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Divorce from father: A New Hampshire boy who won a groundbreaking legal battle to "divorce" his murderer father has launched a quest to recover his mother's ashes, The Patriot Ledger of Quincy, Mass., reported Sunday.

Patrick Holland, 14, wants the ashes of his mother, Elizabeth Holland, who was fatally shot in their Quincy apartment in 1998.

Elizabeth Holland's father, Robert McCrocklin, of Fairfax, Va., the administrator of his daughter's estate, has kept her ashes since she was cremated in 1998.

West Nile virus: A 75-year-old man died from the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, becoming California's second fatality linked to the illness, officials said Sunday.

Morris Sternberg died Saturday "as a result of complications from the virus," San Bernardino County Deputy Coroner Randy Emon said.

West Nile has sickened more than 260 people across the nation this year, and resulted in six deaths, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Western wildfires: Firefighters let about 100 people return to their homes after making progress Sunday against a central Washington wildfire believed to have been set by a serial arsonist.

The fire, which started Friday, had been estimated at 600 acres but better mapping Sunday night showed it at 370 acres with 50 percent containment, said Cindy Reichelt, an incident information officer. Residents returned on Sunday.

Elsewhere in central Washington, a group of three fires west of Lake Chelan burned Sunday, growing to 38,060 acres. In southwestern Utah, two wildfires were slowed by a morning rain storm, but had burned nearly 40,000 acres by Sunday.

World

Bobby Fischer: Former world chess champion Bobby Fischer, who has been fighting deportation to the United States, has formally asked Tokyo for asylum, an adviser said Monday.

The American chess player, wanted by U.S. authorities for playing a 1992 match in the former Yugoslavia in violation of international sanctions, was granted a three-day extension Friday to appeal Japan's decision last week to deport him.

In the United States he would face up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of $250,000, officials say.

Montenegro, where Fischer played the match, is willing to offer him asylum if he asks, an official said Monday.

Russian oil fight: A Moscow court ruled Monday that the Yukos oil company does not have to pay a $223 million penalty to bailiffs trying to collect back taxes, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The fee was levied on July 9 after Yukos failed to meet the deadline for payment of a $3.4 billion tax bill for the year 2000.

Russian law allows bailiffs to levy fines of 7 percent of the amount they are collecting if payment is not made within the prescribed time.

Taiwan independence: China's No. 2 leader warned visiting U.S. senators Monday that the Beijing government would never allow Taiwan to be independent, state television reported.

Wu Bangguo, who is chairman of China's legislature, said the Taiwan question is the most sensitive issue in U.S.-China relations, the report said. He said Washington must abide by the one-China policy, which opposes formal independence for the self-ruled island, it added.

Belgium explosion toll: Belgium will hold a national day of mourning on Wednesday when the first of the 17 victims of last week's massive gas pipeline explosion will be buried. The death toll included three French nationals and three Italians, officials said Monday.

One person died late Sunday, raising the toll from 16. Four people remain missing after Friday's blast at an industrial park south of the capital.

U.N. Sudan resolution: Sudan's foreign minister called the U.N. Security Council's 30-day deadline for action on Darfur "illogical," saying Sunday the country instead would implement a 90-day program agreed to earlier with Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Friday's Security Council resolution gave Sudan 30 days to disarm Arab militias blamed for the deaths of thousands of black Africans in the vast western Darfur region or face diplomatic and economic penalties.

An estimated 30,000 people have been killed in the 17-month conflict and 1 million have been forced to flee their homes.

Cancer victim dies: Alexandra Scott, who had an aggressive form of childhood cancer called neuroblastoma, works at a lemonade stand in June 2002 in Wynnewood, Pa. Alexandra started a lemonade stand to raise money for cancer research, sparking a nationwide campaign that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars. She died Sunday at age 8, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

War on terror

Kuwait grenade attack: Attorneys for a paratrooper charged in the grenade attack that killed two fellow soldiers say they need more time to develop a defense.

Sgt. Hasan Akbar, 32, is scheduled for trial Oct. 25 and is scheduled to enter pleas Sept. 7 to two counts of premeditated murder and three counts of attempted murder. Akbar was charged after the March 22, 2003, deaths of the two 101st Airborne Division soldiers at Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait.

Guantanamo cases: Two Frenchmen who spent more than two years at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, may sue the United States for damages, their lawyer told Le Parisien.

Lawyer Jacques Debray said he considers the arrest and imprisonment of his clients, Mourad Benchellali and Nizar Sassi, illegal.

Moroccans released: Five Moroccans detained at the U.S. military camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were turned over to authorities in their home country, Morocco's official news agency MAP reported Monday.

The men, who were arrested during the U.S.-led war that toppled Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban regime, arrived in the North African kingdom on Sunday, the MAP news agency said, citing a prosecutor. The five were handed to justice officials.

Stories and photos by The Associated Press

Correction

In Sunday's editions, a caption accompanying a photograph of a soldier practicing his roping skills did not contain the photographer's name. The photograph was taken by Maj. Cindi Feldwisch.

Clarification

A story in Sunday editions contained misleading information. In the court-martial case of Navy Capt. Roger D. Edwards, found guilty Friday of wearing service medals and ribbons he did not rate, the Bureau of Naval Personnel or the Marine Corps' Department of Manpower and Reserve Affairs has the final decision to which retirement benefits Edwards is entitled.

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Frightened Christians try to leave Iraq after bombings of churches

BY JAMIE TARABAY
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Wissam Sagman has already tried unsuccessfully to leave the country, fearing his Christian family would not be safe in the new, chaotic Iraq.

Now, after a series of bombings at churches across the country on Sunday, his fear of his neighbors has grown and he plans to redouble his efforts to get out.

"These people, they love blood. They hate humanity. They hate us," Sagman said, looking around his wrecked living room, damaged from a car bomb attack on an Armenian church across the street.

"They want all the Christians to leave."

> *"These people, they love blood. They hate humanity. They hate us."*
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> **Wissam Sagman**
> Iraqi and a Christian

The coordinated attacks hit four churches in Baghdad and one in Mosul, killing at least seven people and wounding dozens more in the first significant strike on Iraq's minority Christians since the U.S. invasion last year.

Iraqi leaders condemned the violence Monday, trying to quell Christian fears they were being routed from the country. Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most senior Shiite cleric, called the attacks "hideous crimes."

Iraq's 750,000 Christians have grown ever anxious at the rise of Islamic fundamentalism since the ouster of Saddam Hussein last year.

Hundreds have fled to neighboring Jordan and Syria.

Others are waiting to join them.

"This is my church! My church!" Thomas George, 73, cried, shaking his walking stick outside a Syrian Catholic church in Baghdad that was among those targeted Sunday.

Muslim neighbors tried to console George and Tarek Kidr, another churchgoer.

One, Sadek Rabi, said Muslims and Christians were both facing the same violence.

"A Muslim can't go to a mosque and a Christian can't go to church now," said 32-year-old Rabi, recalling attacks in recent months on Muslim sites of worship that have killed hundreds.

A previously unknown group, calling itself the Committee of Planning and Follow-up in Iraq, claimed responsibility for the bombings in a statement posted on an Islamic Web site Monday. "You wanted a crusade, and this the result," the statement said.

Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh vowed authorities would hunt down those responsible.

"The interim government of Iraq is united in condemning all acts of terrorism and is determined to use all available force, both Iraqi and those of multinational forces in Iraq, to pursue and destroy the people who plan and carry out such atrocities," Saleh told reporters.

Iraq's religious leaders unanimously denounced the bombings.

The Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential Sunni Muslim group believed to have links to insurgents, issued a statement offering condolences to the victims and blaming foreign fighters for trying to instigate sectarian fighting.

U.S., loyalists clash

NAJAF, Iraq — U.S. forces fought Monday with gunmen protecting radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's house in clashes that killed one woman and wounded three others in the Iraqi holy city of Najaf.

The U.S. military had no immediate comment.

At least six U.S. military vehicles entered the Zahra area in Najaf near al-Sadr's house, which is protected by his militia, the Mahdi Army, witnesses said.

Barrages of gunfire and mortar rounds set cars on fire before Iraqi police intervened and the U.S. forces withdrew, witnesses said.

Arrest in Pole's death

WARSAW, Poland — Polish and Iraqi forces on Monday captured two men suspected of involvement in an attack that killed a Polish solider and wounded eight others last week, a military spokesman said.

During the operation, Iraqi police and members of the Iraqi National Guard, backed up by Polish troops, detained eight men and seized a cache of grenades, mortar and ammunition, said Maj. Krzysztof Plazuk, a spokesman for the Polish-led multinational force in south-central Iraq.

"Two of them probably have a connection with the terrorist attack on the Polish patrol" last Thursday, Plazuk said.

Sunni Muslim detained

BAGHDAD — U.S. troops on Monday detained a prominent member of an influential Sunni Muslim group believed to have links to insurgents, officials of the group said.

Dr. Muthanna Harith al-Dhari, information director for The Association of Muslim Scholars, was detained along with two of his guards, said Hassan Jumaa, an official in the group's information office.

Al-Dhari was returning home when he was detained by U.S. troops just after midnight.

It was not clear why al-Dhari was detained and the U.S. military had no immediate comment.

From The Associated Press

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A Turkish woman looks at electronic goods at a shop in Istanbul, Turkey, on Monday as a video showing the execution of a Turkish hostage in Iraq appears on a private TV channel. After the slaying, the Turkish truckers association announced that it will no longer transport goods bound for U.S. forces in Iraq.

Gunmen kill Turkish hostage; truckers to pull out of Iraq

BY RAVI NESSMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Masked gunmen shot a blindfolded Turkish contractor three times in the head in a gruesome Internet video meant to warn Muslim workers to stay out of Iraq. Soon after the video was discovered Monday, Turkish truckers announced they would stop hauling goods for U.S. forces in hopes of saving two other Turkish hostages.

The U.S. State Department condemned the killing as "a heinous and barbarous act."

"It is a tragic reminder that there are those elements in Iraq that are bent on thwarting the will of the vast majority of the Iraqi people," said spokesman Adam Ereli.

The truckers' decision was another victory for militants who have taken more than 70 foreigners hostage as leverage to drive coalition forces and anyone supporting them out of the country.

The 15-month-old violent insurgency has been marked by bombings, assassinations, mortar attacks and other violence intended to destabilize the country, hamper reconstruction efforts and drive out coalition forces.

In recent weeks, militants, buoyed by the Philippines' decision to pull its troops out of Iraq to save the life of a Filipino truck driver — have intensified their kidnapping efforts in a drive to scare foreign contractors and truck drivers out of the country.

A few companies have complied, and several countries — including the Philippines, Bulgaria, Kenya and Egypt — have warned their citizens not to work here.

In light of the execution-style slaying of the Turkish worker, Turkey's truckers association said Monday it was immediately halting deliveries to U.S. forces in Iraq in hopes of freeing two Turkish drivers also being held hostage.

Militants from al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group said Saturday they would kill the two drivers within 48 hours if their employers did not leave Iraq. Al-Zarqawi's group was behind previous hostage crises, including the beheadings of U.S. businessman Nicholas Berg, South Korean translator Kim Sun-il and Bulgarian truck driver Georgi Lazov.

Between 200 and 300 Turkish trucks enter Iraq every day to bring fuel, food and other supplies to U.S. forces, said Cahit Soysal, head of the International Transporters' Association.

"As of today, those trucks won't be crossing into Iraq," he said.

It was unclear how the move would effect U.S. forces here; the military did not respond to requests for comment. The military has previously said it provides security and escorts for truck convoys delivering cargo to troops.

Ercument Aksoy, head of the Turkish-Iraqi business council, said he did not expect the move to have a major impact and thought Turkish drivers could hand off shipments to Iraqi drivers at the border.

In another apparent victory for the militants, Tawhid and Jihad said Monday it would free a Somali truck driver in response to his Kuwaiti company's pledge to stop working in Iraq, Al-Jazeera television reported.

The group released a video July 29 threatening to behead Ali Ahmed Moussa within 48 hours if his company, which was never identified, did not withdraw from Iraq.

According to A-Jazeera, the group said it was releasing Moussa "in appreciation of the attitudes of the Somali government and people toward Iraq and the Kuwaiti company's commitment to stop doing business in Iraq."

Associated Press writer Louis Meixler in Ankara, Turkey, contributed to this report.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 909 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 674 died as a result of hostile action and 235 died of nonhostile causes. The department did not provide an update Sunday.

The British military has reported 60 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 771 U.S. servicemembers have died — 565 as a result of hostile action and 206 of nonhostile causes, according to the Defense Department on Friday.

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

- One soldier assigned to the 1st Infantry Division was killed Sunday in an explosion near Samarra.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- No new identifications reported.

Franks book gives backstory for war

BY PATRICK DICKSON AND LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The United States will have troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for three to five years, retired Gen. Tommy Franks told reporters Monday during a teleconference to mark the release of his new book, "American Soldier."

As the commander of U.S. Central Command, Franks was the chief architect of war strategy in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It will take up to five years to train and equip the Iraqi military and security forces, but the number of Iraqis signing up is encouraging, he said.

"When you look at the number of Iraqis signing on to the nation's security forces, [it's] about 200,000 now," he said. "As the stability increases, U.S. troop involvement will begin to come down."

And it takes time to solve the problems of 25 million people, Franks said, noting that the media continue to ignore the fact that power is distributed throughout the country, that 32,000 teachers have been trained and that 9 million textbooks are now available in Iraqi schools.

But he remained optimistic: "I believe the security situation will improve … beginning perhaps in six to eight months," Franks said.

Franks discussed several items in the book, including his assertions that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is effective but too controlling in his management style, that the Iraq war was not planned directly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and that it was his idea for President Bush to land on the USS Abraham Lincoln to declare an end to "major combat operations" in Iraq.

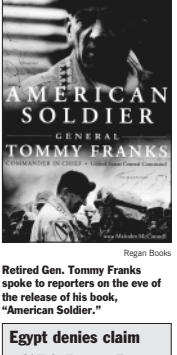
President Bush needed to acknowledge the "service and sacrifice" of U.S. troops on the ground in Iraq, Franks wrote, and noted Monday that the United States needed to signal coalition partners not willing to have combat troops in Iraq that a new phase had begun, and these nations' postcombat capabilities would be welcomed. Franks said he regretted the "unintended consequences" of his suggestion.

The event "was not so everyone could have a victory lap," he said.

Franks disputed former anti-terrorism adviser Richard Clarke's assertion that Bush was fixated on Iraq immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

"That isn't the case," Franks said. Bush "didn't ask me in the days following 9/11" to start preparing for battle against Saddam Hussein.

It was not until shortly after Thanksgiving 2001 — after the fall of the Taliban — that Rumsfeld contacted Franks "and asked us to dust off our Iraq plans," Franks said.



Regan Books

Retired Gen. Tommy Franks spoke to reporters on the eve of the release of his book, "American Soldier."

Egypt denies claim

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt on Monday denied remarks by retired Gen. Tommy Franks that President Hosni Mubarak told him that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

"Such a claim is void of truth," Egyptian presidential spokesman Magad Abdel Fattah told the official Middle East News Agency.

In an interview with Parade magazine to promote his book, "American Soldier," Franks recalled that both Mubarak and Jordan's King Abdullah told him two months before the Iraq war that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons.

In Jordan, a Royal Palace official who refused to be identified said: "His Majesty did not have information that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction."

In its Sunday edition, Parade quoted Franks — who led the U.S.-led war against Iraq — as saying that Mubarak told him Saddam would use the weapons against American troops in case of war.

"What happened was that Franks asked the president for an assessment of reports on Iraq's possession of WMDs, and the president simply said that Egypt had been following the developments in Iraq, but it could not confirm whether Iraq possessed any weapons of mass destruction or whether these could be used against U.S. forces in case of U.S. military interference in Iraq," Abdel Fattah said.

From The Associated Press

Even as the Afghanistan operation was under way, Franks said he was frustrated by the continuing attacks against U.S. aircraft monitoring the no-fly zones in Iraq.

Rumsfeld's request "certainly didn't chagrin me," he said.

Rumsfeld did "chagrin" Franks with his intrusive management style, on occasion.

"You have to give people more ownership. I think he could be more user-friendly," Franks said. "But you have to give him credit for being very, very effective."

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In Afghanistan, Apache Troop makes battle come to them

Psyops unit baits Taliban to come out, fight like men

BY JON R. ANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE TIGER, Afghanistan — Frustrated that Taliban fighters were making themselves scarce, cavalry commander Capt. Brian Peterson ordered his psychological operations detachment to find a way to get the enemy onto the battlefield.

Their solution: shame. The soldiers drove into the mountainous region of southern Afghanistan near Tarin Kowt, a known Taliban stronghold, and blared through Humvee-mounted loudspeakers a simple message.

"Take off your burqas," Afgan interpreters shouted, referring to the head-to-toe powder blue shrouds Taliban leaders once forced all women in the country to wear. "Come out and fight us like men."

Peterson, commander of the 25th Infantry Division's Hawaii-based 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's Apache Troop, had heard of Special Forces units using similar schoolyard tactics to dishonor local insurgents into a fight and figured it couldn't hurt to try.

He knew Taliban fighters were out there. Local villagers were being threatened to stay away from U.N. voter registration efforts for the country's Oct. 9 presidential elections.

It didn't take long to get an answer to Peterson's cantankerous call to arms. Within hours, an angry ambush was unleashed, a heavy fusillade of automatic weapons fire raining down from two sides as his patrol moved through a steep valley.

"The bullets were zinging within a few inches of my head, I could actually feel their heat," said .50-caliber machine gunner Spc. Michael Plummer, 25, from Klamath Falls, Ore.

He was astounded. After four months in Afghanistan, this was Apache Troop's first contact with the enemy.

"I couldn't believe they were actually shooting at us," said Plummer.

Pushing his patrol of Humvees through the ambush kill zone, Peterson turned his men around and charged back into the fray.

"We weren't going to run from those punks," said Peterson. "We chased them up the mountain."

After a 45-minute gunfight, four Afghan guerrillas lay dead and another four were captured.

None of Peterson's men were injured.

"We're pretty sure we got more, but they carry their dead away," said Peterson.

It's hard to tell how many escaped, he said, adding "they can run, but they'll only die tired."

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Hope, possibility and achievment

BRUCE ZIELSDORF/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Members of the New York Fire Department pose Sunday with soldiers recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq just before the start of the Second Annual Achilles Hope & Possibility 5-Mile Run/Walk in Central Park. More than 30 soldier-amputees from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., ran, walked or rode handcrank bicycles or wheelchairs and were supported throughout by the firefighters and the almost 2,000 participants. Staff Sgt. Hilbert Caesar was the first soldier to wheel to a finish. Caesar, of the 4th Battalion, 27th Infantry from Baumholder, Germany, lost his right leg when the howitzer in which he was riding was hit by an improvised explosive device outside of the Baghdad airport in April.

Financial buildings open under terror threat

Extra security seen at offices in N.Y., D.C., N.J. after warnings

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRADER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Financial institutions identified as targets of a terrorist plot in three cities opened for business Monday under stepped-up security and defiant words from people who said they won't be cowed by the extraordinary intelligence pointing to a potential attack.

Police sealed off some streets in New York, put international-finance employees in Washington through extra security checks, and added barricades and a heavy armed presence in Newark, N.J., in response to a heightened terrorism alert aimed specifically at titans of the financial sector.

Treasury Secretary John Snow, quick to try to reassure investors and Americans generally, said the nation's financial system operated normally in the first weekday hours of the code-orange alert.

"People around the world rightly have confidence in the U.S. financial markets," Snow said. "While we must always remain vigilant against terror, we will not be intimidated and prevented from enjoying our lives and exercising our freedoms."

Police checked identity cards as employees filed in to the World Bank headquarters, and guards at its sister institution across the street, the International Monetary Fund, swept the underside of cars with detecting devices as they entered the garage.

"I'm concerned but we have to carry on as normal," said Shirley Davies of Britain, who has worked at the IMF for seven years. The bank and the fund are among the largest employers in Washington, with more than 10,000 people in both buildings, two blocks from the White House.

Along with the international institutions, authorities placed the Citigroup Center building in New York, the New York Stock Exchange and Prudential Financial Inc.'s headquarters in Newark, N.J., under heavy scrutiny after unusually detailed information identified those buildings as terrorism targets, and prompted the government to raise its terrorism alert.

"We are a nation in danger," President Bush said as he met with reporters at the White House to embrace the concept of a new national intelligence czar. "We are doing everything in our power to confront the danger."

New York police closed several streets in midtown Manhattan and banned trucks from bridges and tunnels leading to Wall Street.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. George Pataki rang the opening bell at the stock exchange in a show of confidence in the city's precautions.

"America and New Yorkers are pulling together here, and they're not going to be cowed," Bloomberg said.

A cache of recently obtained information — including hundreds of photos, drawings and written documents — indicates that al-Qaida operatives have undertaken meticulous preparations to case the five specific buildings.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Sunday raised the terror threat level for financial institutions in the three cities to orange, or high alert, the second highest level on the government's five-point spectrum.

AP

A private security officer checks identification Monday outside of the headquarters of the World Bank in Washington. The government named the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank buildings in Washington, D.C.; the New York Stock Exchange, along with Citigroup Inc. headquarters, in New York; and the Prudential Financial Inc. building in Newark, N.J., as possible targets terrorists may be planning to strike.

Intelligence described targets in great detail

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government provided details Sunday of new intelligence it had obtained that led to the increased threat level against financial institutions, including several specific buildings.

A senior intelligence official described the details only on condition of anonymity. He said it was the most extraordinary detail he had seen in 24 years of intelligence work.

As examples, the official said the government learned that potential plotters had been accumulating information on:

- The flow of pedestrians outside one building — 14 people per minute midweek on each side of the sidewalks, or 28 per minute.
- Whether some explosive materials might not be hot enough to melt the steel underpinnings of a building, and a reference to what materials might heat to 2,700 degrees.
- Ideas for building reconnaissance, such as the view from a window table at a nearby coffee shop.
- Details about specific security checkpoints inside buildings, including a tidbit that people turned left after passing one particular checkpoint.
- Places to make contact with building employees.
- Construction characteristics of some buildings that might prevent their collapse.
- Locations of police stations, fire departments, schools and hospitals in the vicinity of the targets.
- Changes in day-to-day security, including lessened security on Sundays and days when elevators don't operate.

Pakistan raid reveals attack plans

Plots on U.S., U.K. targets found on computer seized during arrest

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani intelligence agents found plans for new attacks against the United States and Britain on a computer seized during the arrest of a senior al-Qaida suspect wanted for the 1998 twin U.S. embassy bombings in East Africa, the information minister said.

The plans were found in e-mails on the computer of Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian arrested July 25 after a 12-hour gunbattle in the eastern city of Gujrat, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said Monday.

"We got a few e-mails from Ghailani's computer about [plans for] attacks in the U.S. and U.K.," he said, adding that the information has been shared with Pakistan's allies — a reference to the United States.

Ahmed said authorities also have arrested another top suspect believed to be a computer and communications expert, and that that man was cooperating with investigators. The New York Times on Monday reported that a 25-year-old computer engineer named Muhammad Naeem Noor Khan was arrested in Pakistan on July 13, apparently a reference to the same man.

AP

A scanner and other computer equipment is left behind Friday after a raid on a house of top al-Qaida member Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani in Gujrat, Pakistan.

Ahmed would not confirm whether the information from Ghailani or the computer expert is what prompted Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge to issue a warning Sunday about a possible al-Qaida attack on prominent financial institutions in New York, Washington and Newark, New Jersey.

Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat confirmed that Ghailani was sharing "vital" information. An intelligence official said on condition of anonymity that the information about a U.S. attack appeared to be centered on New York.

Munir Ahmad of The Associated Press contributed to this report in Islamabad.

U.S., Afghan forces inflict 'heavy losses' on militants

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — More than 100 Afghan and American troops supported by U.S. warplanes clashed with 50 militants near the mountainous Pakistani frontier Monday, inflicting "heavy losses" on the rebels in the fiercest border skirmish in months, the U.S. military said.

An Afghan commander said the bodies of two dead militants were found after the fighting in Khost province, a former al-Qaida stronghold in southeastern Afghanistan. He said two Afghan soldiers were also killed.

The battle began early on Monday morning when militants attacked a border post near Zhawara, 40 miles south of Khost city, with rockets and machine-guns, said Gen. Khial Baz, the provincial military commander.

Maj. Rick Peat, an American spokesman, said U.S.-led troops and more than 100 Afghan militia soldiers engaged the militants at about 2 a.m. A B1 bomber, two A-10 ground-attack aircraft and four Cobra helicopter gunships provided support.

"The militants retreated in panic and were pursued by the attack aircraft," Peat said.

Baz said four Afghan soldiers were wounded, two of them fatally.

Peat said two of the injured were evacuated to a hospital for treatment, but made no mention of fatalities in that skirmish.

Four hours later, U.S. and Afghan forces, supported by A-10s, fought about 20 of the militants in a renewed battle.

"Again, the militants retreated after incurring heavy losses," Peat said.

This time, one Afghan soldier was killed and three others wounded, he said.

Peat didn't give a specific figure for the rebel deaths.

EUCOM chief of staff takes fond look back

Sylvester praised at retirement ceremony

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — When asked what made him most proud about his career, Army Lt. Gen. John B. Sylvester promptly answered: "I never served a single (permanent duty) day in the Pentagon."

He served, however, in Vietnam, the Balkans and Iraq and won a slew of medals including a Silver Star and two Bronze Stars. "I've always been wherever the soldiers were," Sylvester said, "because they're the ones who do our business."

On Monday, Sylvester, the chief of staff of the U.S. European Command, was honored in a 30-minute ceremony at Patch Barracks to commemorate his retirement. Sylvester was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal at the event, but mostly he was paid respect for a lifetime of military service.

During his remarks, Sylvester broke down as he recounted acts of military heroism, from the War of 1812's battle cry of "Don't give up the ship" to the planting of the American flag at Iwo Jima.

He then pulled a tan hankie out of his pocket, blew his nose and wiped away his tears. "I'm all right now," Sylvester told well-wishers on his way to the reception tent.

"Our emotions are inside us," he said later. "This isn't about machines and technology; it's about people. We're leading people."

Sylvester said his speech, titled "I Am a Soldier," by an unknown author, was to thank the troops he had worked with in the past and remembered the ones still out on the battlefield.

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Army Lt. Gen. John Sylvester, center, shares a laugh with Lt. Gens. William E. Ward, left, and Colby Broadwater III after an award and departure ceremony Monday for Sylvester at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany. Sylvester, the outgoing chief of staff for U.S. European Command, was retiring after 37 years in the Army. Broadwater is replacing Sylvester as EUCOM chief of staff, and Ward is the deputy commander of U.S. Army Europe.

Then he recalled another war quotation, by a lower-ranking U.S. officer who was asked for his credentials by a surrendering German general. "These are my credentials," the American replied, motioning to the soldiers behind him.

"They (soldiers) are more than our credentials, they are the embodiment of all we do," Sylvester said.

Sylvester grew up an Army brat, son of Lt. Col. George Sylvester, a company commander in the 95th Infantry Division, the "Iron Men of Metz," who captured one of the last German army strongholds in France during World War II.

After spending his teen years in Texas, Sylvester said he joined the Army in 1968 "to beat the draft."

"They told me I was going to be drafted and I said, 'No, way, I'm going to enlist first,' " Sylvester said.

Sylvester worked his way up from private to sergeant and through the officer ranks from second lieutenant to lieutenant general. The younger soldiers in Monday's audience seemed to appreciate Sylvester's style.

"I didn't work with him personally but used to see him at the gym; that gave me more inspiration and motivation," said Sgt. 1st Class James Baker of Chicago and the EUCOM Office of Manpower, Personnel and Administration.

"I've got a lot of respect for (Sylvester)," said Spc. Przemyslaw Mazur, also of Chicago, a medic at the Stuttgart health clinic who stood in line for 30 minutes to shake Sylvester's hand and pose for a picture. "He's a soldier's general. He relates to the troops."

Since becoming EUCOM chief of staff in November 2002, Sylvester helped plan U.S. military efforts in northern Iraq as well as shift EUCOM's focus south to Africa and east to the Middle East and former Soviet-bloc nations.

Sylvester said he planned to take a civilian job in the Washington area, but not until after he and his wife, Becki, spend a few weeks in Africa on a photographic safari.

"So I can see some of the things I've been dreaming about since I was a little kid," he said.

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Army Lt. Gen. John Sylvester receives the Defense Superior Service Medal on Monday during his award and departure ceremony at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

Stripes prints papers at exercise

BY LISA HORN
Stars and Stripes

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria — Far from the luxury of a newspaper hitting the home doorstep each morning, troops participating in the Bulwark '04 exercise are still getting the paper delivered.

For the first time, Stars and Stripes is printing a newspaper at an exercise.

The "press" looks basically like a photo copier, but has a printing capability of about one collated paper a minute. The papers are 8½-by-11-inch versions of Stripes' Middle East edition.

"This is an experiment," said Tom Kelsch, Stars and Stripes publisher. "It's another way that we can get the paper to the troops. As the technology improves, we're able to reach the troops better than ever before," he said. "I think it's a great step forward for us."

Stripes' goal in printing in Bulgaria is to provide the paper to troops in a more timely manner, said Nathan Parham, Stripes' senior digital technician who has been running the operation in Bulgaria since July 19.

LISA HORN/Stars and Stripes

Sgts. 1st Class Rachel Watson-Rose, left, and Llirenelli Mari-Ciriaco of the 18th Engineer Brigade, read a Stars and Stripes story on Army engineers serving in Iraq at the Bulwark '04 dining facility on Monday at Novo Selo Training Area in Bulgaria.

"I normally come in around 10 p.m., prep the printer and get everything ready to go," Parham said. Copies of the paper are then stapled together and distributed to the dining facility and various commands around 4 a.m.

Parham is printing 366 papers a night, or one for every three of the roughly 1,000 soldiers at the exercise. In the Middle East, a small printing press is set up in Qatar and larger, offset presses in Kuwait City and Baghdad. Print sites are also planned for Bahrain and Afghanistan.

Stripes prints its European edition in Griesheim, Germany, and Rome.

The troops seem to approve of the "new" newspaper.

"It keeps us up to date on the world events and it serves as a motivator for the troops to know what's going on in Iraq and the States," said Sgt. Shabar Robinson of the 5th Maintenance Company, 21st Theater Support Command out of Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Remote print operations at future maneuvers are in the works, said Jerry Kidder, Stripes' management information systems director in Europe.

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Incirlik wing named an outstanding unit

Stars and Stripes

U.S. Air Force officials have selected the 39th Air Base Wing at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, for the Outstanding Unit award.

The award recognizes the 39th Wing for missions accomplished from Dec. 15, 2001, through July 14, 2003.

That period — during which there were eight Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotations — included Operation Northern Watch no-fly zone missions to protect Kurds in northern Iraq, the ongoing war in Afghanistan and an evacuation of nonessential personnel in 2003 just before Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Incirlik was a crucial fueling, logistics, medical treatment center and assembly point for the initial Operation Enduring Freedom offensives. It was, and is, a transit point for troops going to and returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. However, the Turkish government, which opposed the Iraq war, declined to allow the United States to use the base for offensive operations.

Under its previous commander, Col. Marc Felman, the base evacuated 400 civilians to the States as the Iraq war started on March 20. Since then, civilians have returned.

Current wing commander Col. Michael Gardiner announced the award July 21, according to an Air Force news release.

U.S. Air Forces Europe "never lost sight of the importance of Incirlik's strategic location and robust infrastructure," Gardiner stated in the release. "This location puts Incirlik airmen in the hot seat of operations, providing an opportunity to demonstrate their professionalism and technical proficiency in cooperation with our Turkish hosts."

Incirlik Air Base is located about 10 miles east of Adana, Turkey's fourth-largest city.

The base — which is a Turkish air force tanker base — is about 2,000 miles west of Afghanistan, and about 600 miles from the Iraq border.

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DODDS looks to improve math, remedial help

Advisory panels to develop strategy to attain higher scores, help elementary students

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — This school year, at least two "task forces" will look at possible changes to two core DODDS programs: the math curriculum and remedial help for elementary students, according to the military school system's top director.

One advisory committee will focus on how to best offer remedial education to elementary students, whose full schedule leaves them no time to get corrective help, Joseph Tafoya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, said Friday during an interview about the start of the upcoming school year.

"In high school, when we have kids who are not doing well in reading, not doing well in math … we can schedule them into … reading support classes to give them that extra help. And although they may have to give up an elective or something else they may want to take, they're not losing instruction in algebra class. They still have a regular English class, etc.

"We can also do that in middle school to some degree. … [B]ut in the elementary schools, we have some real difficulty in addressing individual student needs.

"Any time you pull a kid out, be it third grade, fifth grade, first grade, you're pulling them out of a class assignment. So they are missing something other kids are getting in order to get some remediation," Tafoya said.

The committee will research the structure of the elementary school days, and concepts such as whether teachers could be trained to give remedial attention within the regular class setting, how technology might help and how other school systems address the issue.

Tafoya

He expects no immediate changes, but a yearlong probe into the topic.

Math Matters program

Also this year, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools will launch its "Math Matters" program, an emphasis on the mathematics program that mirrors the emphasis placed on reading few years back, Tafoya said.

"Our system has very good math scores, but they're not as high as our reading scores. That's why we're making this particular emphasis," Tafoya said.

However, it won't be for another year until students see a new curriculum and new textbooks, he said. About every six years, administrators replace subject-specific textbooks at all grade levels.

"In terms of seeing new books or new approaches, in isolated places they may as we do pilot things, but overall it's still a year away."

While the Defense Department's global war on terrorism as not directly dipped into the educational coffers, the department is feeling the pinch of budget constraints felt by other federal agencies.

And he's no stranger to dealing with budget crunches.

Last year, coming on the heels of controversial program cuts made to extracurricular activities that directly impacted students, Tafoya faced a $61 million shortfall in payroll accounts due to the weak dollar overseas against foreign currency.

He said he refused to make more cuts in programs directly impacting students. Instead, he left vacant positions at the headquarters officer, cut overtime, and shifted funds such as using $3 million director's reserve.

"As adults, we can make do without some things. We can learn to adapt. But you're only a senior once. You only get so many chances to play football. I couldn't make any more cuts."

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Senior airman has rank reduced for black marketing

Stars and Stripes

A toiletries and gas coupon spree cost an Incirlik airman his rank.

Senior Airman Justin Elander was convicted of black marketing during a recent summary court-martial, the Air Force announced Friday. Elander was reduced in rank from staff sergeant, restricted to base for 60 days and verbally reprimanded for buying $2,600 worth of toiletries and gas coupons for a group of Turks.

The Turks demanded that Elander buy the goods after giving him a ride to Ankara.

"He took toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, stuff like that," said Capt. Rickardo Bodden, a base spokesman. "And it was done in a one-day time span."

Lt. Col. Antoinette Kemper, 39th Air Base Wing director of staff and summary court officer, said in a news release that the volume of the purchase was what tipped off the Ankara exchange.

"This sent up red flags to the store managers," Kemper said.

Capt. Mechel Campbell, 39th Air Base Wing legal office military justice chief, said in the news release that the purchase was payment for the lift and the fuel it took to get there.

"Upon arriving in Ankara, these 'friends' informed him that in exchange for the ride and for paying for the gas, the airman needed to do them a few favors," Campbell said. "They paid for the gas, but his 'friends' asked for a lot in return."

Black marketing in Turkey is defined by the legal office as "any giving, selling or transferring of any item to a Turkish national (or anyone else not entitled to duty-free goods) that was not was purchased on the Turkish economy."

Even passing on used clothing, a pack of cigarettes or a can of coffee is considered black marketing.

"Even good people make bad decisions," Kemper said. "However, there can't be leniency when our people contribute to illegal activity. Black marketing is a serious crime ...

"Black marketing jeopardizes our entitlements as military members. It also strains relations with our host nation. They understandably take this crime very seriously."

Spangdahlem comptrollers gearing up for "Iron Flight"

KEITH REED/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Mary Anne Reyes, foreground, a physical training monitor at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, challenges members from the 52nd Fighter Wing Comptroller Squadron to push out one more flutter kick during a recent workout. The squadron members are the three-time winners of the annual "Iron Flight" competition held at the air base. The 10-member team competes against other squadrons based on the Air Force physical training standards of waist measurement, push-ups, sit-ups and a timed 1½-mile run.

Aviano airman killed in car crash

An Aviano Air Base airman was killed and five other people were injured in a highway accident July 25 near Verona, Italy.

Senior Airman Eda Mae Javier Sims, 25, a telephone systems maintenance apprentice with the 31st Communications Squadron, died at about 11:30 a.m. after the van she was driving crashed on autostrada A4 heading toward Vicenza. Further details on the cause of the crash were not available, according to a base spokesman.

Sims is survived by parents Mary Lou J. Sims and retired Air Force Master Sgt. Robert D. Sims of Bossier City, La.

The injured passengers in the van were taken to two hospitals in the Verona area, where they were treated and released.

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IN THE STATES

Bush supports new post

President backs 9/11 panel's recommendation for national intelligence czar, counterterroism center

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday endorsed creation of a national intelligence czar and counterterrorism center — his first steps in revamping the nation's intelligence-gathering system to help prevent a repeat of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We are a nation in danger," Bush said as he announced his position during an appearance with top administration national security figures in the White House Rose Garden.

Bush thus embraced, with some changes, two key recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission, which outlined lapses in intelligence that left America vulnerable to the attacks.

The bipartisan panel's most overarching recommendations in a 567-page report were for creation of a counterterrorism center, which the commission envisions as a joint operational planning and intelligence center staffed by personnel from all the spy agencies, and a national intelligence czar.

The chairman of the Sept. 11 commission, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, and former Rep. Lee Hamilton have insisted that the center and the national intelligence director position be placed in the executive office of the president to give the White House clout in dealing with all the nation's intelligence agencies. Bush said he wants them set up outside the White House.

Bush

"I don't think the person should be a member of my Cabinet," Bush said. "I will hire the person and I can fire the person. ... I don't think that the office should be in the White House, however, I think it should be a stand-alone group to better coordinate."

Intelligence reforms to help thwart a repeat of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, took on special urgency with the announcement Sunday by authorities that they had uncovered a plot by the al-Qaida terror network to attack five prominent financial institutions in New York City, Washington and Newark, N.J.

In asking Congress to create the position of a national intelligence director, Bush said the person holding the post would be appointed by the president, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and would serve at the pleasure of the president. The director would serve as the president's principal intelligence adviser, overseeing and coordinating the foreign and domestic activities of the intelligence community.

Currently, the CIA director not only heads his own agency but also oversees the U.S. intelligence community, which has grown to 15 agencies. But the director has neither budgetary authority nor day-to-day operational control of the other agencies, most of which are in the Defense Department. A national intelligence director would oversee all the agencies.

Supreme Court to revisit prison sentencing rules

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to settle whether long-standing federal rules for sentencing criminals violate the Constitution, a question that has thrown federal courthouses into disarray this summer.

The high court said it will hear two cases suggested by the Bush administration. The Justice Department had rushed the appeals just weeks after the court ruled major portions of a state sentencing system unconstitutional.

That system in the state of Washington, like the federal sentencing system, relied on judges to make many decisions that can affect the length of a defendant's sentence. The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in June that juries must decide any matter that can lengthen a sentence beyond the maximum set out in state sentencing guidelines, or the defendant must admit it.

Federal trial judges routinely make such findings as the quantity of drugs involved in a crime or whether a gun was used.

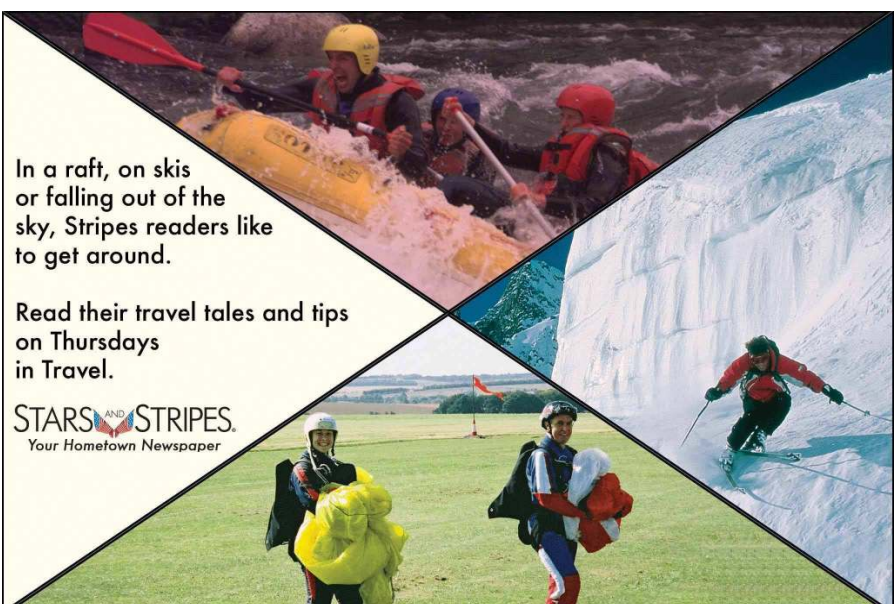
Trial judges and appeals courts have divided over whether the Supreme Court's ruling in Blakely v. Washington invalidates the federal sentencing system, with some judges concluding that they cannot continue sentencing criminal defendants under the old rules.

The Supreme Court is on its summer hiatus, but nonetheless issued a brief order to add both cases to its calendar. The court said it will hear the cases, both involving federal drug defendants, on the first day of the new court term in October.

The justices gave government lawyers and defense attorneys a tight schedule to file paperwork over the summer.

The high court said nothing Monday about the urgency of the sentencing issue, but the choice to hear the cases so soon is an indication that the court is well aware of the turmoil caused by its ruling.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said as much in a speech last month, in which she echoed her own sharp dissent in the Blakely case. As she and other dissenters predicted, the ruling upset what had been a settled, and presumably constitutional, system in use in each of more than 90 federal trial courts around the country.



Kerry says Bush too slow on terror moves

BY MARY DALRYMPLE
The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry said Monday that President Bush has responded too slowly to the terrorist threat three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and has adopted policies that have encouraged terrorism.

"I regret that the president has no sense of urgency," Kerry said during a hastily called news conference following President Bush's Rose Garden appearance in which he announced his support for creating a national intelligence czar and counterterrorism center.

The Democratic challenger welcomed Bush's decision to embrace some of the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations but argued that with the nation at war, the Republican incumbent and self-described "war president" should move more quickly.

"We can't afford reluctance in the protection of our country," Kerry said.

Earlier in the day, in an interview on CNN's "American Morning," Kerry said the administration's policies are "actually encouraging the recruitment of terrorists." The administration hasn't reached out to other countries and the Muslim community, he said, and hasn't done enough to protect U.S. ports, chemical plants and nuclear facilities.

Bush rejected that criticism during his Rose Garden appearance, telling reporters, "It is a ridiculous notion to assert because the United States is on the offense the more people want to hurt us."

At his news conference, Kerry reiterated that Bush's policies "have resulted in an increase of animosity focused on" the United States.

While Kerry reiterated his belief that the war in Iraq was unnecessary and a war of choice, Bush defended the removal of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"Knowing what I know today, we still would have gone on into Iraq," Bush said. "He had the capability of making weapons of mass destruction. He had terrorists ties ... the decision I made is the right decision. The world is better off without Saddam Hussein in power."

"I find it interesting in the political process that some [say], 'Well, I voted for the intelligence,' and now they won't say whether or not it was the right decision to take Saddam Hussein out," Bush said. "It's the right decision, and the world is better off for it."

In October 2002, Kerry voted to give Bush the military authority to oust Saddam, but since then has been highly critical of the president's handling of the war.

Kerry's spokesman said the Massachusetts senator's objection was to how Bush executed the war — "making sure weapons inspectors were able to do their job as well as put together a strong and comprehensive international coalition to ensure this was done in the most strategic and effective way possible."

On Sunday, the Department of Homeland Security, citing credible information that financial institutions in New York City, Washington and New Jersey were possible targets, raised the threat level for those areas.

"You take any threat seriously," Kerry, who was briefed on Sunday about the latest threats, told CNN. "What's important, however, is not to sort of bounce along from threat to threat. It's to win the war, and I believe that I can fight a more effective war on terror than George Bush is."

Kerry dismissed former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's comment that raising the terror level might be politically motivated.

"I don't care what he said. I haven't suggested that and I won't suggest that," Kerry said. "I do not hold that opinion. I don't believe that."

Campaigning in Grand Rapids on Monday, Kerry was releasing a book-length blueprint for his White House campaign with running mate John Edwards, including plans to fight terrorism and improve homeland security. The book will be available on his campaign Web site and distributed to supporters.

Edwards planned his own event in Orlando, Fla., as the candidates went their separate ways on a two-week, coast-to-coast tour through battleground states.

Kerry got his briefing over a secure phone line provided by the Secret Service while in the campaign bus, which stayed parked for about 40 minutes next to a ballpark in Taylor, Mich.

AP

Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., talks to firefighters Monday while campaigning in Grand Rapids, Mich. Kerry faulted the Bush administration's response to the terrorist threat, but dismissed suggestions that raising the terror alert was politically motivated.

Nearly no bounce in polls for Kerry after convention

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Kerry either gained a slight bump in his standing with voters or didn't move at all following the Democratic National Convention, according to polls taken after he accepted the party's nomination for president.

A Newsweek poll taken Thursday and Friday gave Kerry and running mate John Edwards a narrow lead, 49 percent to 42 percent for President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney and 3 percent for independent Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo. Kerry-Edwards and Bush-Cheney were essentially tied in a Newsweek poll in early July — 47 percent for Kerry-Edwards and 44 percent for Bush-Cheney with 3 percent for Nader-Camejo.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released Sunday found Bush and Cheney slightly ahead, 50 percent to 46 percent for Kerry-Edwards and 2 percent for Nader-Camejo.

A CBS News poll released Monday found the Democratic ticket slightly ahead of Bush-Cheney, 48 percent to 43 percent with Nader at 3 percent with a 4 percentage point margin of error.

The Newsweek and CNN-USA Today-Gallup polls each had a 4 percentage point margin of error.

Missing Utah woman's husband arrested

Hacking held on suspicion of aggravated murder after providing new information

BY PAUL FOY
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The husband of a pregnant woman who disappeared two weeks ago has been arrested on suspicion of aggravated murder, police announced Monday.

Lori Hacking, 27, has been missing since July 19, when her husband told authorities that she failed to return from an early morning jog. Her body has not been found.

Police chief Rick Dinse said investigators have "the instrument of death" but would not say what that was. He said investigators believe Lori Hacking was killed in her apartment.

"We believe that Mark Hacking is responsible for her disappearance and her death," Dinse said Monday.

The investigation took a grim turn over the weekend when her relatives asked volunteers to stop looking for her in response to new information from Mark Hacking.

Police Chief Rick Dinse said investigators believe Lori Hacking was killed in her apartment, but did not say how.

Since he reported his wife missing, Mark Hacking's credibility has crumbled amid revelations that he lied to his wife about enrolling at medical school in North Carolina and about graduating from the University of Utah.

Hacking, 28, was taken to a psychiatric ward the day after he reported his wife missing, after he was seen running around at night naked in sandals outside a motel where he'd taken a room.

Investigators focused on Hacking after learning he was at a store buying a new mattress just before reporting his wife missing.

Investigators have refused to confirm reports that they found a mattress in a nearby trash bin.

A media statement released by the family late Saturday said Hacking had given them information that made a volunteer search unnecessary. It did not reveal what Mark Hacking told his family, and Detective Dwayne Baird said only that it was "additional substantive information."

The search for Lori Hacking has taken volunteers to neighborhoods, industrial areas and canyons around the park where she was said to have been jogging the morning she was reported missing.

Investigators plan to resume their search at the landfill this week. However, cadaver dogs will not be available until Friday, when the all-night searching can begin, Baird said.

Lori Hacking's father, Eraldo Soares, said late Saturday he was unaware of any new information about his daughter. He did not return phone messages left Sunday.

AP

Mark Hacking was arrested Monday on suspicion of aggravated murder in the case of his missing wife, Lori.

Airplane scare

CHICAGO — A Japanese man flying to Ohio was arrested after he was seen writing down the words "suicide bomb," but he was released without charge after explaining that it was an impromptu English exercise.

The 60-year-old man told investigators he came across the words in a newspaper and wanted to look up their meaning, police spokeswoman Alice Casanova said.

"He teaches himself English by reading newspapers," she said.

"It was all just a miscommunication."

The man was aboard United Airlines flight 1184 en route to Dayton, Ohio, on a business trip Sunday when a fellow passenger spotted the words and alerted an attendant, Casanova said.

The flight returned to O'Hare International Airport, where the man was taken into custody and all of the other 120 passengers were taken off the plane and screened.

Investigators also searched the plane. "Nothing panned out and he was released," Casanova said.

Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Andrea McCauley said travelers need to be mindful of how they behave on airplanes because potential security threats are treated very seriously.

Space launch delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Bad weather forced mission managers to postpone launching NASA's Messenger spacecraft on a Boeing Delta 2 rocket early Monday.

Managers stopped the launch because of clouds near the pad at a critical point in the countdown. The minuscule 12-second launch window left no time to try again.

NASA hopes to try again early Tuesday.

Messenger is set to begin a 4.9 billion mile journey to orbit the planet Mercury and collect data on the planet's geology and atmospheric composition. It will be the first spacecraft to visit the planet since Mariner 10 whizzed by three times in 1974 and 1975. It will also be the first spacecraft ever to orbit the planet.

Launch controllers have until Aug. 14 to launch the spacecraft.

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Apple exec has cancer surgery

BY MATTHEW FORDAHL
The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Steve Jobs, the charismatic chief executive of Apple Computer Inc. and Pixar Animation Studios, said Sunday he had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his pancreas but added he expects a full recovery.

In an e-mail message to employees, he said he will be off to recuperate during August and expects to return to work in September.

He identified his cancer as an islet cell neuroendocrine tumor, which he described as rare and said could be cured by surgical removal if diagnosed early. He said his was caught early.

A far more deadly — and common form — of pancreatic cancer is adenocarcinoma, he said.

"I mention this because when one hears 'pancreatic cancer' (or Googles it), one immediately encounters this far more common and deadly form, which, thank God, is not what I had," he said in the message.

During Jobs' absence, Apple will be run by Timothy Cook, the company's executive vice president of worldwide sales and operations.

Jobs and friend Steve Wozniak founded Apple Computer in 1976, five years before IBM Corp. jumped into the personal computer market.

In 1984, the company released the Macintosh, which was the first commercially successful computer to have a graphical user interface that mimicked a physical desktop. It was eventually copied by makers of IBM-clone computers.

AP

Steve Jobs, the charismatic chief executive of Apple Computer Inc., revealed Sunday that he had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his pancreas. He expects a full recovery.

He made a splash in 1998 with the release of a revamped and stylish iMac, which was followed by new lines of laptops as well as professional-grade computers and servers. In 2001, Apple jumped into the digital music player business with its iPod, which is now the most popular MP3 player on the market.

And last year, Apple launched the iTunes Music Store, which allowed legal music downloads after Jobs persuaded music companies that his technology was secure.

Jobs is also chief executive of Pixar Animation Studios, which produced "Finding Nemo" and "Toy Story."

Tropical storm builds along South Carolina coast

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tropical storm warnings were posted for parts of the Carolinas on Monday as the first named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season gathered strength and moved slowly along the coast.

Tropical Storm Alex was not projected to reach hurricane strength, with sustained wind of at least 74 mph, but it could get close, the National Hurricane Center said.

By late Monday morning, Alex's maximum sustained wind had increased to 60 mph with some higher gusts as waves washed across South Carolina beaches.

Alex was centered about 120 miles southeast of Charleston by late morning and was moving east-northeast at 5 mph.

Although no landfall was projected, Alex was expected to approach the coast. At sunrise Tuesday, it was projected to be just off Cape Lookout, N.C., said the Florida-based Hurricane Center.

Tropical storm warnings were in effect from the South Santee River, northeast of Charleston, to Oregon Inlet in North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Meteorologists said no significant coastal flooding was expected, although high water was possible in the North Carolina sounds. One to 2 inches of rain was expected in some areas.

One of the dangers associated with Alex was rip currents, which can pull unsuspecting swimmers out to sea, said Reid Hawkins of the National Weather Service office in Wilmington.

The storm comes just as loggerhead turtle eggs are beginning to hatch and members of the South Carolina United Turtle Enthusiasts were watching its progress closely. The group did not plan to move nests because they try to eliminate human contact with the eggs.

The 2004 hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, has started slowly. Only two seasons on record have a first depression forming later than July 31, but forecasters caution that has no bearing on overall hurricane activity.

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IN THE WORLD

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A firefighter carries a woman out of the Ycua Bolanos supermarket in Asuncion, Paraguay, on Sunday. A deadly fire broke out at the supermarket while it was crowded with midday shoppers.

Market fire kills 311 in Paraguay

Nation enters 3 days of mourning

BY PEDRO SERVIN
The Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Survivors of an inferno in a crowded supermarket said locked doors slowed their escape from the fast-spreading fire that killed at least 311 people in Paraguay's worst disaster in more than half a century.

Hundreds more were injured, many with serious burns, after the blaze swept through the multilevel Ycua Bolanos supermarket on the outskirts of the capital, Asuncion, while it was crowded with shoppers midday Sunday.

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> **Nicanor Duarte**
> President of Paraguay

Interior Minister Orlando Fiorotto raised the death toll to 311 after a search Monday morning at the charred supermarket. The Health Ministry said 276 people were injured, including 70 with critical burns or breathing problems.

Officials said it was the worst tragedy in Paraguay since a failed military insurrection in 1947 left some 8,000 people dead.

The heat of the blaze caused one floor to collapse, crushing dozens of cars in the parking lot below as flames engulfed the motorists inside, police said. Badly burned bodies, some with twisted limbs, were pulled from the debris Sunday as black smoke billowed overhead. Rescuers led away dozens of children found near the store's toy department.

"This is a moment of great anguish," President Nicanor Duarte said as he declared three days of national mourning. Classes were also canceled in Asuncion, and people jammed hospitals and clinics to donate blood.

Authorities said they had detained two owners of the supermarket for questioning about reports by some survivors that doors had been locked. A statement released by the management denied doors were locked after the fire broke out to prevent looting.

Police said they also were investigating survivor accounts the fire may have been fueled by an exploding gas canister in the food court area. Authorities said they still had not concluded what caused the blaze.

Fearful of dangers of working in the still-smoldering building overnight, rescue workers and firefighters resumed digging Monday, trying to work their way further into a crushed parking garage and food court.

Authorities warned they still could find further victims in the sprawling complex. The head of a volunteer fire brigade, Capt. David Rojas, said identification of many of the remains would go slowly.

Gypsies gather in Poland, remember dead of WWII

BY TONY CZUCZKA
The Associated Press

BRZEZINKA, Poland — Gypsies from across Europe met at the former Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp Monday to remember hundreds of thousands of their ancestors killed by the Nazis and call for wider recognition of the "Gypsy Holocaust."

The ceremony, exactly 60 years after the night the Nazis gassed the final 2,900 Gypsies being held in the camp, also heard warnings that the Sinti and Roma continue to face persistent discrimination, especially in eastern Europe.

"Like the Jews, the Sinti and Roma were brutally persecuted and systematically murdered with an inhuman determination," said Germany's envoy to the ceremony, Environment Minister Juergen Trittin.

"This genocide is part of our history," he said. "As Germans, we carry the historic and the political responsibility."

Although the exact number is not known, it is believed up to half a million European Gypsies perished at the Nazis' hands during World War II along with 6 million Jews.

On Aug. 2, 1944, the SS liquidated the Gypsy camp and killed most of the remaining inmates, including many women, children and elderly, in the gas chambers. Others were sent to German factories for forced labor.

The anniversary was marked Monday with solemn speeches and mournful music amid the ruins of dozens of prisoner barracks on a vast grassy area, still ringed by concrete fence posts and watchtowers.

"Auschwitz-Birkenau is a symbol of the genocide perpetrated on our people," said Roman Kwiatkowski, the top Gypsy representative in Poland.

"These crimes should be properly commemorated," Kwiatkowski said.

Convicted collaborators killed in Gaza hospital attacks

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian gunmen twice broke into a Gaza City hospital and killed convicted collaborators with Israeli intelligence, hours after they were brought for treatment of wounds suffered when a grenade exploded in their jail cell.

The dead were identified as Mahmoud al-Sharef, 52, and Walid Hamdiyeh, 42. They were killed in similar attacks a few hours apart. Gunmen pulled up to Shifa Hospital in several vehicles.

While some militants closed the street, others raced into the hospital and gunned down the convicted collaborators.

Hamdiyeh confessed during a 2002 trial to providing Israel with information that helped its forces kill Imad Akel, a founder of the Hamas military wing, in 1993.

Al-Sharef was convicted in 1999 of being involved in the killing of Mahmoud al-Khawja, the founder of Islamic Jihad's military wing, four years earlier.

Assassinations of collaborators are relatively common, but this one came amid growing lawlessness in the Palestinian territories that has highlighted police's inability to rein in violence.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, hundreds of Palestinians rallied Monday in support of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been under a barrage of criticism over lawlessness and corruption in the Palestinian territories.

The rally came a day after Arab newspapers published unusually sharp comments against Arafat by Mohammed Dahlan, a former Gaza security chief campaigning for reform in Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

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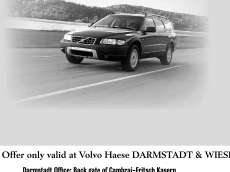

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Accidents shut down Diana's fountain

BY JANE WARDELL
The Associated Press

LONDON — It was meant to be the perfect tribute to the "people's princess" — a pool of water designed for children to frolic in, rather than a stark stone obelisk to be stared at.

But the hopes behind the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain in London's Hyde Park have been thwarted by a mixture of bad luck and apparent poor planning.

On Sunday, the circular moat lay drained of water behind a seven-foot-high link fence to keep people out.

"It's disappointing. We came to the park specially to see it and it's just a dry stone circle," said Australian tourist Ruth Petersen, 26.

The $6.5 million fountain, opened in a grand ceremony by Queen Elizabeth II less than a month ago, was closed indefinitely after three people, including a child, slipped and injured themselves while wading in it.

Environmental experts blamed the designers, claiming it should have been obvious that a granite moat combined with flowing fresh water would be a breeding ground for slippery algae.

Culture Minister Tessa Jowell criticized some of the visitors to the memorial for dropping litter, including diapers, into the fountain and allowing their dogs into the water.

Jowell said that the Royal Parks agency, which manages Hyde Park, is working to rectify the problems but future visitors will have to play their part.

"People have got to be responsible in the way they let their children play in the fountain," she told the Sunday Telegraph newspaper.

"The critical issue is that this is a memorial. I don't think any responsible member of the public would want to see people allowing their dogs in it," she added.

The ring of water, designed by American Kathryn Gustafson, was chosen ahead of 57 other entries as the permanent memorial for Diana in the capital.

Gustafson said her design reflected aspects of the personality of Diana, the "people's princess" known for her love of children who died in a 1997 Paris car crash.

Diana's mother, the late Frances Shand Kydd, was unimpressed. In 2002, she criticized plans for the memorial for a "lack of grandeur."

When the fountain was opened on July 6, other critics branded it a storm drain, a prophecy that came true a day later when high winds and heavy rain hit the capital.

The fountain became blocked with leaves and overflowed onto the surrounding lawn. It was closed for a few days for a clean up and Royal Parks assigned extra people to continually clear the fountain of debris.

Its reopening was short-lived. Royal Parks shut off the water again on July 22 after three people slipped, including a child who suffered a bump on the head and some bleeding.

Workmen have now roughened the texture of the stones to improve the grip and Royal Parks intends to carry out weekly cleaning with high pressure water jets.

Royal Parks said the fountain will remain closed until independent health and safety experts give their approval.

AP

Bethany Lucas, left, 10, and her friend Rebecca McConnell splash around after the July opening of the fountain built in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, in London's Hyde Park. On Sunday, the circular moat lay drained of water behind a seven-foot high link fence. The $6.5 million fountain was closed indefinitely after three people, including a child, slipped and injured themselves while wading in it.

Macedonians mark 'Statehood Day' at Serbian monastery

BY MISHA SAVIC
The Associated Press

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BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — In a sign of warming relations, Serbian and Macedonian leaders met Monday at a southern Serbian monastery that Macedonians view as the birthplace of their fledgling state.

The Macedonian delegation — headed by President Branko Crvenkovski — was allowed to enter the monastery grounds that had been informally off limits to officials from his republic for more than a decade.

He placed a wreath at the site where Macedonian communist officials met with their Serbian counterparts in 1944 to negotiate Macedonia's status as a republic in post-war communist Yugoslavia.

The meeting was crucial to Macedonia's position as one of six republics in Yugoslavia, which eventually led to full independence for Macedonia and three other republics after the federation started dissolving in 1991.

"It was here 60 years ago that Macedonia finally got its statehood," Crvenkovski said at the ceremony, describing his country as "a result of great energy of many generations, the fruit of great efforts and sacrifice."

He also pledged to bring his impoverished country closer to membership in the European Union and NATO.

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> Macedonia president

Serbia's Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica also attended Monday's ceremony, in a sign of improving relations between the Balkan neighbors, Serbia's state television reported.

The Belgrade government never seriously challenged Macedonia's statehood, but the Serbian Orthodox church, which runs the monastery, has expressed anger over Macedonia's split from "mother" Serbia and particularly by establishment of Macedonia's own Orthodox church, which it and other Orthodox Christian churches do not recognize.

Last year, Serbian priests turned away a top Macedonian delegation from the monastery.

This year's meeting of secular and religious leaders of Serbia and Macedonia came after the government put pressure on the Serbian church.

In another sign of improved relations, the Serbian officials were expected later Monday to make a brief visit across the Macedonian border to attend ceremonies organized by Macedonian authorities for the country's "Statehood Day."

Danish Army officer faces probe in denying water to Iraqi prisoners

BY JAN M. OLSEN
The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Denmark's government said Monday an officer with Danish troops in Iraq is being investigated over claims of misconduct that reportedly include allegations he withheld water to Iraqi prisoners and forced them to sit in a "stressful position" for long periods.

The unidentified officer has been ordered home to face the probe, Defense Minister Soeren Gade said. Both the government and military refused to disclose the officer's name, in line with Danish privacy rules, or details of his alleged misconduct.

Denmark has almost Danish 500 troops serving in Basra and nearby Qurnah, 250 miles southeast of Baghdad.

"It very important that we behave in a correct manner in Iraq," Gade said. "We got information that someone may not have acted by the book with prisoners so it was immediately decided to launch the investigation."

Citing unnamed sources, the tabloid Ekstra Bladet reported Monday reported that a military intelligence officer refused to give Iraqi prisoners enough water while they were being questioned and forced them to sit in "a stressful position for long periods of time."

Lt. Col. Hans-Christian Mathiesen, a spokesman for Defense Command Denmark, the country's top military authority, said the officer was ordered home July 30, two weeks ahead of his scheduled return.

Denmark, which backed the U.S.-led invasion to oust Saddam Hussein, has 496 troops serving in Iraq under British command.

Tue Magnussen of the Copenhagen-based Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims said Danes "have had an intrinsic belief" that they should combat torture by speaking out against it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get rid of death toll

Below are some of the sporting highlights in the July 22 Stars and Stripes:

■ Lance Armstrong comes one step closer to being a six-time Tour de France champion:

■ In Wisconsin, a man has eaten at least one Big Mac a day for a total of 20,000 since 1972;

■ Death toll for U.S. troops killed in Iraq hits 900.

In all wars, conflicts or whatever you wish to call it, people die. Would the media ever think of picking an area in the United States with a comparable amount of issues (such as gangs, racism, religious persecution, the mob, etc.) and keep a running tally of deaths?

Is it too hard to keep a tally of the positive things the troops do, such as schools opened, amount of families who now have a better/safer place to live, number of people who have received quality medical/dental help, or how about the number of children who did not die due to lack of food?

As an Army pilot, I have personally seen about 10 "bad guys" and one American soldier die or dead. Do you think you could start a scoreboard of how many times that soldier made a child smile, how many people waved as he drove by or how many times he was there for his buddies!

No wonder people want us out of here. The media on a regular basis reminds the country of the bad things that happen over here and not the good.

So, if you would please get rid of the death toll reminder or put it in the sports area with the rest of the scores for the day it would be greatly appreciated.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kenneth W. Wilson
Taji, Iraq

Media helping terrorists

In late February I returned from a 364-day deployment in Iraq, during which I served with the 3rd Infantry Division (3-15 Mechanized Infantry and 1-64 Armor) and 101st Airborne Division (Assault). I was extremely proud of the great work that the Army had done during the initial phases of the war. The achievements made by all military servicemembers, nongovernment organizations and true, caring Iraqi citizens during the time period between February 2003 and February 2004 throughout Iraq were truly amazing.

I have become very concerned and, at times, angry with the media. The great servicemembers of this nation are doing their very best with limited supplies and insufficient equipment under terrible environmental conditions. And what the media are broadcasting makes the mission even harder on our troops.

One of the major goals of terrorists is to draw attention to their cause. Terrorists know the only way to further their cause or achieve their goals is to instill fear into the hearts and minds of their enemies. Media and news agencies throughout the globe have continually sensationalized every terrorist attack to include public executions and beheadings, of U.S. and foreign citizens overseas. By televising such actions our media are feeding the fire to terrorist causes.

Our news agencies need to wake up and realize that they are only assisting these terrorist groups when they televise such things. I find it hard to think that we cannot shut down these Internet sites that broadcast messages and images of beheadings, or neutralize the Arabic news station al-Jazeera. Let's just nip it in the bud. Possibly they would be forced to recon with their biggest problem like real men.

I liken it to taking care of a crying baby. If you pick it up every time it cries, then it knows what kind of reaction it will get out of you and continue crying.

Sgt. Jared Maier
Mannheim, Germany

Be vocal about gas prices

According to "AAFES gas prices" (July 14), it seems that the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is making outrageous profits on its gasoline sales by tying prices to what consumers pay in the States. This policy allows AAFES to mark up its prices anywhere from $.78 to $.91 cents per gallon. This is unfair to servicemembers in Germany who have no other choice but to buy from AAFES, and really gives AAFES a black eye in the customer service arena.

But it seems that no matter how much we complain, AAFES doesn't care. Here's my suggestion to remedy this situation. Go to the Web site **firstgov.org**, click on "Contact Your Government," click on "Contact Your Elected Officials," and then click on "U.S. Representatives." From there you can enter a state and zip code that will automatically identify your congressman/woman. After filling in your personal data, you can then, in your own words, let them know how AAFES is blatantly price-gouging servicemembers in Germany on gasoline.

We understand that AAFES needs to make a reasonable profit, but how can it justify a profit of from $78 to $91 on every 100 gallons it pumps?

Master Sgt. Burl Stubblefield
Ramstein Air Base, Germany

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Shop somewhere else

While serving downrange, I enjoy reading the Stars and Stripes daily to keep up with news back home. However, lately all I hear about are people complaining about how the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is only interested in profit by raising gas prices.

If you are not content with the service that AAFES provides, go ahead and buy your gas on the local market. While you're at it, don't bother shopping at the commissary, shoppette, clothing and sales, or the post exchange either, since those are managed by AAFES as well.

Before you go around accusing AAFES of hoarding profits, why don't you go ahead and think about all the good AAFES is doing back home and downrange.

2nd Lt. Karl Chu
Camp Normandy, Iraq

Good for services to share

Being married to a Marine, I hear all the little comments the Marines make about the new Army battle dress uniforms and that they mimic the Marine digital cammies. I have two words for all who make these comments: Shut up!

First, I saw the new uniform when the command sergeant major of the Army came here and I can say that the uniform's colors, look and style are completely different from the Marines' cammies. So it is not the same. If the pattern resembles the Marines', so what? The last time I checked we are all on the same team, fighting for the same country in the same places, and I know that I want my fellow comrades to be as safe as possible when they are out in the field — regardless of what service they are in.

If the Marines had a style or pattern that was better and helped them blend in with their environment better or a fabric that kept their troops cooler in the hot desert, shouldn't they be glad to help out their fellow servicemembers?

If the Army did, in fact, copy the Marines, as they say, they should be proud that their innovation is spreading to other services and contributing to the overall safety of servicemembers.

This pertains to everything that the military does: If one service does things better, it should share. Sometimes pride goes too far.

Marines, your uniforms are still distinct and you will always stand out from the other services because of what you do with so few resources.

We respect you, so show a little respect back by showing that you can contribute your advances in the uniform department and do not need to return to first grade to learn how to share.

Nicole L. Kojetin
Torii Station, Okinawa

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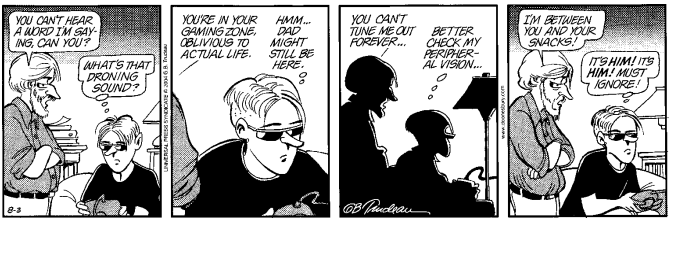
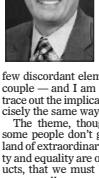
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Obama explained what makes America special

Jay Ambrose



Barack Obama came pretty much as promised, an impressive, eloquent, charismatic, super-bright politician on the rise, and more than that — someone whose keynote address at the Democratic National Convention espoused an idea of America that is sorely needed, whether you lean to the right or the left.

I lean to the right on most issues. Obama clearly leans to the left. I don't doubt that on many political matters we would differ.

Even in his speech [last week], I noted a few discordant elements — I will mention a couple — and I am sure he and I would not trace out the implications of his theme in precisely the same way.

The theme, though, is one that at least some people don't get — that America is a land of extraordinary opportunity, that liberty and equality are our most important products, that we must be self-accountable and communally responsible, that we in general hold such democratic values in common, and that what we hold in common is far more important than what divides us.

Obama's own life exemplifies the theme. He is the son of a Kenyan goatherd and a white Kansas mother who, he said in his speech, "shared an abiding faith in the possibilities of this nation" and named him "Barack, or 'blessed,' believing that in a tolerant America your name is no barrier to success." For him, it clearly was not.

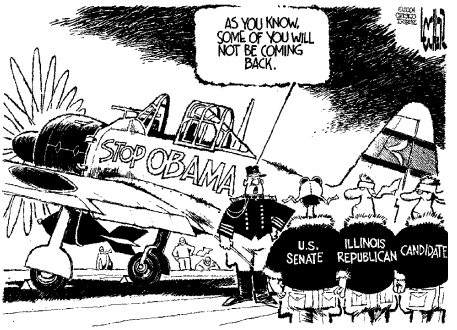
He went to Columbia University, moved to Chicago to work with church groups aiding the poor and then went to Harvard Law School, where he graduated with honors. He now teaches law at the University of Chicago. He was elected to the Illinois state Senate and emerged victorious in a seven-person Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate, exhibiting political talent many have said could conceivably take him almost anyplace in politics he wants to go. He has no Republican opponent at the moment, and looks likely, we are told, to become only the third African-American elected to the Senate since Reconstruction.

"I stand here today, grateful for the diversity of my heritage, aware that my parents' dreams live on in my precious daughters," said Obama to a national television audience. "I stand here knowing that my story is part of the larger American story, that I owe a debt to all of those who came before me, and that, in no other country on Earth, is my story even possible."

Tall, thin and looking more youthful than his 42 years, Obama emphasized our freedoms — "that we can say what we think, write what we think, without hearing a sudden knock on the door; that we can have an idea and start our own business." He spoke of social problems, but added, "The people I meet in small towns and big cities, in diners and office parks, they don't expect government to solve all their problems."

He also said that "alongside our famous individualism, there's another ingredient in the American saga," identifying it as a "belief that we are connected as one people." He said "spin masters and negative-ad peddlers who embrace the politics of anything goes" would have you believe there is a liberal and conservative America, a black and white America, but that such is not the case: "There's the United States of America."

He talked near the end of his remarks about hope, "the hope of slaves sitting around a fire singing freedom songs," for instance, and the hope of a "skinny kid with a funny name who believes America has a place for him, too."



Obama went wrong, I think, in making it sound as if the middle class is caught up in some terrible crisis. It isn't. There was a recession that was hurtful to some, but there is now a recovery, jobs are coming back and the middle class in America stands overall as one of the most privileged and prosperous groups of people in the history of humanity. He engaged in rhetorical overkill, to say the least, when he said: "America will reclaim its promise, and out of this long political darkness a brighter day will come." Long political darkness? I don't think so.

But what his speech affirmed is American exceptionalism, the notion that in important, worthy ways we are an exception to the rest of the civilized world. It is a notion that used to hold sway generally, but not quite so much these days, it seems to me from some of my reading.

Many academics and others seem bent on emphasizing our very real faults as if they are of far larger significance than our very real virtues. Obama, I think, got the emphasis right.

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We've axed the book on democracy to Cliff's Notes

BY BRAD ROURKE

The recent study by the National Endowment for the Arts that reveals a precipitous drop in book reading among Americans has many wringing their hands, but the trend is nothing new. We're a nation of people who can, but choose not to, read for pleasure.

But that's just part of the problem. Among those who reported reading a book in the past year, how many really did so and how many thumbed through it or just got partway? How many books are on nightstands gathering dust or being flipped through while Letterman rattles off his Top Ten? How many people will really read, say, the Sept. 11 commission's just-published final report? Even many of us who say we read books actually just skip through them, looking here and there for bits of information. In fact, we've become something of a skimming culture.

It's not all our fault. Everything is geared to allowing us to give only partial attention toward what is in front of us. There's a headline ticker at the bottom of my newscast. Three or more task windows are open on my computer screen at any time. I drive with a cellular headset in case I get a call. Look around at a stoplight sometime and count the number of LCD panels flipped down from the roofs of other cars — they're watching TV while driving! Microsoft, a company that has become one of the world's largest by knowing how people go about digesting information, has coined a phrase for the way we take in the world around us: "continuous partial attention." Their products are all geared to be usable under such circumstances.

There are those who worry about the fate of society in a nation of willful nonreaders, but I worry about the fate of democracy. The consequences of not paying attention are wide-ranging. In corporate America, it's become a problem that workers do not fully read the key corporate documents their employers put out for their benefit. Think "Enron ethics code" here. And in public life, details get missed.

Wrong impressions get formed. Headlines substitute for reading past Page One.

Total ignorance, one might argue, is, in fact, better for democracy than a partial ignorance that masquerades as knowledge. At least the totally ignorant sense their limitations. Skimmers, on the other hand, may well occupy the ranks of power and feel a mastery of the information around them. But in truth they have faulty intelligence.

After listening to the "executive summary" on their drive in to work or on the treadmill, they have a false confidence that they know what they need to know.

Little wonder that there is a call to declassify the one-page summary of Iraq intelligence prepared for President Bush before the invasion. (The sheet reportedly omits qualifiers and nuance, creating a much starker sense of the world situation.) The administration's refusal to release the brief document is based on the grounds that it's irrelevant because the full National Intelligence Estimate was released and, according to one official, "we expect people to read beyond one page."

But most people at home know that they themselves might have read only the cover sheet. They wonder: Did the president or his advisers flip past it, or did they stop after glancing at the Cliff's Notes?

Indeed, even the president's chief opponent, Sen. John Kerry, acknowledges that he did not read the admittedly lengthy NIE before voting on whether to grant authority to invade Iraq. Skimming, clearly, is a nonpartisan issue.

Sadly, sometimes it seems we are forced to wonder whether any of our leaders ever read their briefing materials at all. Before we blame them, though, let us look at our own habits, and ask whether we are really reading what is before us.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Quick Trips

Park it here

German landscape garden offers relaxation

BY MICHAEL ABRAMS
Stars and Stripes

A day at Schönbusch Park is whatever you make of it.

It can be a relaxing, laid-back day in the fresh air, or it can be a day of exercise and fun. Or, it can be both.

The park, on the outskirts of Aschaffenburg, is one of the earliest landscape gardens in Germany. Architect Friedrich Ludwig Sckell designed it in the English landscape style for the archbishop of Mainz, Friedrich Carl von Erthal, in the late 18th century.

In the park's vast fields, forests and meadows, von Erthal had a man-made lake and buildings, such as the Temple of Friendship, the Philosopher's House and an observation tower, constructed. Also built was a dining hall, a ballroom, a kitchen and an Orangerie, for citrus plants to winter in. Working quarters for servants, houses for shepherds and a tiny village — supposedly the ideal vision of rural living — were built, as was an artificial bubbling cascade.

To crown it all, he had Emanuel Joseph von Herigoyen build him a little summer palace on the banks of the lake.

Today, the park is open for the public to enjoy.

There are miles of walking paths through the fields and forests and plenty of benches to sit on and watch the world go by. Bring a good book and a blanket and spend the day reading and relaxing in a meadow.

Bring a bike along and pedal through the park. Most of the paths are open to bikes, and when you get out into the fields, you can ride at a good clip, mostly unencumbered by pedestrians.

Get a light workout rowing one of the boats on the lake. Of course, if you are there with a special friend, a boat ride can be very romantic. Perhaps one of you would like to read a little poetry aloud while the other rows?

There is a playground where the kids can blow off steam, and a maze for everyone to get lost in.

When it is time to eat, Schönbusch offers you choices: Pack your own picnic, dine at the bistro-café in the former working quarters with service and fancy food, or chow down at the traditional Bavarian beer garden next door.

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Schönbusch Park was designed in the English landscape style for the Archbishop of Mainz, Friedrich Carl von Erthal, in the late 18th century. To crown it all, he had a summer palace built on the banks of the lake.

Left: Visitors enjoy a break at the park's next-door beer garden. Right: Four of these strange, beautiful creatures guard the Rote Brücke (Red Bridge) in Schönbusch Park, on the outskirts of Aschaffenburg, Germany.

PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes

On the QT

Directions

Schönbusch is about two miles west of Aschaffenburg on highway B 26 heading toward Darmstadt.

Times

The park is open all year, but the palace is open only from April to September, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Mondays. The visitor center is open from April to September from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and German holidays.

Costs

Entrance to the park is free. Guided tours (in German) of the palace begin on the hour until 5 p.m. and cost 3 euros for adults and 2 euros for children. There is a park tour from July to September at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays. It costs 2.50 euros for adults and 1 euro for children.

For information on English-language guided tours, call the Aschaffenburg tourist office at (+49) (0) 6021-395801.

Rowboat rental costs 4 euros per half-hour from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and 2 to 6 p.m. during the week, when the weather is good.

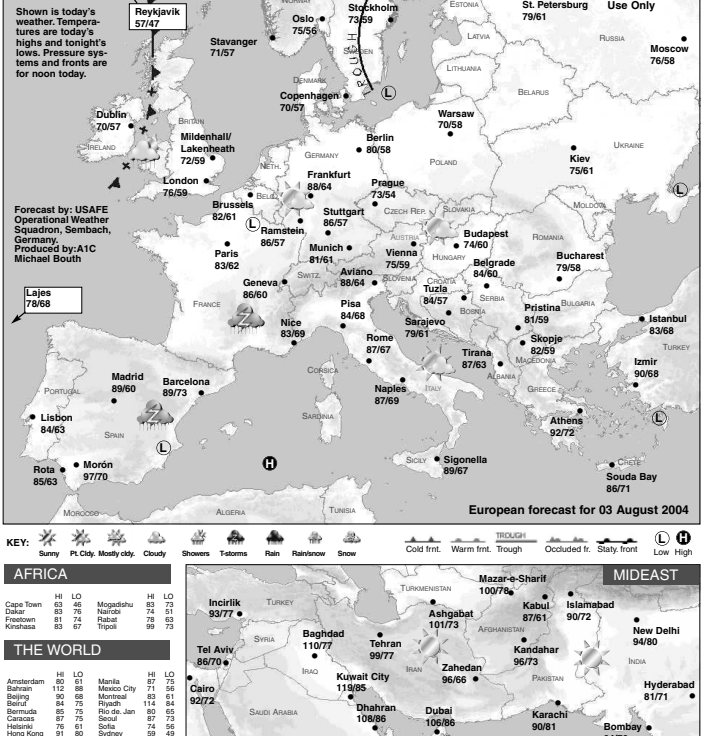
Food

There is a beer garden at Schönbusch Park, and a bistro-café in the building next door. The beer garden is self-service, while the bistro is more expensive but offers good food and service. You can also pack food, drink and a blanket and enjoy a picnic in one of the park's meadows.

Information

Check out the Web site at: **www.schloesser.bayern.de/englisch/schloss/objekte/as_sb.htm**.

— MICHAEL ABRAMS



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the lower 60s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the lower to mid-70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s to mid-80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

France: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the 60s.

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 80s and lows in the upper 50s to mid-60s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower to mid-80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-70s and lows in the lower 60s.

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

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

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

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the north. Highs in the upper 90s in the south, mid to upper 80s elsewhere. Lows in the lower 70s in the south and on the northern coast, lower 60s elsewhere.

Turkey: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s in the north, lower 90s elsewhere. Lows in the upper 70s in the south, upper 60s elsewhere.

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

AFRICA

	Hi	LO		Hi	LO
Cape Town	63	46	Mogadishu	83	73
Dakar	83	76	Nairobi	74	51
Freetown	81	74	Rabat	78	63
Kinshasa	83	67	Tripoli	99	73

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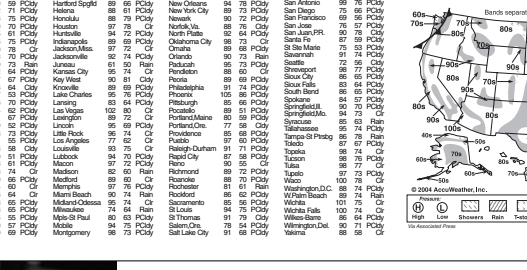

THE WORLD

	Hi	LO		Hi	LO
Amsterdam	80	61	Manila	87	75
Athens	112	88	Mexico City	71	56
Beijing	90	68	Montreal	83	61
Beirut	84	75	Riyadh	114	84
Bermuda	85	75	Rio de. Jan	80	65
Caracas	87	75	Seoul	87	73
Helsinki	76	61	Sofia	74	56
Hong Kong	91	81	Sydney	59	50
Lisbon	81	63	Tokyo	85	77

SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (London)	0521	0523
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0558	0600
Sunset (London)	2145	2144
Sunset (Frankfurt)	2105	2103

Last qtr. 08/07 · New Moon 08/16 · First qtr. 08/23 · Full Moon 08/30

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

	Hi	Lo	Otlk
Abilene,Tex.	97	73	Clr
Akron,Ohio	87	66	PCldy
Albany,N.Y.	86	64	Rain
Albuquerque	90	68	PCldy
Allentown,Pa.	87	65	PCldy
Amarillo	98	67	Clr
Anchorage	76	51	Clr
Asheville	86	64	PCldy
Atlanta	91	73	PCldy
Atlantic City	87	70	PCldy
Austin	99	75	PCldy
Baltimore	88	70	PCldy
Baton Rouge	95	75	PCldy
Billings	92	62	PCldy
Birmingham	95	72	PCldy
Bismarck	84	57	Cldy
Boise	89	60	Clr
Boston	85	68	PCldy
Bridgeport	85	70	PCldy
Brownsville	97	78	PCldy
Buffalo	80	63	Rain
Burlington,Vt.	82	60	PCldy
Caribou,Maine	77	57	Rain
Casper	92	56	PCldy
Charleston,S.C.	90	74	PCldy
Charleston,W.Va.	89	68	PCldy
Charlotte,N.C.	90	69	PCldy
Chattanooga	93	70	PCldy
Cheyenne	87	57	PCldy
Chicago	86	64	Cldy
Cincinnati	89	70	PCldy
Cleveland	87	68	PCldy
Colorado Springs	89	59	PCldy
Columbia,S.C.	92	71	PCldy
Columbus,Ga.	96	75	PCldy
Columbus,Ohio	89	70	PCldy
Concord,N.H.	85	61	PCldy
Corpus Christi	96	75	PCldy
Dallas-Ft Worth	100	78	Clr
Dayton	88	70	PCldy
Daytona Beach	89	73	Rain
Denver	92	64	PCldy
Des Moines	87	67	PCldy
Detroit	86	64	Cldy
Duluth	77	53	PCldy
El Paso	96	70	PCldy
Elkins	84	62	PCldy
Erie	81	67	PCldy
Eugene	79	52	PCldy
Evansville	93	73	PCldy
Fairbanks	71	55	PCldy
Fargo	78	58	Cldy
Flagstaff	80	51	PCldy
Flint	83	61	PCldy
Fort Smith	98	74	Clr
Fort Wayne	88	66	PCldy
Fresno	94	60	Clr
Goodland	95	64	Clr
Grand Junction	93	65	PCldy
Grand Rapids	83	65	PCldy
Great Falls	85	55	PCldy
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Indianapolis	89	69	PCldy
Jackson,Miss.	97	72	Clr
Jacksonville	92	74	PCldy
Juneau	61	50	Rain
Kansas City	95	74	Clr
Key West	90	81	Cldy
Knoxville	89	69	PCldy
Lake Charles	95	76	PCldy
Lansing	83	64	PCldy
Las Vegas	102	80	Clr
Lexington	89	72	Clr
Lincoln	95	69	PCldy
Little Rock	96	74	Clr
Los Angeles	77	62	Clr
Louisville	93	75	Clr
Lubbock	94	70	PCldy
Macon	97	72	PCldy
Madison	82	60	Rain
Medford	89	60	Clr
Memphis	97	76	PCldy
Miami Beach	90	74	Rain
Midland-Odessa	95	74	Clr
Milwaukee	74	64	Rain
Mpls-St Paul	80	63	PCldy
Mobile	94	75	PCldy
Montgomery	98	73	PCldy
Nashville	94	73	PCldy
New Orleans	94	78	PCldy
New York City	89	73	PCldy
Newark	90	72	PCldy
Norfolk,Va.	88	76	Cldy
North Platte	92	64	PCldy
Oklahoma City	98	73	Clr
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Rapid City	87	58	PCldy
Reno	90	55	Clr
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San Francisco	69	56	PCldy
San Jose	76	57	PCldy
San Juan,P.R.	90	78	Cldy
Santa Fe	87	59	PCldy
St Ste Marie	75	53	PCldy
Savannah	91	74	PCldy
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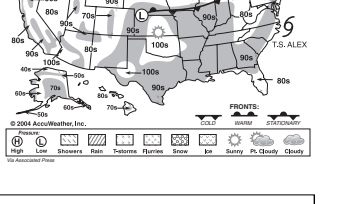

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Hiker rescued

CO ESTES PARK — A 4,000- to 5,000-pound rock fell on a hiker who was trying to climb it Saturday, but she suffered no broken bones in the mishap.

Judy Curtis, who had been hiking with a church group in Hell's Canyon, was freed by rescuers who used three air bags to lift the rock off her legs. Larimer County sheriff's officials said Curtis, who lives in Arvada, was alert and talking the whole time.

Greg Curtis, who did not see the accident, said his wife, 47, was in good condition at Saint Anthony's Central Hospital in Denver. He said she may have to undergo surgery.

"No broken legs, just real bad cuts," he said. "It's a miracle. The paramedic told me the only thing that saved her leg was a decomposed tree underneath her," which apparently kept the rock from crushing her leg.

Man escapes charges

VT BENNINGTON — The federal government will not prosecute the man who sent an envelope of crushed Vicodin from Arizona through the mail earlier this month.

"Once we discovered what it was, it didn't meet the criteria for prosecution," said U.S. Postal Inspector Mark Cavic. He said that only a small quantity of the drug was found. Vicodin is a prescription narcotic painkiller.

Cavic is one of only two U.S. postal inspectors in Vermont, and works in Burlington. He said that both the Scottsdale, Ariz., man who sent the envelope and the Bennington woman he was sending it to have been contacted.

The Vicodin was discovered when it puffed out of an envelope after passing through a sorting machine. Police then closed the Bennington Post Office, evacuated the building, and had employees wait by the loading docks while the powder was analyzed and found to be safe.

Freight train derails

KY ASHLAND — About 20 cars of a freight train derailed in rural northeast Kentucky early Saturday, hitting a natural gas line and forcing about 45 people to evacuate, state police said.

No one was hurt when the CSX train cars left the tracks in Beattyville shortly after midnight, state police dispatcher Rebekah Wright said.

Residents were evacuated because officials smelled gas leaking, Trooper Chris Yavorcik said. The evacuation order lasted only two hours.

State police closed an interstate and bridge, but reopened both within four hours, Yavorcik said.

Unsporting publication

PA BELLE VERNON — Two men were charged with publishing a 10,000-circulation dog-fighting magazine that decreed "champions" in the illegal competitions, raising gambling stakes and stud fees, authorities said.

James Jay Fricchione of New York state and John Kelly of Georgia were charged in a grand jury investigation stemming from the 2002 arrests of six people on dog-fighting charges in Pennsylvania.

They were each charged with two counts of cruelty to animals and one count each of conspiracy to commit cruelty to animals. In Pennsylvania, cruelty includes promotion of animal fighting. The charges are felonies that carry penalties of up to $15,000 and seven years in prison.

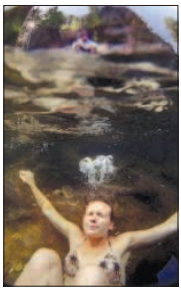
The magazine, Sporting Dog Journal, with subscribers around the world, was allegedly run by Kelly until he sold it to Fricchione in 2001, authorities said.

Preserving JFK recording

RI DALLAS — Archivists are trying to preserve and copy what they say is the only sound recording from the moment of John F. Kennedy's assassination, captured by a Dallas police motorcycle radio.

The recording came from a police radio stuck in the "on" position, which relayed sounds of the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination to headquarters where they were etched onto dictation belts. But the recording is too fragile to be played again and has never been authentically copied.

For years researchers have studied inferior copies. Some say the recording shows three shots were fired at Kennedy's motorcade, concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. But others say it shows four shots were fired and conclude Oswald was aided by a second gunman.



Ah, so soothing

The cool waters of Fall Creek, east of Lowell, Ore., prove the perfect refuge from the heat for Brie Scriber of Eugene, Ore.

Baby neglected

MA SOUTHAMPTON — A state investigation into the abandonment of a newborn girl left critically ill outside a town fire station determined the infant's parents both acted negligently.

No charges have been filed yet against the 17-year-old mother, who was identified by police a few days after the baby was discovered by a passer-by or the unidentified father.

Any charges that result would be filed once prosecutors and city police complete additional reviews.

The infant, named "Baby Angelique" by state workers, was in good health and living with a foster family. The baby will be placed with a member of the mother's family when the relative can clear up a scheduling conflict that does not allow daytime supervision of the baby, Monteiro said.

Breast-feeding popular

HI HONOLULU — Hawaii is the only state where women of all racial populations surpass a target of having 75 percent of mothers breast-feed their newborns, according to the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It found 91 percent of Caucasian mothers, 89.6 percent of Asian-Pacific moms and 79.8 percent of black mothers in Hawaii start breast-feeding.

State Deputy Health Director Linda Rosen said the number are impressive, but they represent only mothers who initiated breast-feeding.

"Recent studies have shown that the number of moms that have continued to breast-feed their babies drops to an average of 53.4 percent after three months," Rosen said.

Don't pop her bubble

VA ROANOKE — Arielle Rossmarino didn't walk away with the winner's $10,000 savings bond after a bubble-blowing contest on NBC's "Weekend Today" show on Saturday, but the 12-year-old from Roanoke felt like a winner just the same.

After all, she got to ride around New York City in a limousine, meet talk-show hosts, see a Broadway show and run wild through a candy store to the tune of $154.

Arielle blew a 15-inch bubble in her contest against other blowers, and said she had butterflies when she was given a minute, 45 seconds to blow her best bubble.

"I just tried not to blow very fast because it would pop more easily," she said of the outdoor contest in windy conditions.

The winner blew a bubble that measured 18 inches.

Safety department cuts

RI PROVIDENCE — Budget pressures are forcing the city police and fire departments to each pare 25 positions by not filling vacancies. The cuts are among 115 jobs eliminated from the city work force in the new budget approved by the City Council. The chiefs in both departments said they'll maintain minimum-staffing levels by relying more on overtime.

Derby winner

RickiLea Murphy, 12, of Mantua, Ohio, won a heat and went on to win the Super Stock division in the All-American Soap Box Derby at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio.

Triple the fun

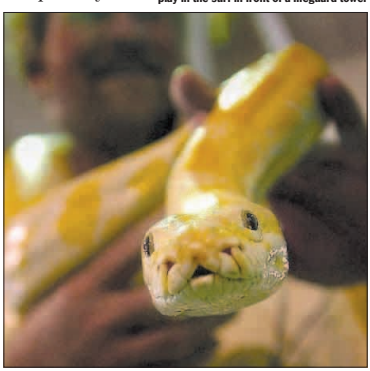
Laura Masuda, of Edina, Minn., ties together the legs of her 4-year-old triplets, from left, Hannah, Grace and Tyler, for a four-legged race, one of the events at the annual Triplet Connection Convention in St. Louis.

Fall guy

Chad Kiel of Pierre, S.D., flies off his horse in the bareback event at the evening performance of the Days of 76 Rodeo in Deadwood, S.D.

Swept away

The Breybant sisters — Danielle, 6, right, Amanda, 8, center, and Kim, 12 — play in the surf in front of a lifeguard tower at Jones Beach in Wantagh, N.Y.



Look into my eyes

An albino Burmese python looks at the camera during the Lowcountry Reptile and Amphibian Expo in Ladson, S.C.

Pick of the crop

Jorge Patino Jr., 10, reaches for a handful of Lambert cherries while picking the fruit with his family at Bowman Orchards in Yellow Bay, Mont. This year's crop is expected be bigger than last year's.

Rider on the wool

Vaughn Sparkman, 5, of Clute, Texas, hangs tight during his buzzin' mutton bustin' competition ride at Clute's Great Texas Mosquito Festival.

Plane crash kills four

AK ANCHORAGE — Four people heading to a fishing excursion died when their plane crashed near the mouth of an Alaska river, authorities said Saturday.

A Montana family was on board a Cessna 170 that crashed about 6:15 p.m. Friday near the Kustatan River on the west side of Cook Inlet, about 70 miles southwest of Anchorage.

The Cessna was about a half-mile from a landing strip near the river when it stalled, then went down on dry tundra, Alaska State Troopers said.

Troopers identified the dead as Broadview, Mont., residents Joleen Joy Dyess, 38; her husband, William Christopher Dyess, 29; and her daughter Taryn Marie Pitsch, 17. Also killed was the pilot, Christopher Copple, 43, of Kenai.

Vulture protection

MA GARDNER — National Grid USA, the power company that owns Massachusetts Electric Co., is spending $4.4 million to tackle what the company believes may be the cause of unexplained power outages in the state's electrical grid: turkey vultures.

The company is spending the money to put up spikes and other obstacles on its power lines and electric towers to keep away the famously ugly birds, which have tiny featherless red heads and a wingspan of five feet or more.

Turkey vultures can briefly interrupt electricity when they relieve themselves on the lines or when their wings touch two different electrical lines as they take off.

Veterans get cemetery

ID BOISE — Veterans, top military brass and politicians consecrated 77 acres of uplands north of Boise on Saturday, erasing Idaho's distinction as the only state without an official veterans cemetery.

More than 2,500 people stood silently as four A-10 aircraft soared in a missing-man formation and a replica Civil War cannon boomed from a nearby ridge top.

When it begins accepting remains in October, the cemetery will have room for up to 4,400 graves and 4,280 urns, plus an area to scatter ashes. It eventually will be able to accommodate 25,000 remains.

Height limits unfair

FL SARASOTA — The U.S. Department of Justice has warned Sarasota County officials that they may have acted unfairly against a Muslim group by limiting the height of their proposed mosque.

The County Commission ruled in February that the mosque could be no taller than 40 feet — a restriction not placed on 14 other houses of worship approved by the county since 2002.

The Islamic Society of Sarasota and Bradenton, which for 10 years has met in a private home, has a growing congregation and wants to build a 13,500-square-foot mosque it says is based on Islamic traditions that include two 80-foot-high minarets.

Islamic Society members say they had not complained to the federal government, but are celebrating the Justice Department's involvement.

Wrong landing place

TX LA MARQUE — Engine failure forced the pilot of a small plane to make an emergency landing on Interstate 45 just outside La Marque on Saturday.

James Robert Shawn, 43, of Pattison was flying from Galveston to Katy when his single-engine Piper Cherokee airplane started having engine trouble.

The engine went dead, and Shawn was able glide the plane onto the southbound lanes of the interstate about noon, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger. He then taxied off I-45 and onto the frontage road.

No one was injured.

Shawn was traveling with his 38-year-old brother Michael Shawn and his 2-year-old nephew, Socrates Shawn.

The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating.

Raising the ante

RI PROVIDENCE — Casino supporters and opponents promise to spend millions of dollars making their cases to voters.

State lawmakers overrode Gov. Don Carcieri's veto of a bill allowing voters in November to decide if a casino should be built in West Warwick by Harrah's Entertainment.

Harrah's plans an "aggressive educational campaign," costing at least $2 million and including new radio and television commercials, according to Jan Jones, a Harrah's senior vice president.

On the opposite side of the issue is Lincoln Park, which claims its video-slot business will decline if a casino is built. Park operators could spend "easily up to $3 million" on their own advertising campaign, spokesman Michael Trainor told The Providence Sunday Journal.

Voters "are going to be bombarded with messages," said Darrell West, a Brown University political science professor.

Cops' charges dropped

MI DETROIT — A federal judge dropped charges against the remaining seven police officers in a corruption case that once involved 19 present and former officers. Only three of the 19 were found guilty.

On May 20, a federal court jury acquitted eight Detroit police officers of charges that they conspired to violate suspects' civil rights by lying, falsifying reports and planting evidence.

Earlier, three officers pleaded guilty to reduced charges; and charges were dismissed against a fourth.

As a result of the May acquittals, the U.S. attorney's office earlier this month asked U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn to dismiss the charges against the seven remaining defendants. Cohn did so but praised the federal government's efforts.

Photos and stories from wire services

TOUCHSTONE PICTURES/AP

Lucius (Joaquin Phoenix) confronts the astonishing truth about the woods just outside the isolated village of Covington, in M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village."

Moviegoers crowding into 'The Village'

BY DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fright maestro M. Night Shyamalan scared up his latest No. 1 debut with "The Village," a tale of an isolated town menaced by bogey men in the woods. The movie had a $50.8 million opening weekend.

"The Village" bumped off the previous weekend's top movie, "The Bourne Supremacy," which slipped to No. 2 with $23.4 million, bringing its 10-day total to $98 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Denzel Washington's remake "The Manchurian Candidate" opened at No. 3 with $20.2 million. The update of the 1962 assassination thriller co-stars Meryl Streep and Liev Schreiber.

The weekend's other wide releases flopped. "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle," about two stoned pals on a comic quest for burgers, premiered at No. 7 with $5.15 million. The family sci-fi saga "Thunderbirds," featuring Ben Kingsley and Bill Paxton in an update of the cult TV series, debuted at No. 11 with $2.7 million.

With a budget of just $9 million, "Harold & Kumar" poses no financial hardship for distributor New Line. "Thunderbirds," which cost $57 million to make, could present a hefty loss for distributor Universal.

The industry enters the summer homestretch on a solid run, with three straight movies — "I, Robot," "The Bourne Supremacy" and "The Village" — debuting with more than $50 million. Coming Friday in the States is Tom Cruise's thriller "Collateral," and the following weekend brings the sequel "Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement" and "Alien vs. Predator," a potential sleeper success on the order of last year's "Freddy vs. Jason."

"The Village" was writer-director Shyamalan's second-best debut behind the $60.1 million opening weekend for "Signs" in summer 2002. Shyamalan's top-grossing film, "The Sixth Sense," debuted with an unremarkable $26.7 million but gradually climbed to blockbuster status with $293.5 million.

"Shrek 2" took in $1.3 million to pad its total to $432.4 million, passing "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" to become No. 4 on the all-time domestic chart.

Top 10 movies

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

1. "The Village," $50.8 million.
2. "The Bourne Supremacy," $23.4 million.
3. "The Manchurian Candidate," $20.2 million.
4. "I, Robot," $10.05 million.
5. "Spider-Man 2," $8.5 million.
6. "Catwoman," $6.1 million.
7. "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle," $5.15 million.
8. "A Cinderella Story," $4.7 million.
9. (tie) "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," $3.1 million.
9. (tie) "Fahrenheit 9/11," $3.1 million.

AFRTS Television Schedule

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2004

	AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00	Dr. Phil	Taina	Nightline	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series -- Pennsylvania 500, From Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa.	The Wild Thornberrys	Lizzie McGuire
9:30		All That	Corps News		SpongeBob	All That
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		Ed "The Offer"	ESPNews
11:30	General Hospital	Advisory Block				Pacific Report
12:00	Headline News	7th Heaven "The Anniversary"	The O'Reilly Factor		ER "A Saint in the City"	7th Heaven "The Anniversary"
12:30	Judge Judy					
13:00	Today K.d. lang; David Burke.	Movie ★★★½ "A Few Good Men" (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise. A Navy lawyer defends two Marines in a comrade's death.	Good Morning America	SportsCenter	The Residents "Life and Death"	Movie ★★★ "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island.
13:30						
14:00				MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	Movie ★★½ "First Knight" (1995) Sean Connery, Richard Gere. The evil Malagant threatens the peace of Camelot.	
14:30						
15:00	Arthur (EI)		Headline News			
15:30	Animaniacs	Pacific Report	World News			Pacific Report
16:00	Lizzie McGuire	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	EXPN 2Day X Games Preview.	Ebert & Roeper	The Tonight Show
16:30	All That					
17:00	Jeopardy!	Late Show		SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	Late Show
17:30	Headline News				SpongeBob	
18:00	ESPNews	Access Hollywood	FOX News	ESPNews	The Simpsons	Access Hollywood
18:30	AFN Evening News	Movie ★★½ "The Lost Battalion" (2001, Drama) Rick Schroder, Adam James, Adam Kotz.		Baseball Tonight	Happy Days	Movie ★★★ "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" (1989, Fantasy) Rick Moranis, Matt Frewer.
19:00	7th Heaven "The Anniversary"		FOX News	NBA Inside Stuff	Ed "The Offer"	
19:30				ESPNews		
20:00	Movie ★★★ "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island.	Movie ★★½ "The Woman in Red" (1984) Gene Wilder, Kelly LeBrock.	FOX News	Basketball Italy vs. United States. From Cologne, Germany. (Taped)	ER "A Saint in the City"	
20:30						
21:00			Headline News		The Residents "Life and Death"	Movie ★★★ "3:10 to Yuma" (1957, Western) Glenn Ford, Van Heflin.
21:30			Inside Politics			
22:00		The Hot List		The Hot List	Movie ★★½ "First Knight" (1995, Adventure) Sean Connery, Richard Gere, Julia Ormond.	The Hot List
22:30	Headline News	Headline News	Corps News	NFL Live		Headline News
23:00	The Tonight Show	Today K.d. lang; David Burke.	Lester Holt	Around the Horn		Today K.d. lang; David Burke.
23:30				Pardon the Intrrptn		

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2004

00:00	Late Show	(11:00) Today K.d. lang; David Burke.	Headline News	SportsCenter	(10:00) "First Knight"	(11:00) Today K.d. lang; David Burke.
00:30			NBC Nightly News		Ebert & Roeper	
1:00	Access Hollywood	Sesame Street (EI)	ABC Wld News	NFL Live	The Wild Thornberrys	Sesame Street (EI)
1:30	Movie ★★★ "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" (1989, Fantasy) Rick Moranis, Matt Frewer.		CBS Evening News	ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series -- Western & Southern Financial Group Masters -- Early Rounds.	SpongeBob	
2:00		Blue's Clues Art show.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		The Simpsons	Blue's Clues Art show.
2:30		Rugrats			Happy Days	Wheel of Fortune
3:00		Dr. Phil	Hannity & Colmes		The Amazing Race	Dr. Phil
3:30	Movie ★★★ "3:10 to Yuma" (1957, Western) Glenn Ford, Van Heflin.			ESPNews		
4:00		Oprah Winfrey	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	Andromeda	Oprah Winfrey
4:30						
5:00	Headline News	NBC Nightly News	BET Nightly News		Mail Call	NBC Nightly News
5:30	ESPNews	Judge Judy	Business Rpt.		Legends of Airpower	Judge Judy
6:00	Headline News	Access Hollywood	Larry King Live		Secrets of War "Battle of Britain"	Access Hollywood
6:30	Headline News	Guiding Light				Guiding Light
7:00	Sesame Street (EI)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown	ESPNews	Movie ★★★ "Primal Fear" (1996, Suspense) Richard Gere, Laura Linney, John Mahoney.	
7:30		General Hospital		Totally NASCAR		General Hospital
8:00	Blue's Clues Art show.	Larry King Live	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter		Between the Lions
8:30	Wheel of Fortune	Teamo Supremo (EI)				Teamo Supremo (EI)
9:00	Dr. Phil	Mechanics for Kids	Nightline	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	The Wild Thornberrys	Mechanics for Kids
9:30		Strange Days	Headline News		SpongeBob	Strange Days
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12:30	Judge Judy	The Bernie Mac Show				The Bernie Mac Show
13:00	Today Seth Green; Matthew Lillard; Dax Shepherd; Today's Fitness.	Fear Factor	Good Morning America	Boxing Tuesday Night Fights.	Mail Call	Fear Factor
13:30					Legends of Airpower	
14:00		Las Vegas "Groundhog Summer"			Secrets of War "Battle of Britain"	Las Vegas "Groundhog Summer"
14:30						
15:00	Between the Lions	Pacific Report	Headline News	SportsCenter	Movie ★★★ "Primal Fear" (1996, Suspense) Richard Gere, Laura Linney, John Mahoney.	Pacific Report
15:30	Teamo Supremo (EI)	The Tonight Show	World News			The Tonight Show
16:00	Mechanics for Kids		The Early Show	Totally NASCAR		
16:30	Strange Days	Late Show		NFL Live		Late Show
17:00	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	
17:30	Headline News	Access Hollywood			SpongeBob	Access Hollywood
18:00	ESPNews	Movie ★★ "Victim of Love" (1991, Drama) Pierce Brosnan, JoBeth Williams, Virginia Madsen.	FOX News	ESPNews	The Simpsons	Movie ★★ "Victim of Love" (1991, Drama) Pierce Brosnan, JoBeth Williams, Virginia Madsen.
18:30	AFN Evening News			Baseball Tonight	Happy Days	
19:00	8 Simple Rules		FOX News	Real Sports	The Amazing Race	
19:30	The Bernie Mac Show					
20:00	Fear Factor	Movie ★★★★ "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" (1936, Comedy) Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur.	FOX News	Basketball United States at Germany. From Cologne, Germany. (Taped)	Andromeda	Movie ★★★★ "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" (1936, Comedy) Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur.
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23:30	Late Show			Pardon the Intrrptn		

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Judy's in bloom

Funny girl Greer's career on the rise with serious turn in 'The Village'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fans of the Fox comedy "Arrested Development" will recognize Judy Greer for her recurring role as flighty, slightly insane secretary Kitty. Now Greer is playing another character named Kitty in a very different setting.

She's one of the frightened residents in "The Village," the new thriller from M. Night Shyamalan about an insular town surrounded by dark forces in the woods in 1897 Pennsylvania.

It's a big shift for the actress best known for her comic supporting roles. She played Jennifer Garner's mean-girl best friend in "13 Going on 30," Adam Goldberg's sidekick in the parody "The Hebrew Hammer" and Jennifer Lopez's ditzy assistant in "The Wedding Planner."

But she's also had some pivotal, serious roles: the waitress who becomes the object of Nicolas Cage's obsession in "Adaptation" and the mousy office clerk who's planning to kill herself, until Mel Gibson stops her, in "What Women Want."

With about a half-dozen movies and a TV pilot in the next year or so, including Cameron Crowe's latest, "Elizabethtown," Greer's career is very much alive. She talked with The Associated Press in a giddy, giggly phone interview from her Los Angeles home.

Q We can't talk about "The Village" that much — it's all very hush-hush to avoid giving away any secrets. But did you see the twist coming?

No! But I'm clueless. I had to watch the end of "The Sixth Sense" three times and I'm totally not joking. He's what? He's dead? I didn't see ["The Village"] twist coming and I was like, no way! He's totally outdone himself.

Q This movie is very different from the previous ones you've acted in. How did you prepare for it?

I don't tend to do a lot of preparation, which could change depending on what's expected of me. He had us come out two weeks early. We rehearsed, we lived together. We went to movie star boot camp where we learned about the period — different speakers in the morning would teach us class, then we rehearsed in the afternoon. We went swimming, canoeing, we lived in tents, we couldn't bring our cell phones. … I'll tell you one thing, you put on a corset, it changes everything. Right now I'm sitting on the bed cross-legged with a cup of coffee, hunched over. A corset forces you to sit up straight, and when you sit up straight it changes your character. It's the same difference between flip-flops and Manolo Blahniks — it changes the way you walk, and when you change the way you walk, you change the way you are.

Q Shyamalan told me he brought you in as comic relief, to provide much-needed levity. Was making this film sometimes unbearably intense?

We had so much fun! He's right about that — my scenes are funny. And then when we shot stuff that was not funny, we were still laughing, jumping up and down, running around.

Q Did it ever get spooky shooting out there in the woods?

There's one scene we shot many, many takes of, and in the beginning I was pretty scared but after a while we were back to our old antics. We were totally in the middle of nowhere in a great, big, giant bubble. It was like a scary movie biosphere.

Q When you were shooting "The Wedding Planner," was there just an insane amount of media and paparazzi following Jennifer Lopez?

It was actually worse for Jennifer Garner. "The Wedding Planner" was a long time ago. … I don't remember having problems with paparazzi at all — not like with Jennifer Garner. We were shooting in New York and it was insane. There was paparazzi taking her picture standing literally behind the Steadicam operator. She was going through her divorce at the time so she had to look all happy all the time — they were dying to get pictures of her looking sad.

Q When people recognize you, is it for "Arrested Development" or one of your movies?

I still get recognized all the time from "The Wedding Planner" and that was, like, five years ago, but it is on cable a lot. And when I get recognized for "Arrested Development" I'm like, whoever it is that recognizes me from that, I like. I think anyone who likes that show is smart and funny.

Q The show just got nominated for a bunch of Emmys, including best comedy, and it's coming back for a second season. Was that a surprise, considering that it's gotten critical praise but the ratings haven't been astronomical?

As [co-star] Will Arnett points out, it has the highest TiVo rating, if there is such a thing. … I guess I wasn't surprised it was coming back but a lot of people were. When I'm out and about and working, people talk about it all the time. I would have been shocked if hadn't come back.

Q The humor is so dry and deadpan — how do you keep from cracking up during shooting?

I haven't figured that one out yet, so maybe that's why I'm not a series regular. [Laughing.]

Q What else do you want to do that you haven't done?

I'm a little burned out. I need a little vacation. I'm doing a pilot — we'll be shooting it in October — called "Nearly Nirvana." It's about a white girl who lives with her Indian boyfriend and we're graduating from medical school and I find out I'm pregnant and he realizes he doesn't want to go into medicine and his parents come and move in with us. It's sort of my attempt at a leading lady role.

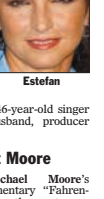
AP

Actress Judy Greer poses for a photo in her Los Angeles home on July 19. As she waits to revive her role as the slightly insane secretary on the second season of Fox's "Arrested Development," the actress reflects on her turn in M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village."

Estefan ready for tour's end

Kicking off her final concert tour, Cuban-American singer **Gloria Estefan** said she can't wait to spend more time with her family when it's all over.

"Although I feel very energetic and I'm really in great shape, it's like boot camp, being on the road, singing live," Estefan said.



Estefan

Her first stop in her "Live and Re-Wrapped" tour was in **McAllen, Texas**.

The tour concludes Sept. 25 in **Miami**, where the 46-year-old singer lives with her husband, producer **Emilio Estefan**.

Paper angry at Moore

Filmmaker **Michael Moore**'s Bush-basing documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" has apparently upset more than Republicans.

The Pantagraph newspaper in **Bloomington, Ill.**, said Friday it sent a letter to Moore and the film's distributor, Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., asking for an apology for using what it said was a doctored front page.

A scene early in the movie shows newspaper headlines related to the contested 2000 presidential election. It includes a shot of The Pantagraph's Dec. 19, 2001, front page, with the prominent headline, "Latest Florida recount shows Gore won election."

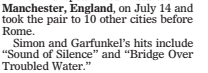
The paper said the headline appeared in a Dec. 5, 2001, edition but was not used on the front page. Instead, it was found in much smaller type above a letter to the editor, which the paper says reflects "only the opinions of the letter writer."

Get a piece of the mob

The family of reputed mob boss **Joseph Bonanno Sr.** is selling clothing that once belonged to the deceased gangster.

Bonanno died in **Tucson, Ariz.**, in May 2002 of natural causes at age 97. The family moved from **New York City** in 1968.

The assorted clothing, including designer ties, are being sold on eBay.



Art Garfunkel, left, and Paul Simon

Simon & Garfunkel farewell

With the Roman Colosseum as a backdrop, singers **Paul Simon** and **Art Garfunkel** performed a free concert Saturday before hundreds of thousands of fans to close out the European leg of their Old Friends tour.

Rome Mayor **Walter Veltroni** told the crowd that about 600,000 people had turned out for the performance.

The European tour started in **Manchester, England**, on July 14 and took the pair to 10 other cities before Rome.

Simon and Garfunkel's hits include "Sound of Silence" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Joyce Jillson

Sometimes, it's hard to get organized when the moon is void of course, but the Leo sun urges us to shoot from the hip, undaunted by such nuisances as preparation and planning. The result is, you just might get a lot done in a short period of time. You also might blunder in such a way that causes a lot of extra work. It's better than doing nothing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 3). You embrace your destiny this year! Mix and mingle through the next four weeks, getting to know more people who influence the goals you set and help you make them happen.

Love relationships require you to be flexible this fall — some of you will even move to be with a sweetheart. A windfall in May has to do with family connections.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Self-discipline is high, and even the most hectic of schedules happens in an orderly manner. You can get a team of people to agree to a solitary aim, and everything gets accomplished quickly, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Excitement is in the world of finance.

You come up with solutions to your money problems but are even more effective helping others. Why does it seem like romance cost so much money? Maybe it's the person you're pursuing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're right in tune with the times, as usual. But don't let your hip approach and need to be on the cutting edge lead you into the path of temptation. Be extra vigilant in guarding against your most destructive tendency.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever you volunteer for brings love into your realm. You're especially draw to a Virgo or Sagittarius.

Tonight, time with the family is nice or frustrating depending on whether or not you criticize loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel you can do anything. Make the most of this invincible mood. Your association with Sagittarius will help you improve your focus and direction. The most important thing is not to second-guess yourself once you've decided.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Events go as intended, but the faces involved change. Be open to letting people flow in or out of your plans. Accurate assumptions put you ahead in love and in business.

Join a group to enlarge your network.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The last thing you want to do today is anything that you should be doing. Breaking the rules is thrilling, and your rebel spirit seems to feed you with the energy you need to conquer your immediate obstacles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When your confidence is high, everything else about you clicks in. You become a magnet for interest from interesting people. Don't tell people how intelligent you are — show them. There's nothing worse than a know-it-all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Recent weeks have tossed many a fascination into your path, lending a broader view of the world. Since no one can do it all, let today be about choosing one or two prime targets to concentrate your energy on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A partner is very persuasive, but you should stick to your guns. Trouble follows any decision against your inner wisdom. You may have to pick up the slack for someone unreliable, and this really bugs you. Raise the standards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Persistence pays off. You could finally get a grant or loan, or put a stalled project back on track. In any case, you're the hero of the hour. You may not know it for several months, but what you do affects your career long term.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mind is quicker than you realize.

You often assume that everyone is like you, and that assumption is untrue. Never take it for granted that you are being understood. Go out of your way to communicate your thoughts.

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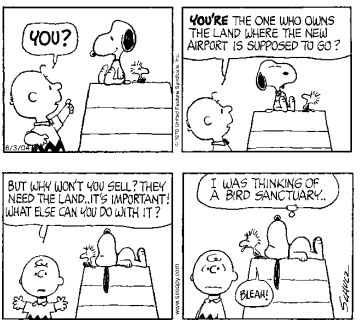
Peanuts



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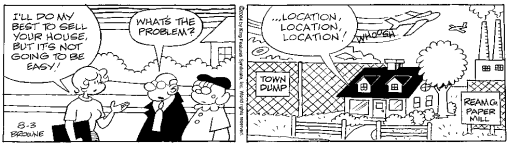

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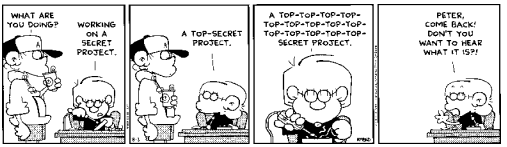

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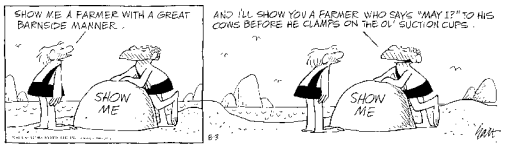

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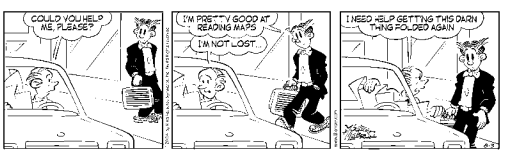

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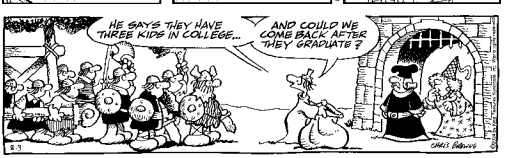

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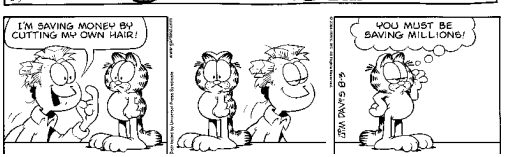

Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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Across

1 Stomach
5 Playing-card spot
8 Global septet
12 Emanation
13 Language suffix
14 Green stroke
15 Commotion
16 Aussie critter
18 Rug cleaner
20 Kitchen come-on
21 Placekicker's pride
22 Pismire
23 Pleasure craft
26 Monster
30 Carte lead-in
31 Predicament
32 Grecian container
33 Sternutation sound effect
36 Precipitateness
38 Tyrannosaurus —
39 Blue
40 Illicit affair
43 It comes after 23
47 Napoleon's downfall
49 Bear up there
50 Skip over
51 Oklahoma city
52 Group of devotees
53 Smaller
54 Crony
55 Hollywood clashers

Down

1 Elliot of The Mamas and The Papas
2 Old Testament book
3 Met melody
4 Cordiality
5 Tea type
6 Golfer Aoki
7 Nerd-pack occupant
8 Capital of Laconia
9 Modern-day coin
10 Teeny bit
11 Old portico
17 "West Side Story" group
19 Cauldron
22 "La Cage — Folles"
23 Tie up the phone
24 Milwaukee product
25 Jam ingredient
26 Resume
27 Clear the tables
28 Food scrap
29 Half and half?
31 Crafty chap
34 Oil-and-vinegar bottles
35 Munich mister
36 "Bali —"
37 Give as an example
39 Toaster's word
40 MP's target
41 Patrick Dennis' aunt
42 Elevator name
43 Pop
44 Pharmaceutical
45 Norwegian metropolis
46 Feedbag fill
48 You can't stand to have it

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	P	A	N	■	G	U	M	■	I	S	L	E
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8-3 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I FELL A WHOLE LOT WHILE I ICE-SKATED. I SUPPOSE I WAS ON THE RINK OF DESTRUCTION!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals N

Why living wills are a must-have

Dear Abby: In a recent column I noted the comments of a reader and your response concerning the need to have a will and a living will. As an elder law attorney, I feel strongly that my clients should have two additional documents in place: a health care proxy and a durable power of attorney.

I have, in my practice of the last 25 years, concluded that the single most important document a client can have is a durable power of attorney. Many of the issues that were raised in your reader's letter could be addressed if someone had a power of attorney. This document, like the others, can be as broad or as narrow as the individual giving the power of attorney wishes. It is not a relinquishing of authority, but rather a granting of parallel authority, and can easily be revoked.

In a similar fashion, a health care proxy provides the opportunity for someone to interact with health care providers should the incapacitated individual be unable to make his/her own decisions.

— Lawrence S. Graham, Greenville, N.C.

Dear Lawrence: Thank you for educating my readers — and me — about these important documents.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: Please remind your readers that a living will is not only very important, but a person should also carry a copy while traveling. My husband and I have "prepacked" copies of our living wills in our suitcase so they are always available. Imagine being thousands of miles from home when a crisis arises and those important documents are desperately needed.

— Anne M., Alexandria, VA

Dear Anne: That's an interesting idea. It never hurts to be prepared.

Dear Abby: I read with interest your response to the gentleman who was trying to convince family and friends to complete a living will before they need one. As a nurse for many years, I concur wholeheartedly. No one wakes up in the morning planning to have an accident, or a heart attack, or some other life-threatening condition. Too many times, doctors and nurses are faced with a family divided on what they "think" our patient would want — or not want. Combine this with the shock and grief these people are experiencing, and the situation becomes volatile.

— Former Surgical Nurse, Virginia Beach, VA

Dear Former Nurse: Thank you for speaking from the perspective of someone who has been in the trenches and seen it firsthand.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at **http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby**

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JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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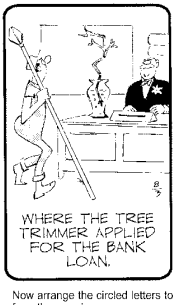

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: THE "_____ _____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXPEL MOUSY GRISLY CRAYON
Answer: What it cost the king to educate his sons — "PRINCELY" SUMS

Marriage satisfying without sex

Dear Annie: I am a newlywed, married for four months. I am 48, and my husband, "Gary," is 50. Gary is my dream come true — very affectionate and attentive. He's a hard worker and helps out with chores around the house and yard. He has a great sense of humor, and we enjoy being together, traveling, visiting friends, family, etc. We rarely argue. The only thing missing is a sex life.

We have been sexually intimate only once since we married. Neither one of us seems to be very motivated in this area, and truthfully, it really doesn't bother me. We are both attractive and fit, and my husband is the sexiest man I've ever known. We touch, tease and flirt all the time, but we don't feel it has to lead to sex. At this point, I believe I could live like this for the rest of my life.

Annie's Mailbox

Do you think anything is wrong with us? With so much emphasis placed on the importance of frequent physical intimacy, I am curious if others have successful and happy marriages in spite of the lack of bedroom frolics.

— Happy in Washington

Dear Happy: There is no law saying how often a couple must have sex. The only issue is compatibility. If you and Gary both are satisfied with your sex life, there is no reason you cannot have a long and happy marriage, regardless of how often, or how infrequently, you engage in intimate relations.

Dear Annie: My husband is retired and financially comfortable, but spends quite a bit of time at the local casino. He doesn't win much, but he thoroughly enjoys himself. I also am retired and spend quite a bit of money helping one of my daughters who is single with three young children. My other children think this is unfair. They say we are spending their inheritance. Are they right?

— Well-Off Mom

Dear Mom: You do not owe your children an inheritance. It's your money to do with as you please. We will caution you, however, that giving substantial amounts to one child and not the others (no matter how deserving) can build resentment and create a rift between the siblings that will never heal. Be careful.

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

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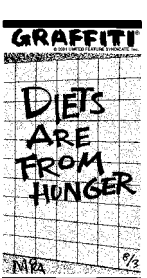
Family Circus

"Daddy's pictures will be better than these 'cause we'll be in them."



Dennis the Menace

"Y'KNOW WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT THE BEACH? NO MARGARET!"

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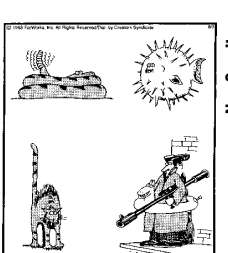
The Far Side



How Nature says, "Do not touch."

Non Sequitur

Gabino Cue, candidate for Oaxaca state governor, contends that he is the winner of the race Sunday in Oaxaca City, Mexico, despite poll numbers that had his opposition Ulises Ruiz in the lead. Cue accused Ruiz and state officials of stealing just enough votes to win. AP

Fox opposition claims two key victories in Mexican elections

BY JOHN RICE
The Associated Press

OAXACA, Mexico — The party that long ruled Mexico was claiming two tight but important electoral victories on Monday, holding the Oaxaca state governorship and taking back the northern metropolis of Tijuana that President Vicente Fox's National Action party has held for 15 years.

If the apparent victories survive opposition legal challenges, they would boost the presidential ambitions of Roberto Madrazo, leader of the Institutional Party, or PRI, ahead of the 2006 race.

The PRI held Mexico's presidency for 71 years before losing it to Fox in the 2000 election.

Hundreds of PRI supporters marched Sunday through the colonial heart of Oaxaca, even though the party was still trailing by several percentage points in the official count.

By dawn, with about 90 percent of the vote counted, the PRI's Ulises Ruiz led with 47.2 percent to 44.7 percent for opposition candidate Gabino Cue. The results will be legally certified within the week, likely determining a winner.

Cue insisted that he had won the election, accusing Ruiz and state officials of stealing just enough votes to win.

"The triumph is ours. … We are going to defend it vote by vote," he said early Monday.

Ruiz disagreed, claiming victory for himself.

Along the U.S. border, flamboyant gambling baron Jorge Hank Rhon of the PRI held an even narrower lead Monday morning. With 89 percent of the vote counted, he led 47.5 percent to 46.4 percent over Jorge Ramos of National Action.

A Hank victory would shock Fox's party, which has governed Tijuana and the rest of Baja California state for 15 years.

Baja California was the first state since 1929 to elect a non-PRI governor, preparing the way for Fox's historic presidential victory in 2000.

Oaxaca also is important because the party has lost several key states in southern Mexico, which has long been considered the center of strength both for the PRI and for Madrazo personally.

Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Squandering inheritances

CBS MarketWatch.com

BOSTON — Where there's a will, there are many ways.

Seniors who want to leave a legacy often think in terms of cold hard cash, for good reason. An estimated $41 trillion to $136 trillion will pass from one generation to the next between now and this century's mid-point.

But anyone who wants to create a legacy that lasts ought to broaden the definition of inheritance to address human, intellectual and social capital.

"It's a peculiar reality of all cultures," says Jay Hughes, author of "Family Wealth — Keeping It in the Family." "Wealth tends to disappear within three generations. It's deep in the human condition."

Hughes says there are four reasons why a sum of money left to heirs is often squandered.

First, money follows the second law of thermodynamics. The law of entropy suggests that everything (including a family's money) is proceeding back to a state of disorder or dissipation. One generation creates the wealth, another spends it, and by the third generation, the money is gone.

The second reason is that most heirs use an "if-you-do-this-for-us, we'll-do-this-for-you" approach to distributing their family's wealth. Attached strings tend to have a bad outcome.

Third, families that view life as a series of transactions tend to have trouble transferring wealth. By contrast, those who've succeeded in passing down their wealth, such as the Rockefellers and Rothchilds, viewed life as a series of long-linked transitions.

Fourth, most families tend to view themselves as families of blood rather than families of affinity. Families of blood often create closed systems that produce negative energy. By contrast, families of affinity create open-architecture systems that produce positive energy.

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Tennis

Acura Classic

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

Lindsay Davenport (4, United States, def. Anastasia Myskina (5), Russia, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles
Championship

Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Rennae Stubbs (2), Australia, def. Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, and Paola Suarez (1), Argentina, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Masters Canada

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

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Andy Roddick (2), United States, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles
Championship

Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (8), India, def. Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, and Max Mirnyi (2), Belarus, 6-4, 6-2.

Auto racing

Pennsylvania 500

NASCAR Nextel Cup Series
Sunday
At Pocono Raceway
Long Pond, Pa.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (14) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 200, $276,950.
2. (21) Mark Martin, Ford, 200, $142,825.
3. (20) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 200, $131,645.
4. (19) Greg Biffle, Ford, 200, $98,430.
5. (13) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 200, $121,728.
6. (28) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 200, $103,440.
7. (12) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 200, $105,827.
8. (15) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 200, $113,968.
9. (9) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 200, $92,490.
10. (5) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 200, $101,823.
11. (28) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 200, $84,740.
12. (33) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 200, $87,506.
13. (30) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 200, $103,457.
14. (6) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 200, $79,455.
15. (4) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 200, $94,290.
16. (2) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 200, $85,590.
17. (12) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 200, $99,423.
18. (1) Casey Mears, Dodge, 200, $82,215.
19. (25) Kyle Busch, Ford, 200, $67,029.
20. (35) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, 200, $68,265.
21. (39) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 200, $57,990.
22. (26) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 200, $82,877.
23. (36) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 199, $58,290.
24. (24) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 194, $88,032.
25. (16) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 193, $101,093.
26. (3) Kurt Busch, Ford, 192, transmission, $74,165.
27. (31) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 187, $64,615.
28. (10) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 177, accident, $63,965.
29. (17) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 175, accident, $98,373.
30. (7) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 170, engine failure, $61,640.
31. (27) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 162, transmission, $52,990.
32. (18) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 141, engine failure, $68,618.
33. (32) Jeff Green, Dodge, 128, engine failure, $78,890.
34. (23) Jeff Burton, Ford, 1 40, handling, $51,505.
35. (8) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 107, accident, $99,043.
36. (11) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 100, engine failure, $88,121.
37. (40) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, 79, engine failure, $51,900.
38. (37) Todd Bodine, Ford, 72, engine failure, $51,785.
39. (43) Carl Long, Ford, 44, too slow, $51,660.
40. (42) Jason Jarrett, Chevrolet, 40, handling, $51,505.
41. (41) Kirk Shelmerdine, Ford, 40, too slow, $51,365.
42. (38) Greg Sacks, Dodge, 19, vibration, $51,275.
43. (34) P.J. Jones, Dodge, 8, brakes, $51,459.

Race Statistics
Time of race: 3 hours, 57 minutes, 35 seconds.
Margin of victory: 2.138 seconds.
Winner's average speed: 126.271 mph.
Caution flags: None for 38 laps.
Lead changes: 16 among 10 drivers.
Lap leaders: S.Mears 0-2; J.Nemechek 1-31; J.Johnson 32-33; R.Rudd 34; J.Gordon 35-41; J.Johnson 42-84; J.Green 85; J.Johnson 86-100; D.Jarrett 101; C.Mears 102-118; J.Johnson 119-121; D.Blaney 122-123; J.Gordon 124-127; M.Martin 128-138; J.Johnson 139-161; K.Schrader 162; J.Johnson 163-200.
Point standings: 1. J.Johnson, 3,040; 2. J.Gordon, 2,808; 3. D.Earnhardt Jr., 2,773; 4. M.Kenseth, 2,623; 5. T.Stewart, 2,606; 6. E.Sadler, 2,504; 7. K.Busch, 2,481; 8. R.Newman, 2,472; 9. B.Labonte, 2,466; 10. K.Harvick, 2,420.

Michigan Indy 400

Indy Racing League
Sunday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2.0 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (6) Buddy Rice, Panoz G Force-Honda, 200, $100,400.
2. (1) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Honda, 200, $110,400.
3. (8) Dan Wheldon, Dallara-Honda, 200, $69,600.
4. (4) Sam Hornish Jr., Dallara-Toyota, 200, $56,500.
5. (5) Vitor Meira, Panoz G Force-Honda, 200, $51,600.
6. (9) Bryan Herta, Dallara-Honda, 200, $45,600.
7. (3) Scott Dixon, Panoz G Force-Toyota, 200, $44,400.
8. (7) Townsend Bell, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, $43,300.
9. (18) Scott Sharp, Dallara-Toyota, 200, $45,300.
10. (20) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Toyota, 200, $42,000.
11. (14) Alex Barron, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, $40,800.
12. (10) Adrí Dan Fernández, Panoz G Force-Honda, 199, $39,600.
13. (12) Darren Manning, Panoz G Force-Toyota, 199, $38,500.
14. (15) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, $37,100.
15. (16) A.J. Foyt IV, Dallara-Toyota, 199, $36,000.
16. (21) Felipe Giaffone, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, $34,900.
17. (2) Kosuke Matsuura, Panoz G Force-Honda, 198, $33,800.
18. (19) Jaques Lazier, Dallara-Chevrolet, 198, $32,600.
19. (13) Tomas Scheckter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 197, $32,400.
20. (22) Tora Takagi, Dallara-Toyota, 197, $31,300.
21. (17) Mark Taylor, Panoz G Force-Honda, 195, $31,300.
22. (11) Darío Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 123, engine, $31,300.

Race Statistics
Time of race: 2 hours, 11 minutes, 46.7517 seconds.
Margin of victory: .0796 seconds.
Winner's average speed: 182.113 mph.
Caution flags: Four for 24 laps.
Lead changes: Four among three drivers.
Lap leaders: Kanaan 1-125; Rice 126-127; Manning 128-131; Kanaan 132-189; Rice 190-200.
Point standings: 1. Kanaan, 400. 2. Rice, 343. 3. Wheldon, 311. 4. Castroneves, 280. 5. Hornish, 267. 6. Franchitti, 238. 7. Miera, 230. 8. Herta, 227. 9. Dixon, 226. 10. Manning, 216.

Golf

Buick Open

Sunday
At Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club
Grand Blanc, Mich.
Purse: $4.5 million
Yardage: 7,142; Par 71
Final

Vijay Singh, $810,000 63-70-65-67—265 -23
John Daly, $486,000 70-64-66-66—266 -22
Tiger Woods, $261,000 67-68-66-66—267 -21
Carlos Franco, $261,000 67-67-67-66—267 -21
Stewart Cink, $180,000 69-65-70-66—270 -18
Will Strauss, $156,375 70-67-68-66—271 -17
Jim Furyk, $135,000 66-69-68-68—271 -17
Jerry Kelly, $135,000 71-66-69-66—272 -16
Daniel Chopra, $135,000 68-68-66-70—272 -16
S. Verplank, $117,000 70-67-70-66—273 -15
Mark O'Meara, $117,000 67-70-70-66—273 -15
Craig Barlow, $94,500 69-69-72-68—278 -10
B. Pappas, $94,500 66-73-69-67—275 -13
J.M. Olazabal, $94,500 70-67-69-69—275 -13
Chris DiMarco, $75,500 69-68-73-66—276 -12
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Hank Kuehne, $56,700 69-69-68-71—277 -11
Glen Day, $36,450 68-71-71-68—278 -10
Justin Rose, $36,450 68-70-71-69—278 -10
Mike Weir, $36,450 69-69-70-70—278 -10
Woody Austin, $36,450 72-68-69-69—278 -10
Brian Gay, $36,450 68-69-69-72—278 -10
Olin Browne, $36,450 68-70-69-71—278 -10
Hunter Mahan, $25,600 68-68-72-71—279 -9
Danny Briggs, $25,600 68-72-72-67—279 -9
Bob Burns, $25,600 70-71-68-70—279 -9
Paul Azinger, $25,600 72-68-70-69—279 -9
Kenny Perry, $25,600 69-69-72-69—279 -9
Brett Quigley, $25,600 72-68-69-70—279 -9
Neal Lancaster, $25,600 71-68-70-70—279 -9
Scott McCarron, $25,600 68-69-72-70—279 -9
Steve Allan, $25,600 67-72-68-72—279 -9
Tom Byrum, $19,350 71-69-72-68—280 -8
P. Sheehan, $19,350 71-69-70-70—280 -8
Matt Gogel, $19,350 68-68-69-75—280 -8
Bill Glasson, $17,550 75-63-71-72—281 -7
Mark Calcavecchia, $17,550 70-69-70-72—281 -7
Jay Williamson, $13,410 70-69-72-71—282 -6
Robert Damron, $13,410 67-71-73-71—282 -6
Jeff Brehaut, $13,410 70-69-72-71—282 -6
Larry Mize, $13,410 70-70-71-71—282 -6
Jason Dufner, $13,410 71-69-70-72—282 -6
Tom Pernice, Jr., $13,410 70-70-69-73—282 -6
Steve Flesch, $13,410 69-69-73-73—282 -6
David Peoples, $13,410 66-71-71-74—282 -6
Dan Forsman, $13,410 69-69-71-73—282 -6
M. Gronberg, $10,553 69-71-73-70—283 -5
Greg Chalmers, $10,553 69-70-73-71—283 -5
Pat Bates, $10,553 70-65-74-74—283 -5
Carl Pettersson, $10,080 69-71-73-71—284 -4
John E. Morris, $10,080 70-70-73-71—284 -4
R. Thatcher, $10,080 69-71-72-72—284 -4
Pat Perez, $10,080 69-71-73-71—284 -4
Dan Olsen, $10,080 72-68-70-74—284 -4
Lucas Glover, $9,765 69-71-74-71—285 -3
Steve Stricker, $9,765 69-71-71-74—285 -3
Bill Haas, $9,585 72-65-76-72—285 -3
Joe Ogilvie, $9,585 73-67-72-74—286 -2
J.L. Lewis, $9,405 72-67-75-73—287 -1
Robert Gamez, $9,405 70-69-76-72—287 -1
D. Morland IV, $9,180 70-70-78-70—288 E
Mike Grob, $9,180 69-73-74-72—288 E
Ken Duke, $9,180 69-71-77-71—288 E
Len Mattiace, $9,000 69-73-76-72—290 +1
Hideto Tanihara, $8,910 73-67-77-74—291 +3

Women's British Open

Sunday
At The Old Course at Sunningdale
Berkshire, England
Purse: $1.6 million
Yardage: 6,502; Par: 72
Final

Hee-Won Jung, $280,800 65-70-70-64—269 -19
Rachel Teske, $181,800 70-69-65-70—274 -14
Heather Bowie, $127,200 70-69-69-67—275 -13
Lorena Ochoa, $99,990 69-71-66-70—276 -12
Mi Hyang Lee, $83,000 70-67-70-70—277 -11
Giulia Sergas, $72,114 72-71-67-67—277 -11
Beth Bauer, $72,114 69-69-71-68—277 -11
Jung Yeon Lee, $52,722 67-72-70-69—278 -10
M. Rosales, $52,722 70-69-69-70—278 -10
Laura Davies, $52,722 70-69-69-70—278 -10
Pat Hurst, $41,814 72-72-66-69—279 -9
Cristie Kerr, $41,814 69-73-63-74—279 -9
Grace Park, $28,918 71-70-69-70—280 -8
Meaghan Francis, $28,918 72-68-69-71—280 -8
Carin Koch, $28,918 70-70-70-70—280 -8
Christina Kim, $28,918 73-66-68-73—280 -8
Laura Diaz, $28,918 70-69-70-71—280 -8
A. Sorenstam, $28,918 68-71-70-73—280 -8
Natalie Gulbis, $28,918 68-71-70-71—280 -8
Paula Marti, $19,918 71-69-69-72—281 -7
Se Ri Pak, $22,271 73-70-69-69—281 -7
Michelle Estill, $22,271 70-72-68-71—281 -7
Annie Song, $18,144 72-70-70-70—282 -6
Jeong Jang, $20,453 70-68-73-71—282 -6
Juli Inkster, $18,144 71-75-69-69—284 -4
Toshimi Kimura, $18,544 70-75-68-70—283 -5
Seol-Ae Jang, $18,544 70-69-73-71—283 -5
Alison Nicholas, $17,180 75-71-70-69—285 -3
Candie Kung, $16,226 73-69-71-72—286 -2
C. Matthew, $16,226 68-74-68-76—286 -2
Gloria Park, $14,452 72-74-72-69—287 -1
Kirsty Taylor, $14,453 72-71-69-75—287 -1
Wendy Doolan, $14,453 71-72-74-70—287 -1
Natascha Fuhr, $14,453 72-70-73-72—287 -1
Soo-Yun Kang, $12,726 71-74-74-69—288 +1
Becky Morgan, $12,726 74-72-69-73—288 +1
J. Rosales, $12,726 75-70-70-73—288 E

U.S. Senior Open

Sunday
At Bellerive Country Club
St. Louis
Purse: $2.6 million
Yardage: 7,117; Par: 71
Final Round
a-amateur

Peter Jacobsen, $470,000 65-70-69-68—272 -12
Hale Irwin, $280,000 71-67-67-68—273 -11
Jay Haas, $149,919.50 67-70-69-69—275 -9
Tom Kite, $149,919.50 69-68-65-72—274 -10
Bob Gilder, $95,702 68-69-67-71—275 -9

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
MetroStars	8	8	3	27	33	34
Columbus	6	5	6	24	18	18
D. United	5	7	5	20	21	20
Chicago	4	8	7	19	19	24
New England	3	8	6	15	18	27

Western Conference

Los Angeles	9	5	6	33	35	28
Kansas City	9	5	5	32	28	18
Colorado	6	5	8	26	16	17
Dallas	7	6	5	26	23	25
San Jose	5	6	6	21	28	26

NOTE: Three points for shootout win, one point for tie.

Saturday's game
Eastern Conference 3, Western Conference 2, All-Star Game

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

Sunday, Aug. 8
Los Angeles at MetroStars

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	2	.867	—
Connecticut	13	14	.481	1
Detroit	11	14	.440	2½
Charlotte	12	13	.480	1
Washington	12	14	.462	1½
Indiana	7	19	.269	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	7	.731	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	1½
Minnesota	15	11	.577	4
Phoenix	12	13	.480	6½
Sacramento	12	13	.480	6½
Houston	12	15	.462	7
San Antonio	6	20	.231	13

Sunday's games
Washington 82, Phoenix 62
Minnesota 59, Detroit 58
Seattle 87, Charlotte 55

Monday's games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's games
No games scheduled

Thursday's game
WNBA All-Star stars vs. U.S. Nationals at New York

Deals

Weekend transactions

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired SS Orlando Cabrera from Montreal and 1B Doug Mientkiewicz from Minnesota, sent SS Nomar Garciaparra, OF Matt Murton and cash to the Chicago Cubs, who sent SS Alex Gonzalez, RHP Francisco Cabrera, INF Brendan Harris to Montreal and LHP Justin Jones to Minnesota. Acquired OF Doug Mirabelli from Los Angeles for OF Henri Stanley. Optioned INF Andy Dominique to Pawtucket of the IL.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Purchased the contract of RHP Wilton Guerrero from Omaha of the PCL.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Traded RHP Jon Contreras and cash to the Chicago White Sox for RHP Esteban Loaiza. Recalled OF Bubba Crosby from Columbus of the IL.

OAKLAND athletics—Activated INF Esteban German from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Ramon Castro to Midland of the Texas League.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Optioned INF Ramon Santiago to Tacoma of the PCL. Called up HP Jose Lopez from Tacoma.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Called up SS B.J. Upton and recalled RHP Damian Rolls from Durham of the IL. Optioned INF Jorge Cantu and OF Joey Gathright to Durham.

TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of LHP Mark Petkovsek from Oklahoma of the PCL. Optioned LHP Sam Narron to Oklahoma.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated LHP Sam McConnell to Richmond of the IL. Transferred RHP Horacio Ramirez from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.

CHICAGO CUBS—Activated RHP Ryan Dempster from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Todd Wellemeyer to Iowa of the PCL.

CINCINNATI REDS—Activated OF Jason Romano from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Traded OF Abraham Nunez to Kansas City for RHP Rudy Seanez. Acquired RHP Ismael Valdez from San Diego for RHP Vicente Zeck. Optioned LMaiT Treiber to Albuquerque of the PCL.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Acquired CF Steve Finley and C Brent Mayne from Arizona for C Kelvin Gil. Placed Wes Helms from Fort Worth for cash and a player to be named. Sent RHP Mark Sweeney to Mets.

EDINBURG ROADRUNNERS—Signed INF Aldo Alonso.

Northeast League

BANGOR LUMBERJACKS—Released INF Carlos Dominguez.

BROCKTON ROX—Released RHP Orlando Encarnacion.

ELMIRA PIONEERS—Released C Jeff Funaro.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY CUTTERS—Signed LHP Buddy Bumbry.

NEW JERSEY JACKALS—Claimed INF Gavin Fingleson off waivers from New Haven.

NORTH SHORE SPIRIT—Signed INF Tanner Wootan.

Northern League

LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed LHP Matt Haverty.

ST. PAUL SAINTS—Signed LHP Cesar Marquez.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released C Pete Kendall. Waived OL Kendrick Rogers.

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR Lee Evans to a three-year contract and QB J.P. Losman to a five-year contract. Released CB Khalil Carter.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed RB Dee Brown. Waived LB David Moretti.

DETROIT—Agreed to terms with WR Roy Williams on a five-year contract.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed DL Corey Williams. Waived LB Armegis Spearman.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Placed T Bernie Kosar, S Ramon Walker and QB B.J. Symons on the physically-unable-to-perform list.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed CB Will Poole. Waived CB Meseole Louisdor.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Agreed to terms with DE Will Smith on a six-year contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed DL Oliver Bowman. Placed TE Jerame Tuman on the physically-unable-to-perform list.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed DE Igor Olshansky.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived WR-KR Wendell Williams.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed WR Damearne Douglas, K Ola Kimrin and DB Ryan Clark. Placed S Will Harris on the physical-physically-unable-to-perform list. Waived DB Dennard Wilson and OL Quinn Christensen.

Canadian Football League

CALGARY STAMPEDERS—Fired John Jenkins, offensive coordinator.

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Agreed to terms with F Rob Niedermayer on a one-year contract.

BUFFALO SABRES—Re-signed C Tim Connolly, G Mika Noronen and D Rory Fitzpatrick to one-year contracts.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Agreed to terms with RW Pavel Brendl, RW Radim Vrbata and D Allan Rourke on one-year contracts.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with F Sean Avery on a two-year contract extension.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Re-signed F Stephen Peat, G Maxime Ouellet and D Dwayne Zinger to one-year contracts.

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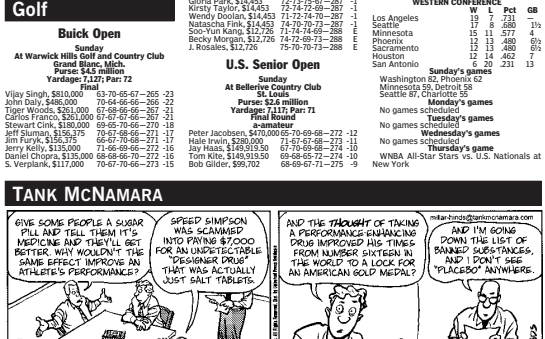

AP

Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) works an agility drills Saturday at the team's training facility.

So far, Owens is happy camper

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Terrell Owens argued with coaches, criticized teammates and threw tantrums whenever he was unhappy in San Francisco.

The four-time Pro Bowl wide receiver knows those antics won't be tolerated in Philadelphia. It doesn't mean he wants the ball any less.

"They brought me here to make plays," Owens said Sunday. "They wouldn't have brought me here otherwise. They know the talent I have."

The flamboyant, outspoken Owens came to the Eagles in a three-team trade with the 49ers and Baltimore Ravens in March. He gives quarterback Donovan McNabb the No. 1 target he's sorely lacked, and could be the final piece the offense needs to get to the Super Bowl after three straight losses in the NFC championship game.

Owens averaged 93 receptions, 1,316 yards and 13 touchdowns the past four seasons while feuding with teammates, coaches, the 49ers' front office and the media. Philadelphia's starting receivers last year — James Thrash and Todd Pinkston — combined for 85 catches, 1,133 yards and three TDs.

But Eagles coach Andy Reid prefers a balanced attack on offense, spreading the ball around to multiple receivers and running the ball often.

"I'm pretty sure that I'm not going to get a lot of balls like I got in San Francisco, but it's the ones that I get that I make due with," Owens said. "A lot of people criticize me about griping about not getting a lot of passes and having 100-catch seasons. I've only had one 100-catch season. I can do with 80 catches what a guy can do with 100 catches."

Owens' relationship with McNabb already is better than the one he had with former 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia. Owens spent time in the offseason at McNabb's home in Arizona, working on pass routes and getting to know the four-time Pro Bowl quarterback.

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> **Terrell Owens**
> Eagles WR

"He likes to have a good time," Owens said. "I've noticed how he has brought a little character out of me. I can be known as a little serious or a little standoffish but I like to have fun. With a guy like Donovan, he definitely rubs off on me a little bit."

McNabb has made it known he won't let Owens get out of line.

"It is good to have an ego and be confident in yourself, but it is bad to have an ego when you're trying to express it to all the guys around you," McNabb said. "I don't think we have that problem."

After eight sometimes controversial seasons with San Francisco, Owens was supposed to become a free agent March 3. But his agent, David Joseph, failed to file papers voiding the final years of his contract by a Feb. 21 deadline.

The 49ers then dealt Owens to the Ravens on March 4, after he had agreed to a contract with the Eagles. Owens protested the trade and insisted he wanted to play in Philadelphia. The three teams agreed to a trade before an arbitrator could rule on the case.

Several Ravens, including star linebacker Ray Lewis, were upset by Owens' decision. Lewis even warned Owens not to go over the middle when the teams play a preseason game in Philadelphia on Aug. 20.

Owens isn't worried.

"I made my living across the middle, so it doesn't bother me," he said. "He's not the hardest hitter to play the game of football, although he's definitely a great talent."

Owens set an NFL record with 20 receptions in a game against Chicago on Dec. 17, 2000, and joins Indianapolis' Marvin Harrison as the only receivers with more than 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns over the past four seasons.

But Owens' behavior sometimes overshadowed his accomplishments.

Two years ago, he pulled out a pen and signed a ball after scoring a touchdown in Seattle. He wasn't fined for the move, but was severely chastised by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who said he would be disciplined for future stunts.

Owens also once precipitated a melee during a game by dancing on the Dallas Cowboys' star at midfield of Texas Stadium after scoring.

He threw a sideline tantrum during a game against Cleveland last season, and lost it again the following week against Minnesota, chewing out offensive coordinator Greg Knapp after the 49ers were stopped on a fourth-and-1 running play.

In his first news conference at training camp, the stoic Reid warned that players have to "check" their egos at the door, a possible reference to Owens' personality.

"I've never really thought of myself as having an ego," Owens said. "I've always found myself as having a lot of confidence. I know I have a lot of great ability. I know what I bring to the table."

No. 3 pick Fitzgerald signs with Cardinals

The Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, the third overall pick in April's NFL Draft, agreed to a six-year contract worth up to $60 million with the Arizona Cardinals on Monday.

About $20 million is guaranteed money, said a source close to the negotiations, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Fitzgerald missed Monday morning's practice in pads, but was expected for the afternoon half of the first two-a-days of training camp.

The agreement came four days after quarterback Eli Manning and offensive lineman Robert Gallery, the only players drafted ahead of Fitzgerald in April, signed with their teams. Manning also received a $20 million signing bonus from the New York Giants.

Fitzgerald, a former ball boy for Minnesota when new Cardinals coach Dennis Green was coaching the Vikings, left the University of Pittsburgh after his sophomore year. In 26 college games, he finished third in Pitt history in catches (161) and fourth in yards receiving (2,677).

The 6-foot-2, 223-pound wide-out, considered one of the most physical and gifted receivers to come out of college in years, was Green's choice for the first round selection from the time Green agreed in January to coach the Cardinals.

The Cardinals were criticized for passing up the quarterbacks available, but Green never wavered.

Cardinals release starting center Kendall

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals released center Pete Kendall on Sunday, less than three weeks after new coach Dennis Green installed the eight-year veteran as a starter.

Kendall, who signed with Arizona as an unrestricted free agent in 2001, started 23 games at left guard his first two years with the Cardinals and 13 at center last season. After separating a shoulder Dec. 7 at San Francisco, Kendall got in on just one play in the final three contests.

Green sidestepped questions about why Kendall was dropped and whether the move was related to player complaints about the intensity of summer workouts.

The NFL made the Cardinals forfeit their final week of workouts last month after a group of players complained to the union that the team had violated league rules by working the players too hard.

Green, hired to rebuild a 4-12 team after coach Dave McGinnis was fired, said he wasn't going after whistleblowers.

"From the very first day, I've said that the team has not played as well as they could play, and that's the team," Green said. "Along that way, no one should be surprised at anything."

NFL Camps

Green was critical of Arizona's offensive line after watching last season's game film.

He already demoted tackle L.J. Shelton from the first unit.

CB Carroll signs with Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers signed their first-round draft pick, cornerback Ahmad Carroll, on Monday just before veterans reported for the official start of training camp.

Carroll, the 25th overall selection from Arkansas, will compete for a starting job.

Mike McKenzie, the starter on the left side for the past five seasons, is holding out and is seeking a trade. McKenzie, who has three years left on his contract, is subject to daily fines of $5,000 during his absence.

Lions sign top pick Williams

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Receiver Roy Williams arrived in Lions camp Sunday after agreeing to a five-year deal with Detroit.

Williams, the seventh overall pick out of Texas, was the only player who did not report when the team began training camp Friday. He did not take part in practice Sunday but will be in uniform on Monday.

Sunday was the first time the Lions practiced in full pads since last season. Rookie running back Kevin Jones took some of the hardest hits of the day, but wasn't backing down. He knocked over cornerback Dre Bly at the end of one play. He said being a marked man is somewhat of a confidence booster.

"It feels good to know guys are gunning for you," he said.

Blister will sideline Vick a day

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick won't practice Monday because of a blister on his throwing hand.

Vick practiced twice Sunday, but following a two-hour workout in the evening, Falcons coach Jim Mora said the quarterback needs to give a blister on his left thumb time to heal.

Broncos' Bell has surgery on broken finger

DENVER — Denver Broncos running back Tatum Bell had surgery Sunday, a day after breaking his finger in his first day of training camp.

Two pins were inserted into his right middle finger to stabilize the fracture, Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano said. Bell's hand will be immobilized for a few days before he begins rehabilitation.

Saccomano said it was too early to know how much time Bell would miss.

"Saying anything dramatic will be premature. We just have to wait a few days," Saccomano said.

Singh holds off Daly, Tiger to win second Buick Open

AP

John Daly reacts to missing a birdie putt on the 14th green during the Buick Open on Sunday. Daly finished with a 6-under-par 66 and a 22-under 266 total overall, and one stroke behind winner Vijay Singh.

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

Golf roundup

GRAND BLANC, Mich. — Even before the Buick Open leaders started the final round, the sights and sounds were interesting.

When Vijay Singh walked to the driving range, John Daly playfully chipped a shot at him. The crowd thought it was hilarious, and both players did, too.

Later, Singh took a break to watch Daly clear a fence 290 yards away.

"We're good friends, but it was serious once we got out there," Singh said.

It was, at least, after they shared more laughs on and around the first tee.

Then, the smiles disappeared for the most part, and Singh showed — again — why he's one of the best players in the world.

Singh outlasted Daly on Sunday, closing with a 5-under 67 for his fourth victory of the year and 19th on the PGA Tour. The big Fijian finished at 23-under 265.

Daly, vying for multiple victories in a year for the first time, finished a stroke back after shooting a 66 — and bogeying the 18th hole.

"It was fun, but it was also a lot of work out," Singh said.

In his last tournament before the PGA Championship in two weeks, Tiger Woods shot a 66 to tie Carlos Franco (67) for third at 21 under.

"To play that well and not win is frustrating," said Woods, who will look to snap his streak without a major victory at nine at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin.

A massive gallery roared when Daly was introduced at the first tee, and just politely clapped for Singh in a preview of what was to come.

As they walked down the first fairway, Singh patted Daly on the back and both chuckled as fans hooted and hollered best wishes toward Daly.

Singh seemed to get a kick out of the rock-star reception for Daly, and later said it motivated him.

"The more they made noise, the more calm I became," he said.

Singh's bogey at 18 created an opportunity for Daly to force a playoff, but Daly was unable to take advantage of the break.

"I told him, 'You know, I'm sorry that somebody had to win,' " Singh said.

Singh is just the third two-time Buick Open champion, and the first since Julius Boros in 1967. Tony Lema won at Warwick Hills a second straight time in 1965.

Singh had 10 previous top-10 finishes this year, but since winning consecutive tournaments three months ago, he had just two top-fives. He was 28th in the U.S. Open, 20th in the British Open.

The Fijian played well in the Buick Open after changing putters, going back to a standard version after using a long one for 2½ years.

"The way I putted for the last two months, I could not possibly have putted worse," he said.

Singh also said earlier in the week that he stopped worrying about chasing Woods in the world rankings, in which Woods is No. 1 and Singh is third.

Singh won his seventh straight tournament when he at least shared the lead after 54 holes, dating to the 2002 Houston open.

The final round turned into virtual match play between Singh and Daly.

"We were in it all the way," Daly said. "I was either 1-up, or he was 1-up."

Daly made an eagle from 142 yards at the par-4 No. 2, causing the crowd to erupt with applause as he pulled into a tie at 19 under. He took the lead with a birdie on the third hole and kept a one-shot lead until Singh's birdie at No. 12 knotted them at 22 under.

"I got off to a better start that I thought I could, but Vijay kept coming back," Daly said. "You aren't going to rattle many guys on this tour, but especially not guys like Vijay, Tiger and Phil (Mickelson)."

Singh went ahead by a shot with a birdie at 14 — reaching 23 under — and was able to maintain a one-shot edge the rest of the way.

He got into trouble on the final hole, but his second shot out of the rough landed on the green close enough to set up a two-putt, which was just enough to win because Daly missed a 6-footer for par.

Daly is an undisputed crowd favorite despite — or perhaps because of — his alcohol and personal problems, and his booming drives off the tee.

"They have stuck with me through thick and thin," he said. "It's awesome to play good for my fans."

Jim Furyk, the 2003 winner who shared the second-round lead with Singh, finished at 17 under after a 68.

Sore hip doesn't slow Jacobsen on 36-hole final day

ST. LOUIS — Peter Jacobsen's sore hip nearly kept him out of the U.S. Senior Open. Nothing, not even playing 36 holes in one day, could keep him from winning the title.

Jacobsen shot a 3-under 68 over the final 18 holes Sunday and was 12 under for the tournament to finish one stroke ahead of Hale Irwin. Jacobsen was able to rally past Tom Kite, who played 4 over for the last four holes — including a double-bogey on the 18th.

Jacobsen was forced to pull out of two previous tournaments, following hip surgery, because the pain of walking 18 holes was too much to bear. He had to walk 36 on Sunday after rain washed out play Friday.

"I almost didn't come," said Jacobsen, who played his third senior event. "I came to St. Louis. Boy, am I glad I did."

It was the first time the field in a Champions Tour event played 36 holes in one day. Unlike for regular senior events, carts aren't allowed in the five majors.

Kite fell apart at the end, closing bogey-bogey-par-double bogey. With daughter Stephanie as his caddie, Kite shot a morning round of 6-under 65 that gave him a two-stroke lead. He ended up two strokes behind Jacobsen.

Federer breaks Roddick to stretch streak to 23

The Associated Press

Tennis roundup

TORONTO — Roger Federer won his third straight title Sunday, beating Andy Roddick 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the $2.5 million Tennis Masters Canada.

The top-ranked Federer, who won his eighth event of the year, extended his winning streak to 23 matches and improved his career record against the No. 2-ranked Roddick to 7-1.

"Andy, I'm sorry you didn't win another final," Federer said. "But in the future I'm sure we'll play many, many more great matches and you'll get your fair share of them."

Roddick defeated Federer in the semifinals of this event last year and went on to win the tournament. Since then, Roddick is 0-3 against Federer, including a four-set loss in the final at Wimbledon.

AP

Roger Federer defeated Andy Roddick 7-5, 6-3 to win his 23rd straight match on Sunday.

"I'd like to congratulate Roger," Roddick said. "You're certainly becoming very annoying."

Federer was the more solid of the two before a sun-drenched sellout crowd of 12,000. Roddick often went to the net, attempting to dictate the match, but was often thwarted by solid returns or passing shots.

"I thought I played the big points pretty well," Roddick said. "He just made great shots."

Federer's 23-match winning streak is the longest since Pete Sampras' 24 straight in 1999.

The match marked the first time since Andre Agassi defeated Sampras in 1995 that the top two seeds in this event met in the final. Roddick was trying to become the first repeat champion since Agassi nine years ago.

Federer got a service break in the 12th game and took the first set. After gaining the advantage with a stellar backhand that handcuffed Roddick at the net, Federer captured the victory when Roddick's forehand went long. Roddick hurled his racket into the nearby photographer's pit in frustration. It marked just the second time in the tournament that Roddick's service was broken.

Federer took control of the match in the second set with another service break to go ahead 5-3.

Davenport earns Calif. slam

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Three weeks, three titles for Lindsay Davenport.

Davenport defeated French Open champion Anastasia Myskina 6-1, 6-1 in the Acura Classic final Sunday, extending her winning streak to 14 matches.

She also completed a California slam for the second time in her career, equaling her feat of 1998, when she won hardcourt tournaments at Stanford, Carlsbad and Los Angeles before winning her first U.S. Open title.

"I feel like I totally deserve everything that's happened to me," she said. "I've proven a lot to myself the last three weeks."

This summer, her three-title run at Stanford, Carson and Carlsbad included victories over Venus Williams (twice) and Serena Williams (once) — her first over the sisters in four years.

Davenport needed just 48 minutes to dismantle Myskina with angled groundstrokes and crisp volleys for her fifth WTA Tour title of the year. She improved her match record to 47-6.

The third-seeded Myskina was visibly tired from her 6-2, 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (17-15) semifinal victory over 12th-seeded Vera Zvonareva 12 hours earlier. She managed just two break points against Davenport's big serve and committed 16 unforced errors.

The 32-point tiebreaker was the longest third-set tiebreaker in WTA Tour singles history, bettering Elena Dementieva's 30-point tiebreaker victory over Anne Kremer in the fourth round at Miami in 2002.

AP

Buddy Rice crosses the finish line .0796 seconds ahead of Tony Kanaan to win the Michigan Indy 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday. Kanaan leads Rice by 54 points in the IRL season standings.

Rice edges Kanaan in IRL duel

BY TIM MARTIN
The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Buddy Rice made the right decision — again.

Racing to his third IndyCar victory of the year, the Rahal Letterman Racing driver made a late charge to edge Tony Kanaan by 0.0796 seconds in the Michigan Indy 400.

Both drivers said the key was guessing how much fuel the other had left in the waning moments of the 200-lap race Sunday.

"We knew it was going to be a long race," Rice said. "We knew it was going to be a mental race. … It came down to a bit of a fuel race. We obviously had saved more than he had."

Kanaan — who had led the race for 183 laps before chasing Rice for the last 10 — wasn't happy with how the final laps went down.

The Andretti Green Racing driver said late-race strategy might have cost the team a victory. He said he was advised to stop fighting Rice when he first attempted his pass, implying his team felt Rice might run out of gas or falter before finishing.

"It doesn't make me very happy," Kanaan said. "I am not going to point fingers. I'm a team player. I think I'm part of that, too. Today we were not very smart. The other team was smarter than us."

Rice's average speed — 182.123 mph — was the fourth-fastest in IndyCar history.

Rice has won three of the IRL's 10 races this season. But he still trails Kanaan in the points standings with six races to go.

Kanaan has 400 points, 57 more than Rice.

Kanaan has three wins this season. He has finished in the top five nine times and in the top 10 in every race.

Dan Wheldon, Kanaan's Andretti teammate, finished third, 3.63 seconds off the pace.

Sam Hornish Jr. was fourth, followed by Vitor Meira.

The race was safer for drivers than crew members.

Tomas Scheckter's car hit mechanic Steve Namisnak on a pit stop early in the race. Scheckter swerved to avoid Tora Takagi, who was leaving pit lane as Scheckter entered. Namisnak wound up with a broken leg.

A Wheldon crew member, Mike Horvath, was tripped by Meira's car but was not seriously injured. Meira's car bumped into Horvath when it was struck from behind by Adrian Fernandez.

Late in the race, Fernandez might have cost himself a high finish when he spun into his pit. He sent Rhodri Griffiths, a crew member for Kosuke Matsuura, tumbling. Griffiths was not seriously hurt.

European exhibitions on tap for Team USA

The Associated Press

COLOGNE, Germany — Larry Brown wants to move on.

The U.S. Olympic basketball coach said Sunday that the suspension of Allen Iverson, LeBron James and Amare Stoudemire is forgotten. He would rather focus on a tough road trip against some of Europe's top teams leading up the Athens Olympics.

Brown refused to let Iverson, James and Stoudemire play in the team's 96-71 win over Puerto Rico on Saturday, punishment for the trio showing up late for a team meeting.

"It won't happen again. They'll play the next game and some will start," Brown said.

The U.S. squad arrived in Germany on Sunday, shook off the jet lag and held its first practice.

And Brown is having some second thoughts about whether this series of exhibitions, which includes a game against world champion Serbia and Montenegro, is ideal for his team.

This is the youngest U.S. Olympic team, with an average age of 23.6 years, since NBA players were first allowed into the 1992 Games.

"We thought we had laid the foundation," Brown said. "Now I think maybe we can use the practice."

The U.S. team faces Italy on Tuesday, followed by Germany and Dirk Nowitzki on Wednesday. Then it plays two more away games against Serbia and Montenegro and Turkey, whose NBA players include Utah's Mehmet Okur.

Sports briefs

U.S. women's soccer team beats China in Olympic tuneup

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Mia Hamm had a goal and two assists to lead the U.S. women's soccer team to a 3-1 victory over China Sunday in the final warmup before the Athens Olympics.

Abby Wambach assisted on Hamm's goal and scored her own. Aly Wagner opened the scoring before a crowd of 15,093 at Rentschler Field.

The United States is 14-8-10 all-time against China, including the gold-medal match at the 1996 Olympics and 1999 World Cup final.

The United States and China leave for Greece on Monday.

"I think we're ready," said Wambach, who has scored 14 goals this year and 28 overall in just 40 matches with the national team.

"I think everybody here knows that we're ready."

Charges against Miami's Rolle dropped

MIAMI — Miami cornerback Antrel Rolle won't be tried for allegedly striking a police officer and will be reinstated to the team.

Assistant State Attorney Michael Grieco said Monday that while the arrest was "valid," Rolle's "post-arrest contrition and lack of criminal history" led to the decision to drop the case. The physical contact between Rolle and the officer was "merely incidental," Grieco said.

According to a police complaint, Rolle was involved in a fight in a street near campus earlier this month and resisted arrest.

University spokesman Rick Korch said Monday that Rolle will be reinstated, though he was not sure when.

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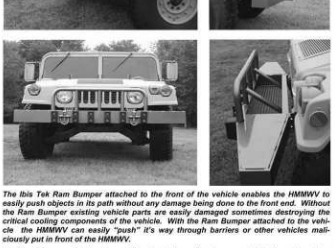

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Pocono: Mayfield closing in on pack

POCONO, FROM BACK PAGE

"It wouldn't surprise me if we went on and won the whole thing," said Mayfield, who finished ninth for his third straight top-10 finish.

Martin's second-place finish was his 18th top-five and 25th top-10 in 36 races at Pocono and kept him in contention after proclaiming himself eliminated at the same track seven weeks ago.

"That fact is a miracle," Martin said. "Now can we make it to the top 10? We all need to go win the Brickyard. That would make up for all the heartbreak we experienced this year."

For Johnson, losing out on a potential first points title would be heartbreaking.

Under the old points system, Johnson probably could have cruised toward his first career points title. Instead, he'll be lumped with the rest of the drivers in the top 10 to compete for the championship in the last 10 races of the season.

"I just have to deal with the rules the way they are and race as hard as we can every week," Johnson said.

Johnson started 14th and earned a $90,000 bonus from NASCAR for winning the race as the points leader. He's the first points leader to win in Pocono since Gordon in 1998.

AP

Jimmie Johnson celebrates after winning his fourth race of the season Sunday at Pocono.

With rain wiping out a practice session Saturday and shortening one Friday, qualifying was the only significant time for teams on the track before the race. Several drivers, including Gordon and Newman, complained their cars were too tight early in the race.

They probably would have all needed a near-flawless performance anyway to catch Johnson, who had his 12th top-10 finish in the last 14 races.

Still battling injuries from a fiery wreck, Earnhardt needed a relief driver for the second straight week. He gave way to John Andretti after completing 52 laps.

Andretti made another quick pit stop to readjust, but finished 25th after the car was black-flagged by NASCAR for not maintaining the minimum speed.

Johnson dominated almost from the start, taking the lead for the first time on lap 32. He led 124 laps and broke a recent trend at Pocono that saw 11 of the last 14 races won from a top-five starting position.

Not everything was perfect, though Whoever said victory was sweet, wasn't swigging Johnson's postrace champagne identified only with a Pennsylvania 500 label.

"It's not the tastiest of champagnes, but it will do in a pinch," he said.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	66	38	.635	—
Boston	56	47	.544	9½
Tampa Bay	50	54	.481	16
Baltimore	49	55	.471	17
Toronto	45	59	.433	21

Central Division

Minnesota	59	45	.567	—
Chicago	53	50	.515	5½
Cleveland	53	52	.505	6½
Detroit	50	55	.476	9½
Kansas City	37	66	.359	21½

West Division

Oakland	59	45	.567	—
Texas	57	46	.553	1½
Anaheim	57	48	.543	2½
Seattle	39	65	.375	20

Sunday's games

N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 7
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 3
Oakland 4, Texas 1
Minnesota 4, Boston 3
Kansas City 8, Cleveland 7
Anaheim 3, Seattle 2

Monday's games

Cleveland at Toronto
Boston at Tampa Bay

Tuesday's games

Seattle (Villone 3-2) at Baltimore (Ponson 6-12), 1st game
Seattle (Moyer 6-7) at Baltimore (Borkowski 2-2), 2nd game
Texas (Rogers 13-4) at Detroit (Robertson 9-5)
Cleveland (Elarton 1-2) at Toronto (Batista 9-6)
Oakland (Mulder 14-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Lieber 7-6)
Boston (Schilling 15-2) at Tampa Bay (Bell 4-4)
Anaheim (Lackey 9-9) at Minnesota (Silva 9-7)
Chicago White Sox (Contreras 8-5) at Kansas City (Wood 1-3)

Wednesday's games

Seattle at Baltimore
Texas at Detroit
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees
Cleveland at Toronto
Boston at Tampa Bay
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City
Anaheim at Minnesota

Sunday

Yankees 9, Orioles 7

BALTIMORE

	ab	r	h	bi
Hrst Jr cf	5	0	1	0
BRbrts 2b	5	0	1	1
Mora 3b	4	1	1	2
Tejada ss	5	2	3	1
RPlmo 1b	3	1	1	0
JvLopz dh	4	0	0	0
Newhn rf	3	1	2	0
Bigbie lf	4	0	1	1
Mchado c	3	0	0	0
LLopez rf	1	0	0	0
Mckeby c	0	0	0	0
Surhoff dh	4	0	1	0
Totals	**41**	**7**	**14**	**7**

NEW YORK

	ab	r	h	bi
Mrnr 2b	5	0	1	0
Cstillo ss	5	0	1	1
Jeter ss	5	1	2	3
Sffield rf	4	2	2	0
ARdrgz 3b	5	1	2	3
Posada c	5	1	1	2
Matsui lf	5	1	2	2
Williams dh	4	1	2	0
TClark 1b	3	1	1	3
Cairo 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**39**	**9**	**9**	**9**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Baltimore	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	14	1
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	x	9	9	1

E—Parrish (5), TClark (4), MPelvera (1). LOB—Baltimore 11, New York 9. 2B—Hairston Jr. (18), Tejada (27), Newhan (7), Matsui (19). HR—Mora (12), Tejada (21), RPelmo (14), Lofton (3), ARodriguez (28), TClark (11). SB—Jeter (33). SF—TClark.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
RLopez L,8-7	4⅓	7	8	8	2	7
Parrish	1⅓	2	1	1	0	0
BRyan	1	0	0	0	1	3
Julio	1	0	0	0	2	1
New York						
DMrnez W,3-0	5	9	3	3	1	9
Sturtze	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1
Quantrill	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Proctor	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRivera S,38	2	1	0	0	0	1

Parrish pitched to 3 batters for Julio. Proctor pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. PB—Machado. T—3:47. A—51,632 (57,478).

White Sox 6, Tigers 4

CHICAGO

	ab	r	h	bi
Rwand cf	5	1	3	2
TPerez cf	0	0	0	0
CaLee lf	5	1	2	0
Knerko dh	4	1	3	0
Glaud 1b	4	1	1	0
Vientin ss	4	1	0	0
Uribe 3b	4	0	1	0
BDavis c	4	2	3	2
WHarrs 2b	2	0	0	0
Crede 3b	0	0	0	0
Totals	**37**	**6**	**14**	**6**

DETROIT

	ab	r	h	bi
Rwand cf	5	1	3	2
TPerez cf	0	0	0	0
CaLee lf	5	1	2	0
Knerko dh	4	1	3	0
Glaud 1b	4	1	1	0
Vientin ss	4	1	0	0
Uribe 3b	4	0	1	0
BDavis c	4	2	3	2
WHarrs 2b	2	0	0	0
Crede 3b	0	0	0	0
Totals	**37**	**6**	**14**	**6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Chicago	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	6	14	0
Detroit	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	6	1

DP—Detroit 1. LOB—Chicago 6, Detroit 7. 2B—CLee (28), Konerko (13), JSmith (5). HR—Rowand (12), BDavis (2), RWhitfld (15), Inge (10). SB—ASanchez (19), Higginson (1). CS—Glaud (1), Uribe (8), JSmith (1). SF—CGuillen.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
FGarcia W,9-9	7⅓	5	4	4	1	8
Marte	⅓	0	0	0	1	0
Takatsu S,9	1	0	0	0	1	1
Detroit						
Bndrm L,6-8	1⅓	2	2	2	0	1
DPatterson	1⅓	3	2	2	0	1
Levine	2	3	1	1	0	0
JWalker	⅔	2	1	1	0	1
Yan	⅓	2	1	1	0	0

T—2:33. A—34,279 (40,120).

Devil Rays 5, Blue Jays 3

TORONTO

	ab	r	h	bi
Rios rf	4	1	2	3
Hill 2b	4	1	1	0
VWells cf	4	0	0	0
CDigdo 1b	4	0	0	0
Zaun c	2	0	0	0
Johnson lf	4	0	0	0
Ctlnotto dh	4	0	0	0
Gomez ss	3	1	2	0
DHudsn 2b	3	1	1	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**

TAMPA BAY

	ab	r	h	bi
Crwfrd lf	4	1	1	0
Baldelli rf	4	1	1	0
Huff 3b	3	2	1	2
TMrtnz 1b	4	1	2	1
JoCruz rf	4	0	2	0
Lugo ss	4	0	0	0
Sheets dh	4	0	0	0
RSchmdt c	4	0	2	0
Longoria 2b	3	1	1	0
Totals	**34**	**5**	**9**	**5**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Toronto	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	6	1
Tampa Bay	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	x	5	9	1

LOB—Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 7. 2B—Gomez (9), OHudson (17). 3B—Crawford (17). HR—Rios (1), Huff (19). SB—Baldelli (11), Lugo 2 (14). CS—Zaun (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Douglass L,0-1	5⅔	6	4	4	1	5
Lightenberg	1⅓	3	1	1	0	0
Speier	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay						
Brazoban W,4-3	6⅔	3	1	1	2	4
Colome	⅓	3	2	2	0	0
TMoehler	1	0	0	0	0	1
DBaez S,22	1	0	0	0	0	2

Colome pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Douglass (Rios), VWp—Lightenberg.
T—2:47. A—10,750 (43,969).

Athletics 4, Rangers 1

OAKLAND

	ab	r	h	bi
Kotsay cf	4	1	2	1
Byrnes lf	4	0	1	0
EChavz 3b	3	1	2	1
Dye rf	4	0	0	1
Hbtbrg 1b	4	0	0	0
Durazo dh	4	0	0	0
Crosby ss	4	1	0	0
Scutaro 2b	4	1	2	0
Miller c	4	0	1	2
Totals	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**

TEXAS

	ab	r	h	bi
Kotsay cf	4	1	2	1
Byrnes lf	4	0	1	0
EChavz 3b	3	1	2	1
Dye rf	4	0	0	1
Hbtbrg 1b	4	0	0	0
Durazo dh	4	0	0	0
Crosby ss	4	1	0	0
Scutaro 2b	4	1	2	0
Miller c	4	0	1	2
Totals	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	9	0
Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	9	1

E—Blalock (12). LOB—Oakland 5, Texas 5. 2B—EChavez (11), Crosby (5), Blalock (35), BJordan (5), Laird (5), HR—Kotsay (9), CDelgado (19). SB—EChavez (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
MRedman W,8-8	7	6	1	1	0	4
Braddford	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Jiménez	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Mecir	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Dotel S,8	1	0	0	0	0	2
Texas						
Regilio L,0-2	5	6	3	2	0	4
Mahay	1	0	0	0	1	2
Francisco	2	3	1	1	0	2
Almanzar	2	3	0	0	0	2

WP—Almanzar. T—2:38. A—32,646 (49,115).

Twins 4, Red Sox 3

BOSTON

	ab	r	h	bi
Damon dh	4	0	0	0
Bllhorn 2b	2	0	0	0
DOrtega rf	4	1	1	0
MMrnz lf	4	1	1	1
Varitek c	2	1	0	0
Millar rf	2	0	1	1
Mueller 3b	3	0	0	0
McCty 1b	3	0	0	0
Kapler cf	3	0	0	0
				HBlnco c 0 0 0 0
				Gldrdo ss 2 0 0 0
				Cdfrdr 2b 1 0 0 0
Totals	**27**	**3**	**2**	**3**

MINNESOTA

	ab	r	h	bi
Shstwrt dh	4	0	1	0
Gzmn ss	5	0	2	0
LFord 1b	4	1	1	2
Mrnau 1b	3	0	1	1
Cstillo 2b	4	0	1	0
JCstillo rf	4	0	0	0
Koskie 3b	2	1	1	0
LeCroy c	3	0	1	1
HBlnco c	0	0	0	0
BSheets p	0	0	0	0
Cdfrdr 2b	1	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**8**	**5**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Boston	100	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Minnesota	000	000	011	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	8	1

E—OCabrera (1), LeCroy (3). DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Boston 1, Minnesota 5. 2B—Gzuman (20), LFord (24), Koskie (14). HR—OCabrera (1), MRamirez (28). SB—Varitek (7), Gzuman 2 (8), LFord (14), TMunter (13). CS—SHstwrt (2). SF—Millar, Morneau.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
PMartinez	7	7	2	2	1	11
Timlin L,4-4	1	1	1	1	0	1
Embree	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Santana W,10-6	8	2	3	2	1	12
Nathan S,30	1	0	0	0	0	1

Timlin pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
WP—by Nathan (Bellhorn), by Santana (Varitek). PB—Varitek. T—2:24. A—38,751 (45,423).

Royals 8, Indians 7

CLEVELAND

	ab	r	h	bi
Blliard 2b	5	0	2	1
Vizquel ss	4	0	1	1
Lawton rf	3	0	0	0
Blake 3b	5	0	0	0
Martinez lf	4	0	2	0
Brssrd ph	1	0	1	0
Hafner dh	4	2	2	1
JMcDld pr	0	0	0	0
Laker c	4	0	1	0
Mntrlnd pr	0	0	0	0
Crisp lf	1	1	2	1
Szmnsrv cf	3	1	1	0
Totals	**38**	**7**	**13**	**6**

KANSAS CITY

	ab	r	h	bi
Blliard 2b	5	0	2	1
Vizquel ss	4	0	1	1
Lawton rf	3	0	0	0
Blake 3b	5	0	0	0
Martinez lf	4	0	2	0
Brssrd ph	1	0	1	0
Hafner dh	4	2	2	1
JMcDld pr	0	0	0	0
Laker c	4	0	1	0
Mntrlnd pr	0	0	0	0
Crisp lf	1	1	2	1
Szmnsrv cf	3	1	1	0
Totals	**38**	**7**	**13**	**6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	13	0
Kansas City	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	x	8	13	1

E—Berroa (19). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Cleveland 10, Kansas City 12. 2B—Belliard (34), Crisp (17), Harvey 2 (16), Randa (17), Nunez (1). HR—TThafner (35), Szemanski (2), Buck (2). SB—Relaford (4), Buck (1). CS—Dedeaux (3), SFarquhar (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Sabathia L,7-6	5	9	7	7	1	4
RWhite	2	0	0	0	0	3
Shuey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Affrey W,8-11	5	6	2	2	2	2
Sullivan	1⅓	5	3	3	0	2
Cerda	1⅓	2	2	2	1	0
Camp S,2	1	2	1	1	0	0

HBP—by Cerda (Szemanski), by May (Lawton). T—2:52. A—15,541 (40,793).

Angels 3, Mariners 2

SEATTLE

	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	5	0	2	0
Winn cf	3	0	0	0
BBoone 2b	4	0	1	0
Ibanez lf	4	1	2	0
Jcbsen dh	3	1	2	2
Spiezio 1b	3	0	0	0
EMrtnz pnh	1	0	0	0
Blmqist 1b	0	0	0	0
Olivo c	4	0	0	0
Leone 3b	3	0	1	0
Lopez ss	4	0	1	0
Totals	**34**	**2**	**10**	**2**

ANAHEIM

	ab	r	h	bi
Figlns ss	4	0	0	0
Pride rf	4	0	1	0
GAndrsn cf	4	1	2	0
VGrero rf	1	1	0	0
Anderson dh	4	0	1	0
Erstad 1b	2	0	0	1
Quinlan 3b	3	1	2	2
Amzga ss	3	0	0	0
AKndy 2b	2	0	1	0
JMolina c	3	0	0	0
Totals	**30**	**3**	**7**	**3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Seattle	000	000	002	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	0
Anaheim	000	012	00x	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	1

E—Leone (9), RFranklin (1). DP—Seattle 1, Anaheim 2. LOB—Seattle 8, Anaheim 5. 2B—Ibanez (30), Quinlan (12). HR—Jcobsen (6), Quinlan (3). SB—Pride (1). CS—Lopez (1). SF—Erstad.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
RFranklin L,3-10	7	6	3	3	0	4
Madritsch	1	1	0	0	0	1
Anaheim						
Colon W,10-8	6	8	2	2	3	6
Gregg	1⅓	2	0	0	0	2
Shtlesworth S,4	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3

HBP—by RFranklin (AKennedy). Balk—RFranklin 2. T—2:37. A—43,412 (45,030).

AL leaders

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
IRodriguez Det	92	364	50	127	.349
ISuzuki Sea	103	456	62	158	.346
Mora Bal	81	318	74	107	.336
MRamirez Sox	101	402	83	134	.333
MYoung Tex	103	453	76	149	.329
ASanchez Det	73	309	40	101	.327
CGuillen Det	103	396	78	129	.326
THafner Cle	94	333	69	108	.324
MRamirez Bos	99	371	65	120	.323
Tejada Bal	103	414	64	132	.319
MStaby Oak	94	376	50	120	.319

Home Runs

ARodriguez, New York, 28; MRamirez, Boston, 28; DOrtiz, Boston, 27; Konerko, Chicago, 27; Teixeira, Texas, 25; Blalock, Texas, 24; VGuerrero, Anaheim, 23; RPalmeiro, New York, 23.

Runs Batted In

Tejada, Baltimore, 96; DOrtiz, Boston, 93; MRamirez, Boston, 84; VGuerrero, Anaheim, 83; JGuillen, Anaheim, 81; VMartinez, Cleveland, 79; CGuillen, Detroit, 79.

Pitching (12 Decisions)

Mulder, Oakland, 14-3, .824; CClse, Cleveland, 14-5, .737; Lieber, Texas, 13-4, .765; JRincon, Minnesota, 9-3, .750; PMartinez, Boston, 11-4, .733; Buehrle, Chicago, 10-4, .714; Schilling, Boston, 12-5, .706.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	58	46	.558	—
Philadelphia	53	50	.515	4½
Florida	52	52	.500	6
New York	49	55	.471	9
Montreal	41	63	.394	17

Central Division

St. Louis	67	37	.644	—
Chicago	57	48	.543	10½
Houston	53	52	.505	14½
Milwaukee	51	53	.490	16
Cincinnati	51	54	.486	16½
Pittsburgh	49	54	.476	17½

West Division

Los Angeles	61	43	.587	—
San Diego	58	47	.552	3½
San Francisco	57	50	.533	5½
Colorado	47	60	.448	16½
Arizona	33	74	.308	29½

Sunday's games

Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Houston 7, Cincinnati 4
Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 7
Chicago Cubs 6, Philadelphia 3
Montreal at Florida, ppd., Rain
Colorado 10, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 2, San Diego 1, 12 innings
St. Louis 6, San Francisco 1

Monday's games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's games

N.Y. Mets (Leiter 7-3) at Milwaukee (Capuano 5-5)
Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 12-6) at Houston (Clemens 12-2)
Montreal (Armas Jr. 2-3) at St. Louis (Marquis 14-4)
Chicago Cubs (Wood 5-4) at Colorado (Fassero 2-6)
Florida (Willis 8-6) at Arizona (Fossum 2-10)
Philadelphia (Myers 5-8) at San Diego (Lawrence 11-7)
Pittsburgh (OLiverez 6-5) at Los Angeles (Penny 8-8)
Cincinnati (Lidle 6-9) at San Francisco (Hermanson 4-4)

Wednesday's games

N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee
Atlanta at Houston
Montreal at St. Louis
Chicago Cubs at Colorado
Florida at Arizona
Philadelphia at San Diego
Cincinnati at San Francisco
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles

Sunday

Astros 7, Reds 5

HOUSTON

	ab	r	h	bi
Biggio lf	3	0	0	1
DMlecli p	0	0	0	0
Lidge p	0	0	0	0
AEvrtt ss	5	1	2	1
Ensbrg cf	5	0	0	0
Brkmn rf	3	1	1	0
Lamb 1b	5	1	2	1
Jkmt 2b	4	0	1	0
Ensbrg 3b	4	0	3	3
RChavz c	3	0	1	1
Bgwell ph	0	1	0	0
Lane lf	0	0	0	0
Oswalt p	2	0	0	0
JVzcno ph	1	0	1	0
Asmus c	0	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**7**	**12**	**7**

CINCINNATI

	ab	r	h	bi
Biggio lf	3	0	0	1
DMlecli p	0	0	0	0
Lidge p	0	0	0	0
AEvrtt ss	5	1	2	1
Ensbrg cf	5	0	0	0
Brkmn rf	3	1	1	0
Lamb 1b	5	1	2	1
Jkmt 2b	4	0	1	0
Ensbrg 3b	4	0	3	3
RChavz c	3	0	1	1
Bgwell ph	0	1	0	0
Lane lf	0	0	0	0
Oswalt p	2	0	0	0
JVzcno ph	1	0	1	0
Asmus c	0	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**3**	**11**	**2**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	12	0
Cincinnati	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	11	2

E—Biggio (5). DP—Houston 3, Cincinnati 1. LOB—Houston 9, Cincinnati 6. 2B—Ensbrg (15), Casey (33), Dunn (20), WPena (7), FLopez (5). HR—JaCruz (3). S—Oswalt, PWilson. SF—Ensbrg.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Oswalt W,11-8	7	10	5	4	2	8
DMlecli	1	1	0	0	0	1
Lidge S,11	1	1	0	0	1	1
Cincinnati						
PWilson	7	6	3	3	4	4
Riedling L,4-3	⅓	1	2	2	0	0
Van Poppel	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Pnorton	1	2	1	1	2	2
HBP—by Oswalt (JaCruz). T—2:55. A—34,002 (42,271).

Braves 6, Mets 5

NEW YORK

	ab	r	h	bi
Reyes ss	4	1	0	1
Matsui ss	4	1	0	0
Piazza 1b	4	0	0	0
Floyd lf	4	1	3	1
Looper p	0	0	0	0
Hidalgo rf	4	0	0	0
Cmeron cf	4	2	1	1
JPhllps c	2	0	0	0
VWilsn c	1	0	0	0
Wright 3b	4	1	1	1
TGlvln p	0	0	0	0
Zelle ph	1	0	0	0
BTtlco p	0	0	0	0
Valent ph	0	0	0	0
WRlams ph	1	0	0	0
DeJean p	0	0	0	0
Benitez p	0	0	0	0
McEwg lf	0	0	0	0
				JEstdia c 1 0 0 0
Totals	**33**	**5**	**6**	**5**

ATLANTA

	ab	r	h	bi
Reyes ss	4	1	0	1
Matsui ss	4	1	0	0
Piazza 1b	4	0	0	0
Floyd lf	4	1	3	1
Looper p	0	0	0	0
Hidalgo rf	4	0	0	0
Cmeron cf	4	2	1	1
JPhllps c	2	0	0	0
VWilsn c	1	0	0	0
Wright 3b	4	1	1	1
TGlvln p	0	0	0	0
Zelle ph	1	0	0	0
BTtlco p	0	0	0	0
Valent ph	0	0	0	0
WRlams ph	1	0	0	0
DeJean p	0	0	0	0
Benitez p	0	0	0	0
McEwg lf	0	0	0	0
				JEstdia c 1 0 0 0
Totals	**33**	**5**	**6**	**5**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
New York	000	004	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	1
Atlanta	300	030	00x	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	0

LOB—New York 3, Atlanta 11. 2B—Cmeron (12), DRobosa (14), HR—FThmas (2), Floyd (21), Wright (2), AJones (17). SB—Cameron (15), McEwg (10). E—Floyd (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
TGlavine L,8-9	5	9	6	6	2	2
Bottalico	1	1	0	0	0	1
DeJean	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Benitez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Looper	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Atlanta						
Byrd W,3-3	5⅔	4	4	4	1	5
Gryboski	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
ARonsonio	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
TMartin	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Reitsma	1	0	0	0	0	1
SOrtiz S,25	1	1	1	1	0	1

WP—LaRosa. T—3:08. A—34,203 (50,091).

Brewers 8, Pirates 7

PITTSBURGH

	ab	r	h	bi
Kendall c	4	2	1	1
JWilsn ss	5	0	3	2
Mckwsk rf	4	1	2	1
Simon 1b	5	1	3	2
Bay lf	4	0	0	0
TRdmn cf	4	0	0	0
Wggntn 3b	4	0	0	0
AMunoz 2b	4	1	2	0
KWells p	2	1	1	0
Grzelcz p	0	0	0	0
Stottlmr p	0	0	0	0
Hill ph	0	1	0	0
Mdows p	0	0	0	0
				LVzcno p 0 0 0 0
Totals	**36**	**7**	**13**	**7**

MILWAUKEE

	ab	r	h	bi
Kendall c	4

Unforgettable debut for Boston's Cabrera

Game-turning error erases glory of homer; Twins drop Red Sox 9½ games back of N.Y.

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Orlando Cabrera made a powerful first impression with the Boston Red Sox. The day took a bad turn for the team's new shortstop just a few hours — and a crucial error — later.

Cabrera, replacing longtime star Nomar Garciaparra, homered in his first at-bat in his Boston debut, but his error in the eighth inning allowed the go-ahead run to score in the Minnesota Twins' 4-3 victory on Sunday.

AP

Texas Rangers trainer Jamie Reed applies a cool towel to home plate umpire Tim Timmons as second base umpire Mike Winters looks on in the fourth inning of Sunday's game against Oakland. The game-time temperature was 95 degrees.

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Cabrera was acquired from Montreal in a four-team deal that sent Garciaparra to the Chicago Cubs just before the trade deadline Saturday.

"It could have been played better, but we're dealing with a guy who's been here for an hour," manager Terry Francona said. "It's impossible to go over everything in an hour."

With Minnesota trailing 3-2 in the eighth, Cristian Guzman and Lew Ford singled off Mike Timlin (4-4), then advanced on a double steal with Justin Morneau at the plate.

Morneau hit a 3-2 pitch from Alan Embree to deep center field, where Gabe Kapler hauled it in. Guzman easily scored the tying run on the sacrifice fly, and Ford scampered home when the Gold Glove shortstop kicked Kapler's relay throw across the infield for an error.

Kapler actually overthrew his first relay man, second baseman Mark Bellhorn, but Cabrera — who joined the team during batting practice Sunday morning — didn't realize that a secondary cutoff man — first baseman David McCarty — was in line to retrieve the errant throw.

"I was thinking he was trying to score," Cabrera said. "We missed the cut and I saw the play as a loose ball. I went after it, and didn't see [McCarty] behind me. I kicked it with my left foot and it got away."

Cabrera started the scoring by jumping on a hanging slider from Johan Santana and lining a solo homer. He's the eighth player to homer in his first plate appearance with the Red Sox.

Santana (10-6) fanned 12, one more than Pedro Martinez, who left after seven innings with a 3-2 lead. Santana allowed three runs in eight innings.

"They were making some balls do a lot of funny things up there," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "You'd see hitters looking away and rolling their eyes — that's what pitching's all about."

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 30th save in 31 opportunities.

Manny Ramirez homered for the Red Sox, who fell 9½ games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. The AL Central-leading Twins won for the 10th time in 12 games.

AP

Shingo Takatsu closes out a 6-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers that ended the Chicago White Sox's seven-game losing streak. Takatsu earned his ninth save of the season.

Yankees 9, Orioles 7: Alex Rodriguez homered for the third straight day and Hideki Matsui keyed a five-run fourth with a two-run double for the host Yankees. Tony Clark hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Rodrigo Lopez (8-7) and Kenny Lofton also connected as the Yankees beat the Orioles for the 11th times in 13 games.

Orlando Hernandez (3-0) allowed nine hits and struck out nine in five innings, and Mariano Rivera got three outs for his major league-leading 37th save.

Athletics 4, Rangers 1: Mark Redman pitched seven innings, Eric Chavez homered and Oakland increased its AL West lead over slumping Texas to 1½ games.

Redman (8-8) gave up one run and six hits for the A's, who took three out of four in the series and have won eight of their last nine. The host Rangers have dropped seven of their last nine.

Angels 3, Mariners 2: Bartolo Colon won his fifth straight start and Robb Quinlan homered and doubled in the go-ahead run for the Angels.

Colon (10-8) allowed two runs and eight hits in six innings, keeping the Angels 2½ games behind Oakland in the AL West and sending the Mariners to their 18th loss in 19 road games.

White Sox 6, Tigers 4: Ben Davis and Aaron Rowand homered and Freddy Garcia (9-9) pitched into the eighth inning to help Chicago snap its season-high seven-game losing streak.

Rowand and Paul Konerko each had three of the 14 hits for the visiting White Sox, whose last win was July 24 against the Tigers.

Tigers starter Jeremy Bonderman (6-8) was hit in the left leg by Jose Valentin's liner in the second inning and left the game. X-rays were negative, but Bonderman has a bruised left shin.

Devil Rays 5, Blue Jays 3: Dewon Brazelton (4-3) gave up one run and three hits in 6⅔ innings and Aubrey Huff hit a two-run homer.

Royals 8, Indians 7: John Buck's three-run homer capped a four-run fourth inning for the homestanding Royals. C.C. Sabathia (7-6) lasted five innings and gave up a season-high seven runs and nine hits.

Expos RHP Day out with broken finger

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Montreal Expos right-hander Zach Day will be sidelined four to six weeks after breaking a bone in his right middle finger while attempting a bunt in Sunday's game against the Florida Marlins that was eventually rained out.

Day, attempting to bunt in the third inning, was hit on the hand and fouled the ball off. He struck out in the at-bat, but didn't return to pitch in the bottom half of the inning. Day was examined in the Expos' clubhouse, and it was determined that he broke his finger.

He will be placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday.

"The ball was riding up and in and caught me on the finger," Day said. "It was numb right away, and I lost feeling. When it stayed numb, they pulled the trigger on me for the day. It's a tough one, but it's been that kind of year."

It's a continuing trend of bad luck for Day (5-10), who entered with the least run-support — 2.47 run per game — of any starting pitcher in the majors. He also missed two starts in July with right shoulder tendinitis.

"This is definitely a bummer," he said. "It's something you don't want to go through. I can't do anything for three to four weeks, and we'll take it from there."

Briefs

Boston's Ortiz drops appeal, begins serving suspension

MINNEAPOLIS — Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz dropped his appeal and began serving a five-game suspension Sunday.

Ortiz was suspended by the commissioner's office for throwing bats onto the field after he was ejected from a game July 16 at Anaheim.

Ortiz will be eligible to return for Saturday's game at Detroit.

He entered Sunday tied for the AL lead with 27 home runs and was second in the league with 93 RBIs.

Upton called up by Devil Rays

ST. PETERBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays called up shortstop B.J. Upton from Triple-A Durham on Sunday.

The Devil Rays' first round draft pick in 2002, Upton hit .311 with 12 homers and 36 RBIs in 69 games with Durham. He started the season at Double-A Montgomery.

Williams, Cardinals get better of Giants

Ex-reliever gets 100th victory in a duel with ace Jason Schmidt

BY GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — As a 37-year-old pitcher excelling in a young man's game, Woody Williams knows most numbers mean little. Still, his 100th victory was cause for celebration — particularly after besting Jason Schmidt and Barry Bonds to get it.

Williams worked 6$^{1}/_{3}$ innings for his fifth straight victory and Scott Rolen's first-inning homer stood up in the St. Louis Cardinals' 6-1 defeat of the San Francisco Giants on Sunday night.

Williams and Schmidt each entered the game with 99 victories, but Williams got to triple digits first by retiring the final 12 hitters he faced while nursing a one-run lead.

Williams (8-6) allowed five hits and two walks, even getting Bonds three times. When his teammates tacked on four late runs and the bullpen flawlessly finished, Williams had a highlight in his late-blooming career.

"I never thought I'd be around long enough to win 100 games with the way things started out and where I've come from," said Williams, a former reliever who didn't become a full-time starter until 1997 in Toronto. "For this to come against probably the best pitcher in the game, it's pretty special."

The right-hander needed 12 seasons to get his 100th victory, while the 31-year-old Schmidt already is in his 10th season.

Williams has bloomed in his mid-30's, gaining 49 victories in the last four seasons.

"It's just a number, but I'm very happy, no doubt about it," Williams said.

It was Williams' first victory over the Giants in four years.

The rest of the Cardinals knew the importance of the moment — and doused the pitcher with water after the game.

"It's hard to win one game in this league," manager Tony La Russa said. "To get 100, that's a magic number, especially to do it against a guy like Schmidt."

Williams threw 11 pitches in an entertaining fifth-inning matchup against Bonds, who sent a foul ball soaring into McCovey Cove before flying out to deep right.

Schmidt couldn't overcome his early mistake to Rolen, who hit a two-run shot on the first pitch he saw. St. Louis added four runs against San Francisco's bullpen.

Schmidt (13-4) struck out 10 in seven innings, allowing six hits and two walks in losing his second straight start at home.

Mike Matheny and Albert Pujols added run-scoring singles for St. Louis, which has won each of Williams' last nine starts. Four months into their best season since 1968, the Cardinals took two of three from San Francisco to split the season series at three games apiece.

Schmidt threw 128 pitches, retiring nine straight at one point — but in the first inning, Rolen hit a belt-high pitch more than 400 feet to center. It was the All-Star's 25th homer of the season and second in two days.

"It was just two bad pitches," Schmidt said. "Those are the two I want back. I got burned on them. I was overthrowing. It was just bad timing on my part."

Schmidt's next start is expected to be Saturday, when Chicago's Greg Maddux will go for his 300th victory in San Francisco.

Ray Durham singled home Neifi Perez in the second for the Giants' only run. San Francisco scored just once in the final 17 innings of the three-game series.

Bonds put another foul ball into the water in the eighth, but Ray King got him on a grounder to complete 1$^{2}/_{3}$ perfect innings.

The Cardinals issued no intentional walks to Bonds in the series. When asked his strategy, La Russa quoted San Francisco manager Felipe Alou on the subject.

"When he (Alou) was with Montreal, he said, 'We're here to be competitors, not cowards,' " La Russa said. "In the right situation, we would have walked him."

AP

St. Louis' Albert Pujols singles in a run in the ninth inning on Sunday in a 6-1 victory over San Francisco.

Maddux one inning shy of 300th win

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Greg Maddux has pitched 4,110 innings in earning 299 victories. One more inning would have given him No. 300.

Nomar Garciaparra and the Chicago Cubs rallied to take the lead just an inning after Maddux came out, so he wound up with a no-decision in Chicago's 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday.

"I'm just glad we won," Maddux said.

Sure, but everybody at Wrigley Field wanted to see him win.

The 38-year-old right-hander is trying to become the 22nd major league pitcher to reach 300 — and the first National Leaguer since Philadelphia's Steve Carlton in 1983. Roger Clemens accomplished the feat on his fourth try with the New York Yankees last season.

Maddux's next chance probably will come Saturday in San Francisco against Barry Bonds and the Giants.

"I think we were all hoping we'd get Maddux that win," said Garciaparra, Chicago's new star shortstop.

Commissioner Bud Selig, Atlanta General Manager John Schuerholz and former Braves president Stan Kasten were at Wrigley Field to watch Maddux.

On a sticky, 83-degree day, Maddux left after six innings trailing 3-2. He threw 87 pitches, including 25 in the first inning when he gave up homers to Jimmy Rollins and Bobby Abreu.

Philadelphia pushed across an unearned run for a 3-2 lead in the fifth on an error by Sammy Sosa.

Maddux told manager Dusty Baker after the fifth that he was running low on energy. And he wasn't about to take a chance pitching when he had nothing left, even with No. 300 at stake.

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"I would have loved to go out there and try not to walk somebody and just hope they would hit it at somebody. But it's not right," Maddux said. "It's not fair to the rest of the guys. It's not the way you are supposed to play the game."

Sosa and Aramis Ramirez hit consecutive homers off Randy Wolf (4-7). It was Sosa's 562nd homer, leaving him one behind Reggie Jackson for eighth on the career list. Sandwiched around his error, Sosa also made two diving catches.

Garciaparra capped the four-run rally with an RBI single in the seventh, his first hit for the Cubs. He finished 1-for-4, batting second in the lineup after being acquired from Boston in a blockbuster four-team deal just before baseball's trade deadline Saturday.

Kent Mercker (2-0) got one out and LaTroy Hawkins earned his 16th save.

Dodgers 2, Padres 1 (12): Pinch-hitter Robin Ventura homered off Ricky Stone (1-2) with two outs in the 12th.

Steve Finley went 2-for-5 with a double and scored a run in his first start for the visiting Dodgers since being acquired from Arizona moments before the trade deadline. Finley started in center, with Milton Bradley moving to right.

Los Angeles took two of three from San Diego, extending its NL West lead over the Padres to 3$^{1}/_{2}$ games.

Eric Gagne (4-0) pitched three scoreless innings for the victory. It was the first time he pitched more than two innings since he became the team's closer in 2002. Darren Dreifort got three outs for his first save since Sept. 15, 1997. Khalil Greene flied out to the warning track with a runner on to end it.

Braves 6, Mets 5: Andruw Jones homered and drove in four runs off former teammate Tom Glavine, and the host Braves held on to complete a three-game sweep. Atlanta won its fifth straight to move a season-high 12 games over .500.

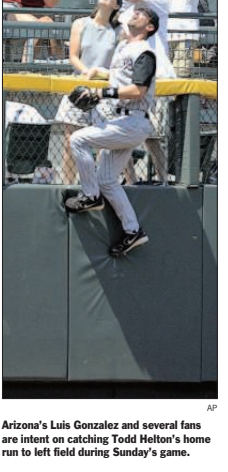
Glavine (8-9) lost for the sixth time in eight starts and fell to 1-5 against the Braves, for whom he played the first 16 seasons of his career. Paul Byrd (3-3) threw five hitless innings before faltering in the sixth with a 6-0 lead. John Smoltz got his 25th save.

David Wright and Cliff Floyd homered for the Mets.

Astros 7, Reds 5: Adam Everett's eighth-inning suicide squeeze drove in the go-ahead run, and Roy Oswalt (11-8) improved to 9-0 lifetime against the host Reds. Morgan Ensberg had three RBIs for Houston, sending Cincinnati to its 10th loss in 11 games.

Rockies 10, Diamondbacks 2: Jeromy Burnitz hit two two-run homers and Aaron Cook (6-4) pitched a complete game to help Colorado complete a three-game sweep. Vinny Castilla, Todd Helton and Aaron Miles also homered for the Rockies, dropping Arizona to 2-19 in its last 21 games.

Brewers 8, Pirates 7: Bill Hall singled with the bases loaded in the ninth and Geoff Jenkins homered to prevent the homestanding Brewers from falling into last place in the NL Central.



AP

Arizona's Luis Gonzalez and several fans are intent on catching Todd Helton's home run to left field during Sunday's game.

Another Chinese 7-footer shows promise

Yao says teen Yi 'can make it big' in pro basketball

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia and Montenegro — First there was Yao. Now there is Yi.

The next big thing to come out of China is Yi Jianlian, a teenager nearly 7-feet tall who has already worked his way into the national team's starting lineup alongside Yao Ming.

"He's better than me at 16. He can jump," Yao said. "If he keeps working hard, he can make it big."

That potential has already been recognized by China coach Del Harris, an assistant with the NBA's Dallas Mavericks who was hired by Chinese sports authorities to help turn the team into a medal contender for the Athens Olympics.

Immediately recognizing Yi's potential, Harris decided that bringing him along slowly was not the way to go.

Yi did not start a single game last season for his Chinese Basketball Association team, the Guangdong Tigers, but he has been lining up alongside Yao — and even jumping center for the opening tip — in China's pre-Olympic exhibition games.

Yi had five blocked shots and seven rebounds in 24 minutes Saturday night during a 92-78 loss to Serbia and Montenegro in the DiamondBall Tournament, a warm-up to the Olympics featuring six teams that will compete in Athens.

"He's a great combo playing with Yao Ming. He's very quick and fast, very aggressive crashing the boards. He's unbelievable, and if he's 16 he's really unbelievable. I thought 21," said Serbian assistant coach Igor Kokoskov, who was an assistant to Larry Brown with the NBA champion Detroit Pistons last season. "He likes to play the game, that's obvious. I think he's unique."

Kokoskov and many of the Serbian players were shocked to hear that Yi is only 16, although his age is the subject of much global doubt and debate.

Many believe Yi (pronounced Ee) is actually older, and Yi has been sufficiently coy to fuel the skepticism.

"He's not 16. He's 17," Yao said with a playful smile.

No matter his true age (Yi's date of birth is listed as Oct 27, 1987), Yi will not become eligible for the NBA Draft until 2006 — or even later if NBA Commissioner David Stern is successful during upcoming collective bargaining talks in his efforts to raise the minimum age requirement to 19 or 20.

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Milos Vujanic, center, of Serbia and Montenegro, challenges for the ball with Yao Ming, left, and Yi Jianlian, right, of China.

But whenever Yi becomes eligible, he won't last long on the draft board.

"First [overall] is an awfully big statement for anyone, but if he continues to improve at close to the rate that I've seen him improve in the three months I've been here, then he's definitely a lottery pick in terms of ability," Harris said. "When you're 7 feet and can run and jump like he can, when his body catches up with the rest of him it could be a really exciting thing."

Yi shot just 2-for-9 against Serbia and Montenegro, missing several wide-open jumpers from about 18 feet away. But his offensive shortcomings were easily overlooked by anyone with an appreciation for how active he was around the basket, fighting for rebounds and timing his shot-blocking attempts perfectly.

"There's nobody that he's exactly alike," Harris said. "He's got a similar athleticism as Stromile Swift, and he has some shot blocking ability somewhat like Marcus Camby. He's got a thin body like both of them, but he's got a big frame so that he could actually put on weight."

Said Predrag Drobnjak of the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats: "I don't know how young he is, but he's pretty good. This is just a first impression. If he is 16, you cannot talk about him strength-wise.

You have to wait until he's 20-something and has worked the weights."

Harris smiles with almost a paternal affection when speaking of Yi, the son of postal clerk parents who were team handball players in China's state-sponsored sports program.

The 64-year-old coach is in the process of circumnavigating the world with the Chinese team after being selected from a list of 135 potential coaching candidates worldwide.

A long-standing relationship between the Mavericks and the Chinese basketball federation helped Harris get the job, and he has already picked up "a lot of words and phrases, particularly for basketball," while visiting more Chinese cities than he can remember.

He is struck by the country's confluence of old and new, donkey-pulled carts sharing the roads with legions of cars and bicycles.

The infrastructure and architecture around Beijing is far beyond what he had imagined, and the treatment he has received leaves him gushing with appreciation.

"The kindness and goodness of the players, they won't let me pick up a bag. If I try to pick up anything, forget it," Harris said. "They have such respect for age, it puts me in a great position."

Just like the position in which Harris has placed Yi, a prospect nearly 50 years younger than the coach who has thrust him into the spotlight — and the starting five — for one of the world's most rapidly developing basketball programs.

Israelis to get additional security at Olympic Village

BY LISA ORKIN
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ATHENS, Greece — Israeli athletes have been given an additional layer of security at the Olympic Village, including a fence placed around the team's residential compound.

The U.S. team also asked for a fence, but later withdrew the request, Olympic officials said Monday.

The Israelis also had an extra fence at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Australian Olympic Committee chief John Coates said.

Hundreds of Olympic athletes arrived at Athens airport Monday, after the Olympic Village opened last week.

The site in suburban Menidi, about nine miles northwest of central Athens, is protected by a double-perimeter fence, 24-hour police and army patrols, scores of cameras and sensors and concrete barriers to prevent a car bombing.

"There is no question about the Olympic venues being wonderfully secured," said Coates, who is visiting Athens.

"People like our sailors, who are not in the Olympic village ... that we are bit concerned, but we respect the sovereignty of the Greeks."

He said Australian guards escorting athletes are not carrying weapons.

The issue of arming overseas security agents in Athens remains sensitive. Authorities fear foreign guards could react inappropriately in an unfamiliar environment.

"Australia did not allow any other countries to come in with armed security personnel (at the Sydney Games) and that's the position here," Coates said. "We have some security directors in our team, unarmed, and some liaison police outside the village who are assisting us, unarmed, from Australia."

Greece is spending a record $1.5 billion, with 70,000 police and soldiers providing security, and is receiving advice from Australia, Britain, the United States, Israel, Spain, France and Germany.

"They have a very difficult job, but they are well prepared and everything are ready," deputy Defense Minister Yiannis Lambropoulos said, referring to the security personnel.

Olympic traffic restrictions — cordoning off a lane for games-related vehicles — went into effect Sunday to facilitate the arrivals and last-minute preparations.

Also Monday, three suspected members of an urban guerilla group were released from custody after the expiration of an 18-month limit on their detention. The suspects — on trial since February — are allegedly members of the far-left Revolutionary Popular Struggle, or ELA, and were arrested early last year in a crackdown on domestic terror groups ahead of the Aug. 13-29 Games.

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Johnson pours it on

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Nextel Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson, left, celebrates his victory in the Pennsylvania 500, Sunday at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa.

Nextel Cup points leader cruises to Pocono sweep

BY DAN GELSTON
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LONG POND, Pa. — Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart crashed.

Kurt Busch had transmission woes. Dale Earnhardt Jr. fought pain and an unruly car.

One by one, drivers in the top 10 in the Nextel Cup standings dropped out Sunday at Pocono Raceway, guaranteeing heated jostling for positions in the next six races.

There were changes everywhere in the standings but the top.

Jimmie Johnson pulled off a clean sweep at Pocono Raceway, winning the Pennsylvania 500 on Sunday for his fourth victory of the season.

"I think we can win more races and be a serious threat for the championship at the end of the year," Johnson said. "A little luck will play in those final 10, but if it comes down to performance, I'll put my guys up against anybody."

Johnson said there was little use complaining about NASCAR's new points system that will leave him fighting for a championship instead of celebrating one near season's end. He figures the only solution is to keeping winning races.

"You might want to get all your smiles and good photos out of us now, because with 10 to go, it won't be the same," Johnson said.

The "Chase for the Cup" begins at New Hampshire International Speedway on Sept. 19.

Mark Martin was second, 2.138 seconds back. Kasey Kahne was third, followed by Greg Biffle and Jeff Gordon.

While Johnson cruised, many in the top 10 struggled, with Stewart, Kevin Harvick, Labonte and Busch all failing to finish, and Ryan Newman ending up 13th.

Nine spots in the top 10 juggled names.

Harvick fell from ninth overall to 10th after failing to finish a race for the first time since October 2002 in Atlanta. Labonte dropped from seventh to ninth overall, while Newman jumped from 10th to eighth.

Newman has a 52-point cushion on 10th place.

But it was those fighting for the 10th and final spot that made the most progress.

Jeremy Mayfield went from being 106 points behind No. 10 to 40 points back. Kahne jumped from 162 points behind to 69 and Martin from 192 to 89 out.

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Jockeying for position

How the drivers battling for the final spots in NASCAR's Chase for the Cup fared this week. Ten drivers will qualify for the 10-race shootout, which begins Sept. 19:

Ryan Newman
Solid 13th-place finish Sunday moved him off the 10th-place bubble and into the eighth spot.

Bobby Labonte
Collision with Brian Vickers ended his day with 25 laps to go and dropped him to ninth place in the points standings.

Kevin Harvick
Sits on bubble in 10th place after failing to finish for first time in 2004. Harvick's engine failed after 141 laps Sunday.

Jeremy Mayfield
Still in 11th, but much closer to Harvick and the final Chase spot after strong ninth-place finish at Pocono.

Kasey Kahne
Rookie jumped two spots to 12th after finishing third Sunday, his sixth top-three finish of the season.

Mark Martin
Veteran finished second, could sneak into title picture if late-season surge continues this weekend in Brickyard 400.

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