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Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mike Sauer, left, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 George R. Kessler flew one of the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment's first 10 AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters home to Illesheim Army Airfield, Germany, on Monday. The new unit has been training in the Longbow — an upgraded Apache — since the unit cased its colors in Illesheim in June 2003.

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Missing jogger: The last day her co-workers saw her, Lori Hacking was heading home for the weekend after getting a phone call that left her stunned and sobbing.

Several colleagues said Hacking had been arranging for campus housing at the University of North Carolina medical school and that they believe the school was returning a call to say her husband, Mark Hacking, was not enrolled there, as he had told her.

At the time of her disappearance, the couple were packing to move from Salt Lake City to North Carolina. But after she vanished, police and family members learned that besides lying about being accepted to medical school, Mark Hacking had not even graduated from college.

9/11 illness report: A group of hazardous chemicals released into the air following the collapse of the World Trade Center in New York doesn't appear to be much of a cancer risk to local residents. A new report says the chemicals dissipated rapidly and any increase in the danger of cancer is very small.

A team led by Stephen Rappaport, of the University of North Carolina, studied 243 samples collected near Ground Zero, analyzing the amounts of nine chemicals known as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which are known to cause cancer.

Gay marriage snub: A man who married his partner of 23 years after gay marriage was legalized in Massachusetts now is having trouble getting a new passport.

Donald Henneberger, formerly Donald Smith, recently received a letter from the National Passport Center in Portsmouth, N.H., denying his request for a name change on his passport. The center said it would not recognize a marriage license for a same-sex couple as proof of a name change.

The letter from the National Passport Center cites the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which states a marriage can only be between a man and a woman, and a spouse can only refer to a person of the opposite sex.

Michael Jackson case: A prosecutor in Santa Maria, Calif., said Tuesday that pop star Michael Jackson enticed a young boy, then imprisoned him and his family and forced them to make a video absolving him of molestation claims.

The fiery court presentation by Deputy District Attorney Gordon Auchincloss disclosed for the first time the prosecution's theory of its conspiracy case against Jackson, claiming he panicked after a television show threatened to destroy his career by linking him with an obsession with young boys. Auchincloss made his allegation at a hearing about a defense motion to dismiss the case.

Moussaoui examination: Terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui should not be examined by defense mental health experts while his trial is on hold, prosecutors told a judge Monday in Alexandria, Va.

Any psychological testing at this time would make it difficult for government experts to evaluate his mental health later, the written motion said.

The government has said Moussaoui's mental condition could play a significant role if the death penalty remains a possible outcome for the only U.S. defendant charged with crimes related to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

California budget: California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, center, jokes with legislative leaders Monday during a news conference to announce an agreement on an estimated $103 billion budget at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif. The agreement ended a 26-day standoff that widened after the Republican governor ridiculed state Democrats as "girlie men."

Escaped tiger: The Florida wildlife officer who shot a 600-pound escaped tiger to death pleaded on Monday for people to stop calling him an "animal murderer."

Jesse Curtis Lee, 24, was identified for the first time as the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officer who shot the big cat twice in the head on July 13 following a 26-hour search.

The commission released its own review of the incident, concluding that Lee used sound judgment and complied with the agency's guidelines when he shot the Bengal-Siberian tiger, called Bobo.

World

Missionary hostage: An American missionary who was held hostage by Muslim extremists for 377 days has returned to the Philippines under tight security to testify against her abductors, officials in Manila said Tuesday.

Gracia Burnham, whose husband Martin was killed during a bloody military rescue mission on June 7, 2002, was invited to testify Thursday against her Abu Sayyaf abductors in a suburban court, prosecutors said.

The Burnhams were celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary when they were snatched by the Abu Sayyaf at the upscale Dos Palmas resort on Palawan island on May 27, 2001.

Microsoft antitrust case: Oral arguments in Microsoft's request for suspension of the European Union's landmark antitrust decision against the company will be heard on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, a European court in Luxembourg said Tuesday.

Last March, the European Commission declared Microsoft guilty of abusing its "near monopoly" with Windows software. It levied a record fine of in how the U.S. company, based in Redmond, Wash., operates. But the EU has suspended the sanctions pending the court's ruling.

Iran nuclear crisis: Iran has broken the U.N. nuclear watchdog's seals on centrifuge equipment and resumed building the devices, which are key to making nuclear weapons, in a show of defiance against international efforts to monitor its program, diplomats in Vienna, Austria, said Tuesday.

The United States and its allies accuse Iran of working on a weapons program, something Tehran denies. It says its centrifuges are part of a nuclear program aimed solely at producing energy.

Under international pressure last year, the Islamic republic agreed to stop enriching uranium and making centrifuges used for enrichment. But after the International Atomic Energy Agency rebuked it in June for not being open enough about its nuclear program, Tehran responded by saying it would end the suspension on building centrifuges.

Russian oil scandal: A Moscow court has issued an arrest warrant for a large shareholder in the beleaguered Russian oil giant Yukos on charges of complicity in murder and attempted murder, Russian news agencies reported Monday.

The warrant was issued against Leonid Nevzlin, who lives in self-imposed exile in Israel, the reports said.

Nevzlin was granted Israeli citizenship last year, but Israeli authorities said at the time that would not automatically shield him from extradition to Russia; he also faces a previously issued arrest warrant on charges of tax evasion.

War on terrorism

Detainees released: Four French detainees held by U.S. authorities for more than two years at Guantanamo Bay returned home Tuesday — the first French nationals to be released from the U.S. base following months of talks — and negotiations were under way for the transfer of three others.

The four suspects arrived by plane at a military base in Normandy, France, and were taken by bus to Paris to appear before counterintelligence agents and anti-terrorism Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere.

The men — Mourad Benchellali, Imad Kanouni, Nizar Sassi and Brahim Yadel — were apprehended in the U.S. campaign that toppled Afghanistan's Taliban regime.

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Officer faces hearings for shooting in Iraq

BY PANOS KAKAVIATOS
The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — The first U.S. soldier charged with murder in Iraq is maintaining his innocence as he faces hearings that could lead to his court-martial for the shooting of a man during the hunt for Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Capt. Rogelio M. Maynulet, 29, is due to appear Wednesday before a U.S. military court in Hanau, outside Frankfurt, for a military version of a U.S. grand jury investigation that is looking into the killing.

The hearing began in Baghdad but was suspended June 28 after four days, as Maynulet's 1st Armored Division returned home to Germany.

Maynulet was charged June 12 with murder and dereliction of duty for the suspected killing of an "unidentified paramilitary member" May 21 near Kufa, south of Baghdad.

He is not in custody.

Before the charges, the Chicago native was a career soldier on his way up who was praised by his superiors in Iraq, said 1st Armored Division spokesman Maj. Michael Indovina.

"The gentleman had a good reputation. He was doing well in combat," Indovina told The Associated Press.

On May 21, Maynulet led his tank company on a mission between Najaf and Kufa to capture or kill al-Sadr, who was wanted on an Iraqi arrest warrant in connection with the slaying of a rival cleric.

Maynulet's group spotted a speeding BMW and pursued, the military said.

"A chase began, and U.S. forces shot at the vehicle. The driver and a passenger were wounded. Shortly thereafter, the wounded driver was shot and killed at close range," the U.S. military said in a statement announcing charges against Maynulet, who is accused of doing the shooting.

The military has not released further details of the incident, but a better picture is expected to emerge from the so-called Article 32 hearings.

Family members of the driver maintain that soldiers took the man out of the car and hit him with a heavy block before he was shot.

But Maynulet's lawyer, Capt. Will Helixon, disputes the account.

"The family's account of the incident is inaccurate," he told The AP. He said Maynulet denies the charges, but that he could not elaborate on his side of the story because the proceedings are still under way.

Maynulet declined interview requests by The Associated Press, but he told the Chicago Tribune recently that he was innocent.

Court sessions are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. A source familiar with the case said the hearings are likely to last well into August and involve a wide range of defense witnesses.

Attack kills 1, hurts 14 U.S. troops

Mortars struck near U.S. Embassy, Iraqi government buildings

BY PAUL GARWOOD
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A mortar barrage that pounded a neighborhood near the enclave holding the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi government offices Tuesday morning killed an Iraqi garbage collector as he was making his rounds and injured 14 U.S. soldiers.

Hours after the attack, the nation took a step toward democracy, announcing that a national conference to choose an interim assembly would begin Saturday.

The violence pushed a Jordanian company working for the U.S. military here to announce it was withdrawing from Iraq to secure the release of two Jordanian employees kidnapped by militants.

Fayez Saad al-Udwan and Mohammad Ahmed Salama Hussein al-Manaya'a were kidnapped Monday by a group calling itself the Mujahedeen Corps in Iraq. The group warned they would be killed within 72 hours unless their employer pulled out of the country and stopped cooperating with U.S forces.

The decision by Daoud and Partners — a private company providing construction and catering services to the U.S. military — came hours after Al-Manaya'a's father, Ahmed Salama, threatened to "chop off the head" of the firm's chief executive, Rami al-Ouweiss, if he did not comply.

Militants have kidnapped more than 70 foreigners, mainly truck drivers, in recent months as part of the 15-month-old insurgency aimed at forcing members of U.S.-led coalition to pull troops out of Iraq and to scare foreign companies to stop work here.

One of the most prominent hostages, Egyptian diplomat Mohammed Mamdouh Helmi Qutb, returned to work Tuesday after being released by militants who snatched him Friday outside a mosque and released him Monday.

"At the beginning, when they kidnapped me, they threatened to kill me if I troubled them in any way, but they later apologized and gave me presents, including a dagger and prayer beads," Qutb told reporters at the Egyptian mission in Baghdad.

Early Tuesday, four to five mortar blasts landed near Baghdad's so called Green Zone, the former home to the U.S. occupation government and current site of Iraq's interim government and the U.S. and British embassies.

One hit Salhiya, a nearby neighborhood, killing an Iraqi garbage collector as he cleared trash and injuring another, residents said.

"This poor guy was just doing his job and he has been killed by a mortar ... intended for the coalition," resident Muthana Joma Hassoun said.

AP

An Iraqi policeman inspects the area where mortar fire struck a residential area in central Baghdad early Tuesday. The mortar killed an Iraqi and injured 14 American troops.

A military spokesman said on condition of anonymity the mortar fire injured 14 U.S. soldiers, 11 of whom were treated and returned to duty and three of whom remained hospitalized.

In a further effort to impede the coalition forces and damage reconstruction efforts here, a militant group calling itself the "Group of Death" threatened Tuesday to cut off the main highway linking Iraq to Jordan, a major supply route for the U.S. military.

In other violence, gunmen assassinated the assistant director of Mahmoudiya Hospital, about 25 miles south of Baghdad, the hospital's chief said Tuesday.

Four coalition soldiers — one American and three Albanians — were wounded Tuesday when their car ran over a mine while patrolling near the airport in the Iraqi city of Mosul, the Albanian Ministry of Defense reported.

The four were out of danger, but the U.S. soldier and one of the Albanian victims remained under medical care, said spokesman Igli Hasani.

Also Tuesday, Iraqi police arrested two people driving a truck filled with 1,000 mortars and 250 anti-tank mines near the city of Kut, south of Baghdad, said police Col. Ali Ribih Najim. In another find, Marines stopped a KIA pickup truck filled with 219 mortar rounds in bags of grain at a checkpoint Monday, the military said Tuesday. The discovery was the largest cache of mortars seized by Marines since taking charge of Anbar Province in March.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, 906 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 671 died as a result of hostile action and 235 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 60 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, 768 U.S. servicemembers have died — 562 as a result of hostile action and 206 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Monday.

The latest deaths reported the U.S. military:

■ No new deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the U.S. militray:

■ Army Sgt. Tatjana Reed, 34, Fort Campbell, Ky.; killed Thursday in an explosion near Samarra, Iraq; assigned to the 66th Transportation Company, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

■ Army Spc. Nicholas J. Zangara, 21, Philadelphia; killed Saturday in an explosion in Tikrit, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Embassy urges caution

KUWAIT CITY — The United States has warned Americans in Kuwait to be vigilant in the wake of the government's detention of suspected opponents of the multinational force in Iraq.

The U.S. Embassy urged Americans to be alert and try to avoid places where Westerners are known to congregate. There are some 14,000 American civilians in Kuwait as well as about 20,000 military personnel.

Kuwait's government said this weekend that 11 people had been arrested and referred to prosecutors for their alleged roles in recruiting young Kuwaitis to fight the U.S.-led force in Iraq and other security charges.

Italy: No death penalty

ROME — The Italian government committed itself Tuesday to oppose use of the death penalty in Iraq, even in the case of Saddam Hussein, who was recently arraigned on war crimes charges, a Senate official said.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government agreed to an opposition request in the Senate, committing itself to backing a moratorium on capital punishment in Iraq and refusing to hand over suspects who could risk the death penalty.

Italy has about 3,000 troops in Iraq, the third largest contingent in the U.S.-led coalition.

A Senate official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said the move was a statement of the government's position and didn't mean Italy would launch an official protest of Iraq's policy.

Iraqi plan conference

BAGHDAD — Iraq will open a three-day national conference to choose an interim assembly on July 31, delaying the start by two days at the request of the United Nations, organizers said Tuesday.

The conference, considered a key step in the nation's democratic transformation, will be attended by 1,000 delegates who will select members of a 100 member interim assembly to shepherd the nation to its first elections scheduled for January.

The date and location of the conference, which was to have been concluded by the end of the month, had been kept secret because of security fears.

The three-day conference will now begin on July 31 and end Aug. 2.

From The Associated Press

Schoomaker: War boosts transformation

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Instead of delaying transformation, the global war on terror has forced the Army's hand on personnel and equipment issues, compelling Army leadership to change on a reduced timetable, said Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker.

"This war, as unfortunate as war always is, provides momentum and focus and resources to transform that you might not have outside of this," Schoomaker said. "And what we are able to do, as we rotate forces, as we reset them, is this momentum and focus allows us to reset them for the future, not reset them as they were in the past. And so this has given us a great forcing function to allow us to do it."

"While we are engaged in combat operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan, we are also transforming the force," Schoomaker said. "I often compare this to tuning a car engine while the engine is running, which is not only a complex task, but, as you know, it could be dangerous as well."

Schoomaker

The Army is able to do that on the extra money supplied by the $25 billion supplemental passed by Congress.

"Now, because we're under different authorities here, we can grow the Army in excess of [the authorized end-strength of 482,400] using supplemental funding without having to encumber our program," he said. "And we can grow it bigger, which we are."

There are more than 1 million soldiers across all Army components, with 276,000 deployed to 120 countries.

The Army also has accelerated getting soldiers out of the delayed entry program and off to boot camp, which could have a negative impact on next year's recruiting numbers.

Transformations in the force, from equipment to manning the force, "are some of the most significant changes in our Army that we have made since World War II."

Changes include the creation of the 10 new combat units that will be lighter, more agile and more rapidly deployable called Brigade Combat Teams (Units of Action), or BCT(UA). In 2006, the Army and Pentagon leadership will determine if the number needs to be boosted to 15 new units.

And the Army is working to stabilize the force, providing a "more cohesive and combat-ready formations, more stability and a more predictable lifestyle for our soldiers and their families, more agile and tailorable units, more high-demand units and skills and more commonality across the entire Army," he said.

The Army has been tasked to grow its forces by 30,000 soldiers in the active component over the next three years, an effort that will be paid for through supplemental dollars that Congress will have to approve each year.

"I can give it to you in terms of what it would cost us across the program per year to increase. If we magically put 30,000 soldiers into the Army today, it would cost us about $3.6 billion per year," he said.

Through the addition, supposed to be temporary right now, "we can do what we need to do," Schoomaker said. "We can build the right kinds of units in the right components and in the right numbers with the capabilities we need."

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Powell exhorts Hungary to stay the course in Iraq, Afghanistan

BY GEORGE GEDDA
The Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday countries assisting post-war Iraq and Afghanistan must "not get weak in the knees" and abandon their commitments, because that would return the two nations to despotism.

Powell said he was grateful that Hungary and nine other Eastern European countries once aligned with the Soviet Union are providing assistance to either Iraq or Afghanistan or both.

His 18-hour visit here was partly aimed at reinforcing Hungary's deployments in the two countries — 354 troops in Iraq and, as of its latest dispatch Monday, 75 in Afghanistan. But the parliamentary mandate for the Iraq deployment expires at the end of the year.

Polls show that two-thirds of the Hungarian population want the troops to return home according to the schedule. Powell said they should remain there.

Iraq dominated a series of appearances by Powell on Tuesday morning, which included a television talk show interview and a speech to Hungarian ambassadors assembled here for consultations.

Powell awoke to a gray, sometimes drizzly morning here and sat down for the interview on the "Napkelte" show.

The number of coalition countries in Iraq has been reduced from 35 to 31 in recent months, and Powell indicated that it was imperative that those still on board not weary of the task.

He was angered two weeks ago when the Philippine government withdrew its 51 troops from Iraq in order to save the life of a kidnapped Filipino truck driver.

"Democracy is hard," he said. "Democracy is dangerous. This is the time for us to be steadfast, not get weak in the knees and say, 'Oh, gosh, this may be too hard, let's leave these poor people alone so the tyrants can return.' We're not going to do that."

At another point, he said, "We must not allow insurgents, those who will use bombs and kidnaping and beheading, to triumph."

AP

President of the Hungarian Parliament Katalin Szili and Secretary of State Colin Powell talk in the Parliament building in Budapest after he was awarded the Grand Cross of the Republic of Hungary, in recognition of his contribution to U.S.-Hungarian relations, on Tuesday.

Later, Powell went to the Parliament building where he received the Award of the Grand Cross of the Hungarian Republic in recognition of his contribution to U.S.-Hungarian relations.

He then went to the Foreign Ministry, where he addressed Hungarian ambassadors summoned here for official discussions. He linked Hungary's own struggle for independence and freedom from Soviet tutelage to what he saw as a similar effort in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"You've had your own experience in this part of the world with struggles for freedom," Powell said. "From the dark days that shadowed this city in October of 1956, it took 30 years for your heroism to be vindicated, for Hungary to be free.

"It won't take that long for the hope and the hearts of the peoples of Afghanistan and Iraq to be vindicated because the forces of freedom in the world are now stronger than ever."

He added that both Iraq and Afghanistan need security as they prepare for national elections in the coming months. The goal, he said, is "not to keep tyrants in power but to keep tyrants out of power."

Powell, who arrived here from Washington on Monday night, was leaving Tuesday afternoon for Egypt and from there will travel to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bosnia and Poland. Officials have said there may be an additional stop along the way.

He returns home next Tuesday.

3 charged in drowning case face hearing

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Three Fort Carson soldiers accused of shoving two Iraqi civilians off a bridge into the Tigris River, where one of them drowned, face a hearing Wednesday to determine whether they should be court-martialed.

A hearing for a fourth soldier will be scheduled later because his attorney will not be available, an Army spokeswoman said Monday.

Three of the soldiers are charged with involuntary manslaughter in the drowning death of one of the Iraqis and the fourth is charged with assault for allegedly pushing the second man into the river in the city of Samarra. That man survived.

Sgt. 1st Class Tracy E. Perkins, 33; 1st Lt. Jack M. Saville, 24; and Sgt. Reggie Martinez, 24, are charged with involuntary manslaughter. Spc. Terry Bowman, 21, is charged with assault.

Airman accused of taking war souvenirs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — An Air Force major has been charged with bringing captured AK-47 assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and other illegal war souvenirs home from Iraq, military officials said Monday.

No decision has yet been made whether Maj. Gregory McMillion will be court-martialed or subject to nonjudicial discipline, said Capt. Kristi Beckman, a spokeswoman for the 33rd Fighter Wing.

Also among the suspected contraband found at Eglin Air Force Base were Iraqi uniforms, knives and bayonets.

Audit reveals concerns in tracking Iraq oil

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. controller chairing an oversight body for Iraq said it may take more than a year to establish a system to track how much oil is being produced in the Mideast country.

Controller Jean-Pierre Halbwachs, who chairs the International Advisory and Monitoring Board, made the comments Monday after briefing U.N. Security Council members on an audit of Iraq's oil revenues that was released July 15.

The audit, prepared by accounting firm KPMG, revealed a lack of adequate financial controls and an inability to get information on large noncompetitive contracts. It also cited concerns about an inability to track how much oil is being produced in Iraq and a lack of proper internal controls on the money being spent.

Pakistan undecided on Iraq deployment

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan has made no decision yet to send peacekeepers to Iraq, the foreign ministry said Tuesday, following threats by Iraqi insurgents to kill two Pakistani hostages because their government was considering deploying troops.

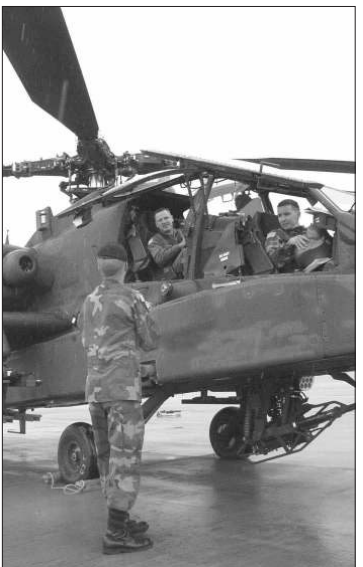
An Iraqi militant group said Monday it had taken hostage two Pakistanis working for U.S. forces and had sentenced them to death because Pakistan was discussing the possibility of sending soldiers to Iraq.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan said Tuesday that the men were "innocent migrant workers" who "have nothing to do with international politics."

"Pakistan has not taken any decision to contribute peacekeeping troops to Iraq, under the auspices of the United Nations," he said.

From wire reports

First 2/6 Cav Longbows land in Illesheim



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Lt. Col. Mike Swanson, commander of the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, greets two of his pilots, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mike Sauer, left, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 George Kessler. The two ferried one of the squadron's 10 new AH-64D Apache Longbow attack helicopters into its home field at Illesheim, Germany, on Monday.

BY STEVE LIEWER
Stars and Stripes

ILLESHEIM, Germany — The four helicopters buzzed through the rain-drenched skies, skirting the bottoms of low, gray clouds that had planted themselves directly over their new German home.

By late afternoon Monday, the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment's first AH-64D Apache Longbows had arrived in Illesheim after a long journey from Fort Hood in San Antonio. They got a wet welcome.

"It's a lot greener than Texas," said Capt. John Cochran, the 2/6 Cavalry's Troop A commander, shortly after the unit landed.

In June 2003, the unit shut down its operations in Illesheim just a few weeks after returning from eight months of combat duty in Kuwait and Iraq. Its members shipped their aging Alpha-model Apaches back to the Boeing manufacturing plant in Mesa, Ariz., to be refurbished as Longbows, then scattered to other units. Many 2/6 Cavalry troopers landed back in the Middle East.

Swanson

The unit, meanwhile, re-formed in Fort Hood, under the leadership of Lt. Col. Mike Swanson. A whole new group of aviators — mechanics, crew chiefs and support personnel, as well as pilots — had to learn new jobs. Only three officers and three soldiers are holdovers from the unit that fought in Iraq a year ago.

After months of classroom, flight and field exercises in Texas, the Army certified the 2/6 Cavalry as combat-ready June 18. It is the 10th of 25 Army Apache battalions to get Longbows, and the second from Illesheim.

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Sauer

Its sister unit, the 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, flew its Longbows home exactly two years earlier. Both are back under the wing of the Illesheim-based 11th Aviation Regiment, V Corps' battle-tested attack helicopter wing.

Swanson said 178 of the 2/6 Cavalry's troops already have made it to Illesheim with their families, and the remaining 224 are scheduled to arrive by Aug. 13. It is a rare Army example of unit rotation, in which all of the soldiers in a unit come and go together.

"We've been together as a group for almost a year," said Sgt. Mark Deamron, 24, of Versailles, Ind., a 2/6 Cavalry crew chief. "It helps to go through this together."

"The unit cohesion is great," added Staff Sgt. Kanobii Morris, 32, of Richmond, Va., an airframe mechanic.

On arrival in Illesheim, each single soldier or family is hosted by a sponsor from the 6/6 Cavalry and will move straight into a house or barracks room.

"It's been really smooth, as smooth as PCSing individually," said Sgt. Scott Henegar, 28, of Knoxville, Tenn., who arrived two weeks ago with the unit's advance party.

Still, it's been busy. Most soldiers are moving for the second time in a year. Cochran estimated that close to half in his squadron already has served in either Afghanistan or Iraq. And although they've received no deployment orders, the squadron's members widely assume they'll be sent to one of the war zones early next year.

The Longbow has drawn praise from its new pilots.

Although the Longbow looks only slightly different from the outside, its fire-control and radar systems have been vastly improved.

Its on-board computer can track up to 16 battlefield targets at once and fire at them automatically. The Longbow flight system uses state-of-the-art "glass cockpit" technology, which replaces the Alpha model's dials and gauges with dual computer screens that display important flight data to the pilot.

"It's a very pilot-friendly aircraft," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 George Kessler, 41, of Springfield, Va., a 2/6 Cavalry pilot. "[The two models] come from the same gene pool, but [the Longbow] is a vast improvement."

"It's like going from a Volkswagen to a Porsche," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mike Sauer, 38, of Seattle, Kessler's flying partner.

Still, the aircraft doesn't lack for critics. The added systems have also increased weight, which at times during the Iraq war forced Longbows to cut back on fuel or ammunition.

"What suffers is the power," Kessler said. "But it's been identified [as a problem], and it should be addressed in the very near future."

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1st AD clinics adding staff

BY LISA HORN
Stars and Stripes

Military clinics at 1st Armored Division communities throughout Germany are adding personnel to guarantee soldiers, civilians and their families receive the care they need as 1st AD soldiers return to Germany.

In addition to the increased number of soldiers, clinics are dealing with the regular summer routine of troops and their families rotating in and out of Europe, as well as vacationing staff.

In Baumholder, more than 5,000 1st AD soldiers have returned from the Middle East in July — about 95 percent of its total troops that were sent downrange.

To help ease the burden on health care providers, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is sending four medical providers, eight to 10 medics and six other medical personnel to serve in 1st AD clinics each day to assist in the medical phase of reintegration.

The result, according to Lt. Col. Francis Bannister, Baumholder clinic commander, is better service to the community.

"We had better access in June than we had in June of last year," Bannister said.

In June 2003, an average of 49.6 appointments were available per day and 50 percent were still available after 10 a.m., he said. This June, an average of 60 same-day appointments were available with 50 percent of those were available after 10 a.m.

"And July is on about the same track," Bannister added. "We've become more efficient. It's because of Landstuhl."

Dr. (Lt. Col.) Richard Jordan, deputy for outlying clinics at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and an internal medicine specialist, said the same idea was implemented in Vicenza, Italy, when the 173rd Airborne redeployed in February.

"Most of the time, we're sending up to five to 10 people [to clinics], depending on the day and how many people are reintegrating at the time," Jordan said.

The 1st Armored Division, like many combat arms units, has battalion aid stations manned by medics, who are working their units' reintegration in addition to their regular duties of operating sick call and providing referrals.

Dr. (Col.) John Torrent, deputy commander for clinical services at Landstuhl and a family practice physician, encourages soldiers to fully update medical staff of their health during reintegration.

"It's not difficult for [the specialty clinics] to make some additional room for redeploying soldiers," he said. "We want to identify problems, take care of them and still let them go on their 30 days of leave or … identify problems that can wait, but ensure that they come back in a month."

Landstuhl's 41 specialty clinics, which include orthopedics, ophthalmology, physical therapy, behavioral health and family practice, are currently able to book appointments 90 days out, he said.

In Hanau, reservists are rotating in about every three months to supplement the clinic staff, said Lt. Col. Carolyn Tiffany, Hanau clinic commander.

In addition, clinics in the Heidelberg area have hired stateside contractors to provide care, said Col. David Krieger, commander of Heidelberg Army Medical Department Activity.

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Sgt. Donald Mason, 24, a laboratory medical technician assigned to U.S.A. Health Clinics, Baumholder Health Clinic, prepares to take blood from April Roserie, 34, on Tuesday.

"Traditionally over the summer months, we have a lot of people coming and going, to include our own staff," he said. "… We knew that we were going to be short and … have already contracted for some additional providers to help us bridge the gap."

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Sailors to get informational guide CDs

Navy MWR, AT&T working together on four interactive 'passports'

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER
Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — Thousands of CD-ROMS packed with shopping tips, recreational opportunities and cultural dos and don'ts are being created for deployed sailors.

Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation and AT&T are producing 45,000 of the CDs. Three types of informational "passport" CDs will be geared toward sailors making port visits in the Middle East, Asia and Europe. A fourth will focus on Navy MWR programs at bases worldwide.

"The MWR and the cultural information is available from a number of sources," said Steve Buckley of the MWR Communications Group. "This is just one way of putting it all together in a creative and interactive and fun way that will hopefully hold the sailors' interest and also inform them in particular about MWR."

A pair of music videos by rock groups Dishwalla and 3 Doors Down appear on the discs.

The overseas CDs will include information about MWR services in the different regions, important phone numbers, cultural overviews and language help, said Ingrid Mueller of the MWR Communications Group. A pair of music videos by rock groups Dishwalla and 3 Doors Down also appear on the discs.

AT&T, which is sponsoring the endeavor, will have links to its military-support Web site and access numbers for the various regions.

"It provides valuable information," said Roberto Cruz, AT&T media relations director. "The impact can be immediate and the reach is vast through the CD. It's a medium these folks in the military understand now and nobody travels now without their CDs and PCs these days."

Once production is completed, CDs will go to deployed ships and squadrons serving in the Middle East, Fleet and Family Support Centers serving commands deploying to the Middle East, fleet and force command master chiefs Navywide, recreational coordinators serving aboard ships, career counselors and to special events.

The Middle East CD will be available by the end of the summer and will include recreational facility information, important phone numbers and cultural overviews. The Asian and European CDs are in production and won't be available until the end of the year at the earliest. The European version won't likely be available until the spring, Buckley said.

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Air Force sergeants say Price is right

USAFE senior master sergeant recognized

BY JESSICA INIGO
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A U.S. Air Forces in Europe senior master sergeant received the 2004 Air Force First Sergeant of the Year Award at the Air Force Sergeants Association national convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Senior Master Sgt. Ricky Price, who works in construction and training on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, was recognized during a ceremony Saturday for efforts to help the community and for improving airmen's knowledge through programs he created.

Price built and then taught the first USAFE first sergeant deployment and contingency training course. The course allowed 19 first sergeants and one chaplain to train in various wartime scenarios that primed them for Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Price also created self-improvement programs through a squadron combat library. The library offered airmen access to 51 College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support books and compact discs.

He also taught a discipline class to 110 noncommissioned officers and developed a seminar that trained 40 supervisors in how to compile award nominations, performance reports and decoration packages.

Another program Price created, "Taking Care of Our Own," led the squadron into a year free of drunken driving offenses in 2003 by providing pocket cards with supervisor emergency contact information available to all airmen.

Price is also the chairman of the Kaiserslautern Military Community Holiday Cheer program, which raised more than $67,000 to help about 840 families between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

"This is truly an honor, because when I look across our great Air Force and the first sergeants that serve, every one of them probably deserves this recognition," he said in an article written by the U.S. Air Force. "Sure, I worked hard this past year, but every first sergeant worked hard as well.

"I wish there was an award for the most outstanding group of the year — that group would be the Air Force first sergeants."

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Senator dissatisfied with rocket fuel report

BY ERICA WERNER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon says it found contamination from a toxic chemical, perchlorate, at 14 abandoned or likely to be closed military bases nationwide. But a Democratic senator said last week more facilities should have been examined.

In the report sent to lawmakers, the Pentagon said it found the chemical in ground water and soil samples at defense sites in 10 states. The sites are among those that have been closed or are targeted by the Pentagon for closing or realignment for a different use.

Perchlorate, a toxic chemical from rocket fuel and weapons production, has been linked to thyroid damage.

The amounts found ranged from 1.2 parts per billion in ground water at Fort McClellan in Alabama, to as high as 2,890 parts per billion in some samples of ground water at Fort Wingate Depot in New Mexico.

There is debate about what constitutes dangerous levels of perchlorate, but the Environmental Protection Agency's draft proposal for drinking water is one part per billion. Some but not all drinking water supplies draw on ground water.

Perchlorate has been found in drinking water supplies in 29 states and has also been found in vegetables.

The eight-page report, issued in response to a congressional mandate, was more than two months overdue. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., released a letter Friday to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld saying it didn't meet congressional demands.

Feinstein said the report should have addressed 74 potentially contaminated closed bases — a number contained in a General Accounting Office report from 2003.

FRIENDS OF THE HUNLEY/AP

An undated X-ray shows an oil can found on board the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley. The Hunley could be on permanent display in a new museum in four years, the S.C. Hunley Commission chairman said.

Confederate sub Hunley could be on permanent display in four years

BY BRUCE SMITH
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley could be on permanent public display in a new museum in four years, the chairman of the South Carolina Hunley Commission said Friday.

"I'm hoping we will set a deadline for around 2008," said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, who leads the commission.

McConnell said conservation of the submarine, the first in history to sink an enemy warship, should begin next year.

Scientists are now studying whether to use traditional electrolysis, a technique known as cold plasma reduction or so-called supercritical fluids to remove the corrosive salts from the submarine.

McConnell said he is studying preliminary engineering reports and expects a final decision to be made this fall.

"We'll probably get experts around the world to critique it," he said. "We have only one chance, and that is to do it right."

Tours of the Hunley are now available on weekends at the conservation lab where sub is housed. It eventually will go on display at a $40 million museum to be built in North Charleston.

Although raised almost four years ago and the sediment inside removed, the sub is still revealing glimpses of the past.

Scientists Friday announced they had found an oil can with oil still inside.

"We uncovered a mysterious concreted object that upon closer inspection turned out to be an intact oil can," said Maria Jacobsen, the senior archaeologist on the project.

The encrusted can was found near the forward pump where commander Lt. George Dixon was stationed.

"The oil could have been used for the joy stick — the steering rod," McConnell said. It also might have been used to lubricate a lever to open a hatch, he said.

Scientists also found an encrusted iron wedge, nut and hammer. Earlier they had found wrenches and bolts near the hammer, suggesting that they were once part of a tool bag.

The 40-foot submarine became the first in history to sink an enemy warship when it rammed a spar with a black powder charge into the Union blockade ship Housatonic.

The Hunley never returned from its mission on Feb. 17, 1864, and was located off Sullivans Island nine years ago. It was raised in 2000 and brought to a conservation lab at the old Charleston Naval Base.

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DeCA awards scholarships in Korea

By John Hightower
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McClellan, Calif. --- Store Manager Sidney Conner of the Pusan Commissary and assistant commissary officer Don Mitchell of the Camp Howze Commissary celebrate with the latest recipients of the Scholarship for Military Children Program. Erica L. Moreno and Derrick Krumlauf were among several hundred students worldwide selected to receive a $1,500 scholarship.

Richard Page, the DeCA West region director, was full of praise for this year's crop of winners and expressed pride in all those that applied. "Education is what enables our children to recognize opportunity and then seize upon it. These scholarships are not only an investment in the future of ours kids, but our country as well … and DeCA is proud to be a part of such a worthwhile endeavor."

The Scholarships For Military Children Program was created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. The Fisher House Foundation, the Defense Commissary Agency and industry sponsors have partnered over the last several years to make an increasing number of financial assistance awards available to those deserving military family members applying for, or already attending, an accredited four year college or university. For a complete list of worldwide winners and corporate sponsors log on to: http://www.militaryscholar.org/winners/winners.shtml

Derrick Krumlauf –Winner Scholarship for Military Children
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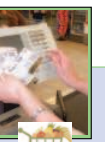
Right to Left, Mr. Don Mitchell Assistant Commissary Officer congratulates Mr. Krumlauf and Family, Chaplain Maj. Dennis and Mary Krumlauf and family Friend Cindy. The Krumlauf's hail from West Palm Beach Fla. where Derrick attends College.

Pusan Commissary's Sidney Conner (center), along with MAJ Timothy Sheetz, presents Erica Moreno with a certificate commemorating selection as a recipient in the Scholarships For Military Children program.



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Airman found dead

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — A 48th Communications Squadron airman was found dead in her home at Bury St. Edmunds on Sunday.

Airman 1st Class Katherine Trevino, 23, of Cornish, Maine, was a computer maintenance apprentice and had been assigned to the base since May 2003.

The Suffolk Constabulary and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 512 are investigating the cause of death.

A memorial service is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday at the base chapel.

Memorial for fallen GIs

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Kaiserslautern, Germany, for two 66th Transportation Company soldiers killed in Iraq.

Sgt. Tatjana Reed, 35, and Spc. Torey J. Dantzler, 21, were killed Thursday when a roadside bomb detonated near their convoy outside of Forward Operating Base Speicher in Samarra.

Dantzler died at the scene. Reed died en route to the hospital, according to Staff Sgt. Keesha Shepherd, a transportation company spokeswoman.

A third soldier, Spc. Jose Hernandez, was injured in the attack and is receiving treatment at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

The memorial service will be held at the Daenner Chapel.

From staff reports

Panel: Leave paramilitary to Pentagon

9/11 Commission sees sees no need for CIA to duplicate operations

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN
The Associated Press

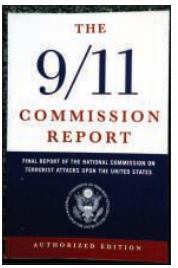
WASHINGTON — A proposal buried in the Sept. 11 commission's report recommends that paramilitary operations be made the sole province of the military, which now shares such duties with the CIA.

Having separate structures for paramilitary operations within the federal government is redundant, the panel said.

"Whether the price is measured in either money or people, the United States cannot afford to build two separate capabilities for carrying out secret military operations, secretly operating standoff missiles and secretly training foreign military or paramilitary forces," the report said. "The United States should concentrate responsibility and necessary legal authorities in one entity."

It does not rule out CIA involvement in such operations but says the military should be in charge.

Paramilitary operations, which range from training pro-U.S. insurgents to hunting terrorists, sometimes are overseen by the CIA and sometimes by military special operations forces such as the Green Berets. Which is used depends on the situation, the need for secrecy and the number of people required.



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In its recommendation, the 9/11 panel said the CIA's paramilitary capabilities are regarded as agile, while the military's culture is "methodical and cumbersome."

Whether those reputations are deserved the report does not say, but it suggests that the CIA's experts should be integrated into the military's much larger paramilitary force.

Pentagon and CIA officials said all the report's recommendations will be studied closely but were noncommittal about specific proposals. A Pentagon spokesman said that since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, military personnel and CIA operatives have enjoyed an unprecedented level of cooperation.

Although similar in mission, some distinctions exist between the military and CIA commandos.

Military special operations forces number just under 50,000, including reservists, and have a wide range of capabilities. The Army's Rangers serve as an elite infantry force, the Green Berets work with foreign troops and insurgents, and Delta Force is a specially trained counterterror and hostage rescue unit.

Navy SEALs specialize in maritime and coastal operations but often are found alongside the Army's special operators. The Air Force has a highly trained cadre of operators capable of coordinating airstrikes and rescuing downed pilots.

These forces fall under the military chain of command and bureaucracy and are subject to military law and treaties to limit activities of armed forces.

That's where the CIA's paramilitaries traditionally have entered the picture. Many are retired military special operators.

They are part of the CIA's covert operations arm, called the Special Activities Division. Some of the spies in the unit specialize in propaganda and economic and political disruption; others, members of the Special Operations Group, are true warriors.

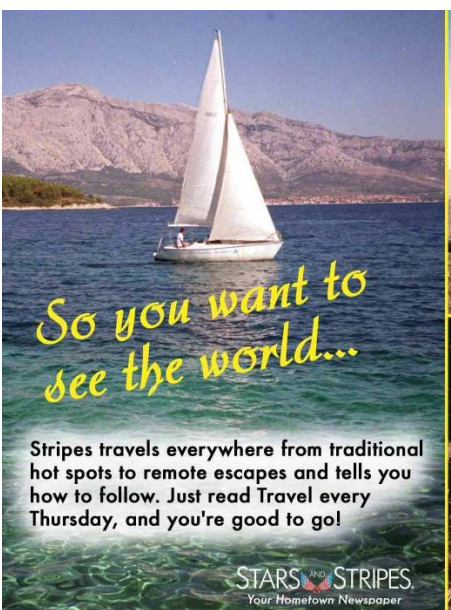
One such paramilitary was Johnny "Mike" Spann, the first American to die in combat in Afghanistan, killed during a 2001 prison uprising.

For the paramilitaries to go into action, the president must a sign a secret document called a "finding" that governs their activities, and designated congressional leaders are informed.

Unlike the Green Berets, the CIA agents can operate without uniform or identification as officers of the U.S. government. If any are caught or killed, the government plausibly can deny their identities as government agents. Unlike most military special operations forces, women are among the CIA's paramilitary ranks.

In recent decades, the paramilitary force has seen heavy use in Central America, Angola and Afghanistan.

The size of the CIA's paramilitary force is classified, although it's known to have enlarged significantly since the Sept. 11 attacks.



IN THE WORLD

UA flight returns after hoax bomb threat

BY MIKE CORDER
The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — A written bomb threat forced a United Airlines jet to return to Sydney International Airport on Tuesday after it took off for Los Angeles, but police declared the threat a hoax after interviewing all 246 passengers.

The hoax occurred days after a purported al-Qaida affiliate in Europe, the Tawhid Islamic Group, warned it would turn Australia into "pools of blood" if the government did not withdraw its troops from Iraq. Australia has nearly 900 military personnel in the region.

Transport Minister John Anderson told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio earlier Tuesday that staff on board Flight 840 found a written bomb threat, which was being investigated.

Australian media reported the note was written on an air sickness bag.

United Airlines said in a statement that the plane turned around 90 minutes into the flight. The Boeing 747 taxied to a remote spot at the airport after landing.

"As a precaution, the captain immediately returned to Sydney, landing without incident at 5:50 p.m. Further investigations will be carried out," it said.

Flights in and out of Sydney were briefly halted or diverted while the threat was investigated, Anderson said.

"The first point to make is everyone is safe, and flights in Australia are now resuming," he added.

"Things are returning to normal."

Anderson said the plane was being searched, but no bomb was immediately found. Later he told ABC television he was "pretty sure it was a hoax."

Police commander Peter O'Brien said all passengers were interviewed and released.

The flight was rescheduled to fly to Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Sydney resident Jeff Nelson, who was one of the first to emerge from the jet, said passengers were told little about the unfolding drama.

"The plane actually turned around and then we were told that there was an unconfirmed threat," Nelson said.

"We were given very little information over all; everyone was pretty calm."

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Palestinian premier retracts his resignation

BY LARA SUKHTIAN
The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia rescinded his resignation Tuesday, kissing and embracing Yasser Arafat as the two ended a 10-day political standoff and a deep rift over power.

Qureia resigned earlier this month in frustration at Arafat's refusal to let him restructure the security forces and deal with growing unrest in the Palestinian areas. But Arafat refused to let him step down.

Arafat's almost absolute control over the Palestinian Authority has been a source of frustration for the United States and other countries hoping to promote reform among the Palestinian leadership.

Hassan Abu Libdeh, general secretary of the Cabinet, said Arafat had agreed to give up some control over security forces.

During a visit to Budapest, Hungary, Secretary of State Colin Powell urged Arafat to make good on his word.

"We need action, not propositions, not proposals, not commitments," Powell said. "Action. Real action that transfers power to a prime minister of the Palestinian people, and Palestinian Authority, and consolidation of security services with those consolidated services being under the direction of the prime minister."

Under the agreement, Qureia's power would be limited to the internal security forces, while Arafat would retain control over the Palestinian intelligence service and armed forces, Palestinian officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Still, the officials said Arafat gave ground on the key issue of corruption, agreeing to order the attorney-general to open investigations against tainted officials.

Qureia told reporters at a news conference that the two leaders had agreed to enforce power structures already in place.

EU seeks Sudan peace

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union on Monday joined the United States in pushing for U.N. sanctions against Sudan if the country does not move to end the conflict in its western Darfur region.

"Unity in the international community is very, very important," German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer told reporters before a meeting of EU foreign ministers.

He demanded Sudan implement a July 3 promise to U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan to rein in pro-government Arab militias, improve security and provide better access for relief efforts.

The violence in Darfur began 15 months ago when two rebel groups from Darfur's African tribes took up arms in a struggle over land and resources. Arab militias known as Janjaweed then began a brutal campaign to drive out the black Africans.

Turkey ups terror alert

ANKARA, Turkey — Airports in Turkey have been placed on the second highest terror alert level after officials received intelligence that the al-Qaida terror network may be planning Sept. 11-style attacks, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The daily Milliyet said the warning said Osama bin Laden's terror network may either hijack a plane to crash it onto a target or detonate an explosive device on board a plane.

The report did not say where the attack might take place.

From The Associated Press

British pupil gets life for school stabbing

By Jane Wardell
The Associated Press

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LONDON — A 16-year-old boy was sentenced to life imprisonment Tuesday for the stabbing murder of a fellow pupil at a village school.

Judge John Goldring ordered that Alan Pennell serve a minimum of 12 years of the life sentence.

Pennell was 15 when used a flick knife to stab Luke Walmsley, 14, through the heart in a hallway at Birkbeck School in North Somercotes, eastern England.

The death shocked the country and raised questions about school security; British schools are by and large well controlled and peaceful places.

Pennell had claimed he stabbed Walmsley in self-defense, but a jury at Nottingham Crown Court deliberated for just four hours Monday before finding him guilty of murder.

Goldring said it was clear the attack was premeditated.

Witnesses at the trial said Pennell threatened several times to kill Walmsley, a popular student at the school. Pennell stabbed Walmsley as he stood in the hallway discussing soccer with another student.

"I am sure this was not something done on the spur of the moment. It was something you thought about," Goldring said.

"You may have intended to kill him. I am sure you took the decision to cause him the most serious injury," he added.

Pennell sat expressionless in the dock with his head bowed as the sentence was delivered.

Walmsley's parents, Jayne and Paul, who attended court each day during the 13-day trial, sobbed as Pennell was removed from the court.

Goldring lifted a court order barring publication of Pennell's name following the sentencing.

He also allowed the media to reveal that Pennell had previously been warned by police for punching a fellow pupil and that he had an obsession with violent films and a collection of knives at his home — details that were not provided to the jury.

Working hard in Europe? You must not be a German

Habits in 10 countries studied

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Slovenians apparently are Europe's busiest people, while Germans and Norwegians are among the biggest loafers, according to a "time use" survey of 10 countries released Tuesday.

Using data collected between 1998 and 2002 for employed men and women, the European Union statistics office found sleep consumed the greatest part of the day for everyone.

Swedish men get the fewest — 7 hours, 52 minutes — and French women the most — 8 hours, 38 minutes.

French women, though, may be exhausted from doing so much housework on top of their outside jobs. The survey found they spend 90 percent more time each day on domestic work than their male counterparts, the biggest spread in the Eurostat results.

Adding together domestic and "gainful" work, Slovenes come out the most industrious, with women busy 8 hours, 47 minutes each day and men 7 hours, 44 minutes.

Hungarian, Estonian and French women were not far behind. Among men, Swedes, Britons and the French trailed by only a few minutes.

German men and women spent the least amount of time working, about 7 hours each day.

Norwegians have the most free time — about 5½ hours — but they may not be having the most fun.

The French spend nearly 3 hours daily — easily the most of any country — on "meals and personal care," a category that included not only eating and drinking but "sexual activities."

The 10 countries in the survey were: Belgium, Germany, Estonia, France, Hungary, Slovenia, Finland, Sweden, Britain and Norway.

IN THE STATES

Muslim charity indicted; Hamas ties cited

BY CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A major American Muslim charity and seven of its officers were charged Tuesday with providing millions of dollars in support to Hamas, a Palestinian extremist organization blamed for dozens of suicide bomber attacks in Israel.

The 42-count indictment, returned by a federal grand jury in Dallas, alleges that the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development provided more than $12.4 million to individuals and organizations linked to Hamas from 1995 to 2001. The U.S. government froze the charity's assets in December 2001.

The indictment names the foundation along with its president, Shukri Abu Baker; chairman, Ghassan Elashi; executive director, Haitham Maghawri; and four others. The charges include conspiracy, providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization, tax evasion and money laundering.

"To those who exploit good hearts to secretly fund violence and murder, this prosecution sends a clear message: There is no distinction between those who carry out terrorist attacks and those who knowingly finance terrorist attacks," Attorney General John Ashcroft said at a news conference to announce charges.

Noting that a number of Americans have been Hamas victims, Ashcroft said, "Today, a U.S.-based charity that claims to do good works is charged with funding the works of evil."

The attorney general said the foundation gave money to the families of Hamas terrorists killed and jailed by Israel.

"In this manner, the defendants effectively rewarded past and encouraged future suicide bombings and terrorist activities on behalf of Hamas."

Tim Evans, Elashi's attorney, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Tuesday.

On Monday, the foundation filed a complaint with the inspector general of the Justice Department and asked for an investigation because it claimed the FBI fabricated its case.

Holy Land, which claims to be the largest U.S. Muslim charity, has been shut down since about $4 million of its assets were frozen by the U.S. government in late 2001. Federal courts have repeatedly rejected Holy Land's appeals to get its assets unfrozen, concluding that the government has sufficient evidence linking the charity to terrorism.

The charity has insisted that its money went only for relief to refugees, orphans and disaster victims. In 2000, it raised about $13 million for what charity officials said were schools and social programs in Palestinian-controlled areas and other mainly Islamic nations.

The indictment charges that Holy Land provided financial aid to the militant group Hamas as far back as 1988.

John Boyd, a lawyer for the Holy Land Foundation, said he had not seen the indictment and could not comment in detail. However, he questioned the use of old transactions in the indictment.

"If these are related to transactions in '88 and '89, that is six years before Hamas committed its first terrorist acts and seven years before Hamas was declared a terrorist organization," Boyd said.

Israeli government officials hailed the U.S. move against the group.

Altar boy's death files

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The state's highest court on Tuesday lifted an order that has sealed the investigative files in the unsolved 1972 murder of a 13-year-old altar boy.

The Supreme Judicial Court said a lower court judge was right to order the unsealing of the records from a state police investigation into the death of Danny Croteau. Defrocked pedophile priest Richard Lavigne was the only publicly identified suspect in the boy's slaying, but he was never charged.

Croteau's bludgeoned body was found on the banks of the Chicopee River on April 15, 1972.

Cancer payment cuts

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration proposed cutting Medicare payment rates Tuesday for doctors providing cancer treatment in their offices, projecting savings of $530 million amid concerns that some specialists would reduce their practices.

Medicare chief Mark McClellan said the government is paying far too much for cancer drugs administered in doctors' offices — up to 50 percent more than typical sales prices for some medicines used to treat prostate cancer. The changes, to take place in 2005, would make payments competitive with prices negotiated by other health plans, he said.

Cancer specialists' revenues could decline 2 percent to 8 percent, McClellan said.

Marriage amendment

BISMARCK, N.D. — Supporters of a North Dakota constitutional amendment to limit marriage to heterosexual couples say they have collected more than enough petition signatures for their campaign to put the issue to a November vote.

Only 25,688 signatures are needed to put the amendment on the statewide ballot this fall, but the North Dakota Family Alliance's Web site, which posts updated signature totals daily, said the petition had 38,457 signatures as of 5:40 p.m. Monday.

From wire reports

Cheney visits Marines at Camp Pendleton

AP

Vice President Dick Cheney pins a Purple Heart on Marine Cpl. Nathan T. Coutts, front left, who was wounded in Iraq, during a visit Tuesday to Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base in California. Cheney told Marines during a morale-boosting stop that terrorist hatred for America is limitless and the enemy must be crushed.

Safety board renews call for cameras in airplane cockpits

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Safety officials are stepping up pressure on the Federal Aviation Administration to require video cameras in cockpits so accident investigators will have better information on what causes plane crashes.

The National Transportation Safety Board launched a two-day hearing Tuesday to renew its call for large and small planes to be equipped with crash-resistant cockpit image recorders.

"We need to light the fires," said National Transportation Safety Board member Carol Carmody, who will chair the hearing. The NTSB recommended four years ago that the FAA require cameras in large aircraft.

Supporting the idea was Ken Smart of the British Air Accidents Investigation Branch, who said cameras are used on military aircraft in the United Kingdom and are very useful in understanding the human actions that lead to airplane accidents.

Nonetheless, the idea of cameras in the cockpits drew strong opposition from airline pilots.

John David of the Allied Pilots Association said having a camera monitor everything they do would affect their ability to perform.

The Air Line Pilots Association, the largest pilots union, issued a statement saying "the benefits of video imaging are vastly overrated, because far more effective and efficient tools exist."

Pilots object to the idea because they're concerned about their privacy and they fear that images, unlike technical data, can give rise to subjective interpretations of pilots' actions in the seconds before a crash.

John Cox, executive air safety chairman of the ALPA, said cameras in the cockpit would be a waste of money.

President considers 9/11 panel proposals

The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush met Monday via videoconference with his task force reviewing the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations, and contemplates acting within days on some of them, White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said.

She would not say which of the more than 40 recommendations Bush was likely to adopt or if he would make his own proposals, and it was unclear if he will make any announcements on the matter this week as the Democratic National Convention is under way in Boston.

The president said he was reading the report and found it "interesting."

"It reads like a mystery, a novel. It's well written," Bush told The Associated Press in a brief interview just outside his home in Crawford. Asked what he was gleaning from the report, he said, "I'm gleaning that was a well-thought-out plot by the enemy."

"We've got work to do," he said, adding that the nation is "safe but not safe enough."

He declined to offer an opinion of the commission's recommendations, or when he would act.

"The president thinks that his most important obligation is to protect the American people ... and he will be governed by doing what's best and doing what's right and by acting as quickly as possible," Buchan said. "If there's something we can do to protect the American people, it isn't going to wait."

The White House is studying which of the panel's proposals would improve domestic security, which can be implemented by executive order and which require congressional approval.

Heavy hitters take center stage

Clinton, Carter rev up convention, with would-be first lady up next

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Democrats, energized by their last first lady, were set to get their first long look Tuesday at the multimillionaire heiress who would be their next one as they turn to John Kerry's outspoken wife and an aging liberal warrior to define the Massachusetts senator they would put in the White House.

Teresa Heinz Kerry, widow of a Republican senator who inherited his family's ketchup fortune, and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy were to offer the nation a more personal and family view of the party's candidate for president on the second night of the Democratic National Convention.

Kerry was appearing in the Navy town of Norfolk, Va., on Tuesday, where he was calling for the Sept. 11 commission to continue working past its scheduled end date of Aug. 26 to ensure recommended reforms are put in place.

Kerry is to arrive at the convention Wednesday as the question of whether he or Bush can best protect America from terrorists continues to dominate the political debate.

It was former President Bill Clinton and his wife who were the convention's stars Monday.

Introducing her husband Monday night as "the last great Democratic president," New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton revved up the packed convention hall by saying Kerry "will lead the world, not alienate it."

When the former president took the stage, delegates jumped up, screamed, applauded and waved placards. Even as he clearly enjoyed it, Clinton quickly turned the focus to insisting that Kerry would be a good commander in chief.

"During the Vietnam War, many young men, including the current president, the vice president and me, could have gone to Vietnam and didn't. John Kerry came from a privileged background. He could have avoided going, too, but instead, he said: Send me," Clinton said.

In keeping with the Democratic convention strategy of avoiding strong Bush-bashing, Clinton jabbed the Republicans sharply on the economy, tax cuts and corporate windfalls, while taking more subtle digs at the president himself.

Kerry has "a willingness to hear other views, even those who disagree with him," Clinton said. "John Kerry will make choices that reflect both conviction and common sense."

Former President Carter accused President Bush of squandering the international goodwill that flowed to the United States in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"After 9/11, America stood proud, wounded but determined and united," Carter said in a speech Monday night to the opening session of the Democratic National Convention. "But in just 34 months, we have watched with deep concern as all this goodwill has been squandered by a virtually unbroken series of mistakes and miscalculations."

"Unilateral acts and demands have isolated the United States from the very nations we need to join us in combatting terrorism."

Seeking to counter those who say Bush is better suited than John F. Kerry to defend the nation against the threat of terrorism, Carter noted that the Massachusetts senator is a decorated Vietnam veteran "who knows the horrors of war and the responsibilities of leadership."

"When our national security requires military action, John Kerry has already proven in Vietnam that he will not hesitate to act," Carter said. "And as a proven defender of our national security, John Kerry will strengthen the global alliance against terrorism while avoiding unnecessary wars."

The former president avoided mentioning Bush by name but sprinkled his speech with references to "trust" and "telling the truth," and denounced the "confused and disturbing strategy of pre-emptive war."

Former Vice President Al Gore urged Democrats to "fully and completely" channel their anger over the bitter Florida recount, which decided the 2000 election in Bush's favor, and send Kerry to the White House.

Pre-convention polls show Kerry tied or slightly ahead of Bush, although the same surveys show the president with a clear advantage over his challenger in handling the war on terror.

AP

Former Vice President Al Gore waves to the delegates Monday during the Democratic National Convention at the FleetCenter in Boston.

AP

A military policeman keeps watch behind concertina wire on Tuesday outside the FleetCenter in Boston, where security has been stepped up during the Democratic National Convention. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard are providing forces for securing the convention.

U.S. military forces providing extraordinary security levels

BY ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Pentagon has quietly positioned air, land and sea forces in and around Boston in an unprecedented level of military support for a national political convention, a military spokesman said Monday.

"We have provided security for past conventions but nothing to the extent we have now," said Michael Kucharek, a spokesman for U.S. Northern Command, which was created after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to ensure that the military is prepared for security threats inside U.S. borders.

"This is somewhat of a precedent-setting situation," given that the Democratic National Convention is the first political convention since the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, he said.

Most of the security visible on the streets of Boston is state and local police. Kucharek said the military's main role is behind-the-scenes coordination and preparation to respond to a major emergency.

Kucharek said he could not disclose numbers or other details of the military presence in Boston. He said it includes representatives of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard — both active duty and National Guard.

The Air Force is flying combat air patrols in the vicinity of Boston, he said, as is normal for what the military calls a "special security event," like the Super Bowl held in Houston last winter.

In addition to active duty forces, the Massachusetts and Maine National Guards make up "Joint Task Force-Democratic National Convention," Kucharek said. It is commanded by Army Brig. Gen. Gary A. Pappas, who is commander of the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Kucharek said a similar arrangement would be made for the Republican National Convention in New York in late August.

By federal law the U.S. military is barred from performing domestic law enforcement duties, but Kucharek said the arrangement made for Boston this week enables the military to provide crisis support if requested by the U.S. Secret Service. He offered no specifics, but typically that means the military might be called upon to help mitigate the effects of, say, a chemical or biological weapons attack through its extensive decontamination and medical evacuation resources.

The Coast Guard has said it planned to use infrared and night-vision cameras in Boston Harbor and to randomly board commercial ships for security checks.

Voters say Kerry too quiet on the issues

BY RICHARD MORIN AND CLAUDIA DEANE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A majority of voters say they know little about John F. Kerry's positions on key issues and want the Democratic presidential candidate to detail specific plans for handling the economy, Iraq and the war on terrorism when he addresses the Democratic National Convention and a nationally televised audience on Thursday, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

The survey suggests that the stakes for Kerry and the Democrats as they began their convention in Boston could not be higher. In barely a month, Kerry has lost ground to President Bush on every top voting issue in this year's election.

A growing proportion of voters say Bush and not Kerry is the candidate who most closely shares their values, and four in 10 believe the Democrat is "too liberal." Bush has even narrowed the gap on which candidate better understands their problems, an area that Kerry has led.

The poll suggests that negative ads by the Bush-Cheney campaign that have been airing since early March, as well as attacks by Republican officials, have been increasingly successful in planting the image of Kerry as an unreliable leader who flip-flops on the issues — perceptions that Democrats will work hard to reverse at their convention.

Kerry's advisers downplayed the results of the Post-ABC poll, asserting that the senator from Massachusetts enters the convention stronger than other recent challengers to incumbent presidents.

Cheryl Utley, 43, of Lowell, Mich., would seem to be exactly the kind of voter that Kerry is targeting this week. Utley, a restaurant worker, is an independent living in a battleground state. She is leaning toward Bush even though she has more often supported Democrats.

"I have more of a sense of where he stands on things than Kerry," she said.

The survey found that Kerry and Bush remain virtually deadlocked, with 48 percent of registered voters supporting Bush and 46 percent Kerry. Independent candidate Ralph Nader claims 3 support of the hypothetical vote. In mid-June, Kerry held a four-point lead over Bush and was tied with Bush in a Post survey two weeks ago.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Pro-gay articles questioned

The editorial writer of "Need is great, so anti-gay DOD rule must be retired" (July 14) recommended that, in light of the great need for certain key military occupations, the Department of Defense should quit discharging openly gay personnel.

I have read at least three editorials and articles like this within the last five months in Stars and Stripes. In a small paper such as this one, it is interesting to note the articles and editorials Stars and Stripes chooses to run. After all, space is very limited. This causes me to wonder why we have had three such articles about this exact issue from the exact same pro-homosexual viewpoint in Stars and Stripes.

Everyone is aware of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Be aware that there is another war being waged.

Someone who may not share your vision or ideals under the current policies for our armed forces is also waging theirs.

Colin F. Smith
Schinnen, Netherlands

Vote for Kerry

This is concerning letter to the editor "Electing a president" (July 15) when Sgt. Daniel M. Golden says that " ... When Bush leaves office, in 2009, he will ... ."

This statement in itself is incorrect. Americans are showing their opinion about the current president. Whether he was elected or appointed by the judges, the polls clearly hint that it will be John Kerry who will taking the oath in January 2005, and if Kerry is able to rectify the mess and the culture of hatred created in the last four years then "... it will be President Kerry in 2009, who will continue ... ."

Polls have always been to be almost accurate and reflect the prevailing opinion, although the underdogs and the expectant losing candidate always claim that polls are incorrect. Are you hoping for that rare case?

I am not a registered Democrat or Republican. The reason I am unaffiliated is because I have seen that no matter who comes to the White House, they cannot keep all the promises made during the campaign.

Haven't you noticed Bush hesitating at the news conferences and thinking for a few seconds before changing his words? Hasn't it been obvious that he is trying to say something but then controls himself because he has been reprimanded by his advisers for saying the wrong things? Haven't you noticed that there is not much difference between our current president and Vice President Dan Quayle under the senior Bush.

For the sake of America and for the sake of hundreds of those who have given their lives for this country, we need to vote for Kerry.

Nabeel Kareem
Camp Victory North, Iraq

Retiree tax information

In response to "Tax problems for survivors" (July 16): Near Böblingen is the 6th Area Support Group Retiree Center, which is open a few days a week to help clear up problems like this.

The first mistake the writer made was to ask the U.S. Embassy for help, as that is the State Department and most there do not know what the Defense Finance and Accounting Service does. The proper form to use is DFAS-CL 5840/26 (Rev. 7-92). These are available from many retirement services officers and should be a part of the Casualty Assistance Officers Packet when he goes to visit the widow or widower.

The Retiree Council in Heidelberg published a very informative newsletter with this as the main subject. A copy of it can be obtained through the Heidelberg RSO.

One of the big problems over here is that retirees do not get involved with private organizations or retiree councils that operate within their areas. The letter writer has a good chance to get involved, as the 6th ASG Retiree Council is attempting to form a private organization for retirees in the Stuttgart area, which should include Böblingen.

Lawrence Ford
Darmstadt, Germany

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Prediction: If it's a trend, I'll miss it

BY LENORE SKENAZY
New York Daily News

Tongue studs.

I really missed the boat on that one. I just couldn't imagine swarms of kids demanding more metal in their mouths, considering most of them had just gotten out of braces.

But, as those with tongue studs say: I wath wong. And by now I have been wrong so many, many times — "Sushi? Who's gonna eat raw fish?" "Why are they putting music on TV?" "Since when do guys go for lesbians?" — that perhaps my old boss was right to fire me from my position as, yes, trend spotter.

Like, OK, once I was sent to interview the as-yet-unsigned Beastie Boys. I returned and announced, "Sorry — those guys aren't going anywhere."

Except, of course, to the top of the charts.

In my defense, they only stayed there for two decades.

Something similar happened with the Blue Man Group, for whom I predicted a quick Off-Broadway death. Manhattan rents? "I'm sure they'll come down soon!" And, of course, bottled water: "Who's gonna pay for something they can get free?"

On the other hand, maybe I am a perfect bellwether. Because pretty much everything I initially think sounds insane ($3 for coffee), icky (thong undies) or just plain unfathomable ("Reagan? Who'd vote for him?"), usually turns out to be incredibly popular.

Which means that these trends just may be the next "Survivor."

RAW FOOD: Ugh. Slimy and gross. Raw foodies won't touch anything cooked, like bread or chicken, so they substitute things like paper-thin turnip slices for pasta. Real nutritionists say any health benefits are bunk. In fact, the movement's basic tenet — that cooking food destroys its "life essence" — is so silly it reminds me of yoga. Which reminds me of ...

YOGA! I know. Already established. But once they're selling yoga shoes even though you're supposed to do yoga WITHOUT shoes, it should be over, right?

CUDDLE PARTIES: Parties where strangers in their p.j.'s get together for a big group hug. Think slumber party plus orgy equals anonymous sex minus ghost stories. Loser.

MEAT HOOK HANGING: According to this very paper, Florida kids are spending their carefree summer days dangling from meat hooks inserted into their shoulders. While one should never underestimate the desire to appall one's parents, this still seems so sick it almost makes me see the appeal of ...

KNUCKLE REDUCTION: Supposedly the latest thing: Slicing a joint off one's fingers to look cool. Mothers everywhere are begging, "Oh, honey, why can't you do something nice, like pierce your tongue?"

MINI-MOTORCYCLES: Also known as pocket bikes, these are 18-inch motorized versions of real hogs, upon which hip, happenin' adults crouch, zoom and get run over. Perhaps on their way to a cuddle party.

Serves 'em right.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

U.S. dealings with Iran, Iraq intertwined

Los Angeles Times

The report of the independent 9/11 commission, aside from demolishing the idea that Iraq collaborated with al-Qaida, points the finger elsewhere — including at Tehran. Not only was Iran potentially in league with al-Qaida in the June 1996 Khobar Towers bombing that killed 19 Americans and wounded 372, says the report released Thursday, but it also probably "facilitated the transit of al-Qaida members into and out of Afghanistan before 9/11." Iran may not have been aware of the 9/11 plot — it denied any such knowledge Thursday and said it had arrested "a large number" of al-Qaida members — but it probably rendered vital assistance. It doesn't take precise knowledge of a crime to turn you into an accomplice.

The Iran-al-Qaida link is thinner than Iran's nuclear ambitions, but it's further evidence that the Bush administration chose to see only what would bolster its obsession with toppling Saddam Hussein.

Such hypocrisy has been at the heart of U.S. relations with Iraq and Iran for decades, often with lethal consequences.

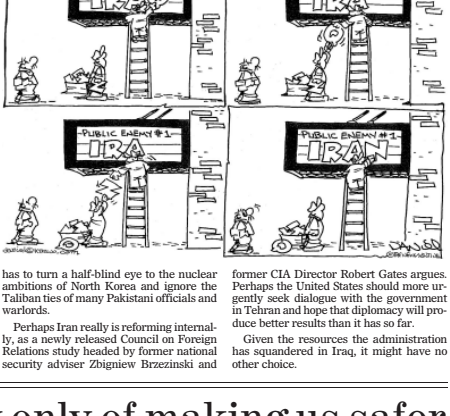
During the 1980s, the Reagan administration cozied up to Saddam even as he was gassing Iranian soldiers in the Iran-Iraq war. At the same time, the White House went ahead with the so-called Iran-Contra deal, which supplied the mullahs with arms (as well as a Bible signed by President Reagan and a cake that were supposed to demonstrate U.S. good will) as part of a complicated scheme to fund Nicaraguan anti-communist Contra rebels. At the time, Congress forbade direct U.S. aid to the Contras.

Then, in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War, President George H.W. Bush stood by listlessly as Saddam used helicopter gunships to gas Kurds and Shiites. More than a decade later, President George W. Bush went to war to destroy those weapons of mass destruction — after they no longer existed.

Meanwhile, Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, Halliburton, is being investigated by a grand jury for possibly violating federal sanctions by operating in Iran during Cheney's time as CEO. Today, Cheney is the last major holdout claiming extensive al-Qaida ties with Saddam.

Here's the real story: Overthrowing Saddam has opened up Iraq to Iran, which has, among other things, allowed al-Qaida agents to infiltrate Iraq. The Iraqi defense and interior ministers both accuse Iran of fomenting terrorism and have threatened military retaliation inside Iran.

With the U.S. military stretched tightly, it has no capability to back up such bluster even if it wanted to. Washington already has to turn a half-blind eye to the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and ignore the Taliban ties of many Pakistani officials and warlords.



Perhaps Iran really is reforming internally, as a newly released Council on Foreign Relations study headed by former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and former CIA Director Robert Gates argues. Perhaps the United States should more urgently seek dialogue with the government in Tehran and hope that diplomacy will produce better results than it has so far.

Given the resources the administration has squandered in Iraq, it might have no other choice.

USA Patriot Act is guilty only of making us safer

BY PAUL ROSENZWEIG

WASHINGTON

Falsehood, according to Mark Twain's famous dictum, gets halfway around the world before the truth even gets its shoes on.

Time and again, outlandish stories seem to grow legs and find wide distribution before the truth can catch up.

A good example is the USA Patriot Act. It's so broadly demonized now, you'd never know it passed with overwhelming support in the days immediately after Sept. 11, 2001.

Critics paint the Patriot Act as a cauldron of abuse and a threat to civil liberties. Advocacy groups run ads depicting anonymous hands tearing up the Constitution and a tearful old man fearful to enter a bookstore. Prominent politicians who voted for the act call for a complete overhaul, if not outright repeal.

But the truth is catching up. And the first truth is that the Patriot Act was absolutely vital to protect America's security.

Before 9/11, our law enforcement and intelligence agencies were limited by law in what information they could share with each other.

The Patriot Act tore down that wall — and officials have praised the act's value.

As former Attorney General Janet Reno told the 9/11 commission, "Generally everything that's been done in the Patriot Act has been helpful, I think, while at the same time maintaining the balance with respect to civil liberties."

And as Attorney General John Ashcroft's recent report to Congress makes clear, this change in the law has real, practical consequences.

Information-sharing facilitated by the Patriot Act, for example, was critical to the successful dismantling of terror cells in Portland, Ore., Lackawanna, N.Y., and Virginia. Likewise, the information-sharing provisions contained in the act assisted the prosecution in San Diego of those involved with an al-Qaida drugs-for-weapons plot involving Stinger anti-aircraft missiles.

It also aided in the prosecution of Enaam Arnaout, an individual who had a long-standing relationship with Osama bin Laden and who used his charity organization to obtain funds illicitly from unsuspecting Americans for terrorist organizations, such as al-Qaida, and to serve as a channel for people to contribute money knowingly to such groups.

These are not trivial successes. On the contrary, they're part of an enormous, ongoing effort to protect America from further terrorist attacks.

We cannot, of course, say that the Patriot Act alone can stop terrorism. But every time we successfully use the new tools at our disposal to thwart a terrorist organization, that's a victory.

Yet, remarkably, some of these vital provisions allowing the exchange of information between law enforcement and intelligence agencies will expire at the end of next year. So here's a second truth: If Congress does nothing, then parts of the law will return to where they were on the day before 9/11 — to a time when our government couldn't, by law, connect all the dots. Nobody wants a return to those days, but that is where we are headed if Congress does not set aside its partisan debates.

But what of the abuses, you ask? Time for a third truth: There is no abuse of the Patriot Act. None. The Justice Department's inspector general (who is required by the Patriot Act to examine the use of the act and report any abuse twice a year) has reported that there have been no instances in which the Patriot Act has been invoked to infringe on civil rights or civil liberties.

Others agree. For example, at a Judiciary Committee hearing on the Patriot Act, Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California said: "I have never had a single abuse of the Patriot Act reported to me. My staff … asked [the American Civil Liberties Union] for instances of actual abuses. They … said they had none."

So the fiction of abuse can be laid to rest. The government is not, to take but one popular myth, invading libraries and scouring your book records. It's a convenient fiction that calls to mind (as Joseph Bottum, a contributor to The Weekly Standard, has written) the appealing image of "white-haired and apple-cheeked [librarians] resisting as best they can the terrible forces of McCarthyism, evangelical Christian book-burning, middle-class hypocrisy, and Big Brother government." But no matter how appealing the image, it has no more reality than any good Hollywood movie.

Government's obligation is a dual one: to provide security against violence and to preserve civil liberty. This is not a zero-sum game.

We can achieve both goals if we empower government to do sensible things while exercising oversight to prevent any real abuses of authority. The Patriot Act, with its reasonable extension of authority to allow the government to act effectively with appropriate oversight rules, meets this goal.

And the truth eventually catches up to the fiction.

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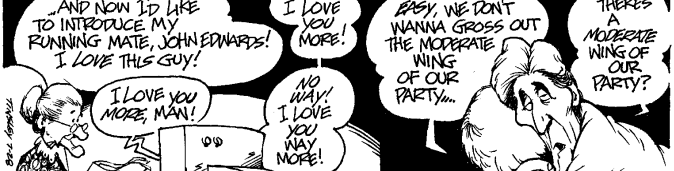

YOUR MONEY

AT&T cancels long-distance

Company will no longer offer service to new customers

BY CHRISTOPHER STERN AND GRIFF WITTE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — AT&T Corp., once a cornerstone of the U.S. telecommunications industry and still one of the world's most recognizable brands, announced last week that it will no longer market long-distance service to consumers, a business it has dominated for 100 years.

The decision marks a turning point in the history of Ma Bell, the former monopoly that strung telephone lines across the nation before it was broken up by a federal judge in 1984. Twenty years later, AT&T is fighting for survival in a telecommunications industry roiled by intense competition, technological innovation and cutthroat pricing.

AT&T chief executive David Dorman said Thursday that the long-distance giant will focus on business customers, which account for about 70 percent of its revenue. Although AT&T will no longer be marketing to new consumers, it will continue to serve its 35 million current customers, Dorman said.

Consumer groups called AT&T's retreat a serious setback because it will lessen competition, which has driven down rates for consumers.

"This is devastating. This takes the most revered name in quality long-distance service and the most aggressive competitor to the [regional] Bell monopolies out of play," said Gene Kimmelman, director of the Washington office of Consumers Union.

The AT&T of today is a sliver of its former self. Once it had 1 million employees and controlled every facet of the telephone system, including the manufacture of handsets and the operation of its local and long-distance networks. The fabled Bell Labs were responsible for some of the biggest breakthroughs in modern science, including the invention of the transistor, the laser and the mobile phone.

Under the breakup, it lost control of the local networks it built and was forced to pay local phone companies more than 40 percent of its revenue to complete its calls. Now AT&T has 60,000 workers. It has spun off its research, manufacturing and wireless businesses.

Even its business customer base is dwindling, although not as rapidly as its consumer operations.

Despite its setbacks, AT&T is still the nation's largest long-distance provider, although its customer base is eroding at a rapid rate, thanks largely to competition from its former corporate siblings. These regional phone companies, such as Verizon Communications Inc. and BellSouth Corp., are permitted to offer long-distance as well as local service.

Dorman said AT&T pulled back from the consumer market now because regulators have abandoned a policy that he said allowed AT&T to compete for customers.

For eight years, the Federal Communications Commission has encouraged competition in the local phone market by allowing companies such as AT&T to lease parts of the local network at deep discounts.

AT&T had taken advantage of the rules to offer a bundle of local and long-distance calling for one flat rate, allowing it to compete with similar offerings from regional giants such as Verizon, SBC Communications Inc. and BellSouth.

But the FCC voted Thursday to approve new rules that will effectively end the discounts.

Packages of local and long-distance service have proved to be enormously popular with consumers: About 40 percent of all households subscribe to some form of bundled service, according to Dorman. But he said AT&T can no longer market such bundles competitively without the regulated access to local networks.

Antivirus best way to secure computer

Q. I have just acquired a laptop and have questions regarding security.

What should I do about possible virus attacks and other hacker problems? I get confusing offers of Norton firewalls and anti-spam protections and pop-up stoppers and so on. My last computer had McAfee antivirus and I didn't worry about this issue. Now that I have a new machine, I need some advice.

— Ian Ostergard, Chicago

A. It rankles a bit to urge you to agree to the Norton Anti-Virus update subscription after the Norton software loaded on your computer by the manufacturer expires, but that's what I would do, Mr. O.

Ask Jim

Jim Coates

If you prefer your former antivirus outfit, then by all means go to **www.mcafee.com** and download McAfee antivirus and subscribe to their automatic update of new virus countermeasures. Both companies have large programming staffs that continually seek out new viruses and then create antidotes for them.

It actually is possible to just wait until you get hit with a virus and then go to the Web sites of companies like these and download the new fix that surely will be posted once the virus surfaces. This is what I mostly do, but I mess around with computers all the time.

There is much less bother in just paying the outfits' protection demands up front.

The other offerings by these companies — firewalls, fancy undelete schemes, pop-up and spam stoppers, etc. — are a cigar of another color altogether.

Windows has a built-in firewall that is adequate for almost everybody, and one can get free and pretty powerful pop-up stoppers by adding a toolbar to your Internet browser from Google, America Online or the Microsoft Network.

The addresses are **http://toolbar.google.com, http://toolbar.aol.com** and **http://toolbar.msn.com**. They all add a new line to the browser toolbars that includes a search entry box for the provider's service.

Finally, there is a setting in Windows XP that lets one activate the Windows Internet Connection Firewall that flat out shuts down all the ports that hackers can use. Click on the My Network Places icon and then select Internet Connections in the menu that comes up. Look for the Advanced tab there and you will find a check box to activate the Windows firewall. This firewall is a total barrier and won't let users do things like join peer-to-peer file sharing, acquire certain music downloads and other things.

For most of us, it's all we need.

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MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week High	52-week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
10,753.61	8,997.17	Dow Jones Industrials	9,961.92	-.30	...	-4.71	+7.26
3,212.45	2,526.38	Dow Jones Transportation	3,048.60	+5.16	+.17	+1.38	+16.23
285.07	229.46	Dow Jones Utilities	276.01	-.91	-.33	+3.41	+17.08
6,798.12	5,430.77	NYSE Composite	6,297.64	-26.46	-.42	-2.22	+12.33
1,278.81	938.73	Amex Index	1,217.90	-15.57	-1.26	+3.78	+27.81
2,153.83	1,640.88	Nasdaq Composite	1,839.02	-18.07	-.54	-8.20	+5.97
1,163.23	960.84	S&P 500	1,084.07	-2.13	-.20	-2.50	+6.79
618.46	477.91	S&P MidCap	566.39	-4.96	-.87	-1.67	+14.06
606.42	449.97	Russell 2000	533.49	-5.74	-1.06	-4.21	+12.59
11,371.14	9,258.56	DJ Wilshire 5000	10,511.52	-42.30	-.40	-2.67	+9.54

NYSE MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Lucent	338696	3.15	-.10
NortelN lf	281224	4.87	-.27
Mylan s	258020	15.51	-3.00
AgereB	220914	1.80	-.05
Pfizer	216976	31.74	-.56
GenElec	200853	32.31	-.21
KingPhrm	196491	12.89	+2.52
Omncre	164399	79.33	+8.87
Agere	160557	1.07	-.09
BostSci s	149218	35.71	+2.12

AMEX MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld lf	38779	20.04	-1.42
VeritasDGC	25083	86.62	-.75
CitiSwM	21166	72.09	-1.18

NASDAQ MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel	807158	22.97	+.30
Microsoft	737778	26.60	+.63
Cisco	552928	20.54	-.39
Oracle	420548	12.01	-.02
JDS Uniph	315467	3.01	.02
SunMicro	288325	3.65	.04
Andrew	272653	11.39	-3.38
ApldMatl	268244	16.60	-.16
Conexant	234594	1.83	-.15
Yahoo s	213637	28.21	+.02

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Alliant Techsystem	...	15	61.30	-.70	+6.1
Armor Holdings	...	34	38.00	-.60	+7.5
Boeing	.80	21	47.00	-.06	+11.5
Computer Sciences	...	17	45.90	+.20	+3.8
Engineered Sup Sys	.07	24	32.70	+.71	-4.3
General Dynamics	1.44	17	97.07	-.35	+7.4
General Electric	.80	21	32.31	-.21	+4.5
Halliburton	.50	...	30.11	-.44	+15.8
Harris Corp.	.40	31	44.92	-.55	+18.4
Allied Signal	.75	22	36.47	+.21	+9.1
L-3 Communications	.40	20	56.50	-2.37	+10.0
Lockheed Martin	.88	21	52.20	-1.02	+1.6
Northrop Gr	.92	23	53.21	-.08	+11.3
Raytheon	.80	34	32.53	+.15	+8.3
Rockwell Intl.	.66	20	35.60	-.26	...
Sequa Corp.	...	39	51.41	-.44	+4.9
Texas Instruments	.05	25	20.10	-.16	-29.8
Textron Inc.	1.30	32	60.72	+1.13	+6.4
United Technologies	1.40	18	93.00	+.91	-1.9

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg	YTD %Ret
Fidelity Invest: Grolnc	34.95	-.05	-1.4
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	46.86	-.50	-2.4
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	26.07	-.10	-2.2
Fidelity Spartan: EqIdx	38.47	-.08	-1.7
Putnam Funds A: Grlnc p	17.42	-.03	-1.0
Fidelity Invest: A Mgr	15.35	-.01	-1.6
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	28.59	-.26	-5.7
AIM Investments A: Const p	20.11	-.13	-6.5
Fidelity Invest: USBl	11.59	-.07	+.9
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOppT	27.18	-.11	-5.1
Fidelity Invest: Overse	37.11	-.22	-2.8
Fidelity Advisor T: EqInT	25.86	-.03	+.3
Scudder Funds S: GrowCS	11.59	-.07	-2.3
AIM Investments A: WeingA p	11.45	-.07	-5.2
Putnam Funds A: GlbCatA p	7.25	-.02	-2.8
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	11.82	-.03	-.6
Merrill Lynch I: BalCapI	26.11	-.04	-.4
Scudder Funds S: Intl FdS	37.31	-.22	-2.8
Fidelity Advisor T: OverseT	14.91	-.10	-5.6
Lord Abbett A: DevStA p	13.20	-.18	-12.0
Scudder Funds S: Income S	12.74	-.02	+1.3
Merrill Lynch I: USGvMtg	10.19	-.01	+.9
Scudder Funds S: Devel	16.81	-.16	-10.8
Putnam Funds A: GlGvA p	12.20	+.01	-.3

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Euro	$1.2484
British pound	$1.89
Japanese yen (July 29)	107.00
S. Korean won (July 28)	1,134.00

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	$1.8415
Canada (Dollar)	1.3289
Denmark (Krone)	6.1062
Egypt (Pound)	6.23
Euro	$1.2146
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8003
Hungary (Forint)	204.62
Iceland (Krona)	71.225
Israel (Shekel)	4.5106
Japan (Yen)	109.78
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2948
Norway (Krone)	6.9813
Philippines (Peso)	56.12
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7509
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7227
S. Korea (Won)	1,161.44
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2526
Thailand (Baht)	41.27
Turkey (Lira)	1,492,537

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

PRECIOUS METALS

London close

Gold	$387.80
Silver	$6.18

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.25
3-month bill	1.425
30-year bond	5.21

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

Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Don't delay paying bills

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — When you receive a bill in the mail, resist the urge to stash it away and pay it off later.

Jean Chatzky, author of "You Don't Have to Be Rich," writes that it's actually better to pay your bills as they come in rather than let them pile up for a lengthy bill-paying session.

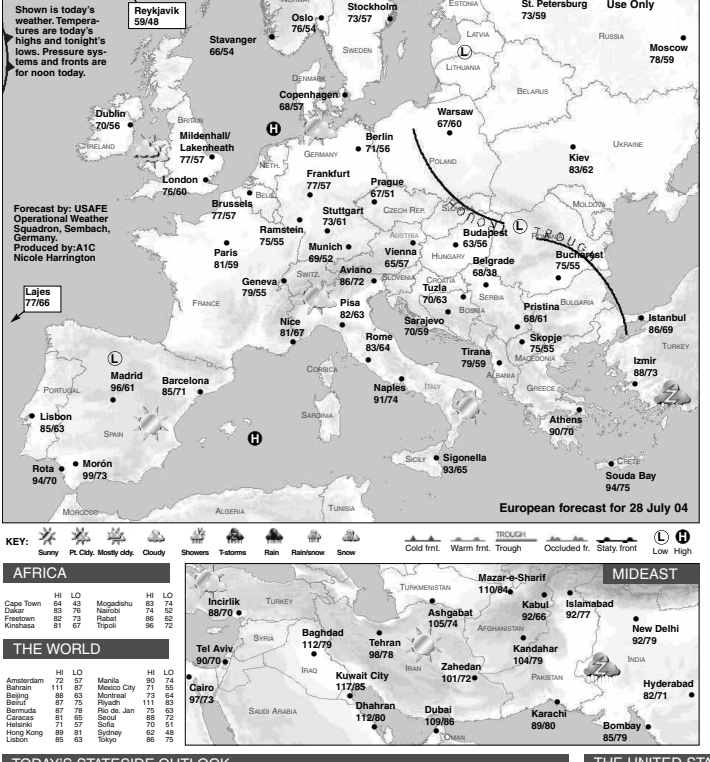
Sitting down only once or twice a month to write out checks can be an overwhelming and depressing process. It's just not fun to watch your bank balance dwindle as you write out check after check for mortgage and car payments, utilities, credit cards and other expenses.

Instead, Chatzky recommends setting up a "bill payment center."

Keep your checkbook, pens and stamps in one location, near wherever you open your mail. Open each bill and pay it the day it arrives; then put it in the following day's outgoing mail. Save the account statement as a reminder to yourself that you've paid it.

Paying your bills as they arrive also will help you cut out the added stress and other complications that stem from overdue or nearly late payments.

If you're computer-literate, you might also work with your bank or other financial institution to set up online bill payments. Many organizations will allow you to set up automatic payments, or will e-mail you statements and payment reminders. But you should continue to monitor your account to be sure payments are going through and arriving on time.



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 70s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

France: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the upper 50s to upper 60s.

Northern Germany: Partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Southern Germany: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s to mid - 70s and lows in the lower 50s to lower 60s.

Hungary: Cloudy with rain. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid - 50s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 80s and lows in the upper 60s to lower 70s.

Southern Italy: Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s to mid - 80s and lows in the mid to upper 60s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms and morning fog. Highs in the upper 60s to upper 70s and lows in the lower 60s.

Norway: Sunny. Highs in the mid - 60s to mid - 70s and lows in the mid - 50s.

Portugal, Spain: Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the mid - 80s to upper 90s and lows in the lower 60s to lower 70s.

Turkey: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the north. Highs in the mid to upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s to lower 70s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home page at:
https://ows.sembach.af.mil
http://ows.public.sembach.af.mil

AFRICA

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Cape Town	64	43	Mogadishu	83	74
Dakar	83	76	Nairobi	74	52
Freetown	82	73	Rabat	86	62
Kinshasa	81	67	Tripoli	96	72

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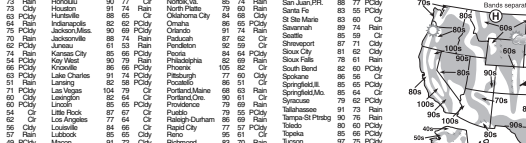

THE WORLD

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Amsterdam	72	57	Manila	90	74
Bahrain	111	87	Mexico City	71	55
Beijing	88	63	Montreal	73	64
Beirut	87	75	Riyadh	111	83
Bermuda	87	78	Rio de. Jan	75	63
Caracas	81	65	Seoul	88	72
Helsinki	71	57	Sofia	70	51
Hong Kong	89	81	Sydney	62	49
Lisbon	85	63	Tokyo	86	75

SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (London)	0512	0514
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0550	0551
Sunset (London)	2055	2054
Sunset (Frankfurt)	2114	2112

Full moon 07/31 · Last qtr. 08/07 · New moon 08/16 · First qtr. 08/23

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

	Hi	Lo	Otlk													
				Cleveland	78	60	PCldy	Hartford Spgfld	78	66	Rain	New York City	81	72	Rain	San Francisco	70	57	PCldy
Abilene,Tex.	85	71	Cldy	Colorado Springs	75	52	PCldy	Helena	76	53	PCldy	Newark	81	71	Rain	San Jose	79	59	PCldy
Akron,Ohio	78	58	PCldy	Columbia,S.C.	88	73	Rain	Honolulu	90	77	Clr	Norfolk,Va.	85	74	Rain	San Juan,P.R.	88	77	PCldy
Albany,N.Y.	77	66	Rain	Columbus,Ga.	91	73	Cldy	Houston	91	74	Rain	North Platte	79	60	Rain	Santa Fe	83	55	PCldy
Albuquerque	87	65	PCldy	Columbus,Ohio	78	63	PCldy	Huntsville	88	65	Clr	Oklahoma City	84	68	Cldy	St Ste Marie	83	60	Clr
Allentown,Pa.	79	65	Rain	Concord,N.H.	69	64	Rain	Indianapolis	82	62	PCldy	Omaha	86	65	PCldy	Savannah	89	74	Rain
Amarillo	82	62	Cldy	Corpus Christi	94	75	PCldy	Jackson,Miss.	90	69	PCldy	Orlando	91	74	Rain	Seattle	85	59	Clr
Anchorage	63	51	Rain	Dallas-Ft Worth	85	70	Rain	Jacksonville	88	74	Rain	Paducah	87	62	Clr	Shreveport	87	71	Cldy
Asheville	82	63	PCldy	Dayton	79	62	PCldy	Juneau	61	53	Rain	Pendleton	92	59	Clr	Sioux City	81	62	Cldy
Atlanta	88	72	PCldy	Daytona Beach	89	74	Rain	Kansas City	85	66	PCldy	Peoria	84	64	PCldy	Sioux Falls	78	61	Rain
Atlantic City	80	67	Rain	Denver	75	54	PCldy	Key West	90	79	Rain	Philadelphia	82	69	Rain	South Bend	82	60	PCldy
Austin	90	73	Cldy	Des Moines	83	66	PCldy	Knoxville	86	66	PCldy	Phoenix	105	82	Clr	Spokane	86	56	Clr
Baltimore	84	69	Rain	Detroit	80	63	PCldy	Lake Charles	91	74	PCldy	Pittsburgh	77	60	Cldy	Springfield,Ill.	85	65	PCldy
Baton Rouge	92	73	PCldy	Duluth	79	51	Rain	Lansing	82	58	PCldy	Pocatello	86	51	Clr	Springfield,Mo.	85	64	Clr
Billings	76	51	PCldy	El Paso	92	71	PCldy	Las Vegas	104	79	Clr	Portland,Maine	68	63	Rain	Syracuse	79	62	PCldy
Birmingham	89	67	PCldy	Elkins	73	60	Cldy	Lexington	82	64	Clr	Portland,Ore.	90	61	Clr	Tallahassee	91	73	Rain
Bismarck	76	53	PCldy	Erie	78	60	PCldy	Lincoln	85	65	PCldy	Providence	77	69	Rain	Tampa-St Pbrsbg	90	76	Rain
Boise	91	64	Clr	Eugene	92	54	Clr	Little Rock	87	67	Clr	Pueblo	79	55	PCldy	Toledo	80	60	PCldy
Boston	75	68	Rain	Evansville	86	62	Clr	Los Angeles	77	64	Clr	Raleigh-Durham	86	69	Rain	Topeka	85	66	PCldy
Bridgeport	78	70	Rain	Fairbanks	75	56	Cldy	Louisville	84	66	Clr	Rapid City	77	57	PCldy	Tucson	97	75	PCldy
Brownsville	95	76	PCldy	Fargo	78	57	Rain	Lubbock	85	65	Cldy	Reno	95	61	Clr	Tulsa	86	68	PCldy
Buffalo	75	61	Cldy	Flagstaff	79	49	PCldy	Macon	91	72	Cldy	Richmond	83	70	Rain	Tupelo	89	67	Clr
Burlington,Vt.	74	62	Rain	Flint	80	60	PCldy	Madison	81	58	PCldy	Roanoke	82	67	Cldy	Waco	88	72	Rain
Caribou,Maine	69	61	Rain	Fort Smith	85	67	PCldy	Medford	98	61	Clr	Rochester	75	61	Cldy	Washington,D.C.	85	71	Cldy
Casper	77	52	PCldy	Fort Wayne	82	62	PCldy	Memphis	89	70	Clr	Rockford	83	60	PCldy	W.Palm Beach	89	76	Rain
Charleston,S.C.	88	75	Rain	Fresno	102	68	Clr	Miami Beach	89	76	Rain	Sacramento	91	59	Clr	Wichita	84	67	PCldy
Charleston,W.Va.	79	63	PCldy	Goodland	76	56	Rain	Midland-Odessa	84	69	Cldy	St Louis	87	68	PCldy	Wichita Falls	86	69	Cldy
Charlotte,N.C.	87	69	Cldy	Grand Junction	89	63	PCldy	Milwaukee	79	62	PCldy	Salt Lake City	90	69	Clr	Wilkes-Barre	79	64	Cldy
Chattanooga	89	66	PCldy	Grand Rapids	82	60	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	79	63	Cldy	Salem,Ore.	92	57	Clr	Wilmington,Del.	82	68	Rain
Cheyenne	75	50	PCldy	Great Falls	74	50	PCldy	Mobile	91	73	PCldy	San Angelo	89	71	Cldy	Yakima	93	56	Clr
Chicago	82	62	PCldy	Greensboro,N.C.	86	69	Rain	Montgomery	93	70	PCldy	San Antonio	90	74	Cldy				
Cincinnati	80	62	PCldy	Harrisburg	84	68	Cldy	Nashville	85	64	Clr	San Diego	74	67	PCldy				
								New Orleans	92	77	PCldy								

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

New trial for arson

PA PHILADELPHIA — A federal appeals court ordered a new trial Wednesday for a man accused of arson and weapons charges, ruling that prosecutors improperly inflamed a jury by calling him a terrorist a day before the first anniversary of the 2001 attacks.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered a new trial for Darrick Moore, who is accused of setting a house fire in York in 2001 that injured a 13-year-old boy and his father.

Witnesses testified at Moore's 2002 trial that he beat his ex-girlfriend, injured her son, then attacked a 13-year-old girl who refused to sell drugs for him.

A federal prosecutor concluded the case by telling jurors that "there are very different kinds of terrorists, and I think this defendant is one of them."

Alligator mauls woman

FL SANIBEL — A 12-foot alligator attacked a landscaper behind an island home, dragging her into a pond before a neighbor and police officers yanked the woman from the animal's jaws.

"It was kind of a tug-of-war," said the neighbor, Jim Anholt.

Part of Janie Melsek's right arm had to be amputated later during six hours of surgery. She also was severely bitten on her buttocks and thighs, but doctors believe she will walk again, her family said. She remained in critical condition.

Melsek, 54, was trimming a tree when the alligator attacked.

Rescuers struggled for about five minutes to pull Melsek from the pond. When she came free, medical workers began treating her on the shore. Police shot the alligator in the head, killing it. It took six men to lift the animal to shore.

Masseur arrested

CA ALAMO — A 35-year-old male massage therapist was arrested on suspicion of sexually violating a female client at a skin care salon, authorities said.

Philip Clark was arrested on suspicion of oral copulation after the alleged victim came forward following the incident, according to a sheriff's spokesman.

Clark is not a licensed massage therapist, and Judy's is not a legal massage parlor, the spokesman said. Clark, 35, had worked at Judy's for about seven months and had also been employed at other locations.

Teacher hides camera

NJ MIDDLETOWN — A longtime piano teacher is accused of hiding "spy-sized" cameras in his bathroom to make hundreds of videotapes of students and others using his toilet, police said Thursday.

George Johnson, 68, was arrested July 1.

Johnson, a piano teacher for 40 years who had two prior convictions for sex-related crimes, taped students and their parents, guardians, drivers and siblings, authorities said. Those identified range in age from 6 to 72, police said.

The charges against him include wiretapping, allowing a juvenile to be photographed in a sexual position, and observation of sexual contact. So far, police have determined that 22 of the identified people on the 353 tapes viewed so far are under 13. The alleged victims who have identified themselves say the oldest tapes date back four years.

Man found dead on couch

OH MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS — A man was found dead on a couch in a hospital lounge, and a nurse told police that nobody had checked on him for at least 17 hours because he appeared to be asleep.

Robert F. Johnson, 55, who had emphysema, was found Thursday at Southwest General Health Center, police said. It was not clear when he died; an autopsy was planned.

Police Chief John Maddox said Johnson probably had been dead for several hours and most likely died of natural causes.

Famous fish shop closes

TX AUSTIN — The Austin Angler, a fly fishing shop made famous when it was featured in a Visa credit card commercial, is closing after more than two decades in business.

The shop in downtown Austin was portrayed as a quirky little business that emphatically did not take American Express. The ad first aired during the 1985 Super Bowl.

Owner Larry Sunderland said that after surviving three economic slumps, the shop couldn't compete with the new technology of retailing. The shop is closing July 31.

"Larry didn't run the place to make money; he did it because he loved the place, like I did," said Robert McCurdy, who started the business in late 1980.

Checking for damage

Peach farmer Hank Passi looks at a dead branch caused by last month's 17-year invasion of cicada's on one of his peach trees at his Eagle's Roost Farm and Orchards in North East, Md.

69 years for killing wife

NJ NEW BRUNSWICK — A man has been sentenced to 69 years in prison for beating his wife to death with a sledgehammer and a board spiked with nails.

Charles Rashid, 33, who was convicted of murder in May, must serve more than 55 years before he will be eligible for parole.

Prosecutors said Rashid used a short handled sledgehammer to crush Orquidea Tejada-Rashid's skull in their kitchen while their 2-year-old son watched "Elmo" videotapes in an upstairs bedroom of their home in Piscataway.

In a videotaped confession, Rashid said he "just snapped" while his wife was verbally attacking him.

At his trial, his lawyer used a diminished capacity psychiatric defense.

Prosecutors said Rashid tried to make Tejada-Rashid's October 2001 death look like a carjacking by leaving her body near a trash bin and then abandoning her still-running car about two blocks away. He filed a missing-person report with police the next day.

Smuggling scam

IL CHICAGO — Four city residents were charged in a scheme to smuggle South American children into the United States with fraudulent passports, authorities said. U.S. parents were allegedly paid $300 to obtain authentic passports for their children and substitute photos of the smuggled children. One mother said she was told she could help sick children secure medical treatment.

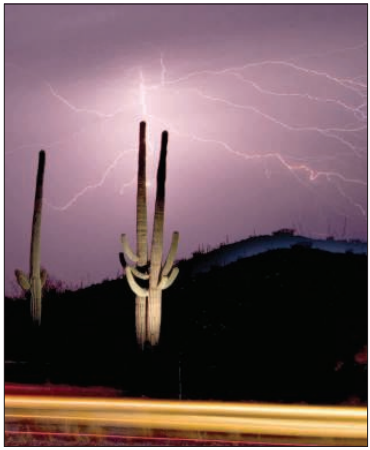
Online business

CT HARTFORD — Connecticut's largest business lobbying group has gone online to promote business-friendly political candidates. The Connecticut Business and Industry Association's new site, **www.ctbizvotes.com**, is aimed at informing and motivating those involved in business to vote. The site also will list key votes by members of the General Assembly and campaign finance information.

Full story on civil rights

AR LITTLE ROCK — State tourism officials unveiled a publication highlighting Arkansas' civil rights heritage, both the good and the bad. The brochure covers race riots in the 1900s and the Little Rock Central High School desegregation crisis in 1957.

It also mentions a college commencement address by Martin Luther King Jr. and the naming of Maya Angelou, a Stamps native, as poet laureate.

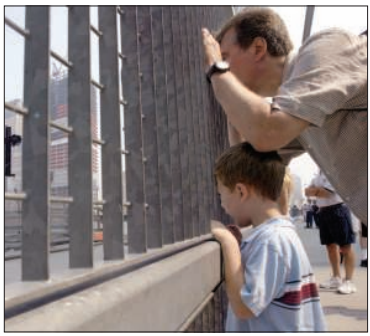


Fire in the sky

Lightning streaks across the night sky as a thunderstorm moves through the area West of Tucson, Ariz.

Knee-deep

Gus Lopez tries to rescue his car from a flooded street in East Rutherford, N.J. after getting stuck after leaving work.



Checking out the progress

Stephen Hodorowski, right, and his son David Hodorowski, 5, view construction at the site of the World Trade Center in New York.

Row, row, row your boat

Rowboats with swimmers in tow begin the Around the Island Marathon Swim off Absecon Island in Atlantic City, N.J.

Rocket's red glare

A fireworks display is held in front of the USS Reagan, the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, in San Diego.

Taking a break

A butterfly rests on a daisy in the woods in rural Marathon County, Wisconsin.

Reading up

Roshni Patel, of New York, looks at a copy of "The 9/11 Commission Report" at a Borders bookstore in New York.

Testimony tossed

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — A judge Friday threw out the taped confession of a teenager who said she wrapped underwear around her newborn's neck, put him in a backpack and threw him in a canal.

Defense and prosecution lawyers said the first-degree murder case against Aimee Lee Weiss, now 20, hinges on the confession she made when she was 17.

The confession was thrown out because a higher court had ruled the Miranda rights warning form she signed was unconstitutional.

Weiss was charged with killing her baby just after giving birth in her bathroom at home in March 2001. She says the boy was stillborn after a secret pregnancy, and her lawyer said Friday she discarded the body in a panic.

Street performance suit

MA BOSTON — A group of about 30 musicians and other performers has sued Boston's police and parks departments to challenge the constitutionality of a 19th century law that restricts street performances.

"Artists have been arrested and threatened with arrest for 30 years. I'm tired of it," said Stephen Baird, a musician from the city's Jamaica Plain neighborhood who says he was ordered by a park ranger earlier this week to stop playing on Boston Common.

Baird says he has a musician's license from the city police department, but was told he needed another permit from the city's Parks and Recreation Department. But they told him they don't issue such permits to musicians.

The case has been taken up pro bono by the Boston law firm of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault, which filed suit in U.S. District Court earlier this week to challenge the constitutionality of the city ordinance and police regulation.

Coke distributor jailed

TX SAN ANTONIO — A supervisor in the Alejandro Noe Castillion drug organization was sentenced to life in prison Thursday for distributing more than 3,100 pounds of cocaine.

Jesse Salazar Ramirez of San Antonio was convicted in February of money laundering, conspiracy to distribute cocaine and two counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton said in a news release that U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado noted during sentencing that Ramirez threatened a witness, provided perjured testimony and tried to intimidate a federal prosecutor with threats during the trial.

Ramirez spoke for three hours during the sentencing. He accused Prado of bias and federal authorities of lying.

Fourteen others arrested in the drug operation, including Castillion, pleaded guilty. Castillion was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Maggot milk man sues

VA NORFOLK — A man who says he was served maggot-contaminated milk at a Denny's restaurant in Virginia Beach is suing the chain for $1 million.

Russell L. Long doesn't say in his claim whether he consumed the milk, which he said he was served two years ago. His suit states, however, the experience continues to bother him physically and mentally.

Denny's denies the allegation but says in a cross-claim that if the milk did contain maggots, they must have come from the supplier.

A diploma 60 years later

VT BURLINGTON — Joseph "Al" Moreau has received his Burlington High School diploma nearly 60 years after war interrupted his education.

Moreau's daughter, Paula Lyon, watched with tears in her eyes as her father held up his diploma Friday. It was Lyon who learned, after reading a story in The Burlington Free Press, that all Vermont World War II veterans were eligible for diplomas.

In the spring of 1945, the lanky Burlington High School senior chose the Navy over a diploma. Itching to see action during the waning days of World War II, Moreau and a couple of classmates hounded the local recruiter on Church Street for weeks.

With less than a month to go before graduation, Moreau received the go-ahead to enlist. He left the safety of his house on Grove Street for an aircraft carrier in the Marshall Islands.

Opium discovery

CA SANTA CLARA — Nearly 20,000 illegal opium poppies were found growing among sunflowers in Santa Clara County, Calif., this week, authorities said.

No arrests have been made, and the case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration along with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, said DEA spokesman Richard Meyer.

Opium poppies can't be grown without a license issued by the DEA.

The owner of the property said he had leased the land to farm workers who in turn subleased it — without permission — to a flower grower, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Burning down the house

WA AUBURN — A 3-year-old child playing with matches was blamed for a fire that caused an estimated $40,000 damage to an Auburn, Wash., duplex.

Auburn firefighters were called to the duplex and put out the blaze within 15 minutes. No one was injured, but a man, woman and child in one unit, as well as a woman who lived in the other unit of the duplex, will have to find temporary shelter.

Wide rabies exposure

RI PROVIDENCE — As many as fifty people may have been exposed to a baby raccoon with rabies that was kept at the East Providence Animal Shelter, health officials said Thursday.

The state Department of Health said six raccoons had been kept in a pen at the shelter since July 1. One became ill and tested positive for rabies, while the other five have tested negative.

The shelter was ordered closed Wednesday night and will remain closed until further notice.

Photos and stories from wire reports

Gap celebrates individuality with Parker ads

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The burning fashion question over at Gap these days is: "How do you wear it?"

If you're Sarah Jessica Parker, the answer is: with velvet ribbon and bows.

Parker stars in the retailer's fall marketing campaign, and for her ads, the "Sex and the City" actress customized several pairs of jeans. On one pair, she added a velvet ribbon sewn down the legs to imitate tuxedo pants. Another one of her customized looks features jeans cut just below the knee and enhanced with a ribbon bow at the hemline.

She dresses the jeans up and down with her tops, including a shrunken jacket, a sexy secretary's pink cardigan, a black turtleneck and a white button-down shirt with black piping, to which she added a bow tie.

"I think the Gap is terrifically creative, fun, inspired, and the clothes are for everyone, of every age," said Parker, known as a fashionista both on-screen and off, in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press. "They are timeless, easy, colorful, classic and affordable."

Parker describes her own style as having "no rules." She's been known to wear vintage, off-the-rack sportswear and couture — sometimes all at the same time.

"For 35 years, Gap has embraced individual style. Asking the world, 'How Do You Wear It?' is an invitation for personal expression and a conscious effort to connect the brand more closely with customers," said Gary Muto, president of Gap, in a statement Monday.

"Sarah Jessica Parker's innate sense of style is so dynamic and unique that she is the perfect fit for our fall campaign," he said.

Other celebrities to be featured in the print ads include Jada Pinkett Smith, Jessica Alba, Lenny Kravitz, Michael Vartan and Peter Krause. Kravitz stars with Parker in the TV campaign, which will debut during the MTV Video Music Awards on Aug. 29.

Gap customers will have a chance to customize their own jeans at in-store events in select cities from August through October. The "Show Us How You Wear It" tour also will bring a traveling studio to stores, where customers will be able to have their photo taken that will look like a real Gap ad.

Actress Sarah Jessica Parker models her customized Gap jeans and modified white button-down shirt for the retailer's fall marketing and ad campaign.

GAP/AP

AFRTS Television Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2004

	AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00	Dr. Phil	Mechanics for Kids	Nightline	ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series -- Canada -- Day One. From Toronto. (Taped)	The Wild Thornberrys	Mechanics for Kids
9:30		Strange Days	Headline News		SpongeBob	Strange Days
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune			Happy Days	Headline News
11:00		ESPNews	CNN Daybreak	SportsCenter	The Amazing Race	ESPNews
11:30	General Hospital	Advisory Block				Pacific Report
12:00	Headline News	The King of Queens	The O'Reilly Factor	Auto Racing American Le Mans Series. (Taped)	Andromeda "Its Hour Came 'Round at Last"	8 Simple Rules
12:30	Judge Judy	The Bernie Mac Show	Good Morning America		Mail Call	The Bernie Mac Show
13:00	Today Zach Braff; Denzel Washington; soups; Democratic National Convention.	Fear Factor "Couples"			Legends of Airpower	Fear Factor "Couples"
13:30				SportsCenter	Secrets of War "Sitzkrieg: The Phony War"	Las Vegas "Jokers and Fools"
14:00		Las Vegas "Jokers and Fools"				
14:30						
15:00	Between the Lions	Pacific Report	Headline News	Boxing Tuesday Night Fights -- Edner Cherry vs. Antonio Ramirez. (Taped)	Movie ★★½ "Hope and Glory" (1987, Comedy-Drama) Sarah Miles, David Hayman.	Pacific Report
15:30	Teamo Supremo (EI)	The Tonight Show	World News			The Tonight Show
16:00	Mechanics for Kids		The Early Show			
16:30	Strange Days	Late Show				Late Show
17:00	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	
17:30	Headline News	Access Hollywood			SpongeBob	Access Hollywood
18:00	ESPNews	Movie ★★★ "Internal Affairs" (1990, Drama) Richard Gere, Andy Garcia, Nancy Travis.	FOX News	ESPNews	The Simpsons	Movie ★★★ "Internal Affairs" (1990, Drama) Richard Gere, Andy Garcia, Nancy Travis.
18:30	Headline News			Baseball Tonight	Happy Days	
19:00	8 Simple Rules		FOX News	Golf (Taped)	The Amazing Race	
19:30	The Bernie Mac Show			ESPNews		
20:00	Fear Factor "Couples"	Movie ★★★★ "M*A*S*H" (1970, Comedy) Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould, Sally Kellerman.	FOX News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Andromeda "Its Hour Came 'Round at Last"	Movie ★★★★ "M*A*S*H" (1970, Comedy) Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould, Sally Kellerman.
20:30						
21:00	Las Vegas "Jokers and Fools"		Headline News		Mail Call	
21:30			Inside Politics		Legends of Airpower	
22:00	Headline News	The Hot List			Secrets of War "Sitzkrieg: The Phony War"	The Hot List
22:30	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Headline News			Headline News
23:00		Today	Lester Holt	Around the Horn	Movie ★★½ "Hope and Glory" (1987)	Today
23:30	Late Show			Pardon the Intrrptn		

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2004

00:00	(11:30) Late Show	(11:00) Today	Headline News	SportsCenter	(11:00) Movie ★★★½ "Hope and Glory"	(11:00) Today
00:30	Access Hollywood		NBC Nightly News			
1:00	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (EI)	ABC Wld News	World Sport	The Wild Thornberrys	Sesame Street (EI)
1:30			CBS Evening News	ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series -- Canada -- Day Three. From Toronto. (Taped)	SpongeBob	
2:00		Play With Me Sesame	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		The Simpsons	Play With Me Sesame
2:30		Rugrats (EI)			Happy Days	Wheel of Fortune
3:00		Dr. Phil	Hannity & Colmes		One Tree Hill "With Arms Outstretched"	Dr. Phil
3:30				ESPNews		
4:00	Baseball Tonight	Oprah Winfrey	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	The West Wing "Inaugration Day: Over There"	Oprah Winfrey
4:30						
5:00	Headline News	NBC Nightly News	BET Nightly News		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	NBC Nightly News
5:30	ESPNews	Judge Judy	Business Rpt.			Judge Judy
6:00	Headline News	Access Hollywood	Larry King Live		Journeys to the Ends of the Earth	Access Hollywood
6:30	Headline News	Guiding Light				Guiding Light
7:00	Sesame Street (EI)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown	ESPNews	Movie "Inspector Morse: The Death of the Self" (1992, Mystery) John Thaw, Kevin Whately.	
7:30		General Hospital		Totally NASCAR		General Hospital
8:00	Play With Me Sesame	60 Minutes II	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter		Aaahh! Real Monsters
8:30	Wheel of Fortune	The Weekenders (EI)				The Weekenders (EI)
9:00	Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Nightline	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	The Wild Thornberrys	Yu-Gi-Oh!
9:30		Jumanji	Air Force TV News		SpongeBob	Mucha Lucha
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune			Happy Days	Headline News
11:00		ESPNews	60 Minutes II		One Tree Hill "With Arms Outstretched"	ESPNews
11:30	General Hospital	Advisory Block				Pacific Report
12:00	Headline News	Everybody-Raymond	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	The West Wing "Inaugration Day: Over There"	Everybody-Raymond
12:30	Judge Judy	Scrubs "My Butterfly"				Scrubs "My Butterfly"
13:00	Today Jonathan Demme; "It's Cojo-Time"; Democratic National Convention.	My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé	Good Morning America	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé
13:30						
14:00		ER "Just a Touch"			Journeys to the Ends of the Earth	ER "Just a Touch"
14:30						
15:00	Aaahh! Real Monsters	Pacific Report	Headline News	SportsCenter	Movie "Inspector Morse: The Death of the Self" (1992, Mystery) John Thaw, Kevin Whately.	Pacific Report
15:30	The Weekenders (EI)	The Tonight Show	World News			The Tonight Show
16:00	Yu-Gi-Oh!		The Early Show	X-Games Classix 2003 Moto-X.		
16:30	Mucha Lucha	Late Show				Late Show
17:00	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	
17:30	Headline News	Access Hollywood			SpongeBob	Access Hollywood
18:00	ESPNews	Movie ★½ "Hope Floats" (1998, Romance) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr., Gena Rowlands.	FOX News	ESPNews	The Simpsons	Movie ★½ "Hope Floats" (1998, Romance) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr., Gena Rowlands.
18:30	Headline News			Baseball Tonight	Happy Days	
19:00	Everybody-Raymond		60 Minutes II	X-Games Classix 2003 Champions.	One Tree Hill "With Arms Outstretched"	
19:30	Scrubs "My Butterfly"					
20:00	My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé	Movie ★★★ "Out of Sight" (1998, Drama) George Clooney, Jennifer Lopez, Ving Rhames.	FOX News	Golf (Taped)	The West Wing "Inaugration Day: Over There"	Movie ★★★ "Out of Sight" (1998, Drama) George Clooney, Jennifer Lopez, Ving Rhames.
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21:00	ER "Just a Touch"		Headline News		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	
21:30			Inside Politics			
22:00	Headline News	The Hot List			Journeys to the Ends of the Earth	The Hot List
22:30	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Air Force TV News			Headline News
23:00		Today	Lester Holt		Movie "Inspector Morse: The Death of the Self"	Today
23:30	Late Show					

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FACES 'N' PLACES

Cattrall moves to the stage

Former "Sex and the City" star **Kim Cattrall** is to make her **London** stage debut next year in "Whose Life Is It Anyway," producers have announced.

Cattrall

Peter Hall will direct Cattrall in an updated version of **Brian Clark's** 1978 drama about a sculptor paralyzed in a road accident who seeks the right to die.

Mary Tyler Moore won a Tony Award in 1980 for playing the role on Broadway. The play was filmed the next year with **Richard Dreyfuss** in the lead.

Born in **Liverpool, England**, and raised in **Canada**, Cattrall played Samantha on the HBO sitcom, which ended a six-season run earlier this year.

Previews for "Whose Life Is It Anyway" begin Jan. 7, 2005. The play is scheduled to open Jan. 25 for a 16-week run at the Duke of York's theater.

Oprah's big lunch bill

Impressed with a tasty sandwich, **Oprah Winfrey** decided to invest in the **Art Cafe and Bakery** in **San Luis Obispo, Calif**.

"It turns out this was the most expensive sandwich I've ever had," Winfrey said Sunday after a restaurant photo shoot for the October issue of her magazine, O.

Winfrey

A few weeks ago, Winfrey ate a chicken curry sandwich from the cafe and was overwhelmed. She offered to buy the place. Less than 24 hours later, the talk-show host sent cafe owner and chef **Margaux Sky** a check — the amount wasn't disclosed. The two had never met, and Winfrey hadn't even seen the cafe.

Sky, who had considered selling the cafe because of the long hours and modest profit, was surprised.

"It was just a sandwich, you know what I mean?" she said.

C-Murder on trial

Rapper **C-Murder**, who is awaiting trial in **Jefferson Parish** on murder charges, has been indicted by a **Baton Rouge, La.** grand jury on attempted second-degree murder charges in an unrelated case.

The rapper, whose real name is **Corey Miller**, is accused of shooting at a Baton Rouge club owner and patron on Aug. 14, 2001.

He faces a 50-year prison sentence if convicted of the second-degree murder charge.

Miller's **New Orleans** lawyer, **Ronald Rakosky**, said East Baton Rouge Parish prosecutors did nothing with Miller's case for years and only got "cranked up" after a state judge ordered a new trial for Miller in the Jefferson Parish case.

In September, a jury convicted Miller of second-degree murder in the killing of a 16-year-old at a Jefferson Parish nightclub on Jan. 12, 2002. A state judge ordered that Miller receive a new trial because prosecutors withheld information about witnesses.

Crowe crazy for Kentucky

Cameron Crowe said he's happy to be filming his latest movie, "Elizabethtown," in **Kentucky** — a state he said his father loved and often visited.

Crowe

Crowe, director of **"Jerry Maguire"** and **"Almost Famous,"** said two of his uncles lived in **Stanton**, and he visited the state as a child. Crowe has been shooting scenes for the movie recently in **Versailles**, near **Lexington**.

The film's title is named for a small town near **Louisville**.

"I really like that corridor of travel between **Nashville** and Louisville. And I like the idea that two of the characters live along that road. There's one part of the story where they need a place to meet up. Oddly enough, Elizabethtown was the perfect place for them to meet," Crowe said in an interview with The Courier-Journal of Louisville for Sunday's editions.

The film stars **Orlando Bloom** and **Kirsten Dunst**.

Crowe said his late father would have enjoyed the movie.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

The dark side of Los Angeles

Director's vision makes Cruise into murderous psychopath in 'Collateral'

BY RACHEL ABRAMOWITZ
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD

On screen, Michael Mann's Los Angeles is full of helicopters careening through the hazy sky like angry buzzards, and forlorn taxicabs, little isolation tanks, hurtling up and down freeways. Feral coyotes wander into traffic, like ominous visions out of Native American legends, in the same fashion that the 61-year-old director once saw one wandering down Fairfax Avenue.

"There's a certain romance of the city at night that I confess I'm completely vulnerable to," says Mann, a Chicago native who's lived here since 1971. "What happens when the marine layer comes in and all of a sudden the vapor lights bounce off the bottom of the clouds and makes a sky that looks like late afternoon in northern Europe, and what it looks like from up there. There are so many objects flying around over L.A. If you're up in a helicopter, you can see 15 to 20 airplanes on approach to [Los Angeles International Airport]. There's a constant stream, which is metaphor for information."

Mann, who's best known as the creator of the pastel-colored cops of "Miami Vice," is pointedly not talking about the cliches of Los Angeles, of palm trees and surfers, or what he calls "the self-imposed cultural ghettos," like Brentwood and Malibu, where the Hollywood mob congregates. (Mann admits he lives on the Westside.) This is multiethnic, multi-class Los Angeles, the one he discovered in '95, riding around for months with a detective in an unmarked police car when he was researching his last L.A. film, "Heat." "This film is about the city of Los Angeles, and that's anything from Wilmington to City of Commerce to Pico Rivera to Koreatown," says the director, reeling off disparate communities that make up the cacophonous whole.

AP

Actor Tom Cruise plays a psychopathic hit man in Michael Mann's new movie, "Collateral."

"Collateral" debuts Aug. 6. Written by Stuart Beattie, with an uncredited rewrite by Mann, it's a movie-movie, about a lonely cabby (Jamie Foxx) who inadvertently picks up a hit man (Tom Cruise). It's an absurdist buddy picture, Hollywood's gun-toting version of "No Exit," about two men locked together for 10 hours of escalating psychological warfare.

Given the film's preoccupation with night in the City of Angles, it's perhaps fitting that the only time Mann, Cruise and Foxx can manage to sit down and talk is at 10 p.m. recently in Mann's Westside offices. Cruise and Foxx have the rhythms of a married couple, an easy rapport born of night after night crammed together in a small space, the fate of the movie essentially hanging on their ability to connect.

Cruise is friendly but focused, as if all the mental fat has been carefully sheared away, the personal idiosyncrasies hidden. While the 41-year-old megastar has played vampiric ("Interview With the Vampire") and sociopathic ("Magnolia"), and even nutso (the long-ago "Taps"), he's never played a pure psychopath before — a totally amoral, cold-blooded killing machine. The 36-year-old Foxx, who's appeared in such films as "Any Given Sunday" and "Booty Call," has never starred in such a high-profile film. While Cruise is by far the bigger star, Foxx gabs with the gregariousness of a natural entertainer. Apparently, much downtime on the set of "Collateral" was spent listening to Foxx tell amusing stories.

Mann

Mann seems harried but energized, like the adrenaline's kicked in on the last lap of the marathon. He pops in and out of the interview, as he's simultaneously monitoring a screening of the film going on down the hall.

Question: Is your character based on a real guy?

Cruise: Michael locks onto these characters. When I go to work on a character, you build research on the character. How many months did we spend where I'd come in?

Mann: Four or five months.

Cruise: We'd just sit right here and talk about the character and he had all these notes, I mean, literally pictures from Indiana and all these stories. It informs the scenes. And it resonates.

Mann: It's the enjoyable part without any stress. You are just really digging it. One of the things we did is Tom became a FedEx man. The objective was simply to be somebody else. This character when he was working — out and stalking — would be able to be somebody else, and for Tom to be somebody else is difficult. He could put a beard on, have sunglasses on and a baseball hat on and someone goes, "There's Tom Cruise."

Question: It's hard to imagine Tom Cruise in little FedEx shorts. Did you wear a uniform?

Cruise: Yeah, we had a wardrobe.

Mann: You go figure out the little details of what the FedEx guy does, it's not so simple. He's got to scan it. You've got to prove who you are. And he has to get your signature. He's supposed to address people a certain way. And there's a whole routine. Tom schooled himself in that. Someone who wasn't in on the joke was the guy he was delivering a package to — a clerk at a liquor store in Central Market downtown.

Question: So did he notice Tom?

Mann: No.

Question: So why did you want Tom for this part? I mean, he's not the most obvious choice.

Cruise: Why the hell did you want me, actually? (laughing)

Mann: There's dimensions to Tom that I hadn't seen on the screen. It became an exploration to bring some of that out, some of the steel that's in there. Some of the toughness, the certainty and the very good kind of avid, proactive vibe towards a goal, and darker resonances within that. Tom has some deep currents of volition and where does that come from? What a terrific collision it would be to take Tom and collide [him] with this character. He's got that same artistic drive and courage to go to those places. Pacino described it best. He said when you really are reaching for it, it's like playing a high E on the violin. If you're right on, it's exquisite, and if you're this far off ... (motions with his hands, a tiny bit).

Cruise: It's tragic (laughing).

Horoscope

Joyce Jillson

Neptune and Uranus are involved in a sort of reality check now.

Strokes of brilliance are featured — not so much the product of individual genius but having more to do with the way people bounce their intelligence off of one another. It's as though we're all adding our part to a big cosmic soup of creative solutions. Major discoveries happen.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 28). You express yourself beautifully this year, and the world gives you specifically what you want because of your improved communication skills. Next month, love opens its arms.

You'll feel empowered to direct a relationship toward what you have in mind. October is the best time to travel — you'll find cheap deals and meet quality people.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today brings shows of affection, and some of these are public. With all of this societal stress, don't forget to breathe. Once you're calm and centered, you'll be able to interact graciously with whatever comes your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may find your immediate surroundings aren't providing the inspiration you need to conquer the huge obstacle before you. Outside resources are required. Check out a biography of someone you admire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have to lasso those pie-in-the-sky romantic notions and tug them down to Earth. Practical issues must be faced, but partners are more sensible than you think they'll be. Work calls for your most mature, evolved self.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get rest because the little extras could wear on your immune system. Dear friends may be going through problems, and you're the crying shoulder. Though you love to help, keep your exposure to a minimum.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll meet new people and be impressed by just how friendly and open the world can be. The key is entering environments that seem to be properly set up from the beginning.

There's no reason for anybody to be disgruntled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Loved ones want to be involved in more of your life's activities than you thought would interest them. You're just a lot of fun to be around. For those of you going through turbulence on the road to love, this will be a pivotal day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're up to some exciting business and will need to take frequent breaks to calm yourself down between one conversation and the next. Plans are coming together brilliantly. A close relationship approaches telepathic heights.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Mentally, you are powerful even if you don't feel physically up to what you need to do. Take a kindergarten-style nap in the middle of the day. Let your body regenerate now, and you won't get sick later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being willing to look at problems from a new angle is your saving grace. So what if you and your partner have fundamental differences? Maybe this is the exact reason you're perfect for one another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to know the logic behind everything now. You've always thought that you just sort of fell into a certain groove with someone, but now, you may realize that you chose this person for a reason.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You not only act in harmony with your environment; some would say you're an instrument of peace. Without your contribution, the surroundings would be entirely different. Your personal ethics may need to be explored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). So much depends on your point of view.

If you're doing something because you feel you have to, then your energy will be inappropriately drained. Take each of your duties, and view them as something you actually want to do.

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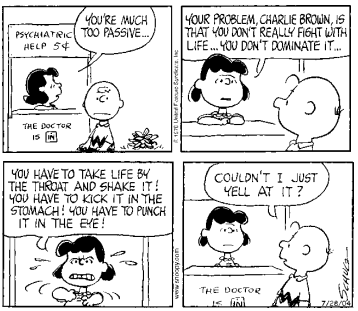
Peanuts



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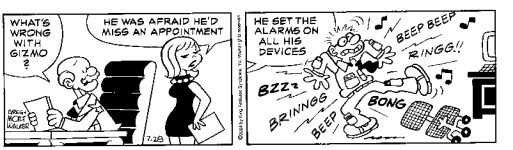

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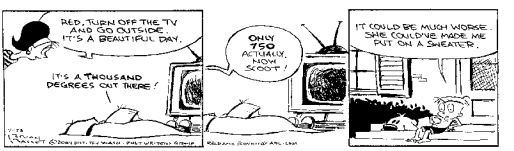

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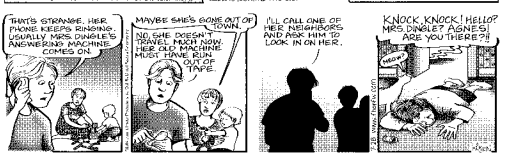

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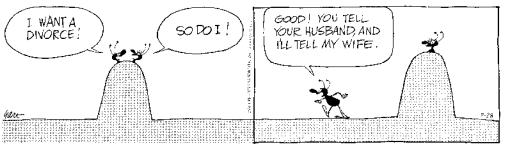

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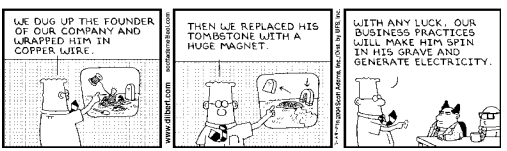

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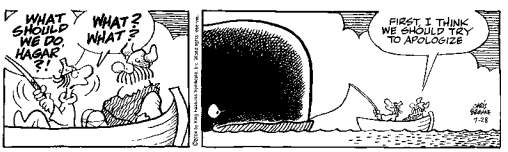

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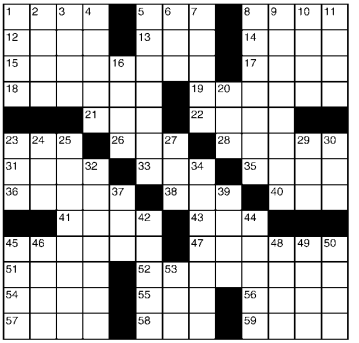

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5 Clear the tables
8 Deeds
12 Having studied
13 "... rose — rose"
14 Unadorned
15 Celebration
17 Attracted
18 Art on plaster
19 Expiates
21 Addressee
22 Ms. Moore
23 Cleo's slayer
26 Kvetch
28 When pigs fly
31 Incubator noise
33 Lettuce variety
35 Appellation
36 Malapropist catcher
38 Harvest goddess
40 Drag
41 "Hee Haw" humor
43 Milwaukee product
45 Baffler
47 Wreak havoc on
51 Jackknife, e.g.
52 Castaway's goal
54 Verve
55 Packed away
56 Stopper
57 Depend (on)
58 Took charge
59 "— company, ..."

Down

1 Jackie Paper's pal
2 Mimic
3 Say cheese, maybe
4 Nervous
5 Encampment
6 Dos Passos trilogy
7 Dieter's entree
8 Place for a six-pack?
9 Fair
10 Genealogy chart
11 Wields a needle
16 PC picture
20 X rating?
23 Police-alert letters
24 Witness
25 Grail seeker
27 Stickum
29 Ostrich's kin
30 Gas pump abbr.
32 Offspring
34 Shadow-boxed
37 Sleeve contents
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOUR SPIGOT IS DRIPPING ONION JUICE, YOU COULD JOKINGLY SAY IT'S A LEEKY FAUCET.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

High prices make a hairy situation

Dear Abby: Last weekend, I gave my hairdresser, "Zelda," an especially generous tip. She had done a particularly good job and I thought she deserved it.

The next time I visited Zelda, she charged me a higher price to include the amount I had tipped her. I paid the bill without disputing it, and now she expects that much every time. I feel taken advantage of. In addition, if Zelda isn't there when I need an appointment and I use another hairdresser, I am asked how much I pay Zelda before I'm told how much I owe. I have heard them charge other customers a smaller fee.

I'm annoyed and upset, but I don't know what to do about it. I like the job Zelda does, so I don't want to switch. I just wish I had never been so generous.

— Pulling My Hair Out in L.A.

Dear Pulling Your Hair Out: Bald may be beautiful, but pulling your hair out isn't the answer. Having a frank discussion with Zelda and clearing the air is. Prices for services should be posted — or available upon request — so customers know what they're expected to pay.

To tip for exceptional service is the correct and accepted thing to do. For Zelda to have then added that tip to her regular fee was presumptuous.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: You sometimes offer advice to women who have trouble meeting eligible men. You suggest they do volunteer work, get involved in church groups, etc.

Well, I have a suggestion for another good "hunting ground." Years ago, I worked at the chamber of commerce in a large Midwestern city. While paid staff did the "heavy lifting," dozens of members worked on committees, special events and other civic activities.

Our female assistants were continuously interacting with young company executives, hard-working, civic-minded guys with good jobs and great potential. I recall several romances that deprived us of good female staff when the woman left to marry some committee volunteer.

So, Abby, consider suggesting to your readers that they look in that direction — chambers of commerce, manufacturing associations, any civic organization that relies on a lot of volunteer participation from its members. Not only will they have a job doing something worthwhile, they'll be brought into frequent contact with potential partners.

— Cupid in San Diego

Dear Cupid: Thank you! Those are terrific suggestions, and I'll add them to my collection. I'll bet your arrows strike a few bull's-eyes today.

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JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: AND

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXUDE JUMBO DROPSY MAKEUP
Answer: what business went down at the music store, he — "DRUMMED" IT UP

11-month pregnancy unlikely

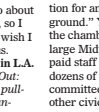
Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 15 years. We have a wonderful marriage, and between us, we have five terrific children.

Here's my question: When my husband was young and in the service (long before we were married), he came home on leave for Christmas and left after New Year's Day. While home, he ended up sleeping with a girl he knew from the neighborhood. Six months later, he received a phone call that the girl was pregnant, and both sets of parents decided the "proper" thing was for the two of them to marry.

What concerns me is the pregnancy lasted 11 months. I have never heard of this, and it amazes me that no one in my husband's family ever questioned it. Annie, is it possible for someone to become pregnant in late December and give birth at the end of the following November? This incident happened over 25 years ago, and the paternity no longer matters. What's done is done. My husband loves his son, as do I. Can you please settle this nagging question?

— Perplexed in Pennsylvania

Annie's Mailbox



Dear Perplexed: Doctors calculate 40 weeks from the last menstrual cycle until delivery. That translates roughly to nine months. It can be a bit longer, but 11 months is excessive.

Now that we've answered your question, here's our advice, even though you didn't ask for it: Your stepson, an adult, is entitled to know the truth about his medical and genealogical history. Please discuss the situation with your husband, and let him handle it.

Dear Annie: I disagree with your answer to "Offended in South Dakota." She was upset because the DJ at a wedding reception asked the guests to bid money in order to go to the buffet.

I have been to more than one wedding where this new tradition has taken place. It is simply a fun way to get money to the bride and groom for their honeymoon. To me, it's a lot better than the dollar dance, which I find repulsive. If you don't want to participate, you can just wait at the end of the buffet line. It was rude for "South Dakota" to walk out of the reception.

— Offended, Too

Dear Offended: We know we're fighting a losing battle, but here goes: There are some ethnic traditions that include a dollar dance.

Otherwise, using the wedding reception as a fund-raiser is in poor taste; we don't care how you do it. The bridal couple is supposed to plan a wedding they can afford, inviting family and friends to join in their celebration. Guests send gifts to wish the couple well. That's it.

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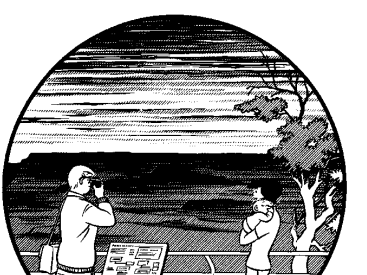
Family Circus



"After we see the sunrise, THEN can we all go back to bed?"

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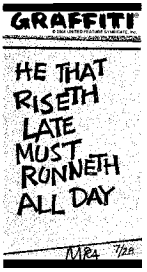

Dennis the Menace

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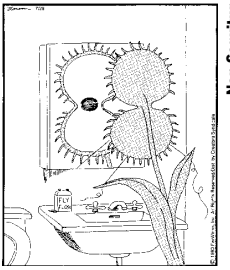
The Far Side



Non Sequitur

AP

Professor Phil Rainbow, ,keeper of zoology at the Natural History Museum in London, holds a Polynesian tree snail Monday, the DNA of which will number among samples taken from endangered species and stored in the Frozen Ark at the museum for research purposes.

Britain welcomes first endangered DNA to 'Frozen Ark'

BY ROBERT BARR
The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's Frozen Ark project aimed at safeguarding genetic material from a variety of species boarded its first endangered passengers Monday, including an Arabian oryx, a spotted sea horse and a British field cricket.

The Ark, a project by three British institutions, doesn't include any living animals, but hopes to collect frozen DNA and tissue specimens from thousands of endangered species.

Like Noah, the scientists harbor hopes of repopulating the Earth.

"I think it will be used for cloning eventually," said Professor Alan Cooper, director of the Henry Wellcome Ancient Biomolecules Center at Oxford University.

"We're cautious about cloning because it gets so sexed up, but who knows what we're going to be using these specimens for in the future," said Cooper, a member of the Frozen Ark steering committee.

"I believe you can make a case for bringing animals like, say, the tiger, back. There would be a pretty strong argument for doing that versus letting them go extinct."

The principal collection will be set up in London at the Natural History Museum and the Institute of Zoology, and there are plans for duplicate collections elsewhere in the world to safeguard the survival of the samples.

With some 10,000 species listed as in danger of extinction, the ark will fill quickly. The project will be guided by the World Conservation Union's red list of threatened species.

Professor Bryan C. Clarke, a population geneticist at Nottingham University, said the project would not immediately save any species from extinction.

"The Frozen Ark is not a conservation measure but rather a back-up plan for when all best conservation efforts have failed," Clarke said.

"The recent progress in molecular biology has been so fast that we cannot predict with any certainty what may be possible using this genetic information within the next few decades. Without it, nothing can be done."

France nixes nation's first gay marriage

BORDEAUX, France — A French court nullified the country's first homosexual marriage on Tuesday, a ceremony that led the government to try to suspend the high-profile Green Party mayor who conducted it.

The couple, Stephane Chapin and Bertrand Charpentier, exchanged vows last month in the Bordeaux suburb of Begles. Their lawyer said the ruling would not take effect immediately, pending an appeal.

The court in Bordeaux said in a statement it had "declared the marriage conducted null."

The couple expressed optimism that the move would be overturned, promising to take their case to the European Court of Human Rights if necessary.

"We are sure that we will win because we'll take this as far as possible," Charpentier told reporters after the decision.

Begles mayor Noel Mamere, a leading Green Party lawmaker, officiated the June 5 marriage, defying the government and saying he wanted to take a step toward ending discrimination of all kinds.

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Basketball — WNBA: Los Angeles at Sacramento, 4 a.m. Friday, SPT.

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Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
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Columbus	5	5	6	21	16	17
D.C. United	5	7	6	21	24	28
Chicago	4	7	7	19	18	22
New England	4	8	6	18	22	27

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	9	5	4	33	35	28
Kansas City	9	4	5	32	27	16
Dallas	6	5	6	24	21	18
Colorado	5	5	8	23	14	17
San Jose	5	6	6	21	28	26

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

Wednesday's games
Dallas at Columbus
MetroStars at Kansas City
Chicago at Colorado

Saturday's game
All-Star Game at Washington

Saturday, Aug. 7
Columbus at New England
Colorado at Dallas
D.C. United at San Jose

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	12	11	.522	—
Connecticut	13	12	.520	—
Charlotte	11	11	.500	½
Indiana	12	13	.480	1
Detroit	11	13	.458	1½
Washington	8	13	.435	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	7	.708	—
Seattle	15	7	.682	1
Minnesota	13	10	.565	3½
Phoenix	11	12	.478	5½
Sacramento	11	12	.478	5½
Houston	10	14	.417	7
San Antonio	6	17	.261	10½

Sunday's games
Sacramento 71, Indiana 62

Monday's game
No games scheduled

Tuesday's game
Seattle at Houston

Wednesday's games
Detroit at Washington
Charlotte at Indiana
San Antonio at Minnesota

Tennis

Acura Classic

Monday
At La Costa Resort and Spa
Carlsbad, Calif.
Purse: $1.3 million (Tier I)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
First Round

Vera Zvonareva (12), Russia, def. Nathalie Dechy, France, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Alicia Molik, Australia, def. Nicole Pratt, France, 6-3, 6-4.

Kristina Brandi, Puerto Rico, def. Akiko Morigami, Japan, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

Ashley Harkleroad, United States, def. Patty Schnyder (13), Switzerland, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Marion Bartoli, France, def. Fabiola Zuluaga, Colombia, 6-3, 6-4.

Elena Bovina, Russia, def. Francesca Schiavone (15), Italy, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Marissa Irvin, United States, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Lilia Osterloh, United States, def. Maria Vento-Kabchi, Venezuela, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Barbara Schett, Austria, def. Jill Craybas, United States, 7-5, 6-7 (8), 6-2.

Karolina Sprem, Croatia, def. Marta Marrero, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.

Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, def. Lisa Raymond, United States, 7-5, 6-0.

Chanda Rubin, United States, def. Anna Smashnova-Pistolese (14), Israel, 6-0, 6-3.

Masters Canada

Monday
At Rexall Centre
Toronto
Purse: $2.5 million (Masters)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
First Round

David Ferrer, Spain, def. Simon Larose, Canada, 7-5, 6-2.

Juan Ignacio Chela (16), Argentina, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Fabrice Santoro, France, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero (7), Spain, 3-2, retired.

Cyril Saulnier, France, def. Daniel Nestor, Canada, 6-3, 6-4.

Joachim Johansson, Sweden, def. Michael Llodra, France, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-1.

Max Mirnyi, Belarus, def. Michel Kratochvil, Switzerland, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (9).

Igor Andreev, Russia, def. Sargis Sargsian, Armenia, 7-5, 6-7 (1), 6-2.

Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, def. Irakli Labadze, Georgia, 6-1, 6-4.

Alex Bogomolov, Jr., United States, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-4, 7-6.

Andre Agassi (10), United States, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Paradorn Srichaphan (14), Thailand, def. Andrei Pavel, Romania, 7-5, 6-3.

Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Thomas Enqvist, Sweden, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Hyung-Taik Lee, Korea, 7-6 (7), 6-1.

Gustavo Kuerten, Brazil, def. Robby Ginepri, United States, 6-1, 6-4.

Golf

World ranking

Through July 25

1. Tiger Woods	USA	12.16
2. Ernie Els	SAf	11.26
3. Vijay Singh	Fiji	9.92
4. Phil Mickelson	USA	8.55
5. David Love III	USA	7.78
6. Retief Goosen	SAf	7.59
7. Mike Weir	Can	6.77
8. Padraig Harrington	Ire	5.95
9. Jim Furyk	USA	5.45
10. Sergio Garcia	Spn	4.95
11. Adam Scott	Aus	4.87
12. Kenny Perry	USA	4.77
13. Chad Campbell	USA	4.44
14. Darren Clarke	Nir	4.45
15. Stuart Appleby	Aus	4.37
16. Todd Hamilton	USA	4.24
17. Scott Verplank	USA	3.96
18. David Toms	USA	3.95
19. Stephen Ames	T&T	3.89
20. Fred Couples	USA	3.70
21. Choi Kyung-Ju	Kor	3.50
22. Jay Haas	USA	3.50
23. Steve Flesch	USA	3.45
24. Nick Price	Zim	3.43
25. Shigeki Maruyama	Jpn	3.42
26. Jonathan Kaye	USA	3.33
27. Chris DiMarco	USA	3.32
28. Fredrik Jacobson	Swe	3.26
29. Paul Casey	Eng	3.21
30. Stewart Cink	USA	3.18
31. Robert Allenby	Aus	3.13
32. Stephen Leaney	Aus	2.94
33. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Spn	2.91
34. Charles Howell III	USA	2.90
35. Jerry Kelly	USA	2.83
36. Angel Cabrera	Arg	2.81
37. Thomas Bjorn	Den	2.67
38. Rory Sabbatini	SAf	2.60
39. Joakim Haeggman	Swe	2.56
40. Chris Riley	USA	2.56

Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Activated OF B.J. Surhoff from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Darrell McDonald to Ottawa (Int). Released 1B Fred McGriff.

TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Doug Mccall and DH Brad Fullmer on the 15-day DL. Activated RHP Jeff Nelson and 1B Herbert Perry from the 15-day DL. Activated RHP Joaquin Benoit from the bereavement list. Designated RHP John Wasdin for assignment. Optioned RHP Thomas Garcia to Oklahoma of the PCL. Recalled LHP Erasmo Ramirez from Oklahoma.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Placed OF Jason Romano on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Felipe Lopez from Louisville of the IL.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Signed LHP Troy Patton and assigned him to Greensboro of the Appalachian League.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Acquired INF-OF Russell Branyan from Cleveland for cash. Designated OF Chris Magruder for assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Activated C Ramon Hernandez from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Humberto Quintero to Portland of the PCL.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Traded F Danny Fortson to Seattle for C Calvin Booth.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed C Kyle Davis.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Named Jordan Schlachter vice president of marketing and Hunter Lochmann director of marketing.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Suspended DT Darrell Russell indefinitely after testing positive for drugs.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Agreed to terms with DT Dwan Edwards on a five-year contract. Signed QB Devard Darling and LB Rodrick Green to three-year contracts.

BUFFALO BILLS—Agreed to terms with DL Tim Anderson.

CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with DE Claude Harriott on a four-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed DT Eddie Johnson off waivers from Minnesota.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released DT Willie Blade and TE James Whelan.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Announced the retirement of RB Ricky Williams.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed CB Dexter Wynn and QB Dexter Hall to four-year contracts.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed Bill Cowher, coach, to a two-year contract extension through the 2007 season. Signed OT Max Starks to a three-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived QB Jack Hawley.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed TE Chris Cooley.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed RW Scott Mellanby.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Signed LW Erik Cole and C Jim Henkel to one-year contracts.

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed D D.J. Smith and F Mathieu Darche.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Re-signed LW Niklas Hagman and LW Jason Olsen to one-year contracts.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed D Andrea Lilja.

COLLEGE
CONFERENCE USA—Named Courtney Morrison-Archer director of media relations.

NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE—Announced the resignation of Mike Mayo, commissioner, to become commissioner of the Southern Athletic Conference, effective Aug. 20.

WESTERN athletic CONFERENCE—Promoted Steve Mazy to associate commissioner for marketing and corporate development. Named Beth Cunningham director of business ventures.

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN—Named Sarah Barbee assistant sports information director.

CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN—Named Dan Kuntz interim athletic director. Announced women's basketball coach Rich Rider will serve as interim senior athletic director.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS—Named Jed Hoyer men's and women's cross country coach and men's and women's nordic skiing coach.

HARDIN-SIMMONS—Named Shane Willford men's and women's tennis coach.

IOWA—Promoted Michelle Venturella to associate softball coach.

MILLSAPS—Named Romaro Miller quarterbacks coach.

MISERICORDIA—Named Brandon Uhl cross country and track and field coach.

RENSSELAER—Named Jeff Matthews men's assistant hockey coach.

SOUTHERN METHODIST—Named Lisa Dark women's associate head basketball coach.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN—Announced the resignations of Gary and Kim Van Atta, women's co-coaches basketball coaches.

UC IRVINE—Named Sergio Brown and Chad Baum assistant baseball coaches.

UTAH STATE—Promoted Lonny Sargent to softball coach.

TANK McNAMARA

Reports: Cubs to get protective netting

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs officials have ordered protective netting for Wrigley Field after three incidents of falling concrete, according to newspaper reports.

The netting would go up as a precaution after engineers finish an inspection of the concrete underside of Wrigley Field's upper deck, the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times reported in Tuesday editions.

Cubs spokesman Mike Lufrano declined to discuss the workers' findings or whether the inspection will be finished by the team's next home game on Friday.

"They are going through and inspecting, and we will know more when they finish their work," Lufrano said.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley has said he would shut down sections — or all — of the 90-year-old stadium to protect fans from falling debris. No one has been injured.

Fans have reported seeing falling chunks of concrete this summer, some as large as a brick.

Harkleroad upsets Schnyder in Acura Classic

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Ashley Harkleroad scored one of the biggest victories of her career, beating 13th-seeded Patty Schnyder 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 Monday in the opening round of the Acura Classic.

Harkleroad, ranked 109th in the world, came from behind in the third set to win the final two games and surprise Schnyder.

The tournament features seven of the top 10 players in the world, including Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova in her first action since winning her first Grand Slam title.

The 19-year old Harkleroad fought back against Schnyder after winning the first set, but fell behind when Schnyder took control of the match in the second and took a 2-0 lead in the third.

Smarty Jones will not run in Pennsylvania Derby

PHILADELPHIA — Smarty Jones has a bruised left front hoof and will not run in the Pennsylvania Derby, missing a chance to race in front of a hometown crowd at Philadelphia Park.

Roy Chapman, who owns the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner with his wife, Pat, said Monday that Smarty Jones' injury is not serious, and the son of Elusive Quality should resume training shortly for either the Pegasus at the Meadowlands or the Super Derby at Louisiana Downs on Sept. 25.

"It's just a slight bruise, and we don't want to take any chances," Chapman said. "He just stepped on a stone or something. He looks fine. He looks great, but John's just not happy with the little bruise," said Chapman, referring to trainer John Servis.

Servis earlier this month began preparing the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner to run on Sept. 6. It would have been the 3-year-old colt's first start since his Triple Crown bid fell short in the Belmont Stakes on June 5.

The date for the Pegasus has yet to be set. Chapman said the new plan for Smarty Jones calls for one race before the Breeders' Cup Classic on Oct. 30 at Lone Star Park in Texas.

A record crowd of 30,000 was possible if Smarty Jones showed up for the Pennsylvania Derby. The current record is 28,692, set at the 1983 Pennsylvania Derby.

Birdstone ran down Smarty Jones with a furlong to go in the Belmont, spoiling the colt's bid to become the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

Despite the one-length loss, Smarty's popularity remains strong.

He was recently syndicated in a deal totaling about $48 million, and will stand at stud at Three Chimneys Farm near Midway, Ky., after he retires. Smarty Jones has won eight of nine career starts with earnings of $7,563,535, including a $5 million bonus from Oaklawn Park for victories in the Rebel Stakes, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby. The leading North American earner is Cigar at $9,999,915.

American one of eight doping cases in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — An American tested positive for a banned steroid during the World Softball Championships in February, the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency said Tuesday.

The International Softball Federation was told in June the player had tested positive for the anabolic agent androstenedione, agency director Graeme Steel said Tuesday. Steel did not identify the player.

The NZSDA said it conducted 1,518 tests in the 12 months to June 30 and had eight positive cases, including the softball player and an Iranian wheelchair athlete competing at an international event in Christchurch last October.

Four replacements selected for MLS All-Star Game

NEW YORK — Columbus defender Robin Fraser, D.C. United midfielder Dema Kovalenko and New England defenders Steve Ralston and Shalrie Joseph were selected Tuesday as replacements for the Eastern Conference team for Saturday's Major League Soccer All-Star Game.

They replace D.C. United defender Ryan Nelsen and former Chicago Fire forward DaMarcus Beasley, both of whom were selected as starters, and D.C. United midfielder Bobby Convey and New England midfielder Clint Dempsey, both selected as reserves.

The game will be played at Washington's RFK Stadium.

Twins hustle past Central rival White Sox

The Associated Press

AL Roundup

CHICAGO — Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen had no problem with Torii Hunter's jarring hit on his catcher. In fact, Guillen hopes his team learned something from the Minnesota star's hustle.

Hunter bowled over White Sox catcher Jamie Burke in the eighth inning, sending him to the hospital with a sore jaw after the Twins' 6-2 road victory over their Central Division rival Monday.

"If my players don't like it, that's a message. You got to play the game hard. I know if it happened on my side, I'd be high-fiving my players," Guillen said.

Hunter scored on Henry Blanco's sacrifice fly, helping the Twins win for the eighth time in 10 games and push their lead over Chicago to 1½ games.

"I wasn't trying to hurt him. I was just playing the game like you should play the game," Hunter said. "I'm not a dirty player. I just go out and have fun and play the game. That's it."

Blanco added a homer in the fourth to back a solid performance by Brad Radke (7-6).

The Minnesota starter allowed three hits in seven innings and retired the final 16 batters he faced. He did not allow a hit after the second when he gave up Paul Konerko's 27th homer and a single to Timo Perez.

"It was like a playoff atmosphere and I think this team likes that," Radke said.

The Twins quickly reversed a trend of struggling against Mark Buehrle (10-4), scoring a run in the first and second innings for an early lead. He was 3-0 against Minnesota this season and had beaten them six straight times dating to June 2003.

But the Twins tagged Buehrle for four runs on 12 hits in 6$^{1}/_{3}$ innings Monday night — his most hits allowed this season.

Rangers 6, Angels 1: Michael Young hit a leadoff homer, Gary Matthews Jr. added a three-run shot and Ryan Drese (7-5) earned his first road win of the season for AL West-leading Texas.

Young drove Kelvim Escobar's second pitch into the left-field bullpen for his eighth career leadoff homer. Escobar (5-8) lost for the sixth time in seven decisions.

Athletics 14, Mariners 5: Eric Byrnes had a three-run double and four RBIs, and Oakland bailed out struggling starter Barry Zito (6-7) by rallying from a five-run deficit.

Ichiro Suzuki extended his hitting streak to 18 games, and Justin Leone homered for the Mariners. Seattle has lost 13 straight road games.

Erubiel Durazo homered for the second straight day, Damian Miller had three hits and an RBI, and Eric Chavez had three RBIs for the A's, who took advantage of 14 walks.

Zito (6-7) beat Travis Blackley (1-3) to win for only the second time since June 8.

Red Sox 12, Orioles 5: Boston's Pedro Martinez ended a run of frustration against the Orioles.

Martinez (11-4) was pulled with one out in the seventh inning during a steady rain in Baltimore. He allowed five runs on seven hits, walked two and struck out five.

Martinez came in 0-2 with a 8.66 ERA in three starts against Baltimore this season.

Jason Varitek singled in two runs to cap a six-run third inning against rookie Erik Bedard (4-5) and finished with three RBIs.

The Red Sox have 39 runs and 52 hits in their past four games.

Tigers 13, Indians 4: Mike Maroth pitched seven innings and visiting Detroit got home runs from Carlos Guillen and Marcus Thames.

Thames hit a two-run homer in a six-run first against Cliff Lee (10-3), and Guillen had a three-run shot when the Tigers added six in the fifth to open a 12-2 lead.

Maroth (8-7) won his third straight. He allowed four runs and eight hits.

Yankees 6, Blue Jays 5 (10): Tony Clark hit a go-ahead double in the 10th inning off Jason Frasor (3-3), and visiting New York won despite Mariano Rivera blowing his second straight save.

Rivera converted 23 consecutive saves before giving up three runs in an 11-10 loss to Boston on Saturday. Rivera (2-1) failed to hold a two-run lead in the ninth against Toronto, but pitched a perfect 10th for the victory.

Carlos Delgado and Gregg Zaun homered for Toronto.

AP

Minnesota Twins' Henry Blanco hit a two-run homer as the Twins increased their lead over the Chicago White Sox to 1½ games with a 6-2 victory in Chicago.

Indians trade OF Branyan to Milwaukee for cash

The Associated Press

MLB briefs

MILWAUKEE — Russell Branyan didn't let a little thing like not seeing his name on the lineup card ruin his return to the major leagues on Monday.

"Step 1 is getting back to the big leagues. Step 2 is getting back in the lineup," Branyan said after the Cleveland Indians traded him to the Milwaukee Brewers for cash.

Branyan struck out when he pinch-hit in the ninth inning of the Brewers' 3-1 loss to the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

The 28-year-old Branyan started the year in Atlanta's organization and was traded to the Indians on April 25. Assigned to Triple-A Buffalo, he hit .279 with 26 home runs and 79 RBIs.

The Indians agreed to let him go if another major league team wanted him.

A power hitter prone to strikeouts, Branyan made his major league debut with the Indians in 1998. He hit a career-high 24 home runs while splitting the 2002 season with Cleveland and Cincinnati.

He hit .216 with nine homers and 26 RBIs for the Reds last year.

Branyan has played in 400 major league games and batted .227 with 70 homers and 180 RBIs. He has struck out 449 times in 1,104 at-bats.

Reds OF Romano needs season-ending surgery

CINCINNATI — Reds outfielder Jason Romano has a torn right hamstring that will need season-ending surgery, and was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday.

The Reds called up shortstop Felipe Lopez from Triple-A Louisville to take Romano's spot.

Romano will have surgery Tuesday. He injured himself while chasing a fly ball in the first inning of a 6-5 loss in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

Romano hit .154 in two stints with the Reds, including four starts.

Seattle's Pineiro will go on DL

OAKLAND, Calif. — Seattle starter Joel Pineiro will be placed on the disabled list this week with a strained right elbow, an injury that's not as severe as the club thought Sunday night.

Doctors determined Pineiro won't need surgery now, and the Mariners are hopeful he will return this season after initially fearing the right-hander, 25, had a season-ending injury.

The injury is to the flexor bundle, several tendons that come together in the same place and are used to flex the wrist, trainer Rick Griffin said.

Pineiro has a 4.67 ERA and leads the Mariners with 111 strikeouts, 140$^{2}/_{3}$ innings pitched and 21 starts.

Rangers place reliever Brocail, DH Fullmer on disabled list

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Texas Rangers placed reliever Doug Brocail and designated hitter Brad Fullmer on the 15-day disabled list Monday, activating reliever Jeff Nelson and first baseman Herbert Perry from the DL.

The Rangers made four other player moves, all involving pitchers. Joaquin Benoit was reinstated from the bereavement list after returning from the Dominican Republic for his grandmother's funeral. John Wasdin was designated for assignment, Rosman Garcia was optioned to Triple-A Oklahoma and left-hander Erasmo Ramirez was recalled from Oklahoma.

Twins' Punto breaks clavicle

CHICAGO — Minnesota Twins second baseman Nick Punto broke his right collarbone while charging a ball in the first inning of Monday night's game with the Chicago White Sox.

Punto charged Willie Harris' bunt and fell as he unsuccessfully tried to scoop it and throw to first. Harris reached on a single.

Punto was examined on the field by a trainer and later had X-rays at U.S. Cellular Field that revealed the break. He was replaced by Luis Rivas.

Punto, who lined out in the top of the first, has appeared in 38 game and batted .253.

Tenacity: Rogers is oldest player on Rangers' young roster

ROGERS, FROM BACK PAGE

Still, Rogers can never do better than he did that night in 1994, when he threw the 14th perfect game in major league history, the 12th since the modern era began in 1900.

Just hours after a strike date was set that would end the season two weeks later and lead to the cancellation of the World Series, Rogers had a magical two-hour outing before 46,581 at the new Ballpark in Arlington.

"It wasn't a matter of stuff or velocity or location," Rogers said. "Everything had to do with the frame of mind I was in. The only regret was that I couldn't just step out of my body and go sit in the front row and watch it."

Rogers threw just 98 pitches and struck out eight, with two-sport star Bo Jackson going down on strikes three times. There were nine flyballs, three infield popouts and seven groundouts.

"I remember that night, he had above-average stuff," said Rex Hudler, the Angels' second baseman then who is now a broadcaster for the team. "His fastball was 94-95, he had a real nice changeup. All of his pitches seemed to be working. He was cruising along."

He only needed a little help.

Third baseman Dean Palmer ended the third inning — long before thoughts of a no-hitter — when he handled a tough hop and threw out Gary DiSarcina by a step.

As Hudler got loose in the on-deck circle to lead off the ninth, he told fans he was going to going to get a hit. Then, after fouling off a couple of pitches, he hit a sinking liner into the right-center field gap.

"I hit kind of a jam shot, kind of off my hands a little bit, but when it went off the bat, I thought it was going to fall in," Hudler said.

"I left the box going, 'I got him, I got him.' ... And I just heard a roar that was deafening. I'll never forget that."

Rookie center fielder Rusty Greer had made a diving catch to preserve the only perfect game and one of only five no-hitters in Rangers history. Two outs later, Greer caught DiSarcina's flyball to end it.

Rogers said he hasn't watched the game often. The last time was when he walked in on Greer watching the tape.

"Rusty has a knack of pointing out when he did something pretty good," Rogers said, laughing. "I don't really need the video to remember it."

A decade later, Greer is still trying to come back from a series of surgeries resulting from his hard-nosed play. He hasn't played in two years.

Rogers is back for his third stint with the team that drafted him in 1982. He left as a free agent after 1995 to sign with the New York Yankees, then spent time with Oakland and the Mets before returning to Texas in 2000. He spent last season in Minnesota, after being unable to reach a new contract with the Rangers, before coming back as the No. 1 starter with a two-year deal.

Rogers is the oldest player for the AL West-leading Rangers, a team built around 20-something players like All-Star infielders Hank Blalock, Michael Young and Alfonso Soriano, and outfielder Laynce Nix, who was in Little League when Rogers threw his perfect game.

"It's hard to believe I'm still here after 10 years," Rogers said. "There's a little more gray, but not much different physically."

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	62	36	.633	—
Boston	55	44	.556	7½
Tampa Bay	45	53	.459	17
Baltimore	44	54	.449	18
Toronto	43	56	.434	19½
Central Division				
Minnesota	55	44	.556	—
Chicago	52	44	.542	1½
Cleveland	50	50	.500	5½
Detroit	47	52	.475	8
Kansas City	35	62	.361	19
West Division				
Texas	56	41	.577	—
Oakland	54	44	.551	2½
Anaheim	52	47	.525	5
Seattle	38	60	.388	18½

Monday's games

Boston 12, Baltimore 5
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings
Detroit 13, Cleveland 4
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 6, Anaheim 1
Oakland 14, Seattle 5

Tuesday's games

Boston at Baltimore
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto
Detroit at Cleveland
Kansas City at Tampa Bay
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox
Texas at Anaheim
Seattle at Oakland

Wednesday's games

Minnesota (Silva 9-7) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 9-5)
N.Y. Yankees (Lieber 7-6) at Toronto (Batista 9-6)
Boston (Schilling 12-4) at Baltimore (Borowski 1-2)
Detroit (Robertson 9-5) at Cleveland (Elarton 0-2)
Kansas City (Gobble 6-7) at Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 7-8)
Texas (Rogers 13-3) at Anaheim (Lackey 7-9)
Seattle (Moyer 6-7) at Oakland (Mulder 13-3)

Thursday's games

Chicago White Sox at Detroit
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees
Kansas City at Tampa Bay
Oakland at Texas
Seattle at Anaheim

Tigers 13, Indians 4

DETROIT

	ab	r	h	bi
Infante 2b	4	2	1	0
Giles cf	4	2	2	4
JSmith ss	1	0	0	0
Rdrgz c	4	0	0	0
DFelice c	1	0	0	0
Dyrdra lf	3	2	2	0
Shelton 1b	1	0	0	0
DWhite dh	4	2	1	2
Monroe rf	0	0	0	0
Thmas lf	4	2	2	2
Hggnsn rf	4	1	1	1
Inge 3b	5	2	4	2
Logan cf	4	1	2	0
Totals	**42**	**13**	**17**	**12**

CLEVELAND

	ab	r	h	bi
Fnsworth rf	5	1	2	1
Phillips 2b	4	0	0	0
Hrbek 1b	4	1	1	1
Garcia dh	4	0	1	0
Hrndnez 3b	4	0	0	0
Blake 3b	1	0	0	0
Ramrez ss	4	0	1	0
Phelps c	3	0	0	0
Crisp cf	4	0	0	0
Peralta ss	3	0	0	0
Ldrmlk cf	3	0	0	0
Ryan lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**37**	**4**	**4**	**1**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Detroit	600	061	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
Cleveland	001	100	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	4

E—Giulian (10), JSmith (3), DP—Cleveland 2, LOB—Detroit 6, Cleveland 9, 2B—Giulian (1), Hrbek (9), Thames (7), Inge (8). 3B—Infante (6), JMcDonald (1). HR—Giulian (16), Thames (6), Merloni (4).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit					
Maroth W,8-7	7	8	4	4	1	3
Yan	2	0	0	0	1	1
Cleveland						
CLee L,10-3	7½	6	6	6	1	2
RWhite	1½	4	3	3	0	1
Miller	1½	4	4	4	1	0
Howry	2	0	0	0	0	3
Riske	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Howry (Munson), by Maroth (Belliard). WP—Maroth, Miller. T—3:00. A—18,359 (43,389).

Twins 6, White Sox 2

MINNESOTA

	ab	r	h	bi
ShStwrt dh	3	1	3	1
Punto 2b	1	0	0	0
Rivas 2b	4	0	2	0
LFord lf	5	0	2	0
Mrneau 1b	5	0	0	1
THnter cf	4	0	1	0
Cddyer rf	4	0	1	0
Knckle 3b	3	2	1	0
HBlnco c	3	2	3	0
Cstrmn ss	4	0	1	0
BDavis c	0	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**6**	**14**	**2**

CHICAGO

	ab	r	h	bi
Rldnc W,7-6	7	3	1	0
JRincon	1⅓	2	1	1
Fultz	⅔	0	0	0
Nathan	1	1	0	0
Totals				

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Minnesota	110	200	020	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Chicago	010	000	010	—	—	—	—	—	—	2

E—Koskie (9), HBlanco (4), BDavis (1). DP—Minnesota 2, Chicago 1. LOB—Minnesota 8, Chicago 4. 2B—Rivas (11), JRoblnsn (2), CGuzmn (3), HR—HBlanco (6), Konerko (27), Borchard (12), HBlnco (10), Knckle (11), WHarris (11). CS—Cuddyer (4). SF—HBlanco.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota					
Radke W,7-6	7	3	1	1	0	3
JRincon	1⅓	2	1	1	0	0
Fultz	⅔	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Buehrle L,10-4	6½	12	4	4	0	2
Politte	1½	1	1	1	0	0
Cotts	½	0	0	0	0	0
Mackson	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by JRincon (WHarris). WP—Politte. T—2:53. A—38,362 (40,615).

Rangers 6, Angels 1

TEXAS

	ab	r	h	bi
MYong ss	5	1	1	1
Blalock 3b	4	0	0	0
Gdzno 2b	5	0	1	0
Txeira 1b	4	1	1	0
DMcctr lf	4	1	1	0
Mathws lf	4	2	2	3
Blordn dh	3	1	1	0
Nix cf	3	0	1	2
Laird c	4	0	0	0
AMrzja 3b	0	0	0	0
AKndy 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**6**	**8**	**6**

ANAHEIM

	ab	r	h	bi
Eckstin ss	5	0	3	0
Figgins cf	5	1	0	0
Salmrn lf	5	0	2	0
Glldrn lf	5	0	1	1
Erstad 1b	4	0	1	0
Quinlan 3b	4	0	2	0
BMdnna c	4	0	2	0
Pujols dh	3	0	1	0
Pwlsn 2b	3	0	0	0
Rndrs rf	4	0	0	0
Pldrch dh	1	0	0	0
Zeile p	1	0	0	0
Totals	**40**	**1**	**10**	**1**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Texas	100	230	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Anaheim	000	010	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

LOB—Texas 6, Anaheim 12. 2B—Teixeira (20), Mathews (14), Quinlan (4), Nix (13), Eckstein (17), Salmon (6). HR—MYoung (14), Matthews (8). SB—ASorriano (1).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas					
Wrnke W,7-5	6⅓	10	1	1	0	2
Francisco	1½	2	0	0	0	2
Adelson	⅔	0	0	0	0	0
FCordero	½	1	0	0	0	0
Anaheim						
KScobar L,5-8	7⅓	8	6	6	3	8
Hensley	⅔	2	0	0	0	1

PB—Laird. T—2:53. A—42,040 (45,030).

Athletics 14, Mariners 5

SEATTLE

	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	5	0	3	1
Winn cf	4	0	1	0
BBoone 2b	4	0	1	0
EMrtnz dh	4	1	2	0
Ibanez lf	5	1	2	1
JCrawfr 1b	3	1	1	0
DWilkn c	2	0	0	0
JCstro 3b	4	1	1	0
BLmqist ss	4	2	2	0
Bynhrdt rf	2	2	1	1
Scutaro 2b	5	1	1	1
Totals	**35**	**12**	**5**	**3**

OAKLAND

	ab	r	h	bi
Kotsay cf	4	2	2	2
Crosby ss	3	0	0	0
RCstr ss	1	0	0	0
ECHavz 3b	4	1	2	1
Byrd rf	4	2	1	1
Tejada 1b	3	1	1	0
Kielty dh	1	2	0	0
Durazo lf	2	2	2	1
DMiller c	5	2	3	1
Byrnes cf	2	3	1	1
Scutaro 2b	5	1	1	1
Totals	**35**	**14**	**13**	**14**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Seattle	000	100	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Oakland	000	435	11x	—	—	—	—	—	—	14

E—Leone (8). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Seattle 9, Oakland 13. 2B—EMartinez (19), Bloomquist (7), Hatteberg (18), Byrnes (21). HR—Leone (3), Durazo (14). CS—ISuzuki (8), BBoone (2). S—DWillson. SF—JCstro, ECHavez.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle					
Blackley L,1-3	4	3	6	6	9	2
Sherrill	1	2	1	1	2	1
Putz	2	0	0	0	0	2
JMateo	2	2	1	1	0	0
MMyers	1	2	0	0	1	1
Oakland						
Zito W,6-7	6	5	2	2	3	5
Rhinoch	1	2	0	0	1	1
Mecir	1	2	0	0	0	1
Dotel	1	2	0	0	0	1

Blackley pitched to 2 batters in the 5th. WP—Blackley. T—2:46. A—36,067 (35,067).

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	58	42	.580	—
Philadelphia	52	47	.525	1½
Florida	49	50	.495	4½
New York	47	51	.480	5½
Montreal	38	61	.384	15½
Central Division				
St. Louis	63	36	.636	—
Chicago	53	46	.535	10
Cincinnati	50	50	.500	14
Houston	48	50	.490	14½
Milwaukee	48	50	.490	14½
Pittsburgh	47	50	.485	15
West Division				
Los Angeles	58	40	.592	—
San Diego	55	44	.556	3½
San Francisco	55	46	.545	4½
Colorado	42	57	.424	16½
Arizona	32	69	.317	27½

Monday's games

Montreal 19, N.Y. Mets 10
Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 2
Florida 11, Philadelphia 3
St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 6, 11 innings
Chicago Cubs 3, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 4, Houston 1
Los Angeles 9, Colorado 7
San Diego 3, San Francisco 2

Tuesday's games

N.Y. Mets at Montreal
Atlanta at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at Florida
St. Louis at Cincinnati
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee
Arizona at Houston
Los Angeles at Colorado
San Francisco at San Diego

Wednesday's games

N.Y. Mets (Seo 4-6) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 2-3)
Atlanta (RuOrtiz 11-6) at Pittsburgh (OLiPerez 6-4)
St. Louis (Suppan 9-6) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 5-9)
Philadelphia (Myers 5-8) at Florida (Penny 8-8)
Chicago Cubs (Wood 5-3) at Milwaukee (Lopez 4-5)
Arizona (Fossum 2-9) at Houston (Clemens 3-1)
Los Angeles (Lima 9-3) at Colorado (Fassero 2-6)
San Francisco (Hermanson 4-3) at San Diego (Lawrence 10-7)

Thursday's games

Atlanta at Pittsburgh
N.Y. Mets at Florida
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee
Arizona at Houston
Los Angeles at Colorado
Philadelphia at Florida
San Francisco at San Diego

Monday
Expos 19, Mets 10

NEW YORK

	ab	r	h	bi
Reyes 2b	6	1	2	1
Matsui ss	6	1	2	1
Floyd lf	5	0	1	1
Hidalgo rf	5	2	3	2
Wggntn 1b	4	2	2	0
Ktchm cf	4	1	1	0
Wright 3b	4	1	1	0
VWilln c	4	1	2	1
Loretta ss	1	0	0	0
Wheeler p	0	0	0	0
Bttlcn p	0	0	0	0
McEwg ph	1	0	0	0
Yates p	0	0	0	0
Valent ph	1	0	0	0
Ginter p	0	0	0	0
Stanton p	0	0	0	0
Zeile p	1	0	0	0
Totals	**42**	**10**	**16**	**10**

MONTREAL

	ab	r	h	bi
Reyes 2b	6	1	2	1
Matsui ss	6	1	2	1
Floyd lf	5	0	1	1
Hidalgo rf	5	2	3	2
Wggntn 1b	4	2	2	0
Ktchm cf	4	1	1	0
Wright 3b	4	1	1	0
VWilln c	4	1	2	1
Loretta ss	1	0	0	0
Wheeler p	0	0	0	0
Bttlcn p	0	0	0	0
McEwg ph	1	0	0	0
Yates p	0	0	0	0
Valent ph	1	0	0	0
Ginter p	0	0	0	0
Stanton p	0	0	0	0
Zeile p	1	0	0	0
Totals	**42**	**10**	**16**	**10**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
New York	210	112	102	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Montreal	107	000	22x	—	—	—	—	—	—	19

E—Wigginton (16), Cameron (6). DP—New York 3. LOB—New York 10, Montreal 8. 2B—Matsui (30), Floyd (16), Wigginton 2 (23), Wilkerson (21), EnChavez (12), TBatista (12), OCabrera 2 (16). 3B—Hidalgo 2 (5), Cameron (17), Wright (1), Vidro (12), TBatista (15), Zeile (1). CS—Loretta (1). SB—Wheeler.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York					
Erickson L,0-1	2	7	6	3	0	1
Wheeler	1	4	5	4	4	3
Bottalico	2	1	0	0	0	0
Yates	1	2	2	2	1	0
JoFranco	⅓	1	2	2	1	0
Stanton	⅔	1	0	0	0	1
Zeile	1	4	5	5	2	0
Montreal						
JoPatterson	4⅔	8	5	5	2	6
Ginter	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Horgan	½	0	0	0	0	0
Tucker	½	2	1	1	0	0
Ayala W,3-6	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2
Corcoran	1	2	2	2	2	1

Erickson pitched to 6 batters in the 3rd. Wheeler pitched to 5 batters in the 4th. HBP—by JoFranco (NJohnson). WP—Erickson, Wheeler. T—3:38. A—6,643 (46,338).

Braves 4, Pirates 2

ATLANTA

	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	0	0	0
MGiles 2b	4	1	0	0
L'Eone rf	4	1	1	0
CJones 3b	3	1	1	1
Giles lf	4	0	1	0
Lroche 1b	3	0	1	1
Ldrkn cf	4	0	2	1
Thmas lf	3	0	1	0
JSwrtt p	2	0	0	0
Bmdzo ph	1	0	0	0
Alfnsca p	0	0	0	0
Grybsk p	0	0	0	0
Rifsma p	0	0	0	0
DeRosa ph	1	0	0	0
Smoltz p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**4**	**8**	**4**

PITTSBURGH

	ab	r	h	bi
Kendall c	4	1	1	0
JWilson ss	3	1	1	1
McWk 3b	4	0	2	0
CWilsn rf	4	0	2	1
Bay lf	4	0	1	0
TRdmn cf	4	0	0	0
Simon 1b	4	0	0	0
Castillo 2b	4	0	2	0
Benson p	2	0	0	0
Grabow p	0	0	0	0
ANunez ph	0	0	0	0
Mdows p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Atlanta	010	120	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Pittsburgh	101	000	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	2

E—Furcalo (4). DP—Atlanta 1. LOB—Atlanta 7, Pittsburgh 6. 2B—JEstrada (30), Laroche (14), Alfonso (29), Kendall (19), Castillo (7). HR—JWilson (9). SF—CJones.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta					
JSWright W,8-5	5	5	2	2	1	6
Alfonseca	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gryboski	1	0	0	0	1	1
Reitsma	1	0	0	0	0	1
Smoltz S,21	1	0	0	0	0	2
Pittsburgh						
Benson L,8-6	6	7	4	4	3	4
Grabow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Meadows	2	1	0	0	0	3

T—2:30. A—19,164 (38,496).

Marlins 11, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA

	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	5	1	2	1
Polanco 2b	5	0	3	0
Abreu 1b	5	1	2	1
Thome 3b	4	0	1	0
Ledee cf	2	0	1	0
Burrell lf	4	0	0	0
Dalbell 3b	3	0	0	0
Lbrthal c	5	1	3	0
Millwod p	3	0	0	0
Planco ph	1	0	0	0
Rhndz p	0	0	0	0
BPowell p	0	0	0	0
Bump p	1	0	0	0
Totals	**39**	**3**	**12**	**3**

FLORIDA

	ab	r	h	bi
Pierre cf	4	2	3	2
LCstillo 2b	4	3	3	1
Lowell 3b	5	1	2	1
Cbrera 1b	4	0	1	1
Conine lf	4	0	1	3
Choi 1b	4	1	1	0
AGnzlz ss	4	0	0	0
Rdmnd c	4	2	2	1
Burnett p	0	0	0	0
BHwrd p	0	0	0	0
Perisho p	0	0	0	0
Wlghm ph	1	0	0	0
Bump p	1	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**11**	**12**	**11**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Philadelphia	110	001	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Florida	330	000	23x	—	—	—	—	—	—	11

LOB—Philadelphia 14, Florida 4. 2B—Rollins (24), Lieberthal (20), LCastillo 2 (10), Lowell (30), Conine (12), Redmond (12). HR—Rollins (4), Cabrera (22). SB—ABreu 2 (26). S—Burnett.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia					
Millwood L,4-6	6	8	6	6	1	5
RHernandez	1	1	2	2	1	1
BPowell	1	3	3	3	1	0
Florida						
Burnett W,2-5	5	8	2	2	3	6
Bhward	⅓	2	1	1	0	1
Perisho	⅓	0	0	0	1	1
Bump S,1	2	0	0	0	3	3

WP—Millwood, Burnett. T—3:20. A—13,507 (36,331).

Cardinals 9, Reds 6 (11)

ST. LOUIS

	ab	r	h	bi
MAndrn 2b	4	0	1	0
Kline p	0	0	0	0
Tvarez p	0	0	0	0
Cedeno ph	1	0	0	0
Eldred p	0	0	0	0
King p	0	0	0	0
Tguchi ph	0	0	0	0
Isrnghs p	0	0	0	0
Rnteria ss	6	0	2	1
Pujols 1b	5	2	2	1
Edmnds cf	6	2	2	1
Edmnd cf	4	2	2	2
Rdnrds rf	4	0	1	1
Mtheny p	0	0	0	0
WWlms p	2	0	1	0
Luna lf	4	1	1	0
Calero p	0	0	0	0
Wmachr ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**44**	**9**	**12**	**9**

CINCINNATI

	ab	r	h	bi
Freel 3b	4	1	0	1
JCastro ss	3	1	0	0
Casey 1b	5	1	2	1
Dunn lf	5	2	1	1
DJmnz 2b	5	1	1	2
WPena cf	5	1	2	2
Vn Wal rf	3	0	0	0
FLopez ss	2	0	0	0
LaRue c	4	0	0	0
PWilsn p	3	0	0	0
JRoberts p	0	0	0	0
MSwy ph	0	0	0	0
Brnero p	0	0	0	0
Hllday ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**9**	**12**	**9**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
St. Louis	010	102	010	04	—	—	—	—	—	9	41
Cincinnati	300	002	000	01	—	—	—	—	—	6	6

E—Mabry (3), WPena (4), FLopez (4). DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 5. 2B—Rolen (22), Edmonds (28), Mabry (6), Casey 2 (32), WPena (6), LaRue (8). 3B—Rolen (21), Edmonds (25), Dunn (27), Dámesgez (7), WPena (16). SB—Womack (15). CS—Taguchi, RSanders.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis					
WWilliams	6	5	5	5	3	5
Calero	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kline	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tavarez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eldred	1	0	0	0	1	1
King W,4-1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Isringhausen	1	1	1	0	0	2
Cincinnati						
PWilson	7⅔	6	5	5	2	6
TJones	1⅓	2	0	0	0	0
Graves	1	0	0	0	0	1
PNorton L,1-3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Riedling	4	3	2	2	0	3

PNorton pitched to 1 batter in the 11th. T—3:35. A—23,155 (42,271).

Cubs 3, Brewers 1

CHICAGO

	ab	r	h	bi
Grdzln 2b	4	0	3	2
CPttson cf	4	0	0	0
Sosa rf	4	0	1	0
Alou lf	3	0	0	0
DeLee 1b	4	1	1	0
ARmrz 3b	3	0	0	0
REMtiz 3b	1	1	0	0
Barrett c	3	0	0	1
ASGztz ss	4	0	0	0
Clment p	2	0	0	0
Godwin ph	0	1	0	0
Rusch p	0	0	0	0
TWalkr ph	1	0	0	0
Hwkins p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**8**	**3**

MILWAUKEE

	ab	r	h	bi
Grdzln 2b	4	0	3	2
CPttson cf	4	0	0	0
Sosa rf	4	0	1	0
Alou lf	3	0	0	0
DeLee 1b	4	1	1	0
ARmrz 3b	3	0	0	0
REMtiz 3b	1	1	0	0
Barrett c	3	0	0	1
ASGztz ss	4	0	0	0
Clment p	2	0	0	0
Godwin ph	0	1	0	0
Rusch p	0	0	0	0
TWalkr ph	1	0	0	0
Hwkins p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Chicago	000	100	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Milwaukee	000	100	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

DP—Chicago 1, Milwaukee 1. LOB—Chicago 6, Milwaukee 8. 2B—ARamirez 2 (26), BHall (9), Grieve (12). HR—DeLee (19), Grieve (3), Goodwin (2), Podsednik (10). SB—BClark (6), SF—GBennett.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago					
Clement W,8-9	6	4	1	1	4	2
Rusch	2	1	0	0	0	2
Hawkins S,14	1	0	0	0	0	2
Milwaukee						
VSantos L,9-5	7	7	3	3	2	3
Adams	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Clement (Helms). WP—Clement. T—2:52. A—41,585 (41,900).

Diamondbacks 4, Astros 1

ARIZONA

	ab	r	h	bi
SFinley cf	4	0	1	0
Hirston 2b	4	2	4	1
LGnzlz lf	4	2	1	1
DBtista rf	4	0	1	2
Hlnbrn 1b	4	0	0	0
Cntron ss	4	0	0	0
Tracy 3b	4	0	0	0
Brito c	3	0	0	0
Webb p	3	0	0	0
Rndlph p	0	0	0	0
Aquino p	0	0	0	0
Oliver p	0	0	0	0
OPlmro ph	1	0	1	0
Wthers p	0	0	0	0
RMcElrj p	0	0	0	0
JVzcno ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**4**	**4**	**4**

HOUSTON

	ab	r	h	bi
Biggio lf	4	0	0	0
AEvrtt ss	5	0	1	0
CBeltrn cf	4	1	2	0
Brkmn rf	2	0	0	0
JKent 2b	4	0	1	1
Dywell 1b	4	0	1	0
Ensbrg 3b	3	0	1	0
Asmus c	2	0	0	0
Lamb ph	1	0	0	0
RChavz c	0	0	0	0
Pettitte p	2	0	0	0
Oliver p	0	0	0	0
OPlmro ph	1	0	1	0
Wthers p	0	0	0	0
RMcElrj p	0	0	0	0
JVzcno ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Arizona

D-backs end 14-game skid; Pettitte ailing again

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Luis Gonzalez and the Arizona Diamondbacks finally have something to feel good about.

The Houston Astros, however, are worried about Andy Pettitte's elbow again.

The Diamondbacks snapped their club-record 14-game losing streak Monday night, beating Houston 4-1 behind Brandon Webb's pitching and Scott Hairston's hitting.

"It's been stressful. We're major leaguers and we don't like being embarrassed. It's been a long time," Gonzalez said.

"Anytime you lose 14 games in a row it's not fun. We all made mistakes and we all shared in the frustration. None of us wanted to be embarrassed by losing any more games."

Pettitte came out after the fifth inning because of his troublesome left elbow, which has sent him to the disabled list twice this season.

"I aggravated it again a little bit. We're going to see how it feels the next couple of days and hopefully I'll be able to make my next start," Pettitte said. "It's the same thing, the flexor tendon in my elbow, but it's not as bad as it was before. I threw a backdoor cutter to [Alex] Cintron in the fourth and that is when I first felt it."

Pettitte (6-4) gave up three hits, including consecutive homers to Hairston and Gonzalez in the first inning. The left-hander struck out four and walked none before leaving with a sore elbow.

Pettitte was on the disabled list April 7-29 with a left elbow strain and again from May 27 to June 28 with a left forearm strain.

He's been limited to just 13 starts since signing with Houston in the offseason.

"I really felt good after those home runs. I was really putting it where I wanted to. I think I'll be able to make my next start. We are at a point where I need to pitch," Pettitte said.

Pettitte will be examined by a doctor Tuesday to determine the extent of the injury.

"He said that he felt something when we came out to talk to him in the fifth, but he said he thought he could get through the inning. We didn't want him to push it. He probably could have gone back out," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "I know he has had trouble with it in the past, but let's wait and see what the doctor says."

The Diamondbacks won for the first time since beating San Francisco on July 8. Arizona, which went 0-11 on a homestand that ended Sunday, improved to 5-30 since June 18.

"Everybody has been playing hard. It would be different if we had just been throwing our gloves out there," Hairston said.

"It's tough to swallow losing 14 in a row, but tonight we put it all together."

Webb (4-11) ended his six-game losing streak, holding Houston to one run and six hits in 7⅓ innings. He threw a season-high 124 pitches, striking out five and walking four.

"Tonight it seemed like I got stronger each inning. Now maybe we can get back on track," Webb said.

AP

Arizona Diamondbacks' Chad Tracy (18), Greg Aquino, center, and Juan Brito celebrate their 4-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday. It was Arizona's first victory since beating San Francisco on July 8.

Five in a row for Expos

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Tony Batista and the Montreal Expos have finally got their bats going.

Batista had four hits and a career high six RBIs to help Montreal extend its season-high winning streak to five with a 19-10 victory over the New York Mets on Monday night.

"I feel lucky," said Batista, who is 5-for-9 with two homers and nine RBIs in his last two games. "I hope I can continue driving in a lot of runs and keep winning."

Jose Vidro hit a three-run homer to spark a seven-run outburst in the third. Brad Wilkerson had three hits, including two in Montreal's second-biggest inning of the season, and Orlando Cabrera doubled twice and had three RBIs for Montreal, which also scored four in the fourth to build a 12-4 lead.

The Expos hadn't won five in a row since Aug. 24-28. Their biggest win was a 21-9 victory in Colorado on April 28, 1996.

Ron Calloway and Batista hit two-run homers. Montreal tied a season high with 18 hits.

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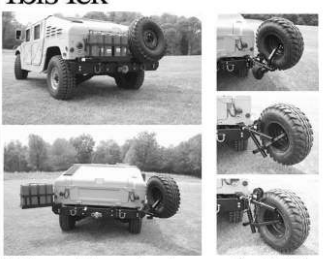

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St. Louis widens gap in Central

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Anytime a game comes down to one clutch hit, the St. Louis Cardinals seem to get it.

Tony Womack singled with the bases loaded in the 11th inning Monday night, sparking a four-run rally for a 9-6 victory over the fading Cincinnati Reds.

NL Roundup

St. Louis came from behind twice to send it to extra innings, then sent nine batters to the plate in the 11th to hold onto its 10-game lead in the NL Central and the best overall record in the majors.

"It's whoever had the last hero," manager Tony La Russa said.

This time, it was Womack, who didn't start the game and was in a 2-for-34 slump when he singled off John Riedling to snap a 5-all tie.

"I've been confident even without getting hits," Womack said.

The Reds lost their sixth in a row — not the way they wanted to start a homestand that could very well determine their season. They blew a pair of leads and fell to .500 for the first time since May 13.

Much of the damage has been inflicted by the Cardinals, who have won nine of 11 against the Reds this season.

"They've got a great team," first baseman Sean Casey said. "Everything you want to be, they have. We've just got to find a way to win."

Last year, the Reds found ways to pull out games. They swept a four-game series from the Cardinals in May last year, two of them on game-ending homers followed by on-field celebrations.

"We're getting a taste of what they felt last year," Cardinals starter Woody Williams said. "We had to watch those guys bounce at that plate."

There were six homers in all Monday, matching the ballpark record. Ultimately, it was decided on a routine fly.

Jim Edmonds led off the 11th with a four-pitch walk from Phil Norton (1-3), who couldn't throw a strike to the only batter he faced. After John Mabry singled off Riedling, right fielder Wily Mo Pena let Mike Matheny's fly deflect off the heel of his glove for an error, loading the bases.

"The ball just hit like that," Pena said, showing where it went off his glove. "It can happen to anybody. Tonight, it happened to me."

That was all the help St. Louis needed.

Womack's single snapped the tie, and So Taguchi followed with a sacrifice fly. Edgar Renteria completed the rally with a two-run single.

Ray King (4-1) retired Sean Casey to end the 10th, keeping the NL Central leaders in line for yet another extra-inning win. The Cardinals are 7-1 in extra innings this season.

AP

So Taguchi drives in a run with a sacrifice fly for St. Louis in the 11th inning on Monday. The Cardinals beat the Reds 9-6.

Dodgers 9, Rockies 7: Milton Bradley broke out of a slump with three RBIs, and Adrian Beltre hit his 28th homer in Los Angeles' ninth straight road victory.

Jose Hernandez also homered for the NL West-leading Dodgers, who won for the 18th time in 21 games overall. Eric Gagne got his 29th save in 30 chances.

Padres 3, Giants 2: At San Diego, Jake Peavy didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning, and Barry Bonds was thrown out at the plate trying to score the tying run in the eighth on a grounder to second.

Brian Giles' seventh-inning sacrifice fly put the Padres ahead 3-2. Trevor Hoffman got his 27th save. Bonds walked four times.

Braves 4, Pirates 2: Jaret Wright (8-5) and four Atlanta relievers shut down the Pirates in what might have been Kris Benson's last start in Pittsburgh as a member of the Pirates.

J.D. Drew ran his hitting streak to 22 games with a single in Atlanta's go-ahead fourth inning against Benson (8-8), expected to be dealt by Saturday's deadline for trading without waivers. John Smoltz earned his 22nd save.

Marlins 11, Phillies 3: Jeff Conine hit a three-run double, and A.J. Burnett (2-5) beat Kevin Millwood (8-6).

The Phillies have lost 11 consecutive games in Miami, including four this year. They're 1-8 against the Marlins this season and 16-31 the past three years. Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer for Florida.

Cubs 3, Brewers 1: Matt Clement (8-9) beat Victor Santos (9-5) for his first win since June 8, and Mark Grudzielanek had two RBIs for the Cubs in Milwaukee.

The Brewers, 3-9 since the All-Star break, were 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position. Derrek Lee homered for the Cubs, and LaTroy Hawkins earned his 14th save.

AP

Trenton Hassell, right, with Portland General Manager John Nash, signed an offer sheet reportedly worth $27 million over six years.

Wolves' Hassell signs Portland's offer sheet

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Trenton Hassell signed an offer sheet with the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday, giving Minnesota 15 days to decide whether it wants to match the offer and keep the restricted free agent.

The Blazers did not disclose terms, but Hassell's agent, Mark Bartelstein, said it was worth $27 million over six years.

"They have to sort it out, and frankly the clock won't start ticking until they see the offer sheet, which will be tomorrow," Trail Blazers General Manager John Nash said Monday. "Obviously, they don't want to lose a player like Trent Hassell, but on the other hand they have to address what's best for them."

Hassell started 74 games for Minnesota last season after two seasons with the Chicago Bulls, who picked him in the second round of the 2001 draft.

Defense is the 6-foot-5 guard's specialty.

"There's a lot of scorers in this league, but there's not a lot of people … who are willing to sacrifice and play defense," Hassell said. "When I first started out I had no choice — that was the only way I was going to get to play. So I kind of got a reputation and I did well at it."

Blazers coach Maurice Cheeks said Hassell is just what the Blazers need.

"It makes our defense a lot better. I think that's what we need to win ballgames," Cheeks said.

Hassell averaged 5.0 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game while shooting 46.5 percent from the field and 78.7 percent from the free throw line for the Timberwolves during the regular season. He averaged 7.7 points, 2.4 rebounds and 1.4 assists in Minnesota's 18 playoff games.

Briefs

Mavericks send Fortson to Sonics for Booth

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks traded power forward Danny Fortson to the Seattle SuperSonics for Calvin Booth, bringing back the 7-footer they once thought might solve their woes at center.

The deal seems a good fit for both clubs. Dallas is focused on improving its defense and Booth is an excellent shot-blocker. The Sonics were the NBA's worst rebounding team last season and Fortson has twice been among the league's best in that category. Their salaries also were nearly identical, with both of their contracts running through the 2006-07 season.

"Calvin wanted and needed a change of address and I think Danny did too," Seattle coach Nate McMillan said.

Booth came to Dallas with Juwan Howard at the trade deadline in 2001. He played well in the final 15 regular-season games, then in the playoffs hit one of the most memorable shots in team history — a short jumper with 9.8 seconds left that won a first-round series over Utah. The Mavericks had trailed 0-2 in that best-of-five series and were down 17 late in that game.

"When he was with the Mavs, it was probably his best year as a pro," said Donnie Nelson, Dallas' president of basketball operations. "We're hoping to recapture some of that magic."

Dallas had hoped to re-sign Booth that offseason, but Seattle offered more than the Mavericks could. He never lived up to expectations with the Sonics, partly because of injuries and a shift in the team's style.

Booth never averaged more than 6.2 points, 3.9 rebounds and 18.6 minutes, while missing 113 games.

He played 71 games last season, starting 35. He averaged 4.9 points and 3.9 rebounds, and led the team with 1.42 blocks.

Fortson was acquired last summer along with Antawn Jamison for Nick Van Exel. The burly rebounding specialist was never able to stay in coach Don Nelson's rotation.

Fortson averaged just 11.2 minutes over 56 games, with 3.9 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. He was fourth in the NBA in rebounding in the 1998-99 and 2001-02 seasons.

Bobcats sign Okafor

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Bobcats have signed Emeka Okafor, getting the No. 2 overall pick under contract before he leaves for Greece to play for the U.S. Olympic team.

Okafor signed the three-year deal worth about $10 million on Monday.

Judge might release transcripts of Bryant accuser's sexual life

Seven news organizations mistakenly received documents; Supreme Court urges full disclosure

BY JON SARCHE
The Associated Press

DENVER — Under pressure from the U.S. Supreme Court, the judge in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case indicated Tuesday he may release edited copies of transcripts from a closed-door hearing that were accidentally e-mailed to reporters.

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle ordered prosecutors and defense attorneys to work together on proposed deletions and submit a document to him by late Tuesday afternoon.

He did not indicate whether or when he would release the edited documents from a June hearing at the center of a First Amendment legal fight.

The order came less than a day after U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer rejected a media request to overturn Ruckriegle's order threatening contempt of court for any news organization that releases the transcripts, which include discussion of the accuser's sex life.

The documents were mistakenly sent to seven news organizations, including The Associated Press. None has published the details, but they contend Ruckriegle's order barring them from doing so is an unconstitutional restraint of a free press.

Breyer said the news organizations could refile their appeal as early as Wednesday and he hinted that Ruckriegle should act.

"I recognize the importance of the constitutional interests at issue," Breyer wrote. "But a brief delay will permit the state courts to clarify, perhaps avoid, the controversy at issue here."

Bryant, 25, has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault. He has said he had consensual sex with the woman, then 19, in the June 30, 2003, encounter.

Breyer noted that a key evidentiary ruling last week may make the court fight moot: Ruckriegle has decided to allow the accuser's sex life in the three days before her July 1, 2003, hospital exam to be admitted as evidence so the defense can argue that her injuries could have been caused by sex with someone other than Bryant.

The judge has not released details of what will be allowed as evidence. But the First Amendment fight centers on a hearing at which the woman's sexual activities and money received from a state victims' compensation fund were at issue.

Bryant's attorneys argue that injuries and DNA evidence found on the woman during the hospital examination, 15 hours after the alleged attack, could have come from partners other than Bryant, including one after she left Bryant and before she contacted authorities. Her attorney, John Clune, has denied she had sex with anyone during that 15 hours.

The defense also has argued the woman might have received unusually large amounts of money from a state victims' compensation fund as an incentive to participate in the case.

If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers guard faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to $750,000. His trial begins Aug. 27.

Ruckriegle extended the deadline for a plea deal to Wednesday.

The woman's attorneys, Lin Wood and Clune, met Tuesday to discuss the case. Wood said the talks would include Ruckriegle's recent ruling on the evidence, but he would not give specifics.

Besides the AP, organizations involved in the transcripts case are The Denver Post, the Los Angeles Times, CBS, Fox News, ESPN and the television show "Celebrity Justice."

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Subpoena threat makes Fulmer skip SEC media days

Rift stems from Alabama's lawsuit vs. NCAA

BY ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee football coach Phillip Fulmer will not attend this week's Southeastern Conference media days after learning that attorneys in a lawsuit against the NCAA plan to subpoena him at the event in Alabama.

Attorneys representing a former Alabama assistant coach have accused Fulmer of conspiring with the NCAA in bringing down the Crimson Tide football program by speaking to an NCAA investigator four years ago. Alabama was placed on five years probation in 2002 after the NCAA uncovered recruiting violations that included payments to players from boosters.

"I am not attending media days because of the legal circus that has been created by an isolated group of attorneys. They want to hijack media days for their own benefit, but I am not going to allow that to happen," Fulmer said in a statement Monday. "This day is for the players. They should be center stage instead of this small group of lawyers who intend on attacking the integrity of the NCAA's enforcement process."

University president John Petersen and athletic director Mike Hamilton defended their decision to protect Fulmer from an onslaught of media attention and the threat of being served a subpoena.

Fulmer

"I don't think this is tucking and running," Hamilton said during a news conference on Monday.

One of the attorneys notified SEC Commissioner Mike Slive that Fulmer would be issued a subpoena at media days if the coach did not agree to give a deposition, the Tuscaloosa News reported Monday on its Web site.

Fulmer will be fined $10,000 by the SEC for not attending media days, but will be available to reporters Thursday via teleconference during the time he was supposed to appear in person.

Players Michael Munoz and Kevin Burnett will attend as scheduled.

Petersen tried to persuade Slive not to fine Fulmer.

"I think we will potentially avert something that would not be in the best interest of the NCAA, the conference or the coach of the University of Tennessee," Petersen said.

Tennessee officials voiced their concern last week about Fulmer's safety in Birmingham while meeting with reporters at the annual SEC event. Fulmer was scheduled to appear the same day Alabama coach Mike Shula and two players are on the agenda.

Media days is held in a hotel and many fans — mostly of Alabama — go to watch the players and coaches.

In 2000, Fulmer was interviewed three times by an NCAA investigator looking into possible recruiting violations at Alabama. Other coaches from the SEC and the Big Ten conference also spoke to investigators, according to NCAA documents. Some, including Fulmer, also testified before a grand jury in Memphis that indicted Alabama booster Logan Young, who allegedly paid $150,000 to steer prospect Albert Means to Alabama in 1999.

Attorney Tommy Gallion and his colleagues, who are representing former Tide coach Ronnie Cottrell in a lawsuit against the NCAA, have alleged Fulmer provided information to the NCAA in exchange for the NCAA overlooking violations at Tennessee.

Fulmer has defended his actions in the past, but had not said much at length publicly about it until Monday's statement.

"When you get behind all the smoke and the big pile of lawsuits, the truth still stands: rules were broken, an investigation proved it, those who broke the rules admitted their guilt, and a university paid the price. There are a few people who cannot accept the truth, so they file lawsuits hoping the truth will go away," Fulmer said.

"As one of several coaches contacted by the NCAA regarding these serious violations by a small group of boosters, my response was honest, in line with our code of conduct, and the right thing to do."

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ACC teams like league's new look

BY AARON BEARD
The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference hardly sounds intimidated by the prospect of facing league newcomers Miami and Virginia Tech.

"I think it brings another level of play," North Carolina State wide receiver Tramain Hall said at the ACC Football Kickoff on Sunday. "We had athletes already in the league, but they're bringing some better athletes and a lot more speed.

"But my thing is they put their pads on just like we put ours on. There ain't no reason to go out there and fear them."

The two schools officially joined the ACC on July 1, leaving the Big East Conference in a contentious process that ended last summer. Boston College will become the ACC's 12th member next year, giving the league the number of teams required for a lucrative conference title game.

The ambitious plan by ACC Commissioner John Swofford was designed to make the league — known as a basketball conference — the nation's best in football.

Several players at the preseason event Sunday said the league had become just that.

In fact, Florida State wide receiver Craphonso Thorpe joked that he'd like to play a schedule of only ACC opponents.

"That would be perfectly fine with me," Thorpe said. "I feel like the ACC is, if not the best conference, is one of the best. There's great talent. Why should you have to go outside your conference when you have the talent right here?"

The league gets two of the nation's most successful programs in the past five years in Miami and Virginia Tech. The Hurricanes have won 55 games and a national championship, while playing two title games during that time.

Preseason poll

Selected by an 88-member media panel at the ACC Football Kickoff on Monday. Number in parenthesis is first-place votes.

1. Florida State (49)
2. Miami (36)
3. Virginia (2)
4. Clemson (1)
5. Maryland
6. Virginia Tech
7. N.C. State
8. Georgia Tech
9. Wake Forest
10. North Carolina
11. Duke

The Hokies, meanwhile, won 48 games and reached the title game in 1999.

They'll now compete with conference power Florida State, which has won 11 ACC titles and two national championships in the 12 seasons since joining the league. In addition, Clemson, Maryland, Virginia and N.C. State are coming off victories in bowl games.

"It makes it tougher with more competition in the league," Maryland cornerback Domonique Foxworth said. "But it's good, because there's more respect for us."

On Monday, ACC media members picked Florida State to win the conference. The Seminoles got 49 first-place votes from an 88-member panel, edging Miami by 12 points.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden was unfazed.

"Nobody does the preseason better than me," joked Bowden, the winningest coach in Division I-A with 342 victories. "I am the preseason champ. I haven't got a trophy to show for it yet."

Florida State and Miami play on Labor Day in Miami's Orange Bowl.

Miami to admit troubled recruit Williams

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Miami will admit top recruit Willie Williams, but will impose tough conditions on the star linebacker who has a lengthy arrest record the school was unaware of when it offered him a scholarship.

In a letter announcing the decision, university president Donna Shalala said the school has "placed the bar high" for Williams, considered the top high school linebacker by many recruiting services.

"There will be academic conditions that he must meet to play football at Miami," Shalala wrote in the letter released to the campus community Tuesday. "Additionally, he will participate in a program that we provide for all athletes that provides mentoring, constructive counseling and monitoring of their behavior — both on and off campus."

Athletic director Paul Dee and coach Larry Coker scheduled a news conference on Tuesday, with Williams expected to attend.

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound Williams pleaded no contest earlier this summer in two separate episodes that occurred in Gainesville during his official visit to Florida, one of his many pursuers. He faced a felony count of setting off fire extinguishers at his hotel, along with a misdemeanor battery charge for hugging a woman without consent.

Each plea resulted in a year's probation being levied against Williams, whose arrest record dates back to 1999, mainly for theft and burglary. What happened in Gainesville could have sent Williams to jail for a year; he was already on probation for a 2002 felony burglary charge.

A University of Miami panel ultimately recommended that the school admit the Parade All-American.

"They brought broad experience in reading complicated admissions applications, which in this case revealed a more accurate picture of a young man than what you have read to date," Shalala wrote.

Williams' arrest record and the complaints levied against him in Gainesville were revealed Feb. 4, the same day Williams signed his letter of intent to enroll at Miami.

Redskins, No. 1 pick Taylor agree to seven-year deal

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins agreed to a seven-year, $18 million deal with first-round draft pick Sean Taylor, officials said.

After late night negotiations, Taylor was on a flight to Washington from Miami Tuesday morning to sign his contract, according to agent Jeff Moorad.

"We agreed to terms as the clock struck midnight," Moorad said.

A Redskins official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the agreement and said the team would likely hold a news conference later Tuesday.

The amount of the contract was confirmed by a party involved in the negotiations, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been signed. The source said Taylor will receive a $7.2 million signing bonus, and that the total bonus money in the deal — including option and roster bonuses — exceeds $13 million.

The source also said the contract has escalators that can make the deal worth up to $40 million over six years, while the seventh year can be voided. The escalators are based on three conditions — playing time, on-field performance and Pro Bowl or All-Pro selections.

Taylor, the No. 5 overall pick, is expected to be Washington's opening day starter at free safety.

Taylor will join the team during its three-day "passing camp," which began Monday.

49ers' contract talks with Peterson are in a stalemate

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers' contract talks with All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson are in a stalemate, and he is expected to hold out when training camp opens Friday.

The 49ers are preparing for life without their two-time Pro Bowler while clinging to hope he'll accept their contract proposal or a one-year franchise tender offer to end what could quickly become a nasty holdout.

Peterson skipped the 49ers' minicamps to protest his negotiations with the club. He hasn't been in regular contact with the team since San Francisco designated him as the franchise player in February.

And General Manager Terry Donahue hasn't even spoken to Peterson's agent, Kevin Poston, since the spring. The 49ers don't intend to budge from their offer of a six-year, $37.8 million contract with a $5.35 million first-year salary and a $15.5 million signing bonus, which would make Peterson one of the highest-paid linebackers in NFL history.

Jets sign No. 1 pick Vilma

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — The New York Jets signed top draft choice Jonathan Vilma on Tuesday, two days before the team opens camp.

NFL Briefs

Vilma, a linebacker from Miami, is expected to compete for a starting job with veteran Sam Cowart, who has been switched to the inside after playing outside last season.

Vilma, the 12th overall pick in the draft, is the sixth of 32 first-round choices to sign.

Pats LB Colvin reportedly not ready for start of camp

FOXBORO, Mass. — New England Patriots linebacker Rosevelt Colvin, who missed most of last year with a broken left hip, was placed on the team's physically unable to perform list, the Boston Herald reported Tuesday.

The move means Colvin, who injured his hip in the second game of last season, will not practice in pads or take part in contact drills when the defending Super Bowl champions begin training camp Thursday at Gillette Stadium. It does not, however, mean that Colvin will miss regular-season games.

The linebacker was placed on the active physically unable to perform list, rather than the reserve physically unable to perform list. Had he been placed on the reserve list, he would have been ineligible to practice or play for the first six games of the regular season.

Players may be taken off the active physically unable to perform list at any point of training camp.

Woodson will have surgery, miss Cowboys training camp

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys safety Darren Woodson will have surgery on his injured back Tuesday. He will miss all of training camp and probably the start of the regular season.

The 35-year-old Woodson visited a doctor Monday, and the decision was made to perform surgery to remove a herniated disk. He will be sidelined six to eight weeks, a period that extends past the Cowboys' regular-season opener Sept. 12 at Minnesota.

Woodson, going into his 13th season, is the team's career tackles leader with 1,350 and the only remaining player who was part of all three Super Bowl wins by the Cowboys in the 1990s.

Also on Monday, receiver Antonio Bryant met with coach Bill Parcells and team owner Jerry Jones to clear the air between them prior to the start of training camp after Bryant threw his jersey at Parcells last month during a minicamp.

"He's getting another opportunity," Jones said. "I certainly believe if your heart is in the right place, you should have second chances."

DT Russell suspended again

NEW YORK — Defensive tackle Darrell Russell, released two weeks ago by Tampa Bay, has been suspended indefinitely by the NFL after testing positive for drugs.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the troubled former Pro Bowler, the second overall pick in the 1997 draft, can apply for reinstatement after eight games if he is signed by a team.

Tampa Bay signed Russell in March, hoping to give him a chance to repeat the success he had before off-field problems derailed his career.

Russell spent part of last season with the Washington Redskins after he was reinstated by the NFL following a 1½-year suspension for a second violation of the league's substance abuse policy.

Texans safety sentenced on drunken driving conviction

HOUSTON — A judge sentenced Houston Texans safety Marcus Coleman to three days in jail and a $2,000 fine Tuesday, a day after a jury convicted him of a misdemeanor drunken driving charge.

Coleman, 30, faced up to six months in jail. He crashed his new car in May after leaving a bar. He was alone in the vehicle and wasn't hurt in the minor one-car wreck.

Training camp dates

Rookie and veteran reporting dates (Dates subject to change)

AFC

BALTIMORE RAVENS—McDaniel College, Westminster, Md., both July 29.
BUFFALO BILLS—St. John Fisher College, Pittsford, N.Y., both July 31.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., both July 30.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Browns Training Facility, Berea, Ohio, both July 30.
DENVER BRONCOS—Paul D. Bowlen Memorial Centre, Englewood, Colo., both July 27.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Texans Practice Facility, Houston, both July 30.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Rose-Hulman Institute, Terre Haute, Ind., both Aug. 1.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—ALLTEL Stadium, Jacksonville, Fla., both July 30.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Wisconsin-River Falls, River Falls, Wis., July 28; July 29.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Dolphins Training Center, Davie, Fla., July 29; July 30.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, Mass., both July 30.
NEW YORK JETS—Hofstra U., Hempstead, N.Y., both July 29.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Napa Valley Marriott, Napa, Calif., July 29; July 30.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., both July 30.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—CS Dominguez Hills, Carson, Calif., both July 30.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Baptist Sports Park, Nashville, Tenn., both July 30.

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ARIZONA CARDINALS—Northern Arizona U., Flagstaff, Ariz., both Aug. 1.
ATLANTA FALCONS—Furman U., Greenville, S.C., July 27; July 28.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C., both July 30.
CHICAGO BEARS—Olivet Nazarene, Bourbonnais, Ill., July 27; July 28.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Marriott Residence Inn, Oxnard, Calif., both July 30.
DETROIT LIONS—Lions Training Facility, Allen Park, Mich., both July 30.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—St. Norbert College, DePere, Wis., July 29; Aug. 1.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Minnesota State-Mankato, both July 30.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Saints Complex, Metairie, La., both July 29.
NEW YORK GIANTS—U. at Albany, N.Y., both July 29.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Lehigh U., Bethlehem, Pa., July 27; July 30.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Western Illinois U., Macomb, Ill., July 27; July 28.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—49ers Complex, Santa Clara, Calif., July 29; July 30.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Eastern Washington, Cheney, Wash., both Aug. 2.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Disney Wide World of Sports, Lake Buena Vista, Fla., both July 30.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Redskins Park, Ashburn, Va., both July 30.

AP

Eagles coach Andy Reid threw out the first pitch at the Philadelphia Phillies game on Saturday. Now his attention is solely on football.

Once again, Eagles eyeing Super Bowl

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Nothing less than a trip to the Super Bowl will be considered a success for the Philadelphia Eagles this year.

Sound familiar? It was the same theme heading into training camp the past two seasons.

After losing the NFC championship game for the third consecutive year, the Eagles had an exciting offseason, adding star wide receiver Terrell Owens and defensive end Jevon Kearse and bringing linebacker Jeremiah Trotter back to Philadelphia.

Now, they really have no more excuses if they fall short.

Training camp opened Tuesday with rookies and selected veterans reporting to Lehigh University. Veterans are due in Friday, and the team's first full practice is Sunday.

The Eagles finished 12-4 last season after going 0-2. They secured the No. 1 seed in the NFC for the second year in a row, but again couldn't take advantage of playing at home in the playoffs.

Expectations again are high, despite the loss of cornerbacks Troy Vincent, a five-time Pro Bowl selection, and Bobby Taylor, who went to the Pro Bowl two years ago. Running back Duce Staley, a three-time, 1,000-yard rusher, and linebacker Carlos Emmons, the team's defensive MVP last season, also left through free agency.

But the additions of Owens, Kearse, Trotter and linebacker Dhani Jones put the Eagles in position to win a fourth straight NFC East title and challenge for the conference championship.

Owens, a four-time Pro Bowl player with the San Francisco 49ers, gives quarterback Donovan McNabb the No. 1 target he's desperately needed. In the season-ending 14-3 loss to the Carolina Panthers last January, starting receivers James Thrash and Todd Pinkston combined for one catch.

McNabb rebounded from a poor start to throw for 3,216 yards, 16 TDs and 11 interceptions. He also ran for 355 yards and three scores, earning his fourth consecutive trip to the Pro Bowl.

Owens should improve McNabb's numbers, but it will be interesting to see how well the outspoken receiver fits into Andy Reid's balanced offensive scheme. Owens wasn't happy whenever 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia didn't throw his way, and didn't hold back in his criticism of San Francisco's offensive coordinator.

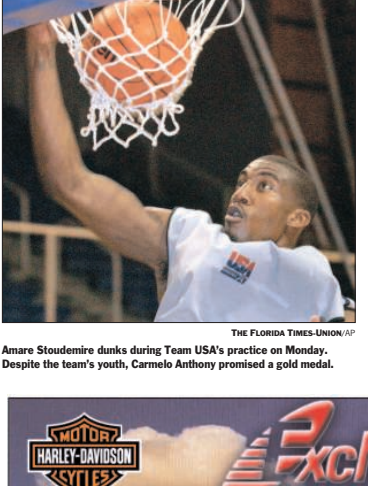
Likewise, the subtraction of Vincent and Emmons, locker room leaders, could change the chemistry.

Kearse, a three-time Pro Bowl selection with the Tennessee Titans, gives the Eagles the pass rusher they have lacked since the departure of Hugh Douglas. Starting defensive ends N.D. Kalu and Brandon Whiting combined for 7½ sacks last season. Kearse had 9½ himself, despite missing three games to injury.

The loss of Staley will affect the Eagles' three-headed rushing attack. Staley, Correll Buckhalter and Brian Westbrook shared the running duties last year, combining for 1,818 yards rushing, 83 catches and 27 touchdowns (20 rushing, seven receiving).

Emmons' departure was offset by the signing of Jones, who will start at strongside linebacker in what was essentially a trade — Jones came from the Giants and Emmons went there. Trotter, a two-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker with the Eagles in 2000-01, begins camp behind Mark Simoneau.

Third-year pros Lito Sheppard and Sheldon Brown will replace Vincent and Taylor. Other new faces include first-round pick Shane Andrews, who is expected to start at right guard. Andrews, however, remained unsigned on Monday along with five other draft picks. Only running back Bruce Perry, two other seventh-round selections and sixth-round picks Dexter Wynn and Andy Hall have signed. Wynn and Hall each signed four-year deals on Monday.



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Amare Stoudemire dunks during Team USA's practice on Monday. Despite the team's youth, Carmelo Anthony promised a gold medal.

Anthony guarantees gold as U.S. team opens camp

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — With little prodding, Carmelo Anthony made a bold statement on his first day of practice with the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

"We're guaranteeing a gold medal. We're bringing it back," Anthony predicted.

That statement might be viewed as a youthful indiscretion coming from a player who just turned 20 and is about to embark on a journey with the youngest U.S. team (average age, 23.6) since the Americans started sending pros to the Olympics in 1992.

It also seemed at odds with one of the main messages the American coaching staff tried to get across at the team's welcome dinner Sunday night: Respect the competition.

"That's just a young kid saying that," coach Larry Brown said. "But as long as he respects the people we're playing against and understands how good they've got, I don't have any problem with that."

Anthony is the second-youngest member of a team that includes three players — Anthony, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade — coming off their rookie NBA seasons, along with rookie-to-be Emeka Okafor.

The Denver star was asked how he thought his guarantee would be received by other teams in the Olympics, including three that defeated the Americans two years ago at the World Championships.

"I guess that's going to make the games more fun," Anthony said. "Right now, teams are not scared of us no more. Why not hype the games up? It's the Olympics. We're having fun, man. We've got to go over there and win."

Brown held two-a-day practices Monday and Tuesday in an effort to get the players acquainted with one another. Only three of them, Allen Iverson, Tim Duncan and Richard Jefferson, remain from the U.S. team that won the Tournament of the Americas last summer to qualify for a spot in the 12-team Athens field.

"We've got a lot of teaching to do. If we would have had the nucleus of the guys from last summer, that wouldn't have been necessary," said Brown, who also lamented a shortage of preparation time.

From the looks of things Monday during a portion of practice that was open to the media, Brown has plenty of work ahead to get his team to conform to his mantra of "playing the right way."

"One pass and a shot, we can't do that!" Brown yelled at Amare Stoudemire after he clanged a mid-range jumper early in a possession during a four-on-four drill.

"I've got to reprogram you guys!" Brown later yelled, unhappy with the level of intensity he was seeing on the defensive end.

"If Allen [Iverson] makes a free throw you don't have to run," Brown offered.

One clanged foul shot later, it was wind sprints for everyone.

Iverson, named a co-captain along with Tim Duncan, screamed at himself when he missed the pressure shot. It was not the type of leadership moment that the team's oldest member (29) wanted to show his teammates and the man who coached him for six seasons in Philadelphia.

"I never know how much something means to me until it's gone, and that's how I am with coach Brown," Iverson said.

One of the challenges for the coaching staff will be educating the youngsters about the intricacies of international basketball.

After the players responded with shock to a foul call, Popovich took it as an opportunity to impart a lesson: The quality and objectivity of the refereeing will not be what these players are accustomed to in the NBA.

"Let's assume I just made the worst call in America," Popovich told the team. "Get used to it."

U.S. men's basketball Olympics schedule

Sunday, Aug. 15
Puerto Rico vs. United States, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 17
United States vs. Greece, 9:15 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 19
United States vs. Australia, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 21
Lithuania vs. United States, 7 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 23
United States vs. Angola, 1:30 p.m.
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Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers, above, is tied with the Oakland Athletics' Mark Mulder for the most wins in the majors (13). The 39-year-old left-hander has evolved from a hard-throwing reliever to a finesse pitcher in 16 seasons, going 39-19 in his past 85 starts.

10 years of tenacity

A decade after his perfect game, Rangers' Rogers still tough to beat

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kenny Rogers was perfect, yet he didn't even realize it.

Sure, the Texas Rangers left-hander knew he hadn't allowed a hit that July night 10 years ago. What Rogers didn't know was that he had just thrown a perfect game — or even what one was.

"I had no idea," Rogers recalled this month. "I was not kidding about that, not knowing and understanding and comprehending what kind of game it was, and how so few times it had been accomplished."

There have been only three perfect games since Rogers' feat at home against the Angels on July 28, 1994 — a span of about 24,000 major league games. The latest was Arizona's Randy Johnson retiring all 27 Atlanta batters he faced in May at age 40, the oldest pitcher to throw a perfect game and a year older than Rogers is now.

The anniversary of the first perfect game by an AL left-hander is Wednesday, when Rogers (13-3) is scheduled to pitch at Anaheim.

"Maybe we'll get another one," Rogers said. "You never know."

A decade older and slower, Rogers isn't throwing pitches past batters anymore like Johnson still can. But he's still getting them out, an All-Star whose 13 wins are tied with Oakland's Mark Mulder for the most in the major leagues.

"He still has great stuff, even though he's like 48 years old," Rangers catcher Rod Barajas said. "He's still able to go out there and keep these guys off balance and reach back and get 91, 92 (mph) every now and then. He's a smart guy."

Rogers has become a different pitcher over 16 major league seasons, far from the hard-throwing reliever who appeared in an AL-high 81 games in 1992. He's now a starter who relies more on groundballs than strikeouts, smarts over speed. He says he's figured out how to pitch.

Since missing the final 2½ months of the 2001 season — his only time on the disabled list — because of a circulatory problem caused by a rib pinching nerves and arteries, Rogers is 39-19 in 85 starts.

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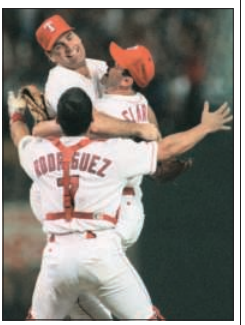

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Rogers, top left, is congratulated by Texas Rangers teammates Ivan Rodriquez (7) and Will Clark after throwing a perfect game against the California Angels in Arlington, Texas, on July 28, 1994. It was the first perfect game thrown by an AL left-hander.

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