	5	1	5
RHernandez	2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Madson	1	2	0	0	1	0
Worrell	1	3	1	1	0	0
BWagner	1	1	0	0	1	2

T—3:26. A—44,519 (43,500).

Reds 9, Brewers 6

CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi	MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi
DJmnz 2b	3	1	1	1	Pdsdnk cf	5	1	1	0
JCastro ss	5	0	0	0	Cunsell ss	4	1	1	0
Dunn lf	4	1	1	0	Jenkins lf	4	1	1	1
JaCruz rf	5	1	2	1	Ovrbay 1b	4	2	3	1
LaRue c	5	2	2	2	KGintr 2b	3	1	1	1
WPena cf	5	3	4	3	Adams p	0	0	0	0
Hmmel 1b	4	0	0	0	LVzcno p	0	0	0	0
GWhite p	0	0	0	0	Mgrder ph	0	0	0	0
TJones p	0	0	0	0	Kolb p	0	0	0	0
Larkin ph	1	0	1	0	JBenntt p	0	0	0	0
Graves p	0	0	0	0	BClark rf	2	0	0	1
Larson 3b	5	1	2	1	Helms 3b	2	0	0	1
JoAvdo p	2	0	0	0	Grieve ph	1	0	0	0
Vlentin ph	1	0	1	1	GBnntt c	2	0	0	1
Redling p	0	0	0	0	Kschnk ph	1	0	1	0
Vn Wal 1b	1	0	1	0	VSants p	2	0	0	0
					Kinney p	0	0	0	0
					BHall 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	41	9	15	9	**Totals**	32	6	8	6

Cincinnati 011 002 203—9
Milwaukee 500 000 010—6

E—Podsednik (2). DP—Cincinnati 1, Milwaukee 1. LOB—Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 4. 2B—DJimenez (15), Dunn (15), Vander Wal (1), Overbay (37), Kieschnick (3). HR—LaRue (8), WPena 2 (10), Overbay (10). SF—Helms, GBennett.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
JoAcevedo	5	6	5	5	2	6
Riedling	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1
GWhite	1	1	1	1	1	0
TJones W,7-2	2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Graves S,33	1	1	0	0	0	2
Milwaukee						
VSantos	5 2/3	6	4	4	3	6
Kinney	0	2	0	0	0	0
Adams	1 2/3	3	2	2	0	1
LVizcaino	2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Kolb L,0-1	1/3	4	3	3	0	0
JBennett	2/3	0	0	0	0	0

Kinney pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. PB—LaRue. T—3:17. A—31,841 (41,900).

Marlins 5, Mets 2

NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi	FLORIDA	ab	r	h	bi
Matsui ss	4	0	1	0	Pierre cf	4	1	2	0
Zeile 3b	4	0	0	0	LCstillo 2b	4	1	1	0
Piazza 1b	4	0	0	0	Cbrera rf	3	1	0	0
Hidalgo rf	4	0	0	0	Lowell 3b	3	1	1	1
Wggntn 2b	4	1	1	0	Conine lf	2	1	1	4
Spncer lf	4	1	2	1	Choi 1b	3	0	0	0
Cmeron cf	3	0	1	0	AGnzlz ss	4	0	0	0
VWilsn c	3	0	1	1	Tranor c	3	0	0	0
Leiter p	1	0	0	0	Willis p	3	0	0	0
Moreno p	0	0	0	0	Koch p	0	0	0	0
Reyes ph	1	0	0	0	Easley ph	1	0	0	0
Bttlco p	0	0	0	0	Benitez p	0	0	0	0
JPhllps ph	0	0	0	0					
KGarca ph	1	0	0	0					
Stanton p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	2	6	2	**Totals**	30	5	5	5

New York 000 000 200—2
Florida 004 000 10x—5

E—Zeile (10), Choi (5). LOB—New York 5, Florida 8. 2B—Matsui (27), Wigginton (19), Spencer (10), Pierre (12), Lowell (26). 3B—LCastillo (5). HR—Conine (6). SB—VWilson (1), Pierre (21), Cabrera (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Leiter L,5-3	3	3	4	4	2	2
Moreno	1	0	0	0	1	0
Bottalico	2	0	0	0	1	4
Stanton	2	2	1	1	2	2
Florida						
Willis W,7-5	6 1/3	6	2	2	1	7
Koch	1 2/3	0	0	0	0	4
Benitez S,30	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Moreno (Treanor). WP—Willis. T—2:57. A—25,735 (36,331).

Padres 4, Rockies 2

COLORADO	ab	r	h	bi	SAN DIEGO	ab	r	h	bi
Miles 2b	5	1	2	0	Brrghs 3b	4	0	0	0
Clayton ss	2	0	1	0	Loretta 2b	4	1	2	1
Helton 1b	4	0	1	1	BGiles rf	2	2	1	0
LWalkr rf	3	0	1	0	Klesko 1b	3	1	1	2
Burnitz lf	3	0	1	0	Payton cf	4	0	1	1
PrWlsn cf	4	1	2	1	Nady lf	3	0	0	0
CJhson c	4	0	0	0	Lnbrnk p	0	0	0	0
LuGnzl 3b	3	0	0	0	Otsuka p	0	0	0	0
Stark p	2	0	0	0	Bragg ph	1	0	0	0
Pellow ph	1	0	0	0	Hffman p	0	0	0	0
Smpson p	0	0	0	0	Ojeda c	3	0	1	0
JrLopz p	0	0	0	0	KGreen ss	3	0	1	0
Brnero p	0	0	0	0	IValdez p	2	0	0	0
MaSwy ph	1	0	0	0	Long lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	8	2	**Totals**	31	4	7	4

Colorado 001 000 010—2
San Diego 002 010 10x—4

DP—San Diego 2. LOB—Colorado 8, San Diego 8. 2B—Clayton (26), LWalker (7). HR—PrWilson (2), Loretta (8), Klesko (2). SB—KGreene (3). S—Clayton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
Stark L,0-4	5	5	3	3	5	2
Simpson	1	1	1	1	0	2
JrLopez	2/3	0	0	0	0	1
Bernero	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	0
San Diego						
IValdez W,8-5	5	6	1	1	4	0
Linebrink	2	1	0	0	0	3
Otsuka	1	1	1	1	0	2
Hoffman S,23	1	0	0	0	0	2

Simpson pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. T—2:38. A—41,188 (42,445).

Cubs 8, Cardinals 4

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	ST. LOUIS	ab	r	h	bi
Macias 3b	5	2	3	0	Wmack 2b	4	0	1	1
Grdzln 2b	4	2	1	0	Rnteria ss	5	0	1	0
CPttson cf	5	1	1	1	Pujols 1b	5	0	2	1
SSosa rf	5	1	2	5	Rolen 3b	5	0	0	0
Alou lf	4	1	2	0	Edmnd cf	2	1	1	1
DeLee 1b	4	0	2	0	Tguchi cf	1	0	0	0
Barrett c	5	1	2	2	Cedeno lf	3	1	1	0
ROrdnz ss	5	0	2	0	RSndrs rf	4	1	1	0
Wood p	3	0	1	0	Mtheny c	2	1	0	1
Beltran p	0	0	0	0	Crpnter p	1	0	0	0
Rmlngr p	0	0	0	0	Eldred p	0	0	0	0
Mddux ph	0	0	0	0	Lnkfrd ph	1	0	0	0
Frnswr p	0	0	0	0	Calero p	0	0	0	0
Hwkins p	0	0	0	0	MAndn ph	0	0	0	0
					Kline p	0	0	0	0
					King p	0	0	0	0
					Tvarez p	0	0	0	0
					Mabry ph	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	8	16	8	**Totals**	33	4	7	4

Chicago 004 210 001—8
St. Louis 000 100 003—4

E—CPatterson (1), RSanders (3). DP—St. Louis 2. LOB—Chicago 9, St. Louis 9. 2B—Alou (17), ROrdonez (3), Womack (19), Cedeno (3). HR—SSosa (16), Barrett (10), Edmonds (21). S—Maddux. SF—Womack, Matheny.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Wood W,4-3	5	3	1	1	2	5
Beltran	1 2/3	0	0	0	2	1
Remlinger	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Farnsworth	1	1	0	0	0	1
Hawkins	1	3	3	1	1	0
St. Louis						
Carpenter L,9-4	3 2/3	9	6	6	2	6
Eldred	1 1/3	2	1	1	0	1
Calero	2	0	0	0	1	3
Kline	1	2	0	0	0	0
King	2/3	3	1	1	0	1
Tavarez	1/3	0	0	0	0	0

PB—Matheny. T—3:11. A—49,250 (50,345).

Giants 9, Diamondbacks 2

ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi	SAN FRANCISCO	ab	r	h	bi
Terrero rf	4	1	2	0	Drham 2b	5	2	2	3
SFinley cf	4	0	1	0	Eyre p	0	0	0	0
Cintron ss	4	0	0	1	NPerez ss	3	1	1	0
LGnzlz lf	4	0	0	0	Mohr lf	4	1	1	1
Tracy 1b	3	1	1	0	Alfonzo 3b	4	0	2	1
Hirston 2b	3	0	1	0	Feliz 1b	5	0	1	2
RAlmr 2b	1	0	0	0	Przyns c	4	0	1	0
Olson 3b	3	0	0	0	Grssom cf	4	2	2	1
Hmck c	3	0	0	1	Tucker rf	4	2	2	0
Fossum p	2	0	0	0	Schmdt p	1	1	0	0
Rndlph p	0	0	0	0	Rnsom ss	1	0	0	0
Aquino p	1	0	0	0					
Kplove p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	32	2	5	2	**Totals**	35	9	12	8

Arizona 010 000 010—2
San Francisco 000 151 11x—9

E—Terrero (1). LOB—Arizona 5, San Francisco 8. 2B—Terrero (1), Hairston (10), Mohr (7). 3B—Tucker (5). HR—Durham (7), Grissom (14). SB—Terrero (1). SF—Mohr.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Fossum L,2-8	4	6	6	6	1	2
Randolph	1 1/3	2	1	1	3	0
Aquino	1 2/3	1	1	1	0	1
Koplove	1	3	1	1	0	0
San Francisco						
Schmidt W,11-2	8	5	2	2	2	10
Eyre	1	0	0	0	0	0

Fossum pitched to 5 batters in the 5th. HBP—by Fossum (Schmidt). WP—Fossum. T—2:43. A—42,558 (41,584).

Dodgers 7, Astros 4

HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi	LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi
Biggio lf	4	1	1	0	DRbrts cf	5	1	1	0
Bgwell 1b	4	0	1	0	Izturis ss	5	2	2	0
CBeltrn cf	4	1	1	2	L Duca c	5	2	3	4
Brkmn rf	2	1	1	0	ShGren 1b	4	0	2	1
JKent 2b	4	0	0	0	Werth rf	3	1	3	1
Ensbrg 3b	4	0	0	0	Vntura 3b	3	0	0	0
AEvrtt ss	4	1	2	2	JHrndz lf	4	0	1	1
RChavz c	4	0	1	0	Cora 2b	2	1	1	0
Oswalt p	1	0	0	0	Lima p	2	0	0	0
Lamb ph	1	0	0	0	Grbwsk ph	1	0	0	0
DMiceli p	0	0	0	0	Drifort p	0	0	0	0
Wthers p	0	0	0	0	Mota p	0	0	0	0
					Saenz ph	1	0	0	0
					TMartn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	7	4	**Totals**	35	7	13	7

Houston 000 002 002—4
Los Angeles 101 001 04x—7

DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Houston 4, Los Angeles 9. 2B—Bagwell (16), Lo Duca (16). HR—CBeltran (6), AEverett (4), Lo Duca (9). S—Oswalt.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Oswalt L,8-7	6	8	3	3	3	8
DMiceli	1 2/3	2	1	1	2	1
Weathers	1/3	3	3	3	0	0
Los Angeles						
Lima W,8-3	6	5	2	2	1	4
Dreifort	1	1	0	0	0	2
Mota	1	0	0	0	0	1
TMartin	1	1	2	2	0	0

HBP—by TMartin (Berkman). WP—DMiceli, Lima, TMartin. T—2:26. A—40,484 (56,000).

All-Star selections

To Be Held: Tuesday, July 13
At Minute Maid Park
Houston
x-Injured, will not play
y-Injury replacement

American League

Starters

Catcher — Ivan Rodriguez, Detroit
First base — Jason Giambi, N.Y. Yankees
Second base — Alfonso Soriano, Texas
Third base — Alex Rodriguez, N.Y. Yankees
Shortstop — Derek Jeter, N.Y. Yankees
Outfield — Vladimir Guerrero, Anaheim
Outfield — Manny Ramirez, Boston
Outfield — Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle

Reserves

Catcher — Victor Martinez, Cleveland
First base — Ken Harvey, Kansas City; David Ortiz, Boston
Second base — Ronnie Belliard, Cleveland
Third base — Hank Blalock, Texas
Shortstop — Carlos Guillen, Detroit; Miguel Tejada, Baltimore; Michael Young, Texas
Outfield — Carl Crawford, Tampa Bay; Matt Lawton, Cleveland; Hideki Matsui, N.Y. Yankees; Gary Sheffield, N.Y. Yankees
Pitchers — Francisco Cordero, Texas; Tom Gordon, N.Y. Yankees; x-Tim Hudson, Oakland; Ted Lilly, Toronto; Esteban Loaiza, Chicago White Sox; Mark Mulder, Oakland; Joe Nathan, Minnesota; Mariano Rivera, N.Y. Yankees; Francisco Rodriguez, Anaheim; Kenny Rogers, Texas; C.C. Sabathia, Cleveland; x-Curt Schilling, Boston; y-Javier Vazquez, N.Y. Yankees; y-Jake Westbrook, Cleveland

National League

Starters

Catcher — Mike Piazza, N.Y. Mets
First base — Albert Pujols, St. Louis
Second base — Jeff Kent, Houston
Third base — Scott Rolen, St. Louis
Shortstop — Edgar Renteria, St. Louis
Outfield — Barry Bonds, San Francisco
Outfield — x-Ken Griffey Jr., Cincinnati
Outfield — Sammy Sosa, Chicago Cubs

Reserves

Catcher — Johnny Estrada, Atlanta; y-Paul Lo Duca, Los Angeles
First base — x-Sean Casey, Cincinnati; Todd Helton, Colorado; Jim Thome, Philadelphia
Second base — Mark Loretta, San Diego
Third base — Mike Lowell, Florida
Shortstop — Jack Wilson, Pittsburgh; Barry Larkin, Cincinnati
Outfield — Bobby Abreu, Philadelphia; y-Carlos Beltran, Houston; Lance Berkman, Houston; Moises Alou, Chicago Cubs; Miguel Cabrera, Florida
Pitchers — Armando Benitez, Florida; Roger Clemens, Houston; Eric Gagne, Los Angeles; Tom Glavine, N.Y. Mets; Danny Graves, Cincinnati; Livan Hernandez, Montreal; Randy Johnson, Arizona; Dan Kolb, Milwaukee; Carl Pavano, Florida; Jason Schmidt, San Francisco; Ben Sheets, Milwaukee; Carlos Zambrano, Chicago Cubs.

All-Star Game or Old-timers' day?

Slogan in Houston this year could be 'the older, the better'

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The National League All-Star clubhouse will be baseball's old folks home.

Roger Clemens, who turns 42 in three weeks, is slated to become the oldest player to ever start an All-Star Game. He's joined on the NL roster for Tuesday night's game by Barry Larkin and Randy Johnson, both 40.

"Barry's a great player. Obviously, he's doing something to keep himself in great shape and somewhat healthy," Clemens said.

"I have had an opportunity to talk to Randy, and he works extremely hard, too. I would say it's really not a big secret. Those guys work hard, so that has something to do with it."

These baseball geezers aren't All-Stars just because of their reputations. A year after he had said he would retire, Clemens is 10-3 with a 2.62 ERA and 121 strikeouts in his first season with his hometown Houston Astros, increasing his wins total to 320, 14th on the career list.

Johnson, two months shy of 41, is 10-7 with a 2.99 ERA and a major league-leading 145 strikeouts for Arizona. Larkin is hitting .295 for Cincinnati with 33 RBIs.

And just behind them is upcoming birthday boy Barry Bonds, who turns 40 on July 24. Kenny Rogers, at 39, is an All-Star for the first time since 1995, and Tom Glavine and Moises Alou were picked at age 38.

2004 Houston ALL-STAR GAME

Celebrity Softball Game, 11 a.m. Tuesday (dld), AFN-Sports.

Home Run Derby, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday (dld), AFN-Sports.

75th All-Star Game, 2 a.m. Wednesday (live), AFN-Atlantic and AFN-Pacific, noon and 8 p.m. Wednesday (dld), AFN Sports.

All times are Central European.

Last year's 7-6 victory by the American League in Chicago marked a milestone for elderly All-Stars, with three players 40 or older playing for the first time — Clemens, Edgar Martinez and Jamie Moyer.

Clemens' first All-Star Game was in 1986, the last time it was in Houston, when he started in the AL's 3-2 victory at the Astrodome and threw three perfect innings. When Clemens opens at Minute Maid Park against Oakland's Mark Mulder, he will be nearly twice as old as the NL starter that night in the Astrodome, when 21-year-old Dwight Gooden became the youngest All-Star starting pitcher.

Larkin's first All-Star Game was in 1988.

"My first All-Star Game was in 1990 at Wrigley Field and, obviously, I was in awe," Johnson said. "I didn't get in that game, but I enjoyed the moment and learned very quickly what an All-Star Game's all about and all the little fun things that go along with it. Now you've always got about at least a half-dozen kids who are making it for the first time, and I tell them to enjoy it as much as they can and do all the festivities and take it all in because you don't know if it will be your last one."

Larkin's favorite All-Star memory occurred during the 1993 game at Baltimore's Camden Yards.

"I was on deck when John Kruk was hitting and Randy Johnson was on the mound and Randy threw a ball over John's head," Larkin recalled. "Oh my gosh. I laughed. Then I thought, 'Oh Lord, I've got to get up there next.' "

The current record for oldest All-Star starter is 41, set by Pete Rose in the 1982 game in Montreal's Olympic Stadium. Warren Spahn, then 40, was the oldest starting pitcher when he pitched three perfect innings to open the 1961 All-Star Game, at San Francisco's Candlestick Park.

Before last year, a trio of players 40 and over were selected as All-Stars twice, but all three didn't get into the game. Spahn and Stan Musial played in 1962, but Hoyt Wilhelm didn't. While Rose and Carl Yastrzemski appeared in 1982, Phil Niekro didn't pitch.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig remembered how remarkable it was when Spahn remained an All-Star into his 40s.

"Thirty-five was considered old in those days," Selig said.

"I think they believed the great years in the career were 28 to 32. Once you hit 32, that was it, you were declining."

But now, players work out regularly during the season and in the winter, too. And they follow diets recommended by nutritionists.

Not too far from Minute Maid Park, Clemens has his own gym in a building next to his house.

"Once I made up my mind to come back and do this, I knew it was going to take a great deal of effort," Clemens said. "To maintain that high level of performance, there's a lot that goes into it. It didn't happen by accident."

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AP

N.Y. Mets left-hander Tom Glavine, 38, is one of the youngsters on a National League All-Star team that features Roger Clemens (42), Randy Johnson (40), Barry Larkin (40) and Barry Bonds (39).

Mulder, Clemens selected to start

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens will open the All-Star Game for the National League, throwing the first pitch to his nemesis, New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza.

Clemens, 10-3 with a 2.62 ERA for his hometown Houston Astros, was selected to start Monday by NL manager Jack McKeon of the Florida Marlins. Oakland's Mark Mulder was picked to start by AL manager Joe Torre of the New York Yankees.

Then with the New York Yankees, Clemens beaned Piazza in July 2000. In Game 2 of the World Series that October, he threw the jagged barrel of a shattered bat in the direction of Piazza, earning a $50,000 fine.

While the pair aren't warm to each other, they repeatedly have said they don't foresee a problem working with each other.

Mulder is tied with Texas' Kenny Rogers for the major league lead with 12 wins, going 12-2 with a 3.21 ERA.

Ichiro Suzuki leads off for the AL and plays center field, followed by Detroit catcher Ivan Rodriguez, Anaheim right fielder Vladimir Guerrero, Boston left fielder Manny Ramirez, Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, Texas second baseman Alfonso Soriano and Mulder.

St. Louis shortstop Edgar Renteria leads off for the NL, followed by Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, San Francisco left fielder Barry Bonds, Cardinals third baseman Scott Rolen, Chicago Cubs right fielder Sammy Sosa, Piazza, Houston center fielder Lance Berkman, Astros second baseman Jeff Kent and Clemens.

Berkman replaced injured Cincinnati outfielder Ken Griffey Jr.

Garcia gets to experience other side of Seattle loss

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Freddy Garcia put aside his feelings for his former teammates, then went out and shut them down.

Garcia struck out seven in $6^{2}/_{3}$ innings, Jose Valentin hit a two-run homer and the Chicago White Sox handed the Seattle Mariners their ninth straight loss, 4-3 Sunday.

Aaron Rowand and Juan Uribe both hit solo homers for Chicago, which won its fourth straight to overtake Minnesota for first place in the AL Central.

"I was really excited, I got to the mound and I have to do my job, it doesn't matter who is hitting," Garcia said.

Garcia (6-8) was traded to Chicago on June 27 and is 2-1 in three starts. He allowed three runs on six hits and gave up one walk.

"I think he goes out against everybody the same way, but I think facing the guys that was [his] friends for so many years, grew up with, [he] will be pumped up," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "You can go either way, you can fail or pitch good, sometimes when you get over anxious or do something different. I think he threw the ball real well today."

Garcia went 4-7 with a 3.20 ERA in 15 starts for Seattle this season. The Mariners averaged a major league-worst 2.19 runs in his 15 starts and the offensive struggles continued, this time against Garcia and the White Sox.

"It's the same we've been seeing all year, just enough to lose," Seattle manager Bob Melvin said. "I've seen that game 50 times in this half, it seems like."

The losing streak is Seattle's longest since September 1992, when it lost a club-record 14 in a row. The Mariners went 0-9 on their nine-game road trip and they've also lost 12 straight away from home. It was their longest winless trip since Sept. 4-13, 1992.

"We shouldn't have put ourselves in a position where we feel like we need a break right now," Melvin said.

Melvin doesn't have much to say about his players' poor performance.

"I'm not telling them anything. They know, they watched the same thing I have," Melvin said.

The Mariners also have been swept seven times this season, last year they were swept once. Seattle is 22 games below .500 for the first time since July 31, 1994.

Rangers 6, Red Sox 5: Eric Young went 5-for-5, and Alfonso Soriano homered and had a tie-breaking sacrifice fly off Keith Foulke (2-2) in the eighth to help visiting Texas snap the Red Sox's five-game winning streak.

Kevin Mench and Mark Teixeira also homered for the Rangers, who entered the All-Star break leading the AL West for the first time since 1999.

Angels 5, Blue Jays 2: Adam Kennedy fell a home run shy of the cycle and Anaheim completed a three-game road sweep.

Kennedy went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI for the Angels, who swept the Blue Jays for the first time since April 26-28, 2002.

John Lackey (7-8) improved to 4-1 in his last seven starts, allowing two runs on six hits in $5^{2}/_{3}$ innings.

Indians 4, Athletics: Cliff Lee outpitched Barry Zito, and Coco Crisp homered and drove in two runs to lead the Indians.

Lee (9-1) gave up one run and six hits in seven innings to improve to 6-0 in nine starts at Jacobs Field.

Zito (4-7) gave up two runs and six hits over seven innings as Oakland lost its fifth in six games.

Tigers 2, Twins 0: Jason Johnson (7-7) pitched a five-hitter for his first shutout and struck out a career-high 11 to lead Detroit at the Metrodome.

Eric Munson hit a two-run homer in the second inning off Johan Santana (7-6), who fanned 11 and reached double-digit strikeouts for the fifth straight start.

Royals 11, Orioles 7: Mike Sweeney had two homers and three RBIs, keying a 17-hit attack that carried Kansas City past the Orioles.

The Royals arrived in Baltimore coming off three straight shutout losses, but scored 20 runs in taking two of three from the last-place Orioles.

AP

St. Louis pitcher Chris Carpenter towels off after allowing four runs in the third inning on Sunday night in an 8-4 loss to the Chicago Cubs.

Strong-arm tactics

Hard-throwing Wood comes off disabled list to pitch flailing Cubs over first-place Cards

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kerry Wood came off the disabled list and kept the Chicago Cubs' six-game trip from being a total loss.

Wood won in his first start in two months and Sammy Sosa homered and drove in five runs, helping the Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 8-4 Sunday night to enter the All-Star break on a positive note.

"That was the biggest getaway victory we've had," manager Dusty Baker said. "Woody was outstanding."

The Cubs salvaged the final game of a six-game trip after managing only five runs over the first five games, and kept the National League's best team from completing a perfect homestand.

Wood said he didn't feel the pressure of the Cubs' slump or the Cardinals' streak.

"It was just a day to go out and get some work in and do the best I could," Wood said. "I wasn't worried about anything else that happened in the last five or six days.

"I guess that helped more than anything, not even thinking about it or worrying about it."

The Cardinals, who lead the Cubs in the NL Central by seven games, outscored opponents 45-13 in the first eight games of the homestand before Chris Carpenter was rocked in the final game before the All-Star break.

"I was one pitch away from getting out of the whole situation and I just couldn't make that pitch," Carpenter said. "I got the ball up and they were on it all night."

AP

Kerry Wood looked like his old dominating self Sunday night after a two-month stay on the disabled list with right triceps tendinitis.

Wood (4-3), sidelined since May 11 with triceps tendinitis, gave up one run and three hits in five innings with five strikeouts and two walks. He threw 80 pitches in his first victory since beating the New York Mets with seven shutout innings on April 24.

Jim Edmonds homered in his fifth straight game for the Cardinals, hitting his 21st of the season in the fourth inning. St. Louis' 10-game winning streak at home came to an end in front of 49,250, the third straight sellout of the series.

The Cardinals scored three runs against LaTroy Hawkins in the ninth on Albert Pujols' RBI single and sacrifice flies by Mike Matheny and Tony Womack.

Barrett also homered and drove in two runs for the Cubs, who avoided being swept in consecutive road series and won for only the ninth time in 40 games at Busch Stadium over the last five seasons.

Carpenter (9-4) struck out the first five batters on only 25 pitches, and retired the first two hitters in the third. He came unglued after right fielder Reggie Sanders twice mishandled the ball on Jose Macias' two-out single, allowing Macias to go to third.

"It was so exciting at the beginning with both guys just really nasty," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He had two outs, nobody on, and the next thing you look up there and there's four on the board."

Starting with Macias, 10 of the last 13 batters Carpenter faced reached safely. Sosa's three-run shot was the big hit of a four-run third and he chased Carpenter with a two-run single in the fourth that made it 6-0.

Carpenter, who was 3-0 against the Cubs with a 2.42 ERA, gave up six runs in 3⅓ innings, his shortest outing of the season. Sosa's homer was the first off Carpenter in 33 innings over five games.

Sosa had 10 RBIs in his first 20 games since returning from the disabled list because of a sprained ligament in his lower back. He also homered on Saturday and hit his 16th of the season to straightaway center in the third on Sunday.

Giants' Schmidt shows again why he's an All-Star

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Schmidt wasn't around to celebrate his special victory. He was on his way to Houston to join his fellow All-Stars — a fitting trip for a starter who has won 11 straight decisions.

Schmidt became the first San Francisco pitcher in 42 years to win 11 consecutive decisions with a 9-2 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday.

"He's carried us," Giants second baseman Ray Durham said. "We've definitely jumped on his back and that's why he's going to the All-Star Game. He's up among the upper echelon of No. 1 starters in the league."

Schmidt (11-2) hasn't lost since April 26, a span of 15 starts. Jack Sanford won 16 straight for the Giants during the 1962 season.

"In my opinion, he's the best pitcher in the National League," said Giants outfielder Dustan Mohr, who drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. "He's as dominant as I've ever played with. If we get him a little bit of a lead, we've got a good chance to win."

Schmidt retired 18 of the final

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20 batters he faced and beat the Diamondbacks for the fifth straight time. Schmidt allowed two runs and five hits over eight innings. He walked two and struck out 10.

"It was typical Schmitty," Giants catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "Sometimes it takes a while to get going but once he finds his rhythm he's pretty good. He was still throwing 95, 96 miles per hour after 120 pitches."

Durham homered and had three RBIs and Pedro Feliz drove in two runs as the Giants won for the fourth time in five games.

The Giants were 15-23 after losing to the Pittsburgh Pirates on May 16. Two days later, Schmidt threw a one-hit shutout against the Chicago Cubs which sparked a 17-game turnaround heading into the break.

"I am happy about what was accomplished in the first half, considering some of the earlier nightmares," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "We've played up and down but we've managed to win games."

Luis Tererro had two hits, and Robby Hammock and Alex Cintron drove in runs for the Diamondbacks, who have lost six of seven overall and 12 of their last 13 on the road.

"Our second half is big," Arizona manager Al Pedrique said. "We have to make a lot of decisions and evaluate a lot of players. If we can finish strong, that will say a lot."

Reds 9, Brewers 6: Jason LaRue hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the ninth inning and Wily Mo Pena followed with his second of the game, leading visiting Cincinnati to a comeback victory.

Pena went 4-for-5 with three RBIs in place of injured Ken Griffey Jr., who went on the 15-day disabled list because of a torn right hamstring.

Dan Kolb (0-1) allowed the ninth-inning homers.

Todd Jones (7-2) got two outs and Danny Graves got his 33rd save in 40 chances.

Braves 6, Phillies 4: Julio Franco hit a three-run home run and J.D. Drew had four hits, including a homer, as the visiting Braves took two of three to pull within a game of the first-place Phillies in the NL East.

Russ Ortiz (10-6) allowed four runs on six hits in 5⅔ innings for Atlanta, which has won 12 of 15.

Atlanta's first six hitters combined for 14 of the team's 16 hits and scored all six runs off Randy Wolf (3-5).

Expos 2, Pirates 1: Scott Downs pitched seven innings to give Montreal its first victory by a left-handed starter since June 2001, leading the Expos over Pittsburgh in the final game this season in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Montreal took three of four from Pittsburgh and left Hiram Bithorn Stadium with a 7-14 record after going 13-9 in San Juan last year.

Josh Fogg (6-7) pitched six innings and allowed two runs and four hits.

Marlins 5, Mets 2: Jeff Conine snapped a 3-for-34 skid with a grand slam off Al Leiter (5-3), helping Dontrelle Willis (7-5) beat the visiting Mets for the fifth time in five tries.

Armando Benitez pitched a perfect ninth for his 30th save.

Padres 4, Rockies 2: Ryan Klesko hit his first homer in 152 at-bats and Mark Loretta also connected as the host Padres snapped a four-game losing streak.

Klesko's two-run shot off Denny Stark (0-4) with one out in the third inning was just his second this season and fourth since the All-Star break a year ago.

Ismael Valdez (8-5) allowed a run in five innings and Trevor Hoffman finished for his 23rd save.

Dodgers 7, Astros 4: Paul Lo Duca hit his first career grand slam, and Jose Lima (8-3) pitched six innings for the host Dodgers.

Jose Hernandez drove in the go-ahead run with a single in the sixth.

The Dodgers snapped a four-game winning streak by Roy Oswalt (8-7).

Carlos Beltran, selected to the NL All-Star team earlier in the day to replace injured Ken Griffey Jr., hit a tying two-run homer in the top of the sixth for the Astros.

El Duque gives Yankees boost, sweep of Rays

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
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AP

Orlando Hernandez allowed two runs and struck out five in five innings in his first appearance since 2002.

NEW YORK — Orlando Hernandez gave the New York Yankees more than just an effective spot start. He looked good enough to help them win another championship.

The Cuban right-hander with the deceptive delivery reintroduced himself to the Yankees on Sunday, pitching New York to a 10-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and a four-game sweep.

"He looked like his old self. It was like he's never been away," teammate Derek Jeter said. "He's tough on hitters, a lot of arm angles and stuff, changing speeds. He did exactly what we needed him to do."

Tony Clark hit two of New York's five homers and Jorge Posada homered and drove in two runs before leaving with a sprained ankle.

Hideki Matsui and Gary Sheffield also connected.

Making a surprise start in place of ailing Mike Mussina, Hernandez (1-0) held the Devil Rays to two runs and five hits over five innings in his first major league appearance since 2002. He struck out five and walked three, throwing 51 of 88 pitches for strikes.

"I didn't find out until I got to the field today. I didn't even know they had him still," Tampa Bay's Aubrey Huff said.

Socks pulled high, knee kicking all the way to his chin, El Duque even flashed some of his old magic, tossing up a near-eephus pitch to Toby Hall in the second inning and getting him on a soft fly to left.

It was far from a dominating performance — but not bad for a guy who missed last season due to shoulder surgery. He earned his first major league victory since Sept. 5, 2002, against Detroit.

"This is exactly what I've been looking to, to get back here and see my teammates and the great fans here," Hernandez said through a translator. "I want to return to the form where I can throw 100-120 pitches without tiring."

It was a satisfying day all around for the Yankees — Sheffield hit a long homer off Danys Baez four pitches after the right-hander sent him sprawling to the dirt with a high-and-tight pitch.

Sheffield stood near the plate to watch the ball sail over the left-center fence in the eighth, making it 10-3.

"As a hitter, the ultimate revenge is to get a hit or a home run," Sheffield said. "Yeah, I was thinking home run. I got knocked down, I can swing as hard as I want now."

Huff homered and Hall had three hits and two RBIs for the Devil Rays, who scored only 11 runs in the series. The Yankees have won 18 of their last 22 against Tampa Bay.

The Yankees headed into the All-Star break with the best record in baseball at 55-31 and a seven-game lead over Boston in the AL East. They got a warm ovation from the crowd of 53,383 as they walked off the field after the win.

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Montgomery out of picture

AP

Maurice Greene, right, wins the 100 meters at the U.S. Olympic track trials Sunday, followed by Justin Gatlin (lane 5) and Shawn Crawford (lane 6). World-record holder Tim Montgomery, obscured in lane 1, finished seventh and did not qualify for the Athens Games.

Greene wins 100 as record holder fails to qualify

BY BOB BAUM
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Tim Montgomery and girlfriend Marion Jones can watch the Olympic 100 meters together. Neither one will be in the races.

Montgomery, the event's world record holder, finished seventh in the 100 final Sunday in the U.S. Olympic track and field trials, far behind the winner — his strutting, fist-pumping, longtime nemesis Maurice Greene.

One day earlier, Jones was fifth in the women's 100 final, losing out on a bid to defend her gold medal in the Athens Games.

Both left the track area amid a horde of reporters, pausing only long enough to rip the media for the coverage of the steroid scandal that has unfolded around them.

"This is the reason I didn't win: I've got y'all on my back," Montgomery said. "I have to deal with y'all every day."

Montgomery has bigger problems away from the track. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has accused him of using steroids and other performance enhancing drugs. If found guilty, he could be banned from the sport for life.

Montgomery has taken his case directly to the international Court of Arbitration for Sport, where the decision is binding.

He is one of four sprinters accused by USADA with steroid use.

If found guilty, they all face lifetime bans.

Michelle Collins, one of those facing the charges and a favorite in the women's 400, withdrew from the meet Sunday, citing a hamstring injury, her coach said. George Williams, also the coach of the U.S. Olympic men's team, said she phoned him from Texas to say she was injured on the warm-up track in Sacramento and had returned home.

Another member of that quartet, Chryste Gaines, failed to qualify in the women's 100.

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