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Left: Wasp sailors watch as the ship pulls into port.

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# News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Laci Peterson's murder:** Prosecutors in the Scott Peterson murder trial introduced evidence from dog-handlers that authorities claim places his dead wife at the same marina where the former fertilizer salesman said he launched his boat the day he reported her missing.

Prosecutors claim search dogs picked up Laci Peterson's scent at the Berkeley Marina where Peterson launched what he claims was a solo fishing trip on the morning of Dec. 24, 2002 — the day he later would report his wife missing.

**Israel spy case:** Two high-ranking Defense Department officials have been briefed by FBI agents investigating a Pentagon analyst suspected of passing U.S. secrets about Iran to the Israeli government, officials said Monday.

The recent briefings of Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and Douglas Feith, the undersecretary for policy, could indicate that the yearlong FBI probe is nearing a conclusion. No arrests have been made or charges announced.

The central figure in the investigation is Larry Franklin, a Middle East analyst who works in Feith's office. Franklin was described by law enforcement officials as cooperating with the FBI. He has not responded to telephone messages seeking comment.

**Fewer runway errors:** Runways at U.S. airports were slightly safer last year than they were the year before, the Federal Aviation Administration said Tuesday.

Fewer people, vehicles and airplanes entered runways by mistake, thus reducing the chance of collisions, the FAA said.

The FAA reported 324 so-called runway incursions between Oct. 1, 2002, and Sept. 30, 2003, a 4 percent decrease from 339 in the previous 12 months.

**N.J. governor scandal:** A former aide to New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey who claims he was sexually harassed by the governor says he won't sue, apparently eliminating the prospect of an embarrassing court fight.

The aide, Golan Cipel, said Monday that McGreevey's resignation announcement was sufficient admission of his wrongdoing and he wished to spare New Jersey taxpayers the financial burden of any damages.

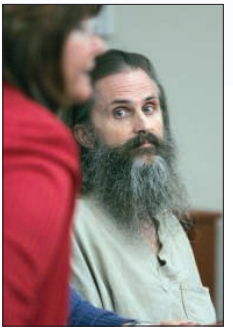
McGreevey, 47, announced Aug. 12 that he is gay and would resign from office Nov. 15 because he had an extramarital affair with a man. A spokesman for the governor said Cipel's announcement came as no surprise.

## World

**Missing aid workers:** U.N. workers searched by land and air Tuesday for eight Sudanese aid workers missing in rebel-controlled territory in the western Darfur region, officials said Tuesday.

The search operations came as the U.N. Security Council was reviewing reports from U.N. teams in the field to decide whether to impose sanctions on the Sudanese government, under intense international pressure to curb rebel attacks, step up security and improve access to humanitarian aid in ravaged western Sudan. The government blames rebels for the unrest.

Minni Minnawi, secretary-general of the rebel Sudan Liberation Army, denied that the rebels were holding the aid workers.



**Elizabeth Smart kidnapping: Bryan David Mitchell looks at his attorney, Kimberly Clark, during his competency hearing Tuesday in Salt Lake City. A judge found Mitchell, a homeless man charged with kidnapping Elizabeth Smart, competent to stand trial. Mitchell and wife Wanda Barzee, 58, are charged with kidnapping Smart, 14, from her bedroom at knifepoint in 2002, and keeping her for nine months in Utah and California.**

**Chechen elections:** Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday defended the vote for president of Chechnya as a true reflection of the people's will — despite complaints that the Kremlin-backed candidate who won enjoyed unfair advantages.

"No one can drag people to polling places by force," Putin said. "It is impossible to haul people by the scruff of the neck or by the hair out of their homes."

Alu Alkhanov, Chechnya's top police official, won with 74 percent of the vote Sunday, election officials said.

**Russian plane crashes:** In his first extensive comments on last week's near-simultaneous air crashes, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that the claim of responsibility by a militant Islamic group shows that fighters in Chechnya have links to international terrorism.

"It's a fact that explosions took place on board two Russian civilian planes," Putin said in televised comments at a news conference. "And if a terrorist organization claimed responsibility for this, and it is linked to al-Qaida, then this confirms a link between certain forces operating on the territory of Chechnya and international terrorism."

Russian investigators have said that terrorism is to blame for both plane crashes last week, which killed 90 people. They said traces of a high explosive were found in the wreckage of both planes, and suspicion is growing that two female Chechen suicide bombers — one on each aircraft — might have brought down the planes.

**Sept. 11 trial:** The retrial of the only Sept. 11 suspect ever convicted was put on hold for a week Tuesday to allow the defense team time to regroup after their lead lawyer was seriously hurt in a motorcycle accident.

The presiding judge in the case of Mounir el Motassadeq also said he may add longer intervals as a concession to defense lawyers after attorney Josef Graessle-Muenscher was hospitalized Saturday with life-threatening crash injuries.

El Motassadeq is accused of aiding Sept. 11 lead pilot Mohamed Atta and others in the Hamburg cell. He faces a possible 15 years in prison if re-convicted of more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization — charges he denies.

**Coup trial suspended:** Equatorial Guinea on Tuesday indefinitely suspended the trial of 19 alleged mercenaries accused in a coup plot in this oil-rich African nation, saying it wanted more information on the alleged roles of Mark Thatcher, son of the former British prime minister, and other international financiers.

The surprise suspension of the 7-day-old trial showed Equatorial Guinea may be seeking to prosecute Thatcher and others in what it says was a foreign-bankrolled plot to overthrow President Teodoro Obiang's 25-year regime in Equatorial Guinea, Africa's third-largest oil producer.

**Afghanistan unrest:** Afghan authorities seized more than half a ton of explosives and arrested three people near the capital, a day after a deadly car-bombing of a U.S. security company, an official said Tuesday.

Security forces discovered 1,300 pounds of explosives in two houses on Monday in Chahar Asyab, just south of Kabul, a senior intelligence official said.

It was not clear if the men were suspected in Sunday's blast in downtown Kabul that killed as many as 10 people, including three Americans, or what they planned to do with the explosives. He did not identify the type of explosive.

The haul was more than three times larger than the estimated amount of explosives used in the weekend bombing.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

## Correction

A story in Sunday's edition about U.S. Army Europe units headed to Afghanistan and Iraq contained incorrect information. The units have received deployment orders for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 and Operation Enduring Freedom 6. Also, the article omitted the first name and rank of 1st Lt. Greg Gabel.

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## Messages of Support

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# Web video shows execution of 12 hostages

## Nepalese workers in Iraq allegedly killed by militants

BY KIM HOUSEGO
*The Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — A video purporting to show the grisly, execution-style killings of 12 Nepalese workers kidnapped in Iraq was posted Tuesday on a Web site linked to an Islamic militant group.

The slayings would mark the largest number of foreign hostages killed at one time by insurgents in Iraq who have seized more than 100 hostages in recent months in their drive to destabilize the country and force coalition troops and foreign workers to withdraw.

In Katmandu, Nepal's Foreign Minister Minister Prakash Sharan Mahat said officials still were checking the reports and the government had called an emergency Cabinet meeting.

"If it is true it is shocking because there were no demand or deadlines ... that makes it even more shocking," Mahat said before the meeting.

The video discovered on the Web site Tuesday showed a masked man in desert camouflage apparently slitting the throat of a blindfolded man lying on the ground. The blindfolded man moaned and a shrill wheeze was heard. The masked man then displayed the head to the camera before resting it on the decapitated body.

Other footage showed a man firing single shots from an assault rifle into the back of the heads of 11 others. Blood seeped from their bodies onto the sand.

A statement on the Web site signed "Ansar al-Sunna Army" vowed to keep fighting the Americans in Iraq.

"America today has used all its force, as well as the help of others, to fight Islam under the so-called war on terror, which is nothing but a vicious crusade against Muslims," the statement said.

The group also threatened anyone else working with U.S. forces here, saying executions would befall "every agent, traitor and spy."

Iyad Mansoor, director-general of the Morning Star Company, a Jordan-based services firm that employed the Nepalese workers, said he had no independent information on their fate.

"I'm shocked to hear such news," he told The Associated Press.

Mansoor said another Jordanian firm had subcontracted 67 Nepalese for construction work in Iraq through Morning Star, which enlists Nepalese laborers through the Nepal-based Moonlight Company to work in factories in Jordan.

The Nepalese group was traveling in two cars on Aug. 19 when they disappeared after crossing the border from Jordan. The next day, a Web statement from the little known Ansar al-Sunna Army claimed to be holding them and demanded Nepal stop sending workers to Iraq.

A tape on the same Web site Sunday showed the same Nepalese denouncing America.

"The Americans assured us that the situation in Iraq is stable and not dangerous," said one of the men, who was draped in an American flag. The other 11 men surrounded him and were holding their passports. "America lied to us. ... The situation here is not under American control."

Associated Press reporter Abbas Fayadh in Basra contributed to this story.

### U.S. deaths in Iraq

*The Associated Press*

As of Monday, 974 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 729 died as a result of hostile action and 245 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

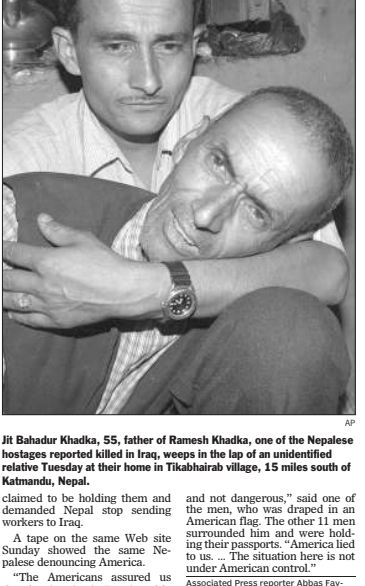
Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 836 U.S. soldiers have died — 620 as a result of hostile action and 216 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Monday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- One U.S. soldier was killed Sunday when his convoy was hit by an explosive near Mosul.

The latest identifications reported by the military or family members:

- Marine Pfc. Nick Skinner, 20, Davenport, Iowa; killed Thursday by gunfire in Najaf, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Unit, Platoon 1023, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- Army Pfc. Luis A. Perez, 19, Theresa, N.Y.; killed Friday in Fallujah, Iraq, by an explosive near his convoy; assigned to the Army Reserves 223rd Transportation Company, Norristown, Pa.



AP

**Jit Bahadur Khadka, 55, father of Ramesh Khadka, one of the Nepalese hostages reported killed in Iraq, weeps in the lap of an unidentified relative Tuesday at their home in Tikabhairab village, 15 miles south of Katmandu, Nepal.**

# France enters crisis talks to save lives of journalists held in Iraq

BY PAMELA SAMPSON
*The Associated Press*

PARIS — France intensified efforts Tuesday to save two journalists held hostage in Iraq, convening crisis talks in Paris and around the Arab world as a 24-hour execution deadline set by militants neared.

French President Jacques Chirac said every effort was being made to free the journalists — although his government has steadfastly refused to cave in to kidnappers' demands that a new law banning Islamic head scarves in French public schools be scrapped.

Foreign Minister Michel Barnier launched a second day of emergency diplomacy in the Middle East, pleading for — and winning — crucial support from Arab governments and powerful Muslim groups, which praised France for its anti-war stance on Iraq.

"Because of France's distinguished position in rejecting the Anglo-American occupation of Iraq, we appeal to the people who kidnapped the journalists to spare their lives," said the Islamic Action Front, Jordan's largest opposition group.

The French government's mission to free the reporters took on new urgency with reports Tuesday that 12 Nepalese hostages had been executed in Iraq. But hopes were steadily rising regarding the fate of Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, the journalists who disappeared Aug. 19 while traveling to the southern city of Najaf.

The official Jordanian news agency, Petra, reported from Iraq that it expected the release of the journalists "within the next few hours." The agency said its report was based on "well-informed" sources.

The journalists were shown on a video released by Al-Jazeera television late Monday urging Chirac to give in to militants' demands to rescind a ban on Islamic head scarves that takes effect when classes resume Thursday. France has ruled out repealing the law.

Condemnation of the kidnapping and support for France poured in from around Europe and the Middle East, notably from Baghdad.

Mohammed Bashar al-Faidi, spokesman for the Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential Sunni group believed to have links to insurgents, made a televised appeal to the group, saying the kidnapping was not the correct way to fight the French law.

When asked about Arab television reports that the two men would soon be released, al-Faidi said: "We have no information so far on their fate, and we have no direct contact with the kidnappers."

AP

**Sadia Djillali, a woman of Algerian origin living in Paris, signs a petition book at Paris City Hall on Tuesday, asking for the immediate release of the two French journalists taken hostages in Iraq.**

# Number of U.S. wounded nears 7,000, DOD says

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The number of American troops wounded in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 is approaching 7,000, according to figures published Tuesday by the Pentagon. The death toll for U.S. military personnel is 975, plus three Defense Department civilians.

The wounded total has approximately doubled since mid-April, when casualties and deaths mounted rapidly as the insurgency intensified. The death toll over that period has grown by about 300.

The Pentagon, which generally updates its casualty count each week, said the number of wounded stands at 6,916, up 226 from a week earlier. In the two months since the United States handed over political sovereignty to an interim Iraq government, the wounded total has grown by about 1,500.

The vast majority of casualties have been Marines and soldiers, although the Pentagon announced Tuesday the 13th member of the Air Force to die in Iraq. Airman 1st Class Carl L. Anderson Jr., 21, of Georgetown, S.C., was killed by a roadside bomb on Sunday near the northern city of Mosul. He was assigned to the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron based at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

AP

**Pfc. Lynndie England, center, gestures while walking with her mother, Terrie, left, as the two leave XVIII Airborne Corps Judge Advocate Building with England attorney Rick Hernandez on Tuesday at Fort Bragg, N.C. England was appearing for an Article 32 hearing on charges stemming from Abu Ghraib prisoner abuses.**

# Judge limits witnesses for defense in England hearing

BY ESTES THOMPSON
*The Associated Press*

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — A military judge ruled Tuesday that defense lawyers for a soldier accused of abusing and photographing prisoners in Iraq may not call as witnesses the general who was in charge of guards at Abu Ghraib prison or a group of detainees.

The ruling came as lawyers for Pfc. Lynndie England sought permission to call additional witnesses at England's Article 32 hearing, which is designed to determine whether the reservist from West Virginia will face a court-martial.

Col. Denise Arn, an Army judge acting as a hearing officer in this proceeding, trimmed the defense request for six new witnesses to three and said she would decide on the remaining requests after lunch.

Arn denied defense lawyers permission to call as a witness Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who was in charge of military police at Abu Ghraib, but said they could submit as evidence a deposition given by Karpinski.

Arn also refused to call the current commander of the MP brigade that England is assigned to at Fort Bragg or an Army investigator who searched soldiers' computers for photos.

Lawyers were given a few hours to continue searching for an MP platoon leader and a military intelligence sergeant. The defense also wanted to question a civilian translator and was talking to his lawyer.

The defense also sought testimony from an unspecified number of Iraqi detainees, but the judge refused after a government lawyer said it would be very difficult to find them.

"At some point it could happen, but certainly not this week," said Capt. John Benson, one of the prosecutors. Benson said the detainees are moved around Iraq and getting them together for testimony would involve a armed convoy, guards and translators.

## Staff sgt. will plead guilty to assault and indecent act

*The Associated Press*

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick will plead guilty to assault, maltreating Iraqi detainees and committing an indecent act at his court-martial Oct. 20, his civilian defense attorney said Monday.

The lawyer, Gary Myers, wouldn't say how many counts of each offense Frederick will acknowledge or what penalty he will receive for his role in the abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad last year.

Conviction on one count of each offense would carry a combined maximum penalty of six years and three months in prison and a dishonorable discharge, according to the Military Judges' Benchbook.

The maximum prison term for all of his alleged offenses total 13 years, three months.

Frederick said in an interview with the German magazine Der Spiegel that he was responsible for his actions and that military intelligence personnel encouraged the humiliation of prisoners.

# Witness: Marine beat prisoners to show dominance

*The Associated Press*

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine accused of kicking a handcuffed Iraqi prisoner who later died said he beat prisoners "to establish who's in charge" and that he treated federal inmates at his civilian job the same way, a witness testified Monday.

John Hennagin, a retired Marine, said he confronted Sgt. Gary Pittman about putting his knee in the stomachs of two Iraqi prisoners at Camp Whitehorse, a makeshift lockup outside Nasiriyah.

" 'You have to establish who's in charge,' " Hennagin said, quoting Pittman. Pittman also said prisoners were treated the same way at a federal prison in New York, Hennagin testified.

Pittman's court-martial is believed to be the first stemming from the death of a U.S. military prisoner in Iraq. He faces up to two years in military prison if he is convicted of assault and dereliction of duty.

Pittman, 40, is accused of karate-kicking Nagem Hatab, who was later found dead. Hennagin, who was a translator at the compound, testified he did not see Pittman kick Hatab.

Hatab, 52, had been rumored to be an official of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party and part of the ambush of a U.S. Army convoy that left 11 soldiers dead and led to the capture of Pfc. Jessica Lynch and five others.

Lance Cpl. Abdul Montaser, who was present when Marines captured Hatab, testified that he told Pittman that Hatab "was a big capture" because of the possible link to Lynch.

Hennagin, who testified under a grant of immunity, acknowledged under cross-examination that he suffered from a brain tumor that has caused short-term memory loss. He said he was sure, however, that he saw Pittman beat two detainees.

Hennagin also acknowledged he had applied for conscientious objector status while serving in the Marines in 1999, but his request had been denied.

Hatab is among 37 Iraqi and Afghan prisoners whose deaths are under investigation.

# Panel decides against freeing Gitmo prisoners

BY FRANK GRIFFITHS
*The Associated Press*

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — U.S. military review panels decided not to release five detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, concluding the men are properly classified as "enemy combatants," an official said Monday.

The decision brought to 19 the number of cases in which rulings have been made, said Navy Cmdr. Becl Brenton, a Pentagon spokeswoman. None of those have been ordered freed.

The military has heard 42 cases to date, and rulings on the others have yet to be confirmed and made public.

The review tribunals are evaluating whether each of the 585 detainees at the U.S. naval base are properly held as an "enemy combatant" or should be freed. They are separate from a military commission that held pretrial hearings for four men last week.

Human rights lawyers have criticized the hearings, saying they fail to satisfy a Supreme Court ruling that prisoners may contest their detention in civilian courts.

Meanwhile, a U.S.-based lawyer met with two British detainees Monday, marking the first time an attorney has met Guantanamo detainees not facing formal charges, a U.S. military official said on condition of anonymity.

The lawyer, Gitanjali Gutierrez, met with detainees Moazzam Begg and Feroz Abbasi, the official said. No information was available about what they discussed.

Following the Supreme Court ruling in June, the U.S. government has begun issuing clearances for some lawyers to visit detainees who haven't been charged.

Two other lawyers canceled plans for their trips this past weekend, saying the government told them future meetings may not be allowed.

# Prosecutors say guardsman betrayed his country

BY MELANTHIA MITCHELL
*The Associated Press*

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — A National Guardsman betrayed his country and fellow soldiers when he tried to pass military information to undercover agents he believed were al-Qaida terrorists, prosecutors charged at the start of his court-martial.

Spc. Ryan Anderson, 27, could get life in prison without parole if convicted.

Anderson, a Muslim convert, pleaded innocent Aug. 9 to five counts of trying to provide the al-Qaida terrorist network with information about U.S. troop strength and tactics, and methods for killing American soldiers.

"This is a case about betrayal — betrayal of our country, betrayal of our Army, betrayal of his fellow soldiers," Maj. Melvin Jenks said Monday in his opening statement.

Anderson's attorney, Maj. Joseph Morse, argued the government has no proof the 27-year-old tank crewman had criminal intent when he contacted people he thought were members of al-Qaida.

He said Anderson "likes to pretend he's something he's not," often embellishing the truth or lying to impress people. "Evidence will show someone who isn't a very good soldier ... isn't a very good Muslim," Morse said.

Shannen Rossmiller, a city judge in Montana, testified she contacted Anderson after coming across a posting in October on a Muslim-oriented Web site she was monitoring for signs of extremist or terrorist activity.

She said when she posted a phony call to jihad against the United States, Anderson wrote back, saying he was "curious if a brother fighting on the wrong side could join or defect."

Rossmiller contacted the Homeland Security Department, which put her in touch with the FBI.

Undercover investigators met with Anderson at a parking lot near the Space Needle in Seattle, where an hour-long discussion was secretly recorded on Feb. 9, just days before Anderson was to leave for Iraq with his unit, the Washington National Guard's 81st Armored Brigade. On the video, Anderson offers sketches and information about weaknesses in the M1A1 Abrams tank, authorities said. He was arrested at Fort Lewis three days after the meeting.

# $3.34B to rebuild Iraq may go to security

## State Department considers rerouting funds to boost Iraqi forces

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The State Department is considering whether $3.34 billion intended for public works projects in Iraq should be used instead to bolster security, a State Department official said Monday.

The money would be part of $18.4 billion Congress approved last year for rebuilding Iraq. Though the Bush administration said then the money was needed urgently, little has been spent because of bureaucratic delays and security problems.

The U.S. ambassador to Iraq, John Negroponte, has recommended to State Department officials that the $3.34 billion be reallocated from water, sewage and electricity projects. If security is improved, oil production could be increased, eventually making more money available for reconstruction, the official said, speaking on the hcondition of anonymity. Negroponte seeks to add 45,000 police, 16,000 border guards and 20 new national guard battalions of 700 to 800 men each.

Officials at the Pentagon said that billions of dollars more for security did not automatically translate to more U.S. troops or longer deployments. "This has nothing to do with U.S. troops," said a defense official. "If this funding is approved, the Iraqi Security forces would likely get the money, under the Security Transition Command" headed by U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who took command of the training of all Iraqi troops in June.

The U.S.-led coalition is seeking to grow Iraqi security forces by 50,000 in the near term, and the funding could be used to recruit, train and equip the Iraqi forces, the defense official said. He did not have specifics since the money has not been approved for transfer.

"The basic principle … has been Iraqi self-government and Iraqi-self security." The shift in funds would be applicable "to the extent that U.S. forces are involved in making that happen," the official said. "The sooner Iraqi forces take over, the less burden on U.S. forces and multinational coalition forces."

The $18.4 billion was part of an $87 billion package Bush signed Nov. 6, mostly for Iraq and Afghanistan. When the proposal was presented to Congress, administration officials said emergency funding for reconstruction was as urgently needed as money for military operations.

"Every day that the Iraqis do not get power, do not get water, do not get sewage treatment is a day when their quality of life is such that they're less inclined to view us as liberators and more inclined to view us as occupiers, and that also increases the danger to our men and women," L. Paul Bremer, then head of the U.S. occupation authority, told the Senate Armed Services Committee last September.

That package was shaped mostly by the Defense Department, which was overseeing reconstruction as well as military activities at the time. The State Department has become the main agency overseeing reconstruction projects since the June 28 transfer of authority to an interim Iraqi government.

The request for transfer is exactly what the United States needs to do at this point to bring about a successful mission in Iraq, said Anthony Cordesman, an analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies whose expertise includes Middle East military balance, critical infrastructure protection, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Having large and long-lead economic programs is not working at this point," Cordesman said. "It's not changing the hearts and minds and it's creating targets for saboteurs. … This is exactly what is needed and is really a long overdue change in U.S. aid policy in Iraq."

The money transfer, if approved by Congress, should be spent to not just increase the number of Iraqi security forces, but to better train and equip them, which in turn would expedite the transfer of responsibility from U.S. and coalition forces to Iraqi forces, Cordesman said.

"It's the best way to reduce the U.S. commitment of U.S. forces in Iraq in a way that provides a good chance at some kind of stability in the Iraqi government."

Stripes reporter Sandra Jontz contributed to this report from the Pentagon.

# U.S. warplanes fire on Afghan village

## 8 reported dead; Danish relief camp destroyed

**BY STEPHEN GRAHAM**
*The Associated Press*

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. warplanes bombed a village in eastern Afghanistan, killing eight people and destroying the camp of a Danish relief group after assailants rocketed a nearby government office, Afghan officials and the international aid group said Tuesday.

The U.S. military said the airstrike late Monday in Kunar province was launched to counter an attack on U.S. troops and killed several militants. The military accused rebels of injuring 10 civilians, but did not rule out harm being done to villagers by American fire.

The Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees, or DACAAR, said at least one of its aid workers was injured in the bombing The exchange began late Monday when assailants fired 25 rockets at the mayor's office in Mano Gai, 105 miles east of Kabul, said Sayed Fazel Akbar, the governor of Kunar province.

"The American planes came and bombarded Weradesh village," from where the rockets were launched into nearby Mano Gai, he said.

DACAAR, which had a team working in Weradesh, said at least two bombs were dropped around midnight and that eight villagers had been killed. The group's 14 staff fled their darkened camp on the edge of the village seconds before it was struck by one bomb, said Gorm Pederson, the group's director. One worker was injured and several of the group's vehicles were badly damaged.

U.S. soldiers visited the village early Tuesday and told DACAAR's staff to draw up an assessment of the damage, Pederson said. They offered no explanation for the airstrikes.

The U.S. military said American-led forces in the area came under fire with mortars and rockets, sparking a gunbattle in which "insurgents fired indiscriminately at villagers."

U.S. planes and troops "suppressed the insurgents' fire," the military said in a statement. "Estimates are several anti-coalition militants were killed."

Seven children, one coalition soldier and two Afghan soldiers were flown to the main U.S. base at Bagram, north of Kabul, it said. Four required surgery.

"An insurgent blew himself up with a grenade, injuring the children," it said. One child was in guarded condition and the rest of the injured were stable, it said.

### 2nd ID soldier dies in Iraq

Strike Force, the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, has suffered its first fatal casualty in Iraq.

The Department of Defense announced Tuesday that Spc. Omead H. Razani, 19, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Aug. 27 in Habbaniyah, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries.

Razani was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment which was based at Camp Greaves, South Korea, before deploying to Iraq.

The incident is under investigation, the DOD statement said.

From staff reports

Courtesy of Force Protection Inc.

**The U.S. Marine Corps will ship to Iraq by this fall 14 new anti-mine type vehicles called the Cougar. The vehicle can be used to protect its Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams and combat engineers from improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, which have claimed dozens of U.S. servicemembers' lives in the past year.**

# New vehicles aim to protect Marines in Iraq

**BY SANDRA JONTZ**
*Stars and Stripes*

ARLINGTON, Va. — Marines in Iraq will be getting a new batch of vehicles late this fall that will help protect them against improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, the roadside bombs that have killed and maimed dozens of troops in Iraq over the past year.

The first 14 Cougars, which the Corps will rename Hardened Engineer Vehicle, are slated to go to combat engineers and explosive ordnance disposal teams now in Iraq, arriving in country before Thanksgiving, said Jeff Child, spokesman with the Columbia, S.C.-based Force Protection Inc., which manufactures ballistic and mine protected vehicles through its wholly owned subsidiary Technical Solutions Group.

The Corps bought the vehicles under an expedited "urgent requirement" process because of a great need to protect Marines from the threat of IEDs, said Joe Murgo, team leader for the Corps' Engineer support Equipment and Counter IED systems branch at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

"We needed a vehicle designed to specifically take mine blasts from the ground up, to give all-around protection … and something that is easily maneuverable," Murgo said. Tanks and tracked vehicles proved too large and cumbersome for some of the EOD and engineers' missions, he said.

"The vehicle is designed, with its V-shaped hull, to withstand both AP and AT (anti-personnel and anti-tank) blasts and can protect Marines against IEDs, small arms fire, air bursts, and fragments from [weapons] 155 mm and below," Murgo said.

The Marine Corps contracted through Force Protection Inc./ Technical Solutions Group Inc. to buy 27 Cougars. However, the service thus far has funds to buy 14, Murgo said.

The Cougar, with an average price of $335,000, is a multipurpose vehicle with a capsule designed to protect the driver and crew from both ballistic and mine blasts. According to the manufacturer's Web site, the vehicle can be configured to serve as a mine-protected troop transport vehicle, a weapons platform, a law enforcement special response vehicle, or an EOD/range clearance vehicle.

The Cougar and its sister vehicle, the Tempest, are available in 10-seat versions in the 4-by-2 and 4-by-4 models, and as a 16-seater in the 6-by-6 model, though the Marine Corps did not buy any 4-by-2 models, Child said.

Some of the five-man teams of EOD Marines will get the smaller 4-by-4 versions, while some engineer support battalion Marines will get the longer 6x6 vehicles to help carry their personnel and equipment, Murgo said. But because of the vehicles' versatility, they can be used however ground commanders see fit, he said.

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# Wasp group stops at Rota on way home

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER
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NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — The amphibious assault ship USS Wasp and two other ships pulled into Rota on Tuesday for a brief port visit before wrapping up a seven-month deployment as part of the war on terrorism and heading home.

Standing aboard the deck of the Wasp, sailors and Marines watched and took photographs as tugboats pushed and pulled the 844-foot ship into its spot on pier 1. The ship has nearly 3,000 sailors and Marines anxious to get home to their friends and families.

Petty Officer 1st Class James Ratliff, 28, of Davie, Fla., is hoping to catch a soccer match while in southern Spain but is excited about going home and reuniting with his wife, who also is in Navy.

"It's been a nice, smooth cruise," he said. "Just long .... There's been so much uncertainty with our schedule."

The Wasp is carrying Marines with the Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. The unit conducted combat operations from Kandahar, Afghanistan, helping to root out terrorists and Taliban fighters and provide security leading up to the country's elections.

Marine Cpl. Seth Hackler, 23, a field radio operator from Springfield, Ill., said the most difficult part about serving in Afghanistan was the heat. Temperatures reached 118 degrees during the day in Kandahar.

The most obscure thing he missed most while he was in arid and dusty Afghanistan was green grass. He was amazed at the Afghan culture and how they are able to live on so much less than what Americans do.

"It was an eye-opener," he said.

While the Marines were in Afghanistan, the Wasp group participated in ship and boat interdictions near the Horn of Africa and participated in maritime exercises.

This is Petty Officer 2nd Class Harry Basnight's first sea tour. He said the cruise wasn't as hard as he thought it was going to be when the group deployed in February. He said he learned a lot about himself.

"It helps you grow up," said Basnight, 20, an information technician from Woodbridge, Va. "You're really by yourself. You don't have family members and close friends to run to. [It's] a learning experience nonetheless."

Although the group is near the end of its deployment, aerographer's mate Seaman Jonathan McCall could be extremely busy on the journey across the Atlantic Ocean. He will be watching out for tropical storms and hurricanes brewing in the ship's path. A nasty storm could delay the ship's return.

"I'm not a popular guy when that happens," he said.

Two other ships, the amphibious transport ship USS Shreveport and the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island, are part of the Wasp expeditionary strike group. All three are based in Norfolk, Va.

The ships are part of an expeditionary strike group, which is a group of seven ships that can conduct a variety of missions. The strike group is based on the traditional Amphibious Ready Group.

The group is the first East Coast-based expeditionary strike group to deploy since the Navy came up with the concept.

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**Sailors prepare to help bring in the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp at Naval Station Rota, Spain, on Tuesday. The Wasp and some of the ships in its expeditionary strike group made a pit stop in Rota before heading home after their seven-month deployment.**

# USAFE says Alconbury is a real looker

## Sprucing up brings in $50,000 prize for best small base

BY RON JENSEN
*Stars and Stripes*

RAF ALCONBURY, England — An empty building in the heart of RAF Alconbury will soon be put to use, thanks to a $50,000 award the base received for being named the best-looking small base in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

The home of the 423rd Air Base Squadron took the prize given to the geographically separated base that best exemplified Combat Proud, one of 14 Combat and Special-Interest Programs established a year ago by USAFE commander Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong.

"We definitely could not have done it with just a handful of folks working for [the civil engineer squadron]," said Maj. Matt Greene, commander of the 423rd Civil Engineer Squadron. "We tried to incorporate everyone, not just the blue-suiters."

He said the entire base population played a role in trimming hedges, painting buildings, pulling weeds and everything else that had to be done to take the top prize.

Two weeks ago, RAF Lakenheath, England, was named the best-looking large base in the command and pocketed $100,000.

Greene said the money from the Combat Proud honor would be used to renovate a building constructed in the 1960s as a Stars and Stripes bookstore. It has more than 2,000 square feet, but has no running water.

"We've been looking for a way to utilize it," he said.

The money will be used to put in water and toilets, and to install kitchen counters and various other upgrades. It will be a place for community gatherings, particularly for parents with small children. Work will be done by the base staff and will begin in October.

"It's going to impact a lot of people," Greene said.

Bases such as RAF Alconbury, which has a total population of 5,000, were not in the original base appearance competition. But a second look prompted a change of heart.

"I think that was a good call," Greene said. "You neglect the GSUs, you neglect a lot of folks and a lot of installations."

An initial look at the base in December may have given Greene second thoughts, however. It would not have scored well at the time.

"We hadn't neglected base appearance, but we didn't have a formal plan in place" that would address the Combat Proud guidelines, he said.

Master Sgt. Jon Stirewalt, superintendent of civil engineer operations, said everyone at Alconbury was invited to take part in sprucing up the base, which provides support for the European Command Joint Analysis Center a few miles away at RAF Molesworth.

With a civil engineer squadron member acting as a team expert, teams of volunteers attacked the base — painting light poles and buildings, trimming and cutting things that needed to be trimmed and cut. Managers of each building were educated on watching out for trash or unsightly items left around the building. All the cigarette butt cans were painted a familiar shade of brown.

When the USAFE inspection team arrived in late August, everything was ready.

Greene said the appearance of a base is important to performing the mission.

"By having world-class facilities, we're able to provide world-class support," he said. "It keeps everybody happy."

Greene said the plan to renovate the building on base fits in with next year's Combat Proud competition. That contest will judge bases on the appearance of the interiors of their buildings.

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**Master Sgt. Jon Stirewalt of the 423rd Civil Engineer Squadron at RAF Alconbury, England, is on the best-looking small base in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe.**

## A pot of gold at RAF Mildenhall?

RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

**As viewed from a farm near the base, a rainbow appears to come down on RAF Mildenhall, England, following an early evening shower Sunday.**

# AF finds more sex assaults occur than initially thought

BY ANGELA K. BROWN
*The Associated Press*

Sexual assaults at U.S. Air Force bases are more widespread than officials first believed and addressing the problem will require major institutional changes, according to an Air Force report released Monday.

Air Force teams investigated 85 installations in the United States and overseas and found that many women failed to report rapes because they feared they would be disciplined. The report said "respondents repeatedly described sexual assault as a cultural issue in need of a compelling and sustained message."

The four-month probe also found that response programs for victims were inadequate, that the Air Force has lacked a formal sexual assault policy, and that existing training has been sporadic and focused more on sexual harassment rather than rape.

"Addressing sexual assault in the U.S. Air Force requires deep, long-lasting, cultural and institutional change," Michael J. Dominguez, Air Force assistant secretary for manpower and reserves, wrote in a preface to the report.

The study began in February, a year after a sex abuse scandal surfaced at the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

The academy has overhauled its top leadership and policies on sexual assault after dozens of current and former female cadets complained they were ignored or punished after reporting assaults.

The report recommends major institutional changes, including developing an Air Force-wide sexual assault prevention and response policy; assigning an office to oversee the policy and programs; integrating databases used to report and track rapes; and requiring pre-deployment sexual assault response training for officers.

"The Air Force must do a better job of defining and understanding the crime of sexual assault and the behavior that spawns it. Ultimately, the Air Force must work through its commanders to create an institutional environment that refuses to accept or facilitate such behavior," the report said.

## PINs now available via work e-mail

The Navy and Marine Corps have joined the other services in letting members receive their myPay Personal Identification Numbers via their official work e-mail account, according to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

The Navy and Marine Corps lagged behind the Army and Air Force because the department has been switching to a new intranet and e-mail system.

Now, within minutes of requesting a new or updated PIN through the myPay Web site **https://mypay.dfas.mil**, members can expect to receive the PIN at their official Navy e-mail address if it was provided when they received their Common Access Card, according to DFAS.

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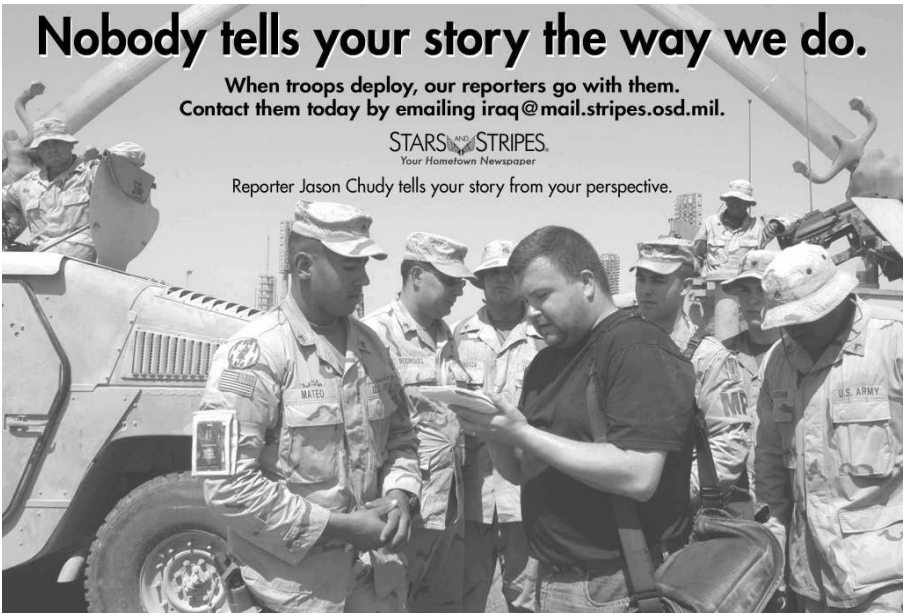

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**Retired Maj. Gen. Dewitt Irby, left, and Richard Halstead pin stars on Col. Rebecca Halstead's lapels, promoting her to brigadier general. Halstead, who will be commanding general of the 3rd Corps Support Command in Wiesbaden, Germany, is the first female West Point graduate to become a general officer.**

# Promoted into history

## Female brigadier general in Germany is first woman West Point grad to reach rank

BY MARNI MCENTEE
*Stars and Stripes*

PANZER KASERNE, Germany — In 1977, Rebecca Halstead became one of the first women admitted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

On Tuesday, Halstead made another indelible mark on history, becoming the first female West Point graduate to achieve the rank of general officer.

Halstead, deputy commanding general of the 21st Theater Support Command in Kaiserslautern, was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. On Thursday, she moves to her new post as commanding general of the 3rd Corps Support Command in Wiesbaden.

"Somebody had to be first and who better? No one could have been better in my mind," said retired Maj. Gen. Dewitt Irby during Halstead's frocking ceremony at Panzer Kaserne's parade ground.

"In every instance, she has made an example for all to emulate. She has truly been a trendsetter in the Army," Irby said.

Irby, whom Halstead called her mentor and occasional "tormenter," and Halstead's father, Richard, pinned a single star on each of her lapels. Her nephew, Joseph Barron, placed her Kevlar helmet with the new brigadier general's rank insignia on her head. And her mother, Betty Jeanne Halstead, helped her snap on a ceremonial gunbelt.

Halstead graduated from West Point in 1981, the second graduating class that included women. Women were first admitted to the academy in 1976, and today they make up 15 percent of the school's 4,000 students, according to the academy Web site.

Halstead, 45, of Willseyville, N.Y., credited her mother for pointing her in the direction of the academy, after seeing a newspaper story that the school had opened its doors to women.

Since then, she has risen swiftly through the ranks, having been promoted four times "below the zone," or earlier than average.

Col. Susan Sowers, commander of the Kaisersalutern-based 37th Transportation Command, who graduated from West Point the year after Halstead, said Halstead has always been dedicated to the Army and her soldiers. The two served as company commanders together at Fort Lewis, Wash., 18 years ago.

"She is, without a doubt, one of the best leaders I have ever met," said Sowers, 44, of Tacoma, Wash.

Sowers noted that women have indeed come a long way in the military. During the U.S. invasion of Grenada, for example, women platoon leaders were yanked back behind the lines after they jumped into the conflict zone, Sowers said.

"There are no front lines or rear lines anymore," Sowers said. "The reality of warfare has helped diminish the gender gap. Women are proving themselves one way or the other, whether the American public is ready or not."

First Lt. Marisa Pace, a 2001 academy graduate, said she related to Halstead's speech because the two came from similar backgrounds.

"It motivates me to go back to my job and do the best I can," said Pace, executive officer of 37th Transportation Command's Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "Maybe one day, I can make it to one-star," said Pace, 26, of Queens, N.Y.

Halstead said she only had a couple of pieces of advice for women coming up in the ranks: "Number one, don't quit. Number two, refer back to number one," she said.

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# Writer urges troops to write down war experiences

BY KENT HARRIS
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VICENZA, Italy — It took years for E. Ethelbert Miller to digest a few of the defining moments that shaped his life.

For Miller — now a famed poet, professor and self-described "literary activist" — those moments include the entry and exit of his older brother into a monastery, his sometimes combative relationship with his mother, the death of his brother and father and growing up black on the East Coast in the 1960s.

Miller told a group of soldiers Tuesday at Caserma Ederle that he felt, and still feels, a need to write down his emotions. So he started penning poetry.

"What can a person learn from your life?" he asked the assembled group, most of whom had seen combat with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Iraq recently. "What have you been a witness to?"

Miller spent more than an hour telling troops about some of the experiences that he had witnessed and put down in ink. Many of his stories had the soldiers laughing.

There are some stories, even in a wartime environment, that could also earn a few chuckles. But others inspire other emotions. And the National Endowment for the Arts wants to hear them all.

So the NEA is soliciting material from servicemembers and their families on their wartime experiences, according to Maribeth Walton McGinley, a member of the National Council on the Arts. At the end of the series of workshops it is conducting, the NEA plans to select and compile the best of the soldiers' works and publish an anthology.

"You have some wonderful stories to tell that the American people aren't hearing," McGinley told the troops. "We have a World War II generation whose stories are being lost. We want to hear your stories right now."

McGinley, whose Marine Corps colonel husband is stationed in the Pentagon, said it's "the first time that the endowment has focused on programs in the military."

Authors such as Miller and novelist Richard Bausch, who was also in Vicenza on Tuesday, are visiting with troops as part of Operation Homecoming, the NEA initiative encouraged by the Department of Defense.

The object, according to program director Jon Peede, is pretty simple.

"We are encouraging the troops to write about their wartime experiences," he said. Those actually involved in an event have a perspective that can't be duplicated by others who weren't there, he said.

Those words were echoed a short while later by Brig. Gen. Jason Kamiya, the commanding general of the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) who will lead most of the base's active-duty population into Afghanistan early next year.

"No one can write about your experiences and your feelings except for yourselves," he said.

He encouraged soldiers to write down their thoughts during their next big mission and to plan on how they'll do so.

"You do have good stories to tell," he said. "There are people in the States, your peers, that look to all of us in uniform as role models."

The NEA hopes to elicit material from all of the services and their families. Peede said Vicenza is the third base visited, following stops at Fort Drum, N.Y., and Camp Lejeune, N.C. The next scheduled trips are to Fort Richardson in Alaska and Norfolk, Va.

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**Poet, author and "literary activist" E. Ethelbert Miller makes a point Tuesday during a presentation to soldiers at Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy.**

Author Tom Clancy, probably the best-known of the dozens of authors who are volunteering for the project, will make an appearance there to talk to sailors and their families.

About a dozen visits are set — presently none of the others are overseas — but Peede said the program's popularity might prompt additional trips.

The published anthology will be distributed free on military bases and libraries, according to an NEA spokesman. And even if a submitted work does not make the book, it will become part of a permanent NEA collection chronicling the war.

Some of those present during Miller's presentation said they plan to deploy with pens, paper and plans to produce.

Spc. David Stewart said his tour in Iraq was full of "lots of experiences, but I don't know about just jotting them down."

He said he did write some poetry in country, just to try to get his thoughts on paper to revisit later.

Spc. Phillip Harrill, also a member of 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment, said he lost most of what he had written in Iraq. He said he wasn't sure how important it was to anyone else.

"Things I wanted to remember for myself," he said. "Things I'll probably never do again when I leave the Army."

And things that the NEA says it wants to keep and share with other Americans and future generations.

For more details on the project, see the Web site: **www.nea.gov/national/homecoming/index.html**.

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IN THE WORLD

# Two Israel bus blasts kill at least 15

BY STEVE GUTKIN
*The Associated Press*

BEERSHEBA, Israel — Suicide bombers blew up two buses almost simultaneously in southern Israel on Tuesday, killing at least 15 people and wounding more than 80 others in the first Palestinian attack inside Israel in nearly six months.

The twin blasts, claimed by the militant group Hamas, were likely to provoke a harsh Israeli response. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon planned to meet with top security officials later Tuesday, his office said.

The buses burst into flames about 100 yards apart near a bustling intersection in Beersheba, the largest city in southern Israel, just 10 miles from the West Bank. Hamas issued a leaflet in Hebron — the closest Palestinian city to Beersheba — saying the attack was avenging Israel's assassinations of two of its leaders earlier this year.

AP

**Rescue workers spray the wreckage of a bus in Beersheba, Israel, in this image from television Tuesday. Two buses exploded almost simultaneously, killing at least 15 and wounding more than 80, rescue officials said.**

The explosions came just hours after Sharon presented to his Likud party the most detailed timetable yet for Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, and warned party rebels the plan "will be implemented, period."

After the attacks, Sharon said, "The fight against terror will continue full strength." Aides said he would push forward with the pullout.

Rescue workers scoured the scene, cleaning up body parts and scattered pieces of the wreckage as dozens of onlookers gathered nearby. A hand with a ring lay on the ground, and spattered blood covered the walls of the mangled buses.

"People were screaming and yelling. Everybody was running," said witness Tzvika Schreter, a 50-year-old college lecturer.

Police said the messy scene was complicating the recovery of bodies and warned the death toll could rise. They did not know whether the suicide bombers were among the 15 recovered bodies.

Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service said 30 of the wounded were in serious or moderate condition.

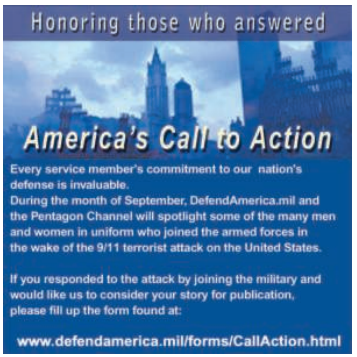
In the Gaza Strip, Muslim leaders praised the "heroic operation" — a phrase referring to suicide bombings — over mosque loudspeakers. "There will be no security for Israel as long as the occupation stands," said one of the leaders.

Palestinian militants haven't carried out a major attack inside Israel since March 14, when 11 people were killed in the port of Ashdod. After that attack, Israel assassinated Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas, and his successor, Abdel Aziz Rantisi. Hamas has repeatedly pledged it would avenge their deaths, but had taken little action before Tuesday.

Israel has said the lull in violence was due to its success in fighting militants, not a lack of effort by armed Palestinian groups.

Israeli forces have arrested or killed dozens of militants in recent months, operating dozens of roadblocks in the West Bank and placing security guards near busy bus stops in Israeli cities.

Sharon's government also cites its contentious West Bank barrier for keeping attackers out of the country. The barrier, about one-quarter complete, has not reached the area near Hebron.

# Blast near Moscow subway kills at least 6, official says

BY STEVE GUTTERMAN
*The Associated Press*

MOSCOW — At least six people were killed in a blast outside a busy Moscow subway station Tuesday evening and news reports cited the Federal Security Service as saying it was caused by a female suicide bomber.

The blast hit in an area between the Rizhskaya subway station in northern Moscow and a nearby supermarket-department store complex.

Initial casualty reports varied, but police spokesman Valery Gribakin said on Russian television that six people were killed and more than 20 wounded.

The blast — which some witnesses said consisted of two separate explosions — hit one week, almost to the hour, after two Russian airliners crashed within minutes of each other. The crashes that killed 90 people in all were declared terrorist acts after officials reported finding traces of explosives in the wreckage.

Russian news agencies cited the security agency as saying the blast was caused by a female suicide bomber, but there was no immediate elaboration of the statement and the service declined to answer questions from The Associated Press.

Television reports showed a white car engulfed in flames, shattered windows and bloodied people lying on the asphalt in front of the subway station. A woman, apparently distraught by panic, fended off a man who repeatedly reached out as if to help her.

**A man, left, and a woman hurt in a car explosion are given first aid in an ambulance near a subway station in Moscow on Tuesday.**

A score of emergency vehicles, their lights flashing, and several dozen police cars clustered at the scene about an hour after the blast. The gutted, flame-blackened car stood near the store, and a mangled body lay under a cover on a nearby stairway.

"There was a powerful blast and then a smaller one. I thought my roof would come off," said 30-year-old Sergei Pyslaru, who said he was driving on a nearby street at the time of the explosion.

Police and emergency officials could not immediately be reached for comment by The Associated Press, but police spokesman Valery Gribakin said six people were killed and more than 20 injured.

Anatoly Zuyev, Moscow's chief prosecutor, told reporters at the scene that his office had opened a criminal investigation into suspected terrorism and murder.

Suicide bombings blamed on Chechen rebels and their supporters have hit Moscow and other parts of Russia over the past several years. In February, 41 people were killed in a rush-hour explosion on the Moscow subway that officials said was a terrorist attack; in December, a female suicide bomber blew herself up outside a hotel adjacent to Red Square, killing five other people.

Chechens voted on Sunday for president of the warring republic in an election that was backed by the Kremlin as a move toward establishing stability. The election was part of the Kremlin's strategy for trying to undermine support for the separatist insurgents who have been fighting Russian forces for nearly five years.

# Milosevic begins defense at war crimes trial

## Ex-Yugoslav leader faces 66 counts for allgedly starting three wars

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH
*The Associated Press*

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — More than two years after his trial opened, Slobodan Milosevic launched his defense against war crimes charges Tuesday, insisting the Serbs he led with an iron fist were the victims instead of the aggressors in wars that tore apart Yugoslavia and destroyed millions of lives.

Milosevic began the second half of the most important war crimes trial since World War II by delivering the opening statement in his own defense. He said Serbia's actions were a response to rebellions by other ethnic groups and outside threats by Islamic radicals who piggybacked on Yugoslavia's tensions to foment mayhem in the Balkans.

Calling the prosecution's case "a distortion of history," Milosevic portrayed the Serbs as victims of a plan supported by the United States and Europe to break up Yugoslavia, of an attempt to wipe out Croatia's Serb minority, and of a Saudi-financed plot to create an Islamic state in Bosnia.

Milosevic, seated alone at the defense table, sometimes turned red in the face as he rushed to complete his opening statement in the allotted time.

The panel of three U.N judges granted him an extra 90 minutes to finish summarizing his case after he complained he was given only four hours while prosecutors took three days to present their case when the trial began in February 2002.

The judges placed the opening of the defense at the top of Tuesday's agenda, concerned that the case had repeatedly been delayed by Milosevic's frail health. Originally set for April, the defense case was postponed five times after doctors determined Milosevic's blood pressure was dangerously high.

Milosevic's health, and the possible appointment of a defense lawyer against his will may be discussed later, the judges ruled.

Milosevic, 63, faces 66 counts of war crimes for allegedly instigating three wars during the violent breakup of the Yugoslav federation in the 1990s when more than 200,000 people were killed.

Prosecutors say he was responsible for ethnic cleansing in the former republics to create a "greater Serbia" that united Serbs across Yugoslavia.

Milosevic said tens of thousands of Serbs were killed or driven from their homes in Croatia before the Yugoslav army responded.

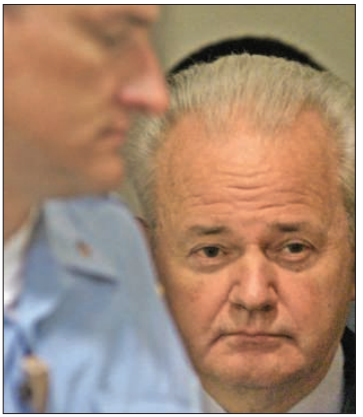
"This is a classical example of an armed rebellion against a state," he said. "A state has the right to use all means necessary to control the rebellion."

Later, Milosevic, said mujahadeen fighters flooded into Muslim-dominated Bosnia from Iran, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Lebanon, and Morocco "to support the first Islamic state in Europe." The Afghans came with arms supplied by the U.S. intelligence agency, the CIA, Milosevic said.

Milosevic said the accusations against him were "an unscrupulous lie and also a treacherous distortion of history." He said he had defended his country against a conspiracy to "wipe out Serbia from the map of Europe." He charged that prosecutors had "presented everything in a lopsided manner" to fit their version of events.

A main issue for the judges is whether the defense should be handed over to a court-appointed lawyer to avoid more months of postponements and to keep the proceedings professional.

They also must decide whether his indictment — which covers alleged crimes committed during the wars in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo — should be broken into separate parts to speed up proceedings.



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**Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic enters a court room in The Hague, Netherlands, on Tuesday. Milosevic opened his defense case at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal Tuesday, starting the long-delayed second half of his trial on charges of genocide and other war crimes in the Balkans.**

### Prayers said on Diana's anniversary

LONDON — Prayers were offered for Diana, Princess of Wales outside her London home on Tuesday, the seventh anniversary of her death in a Paris car crash. Some 100 admirers gathered for the short open-air ceremony led by the Rev. Frank Gelli outside Kensington Palace in west London.

Many left flowers or pinned tributes to the iron railings around the residence.

There was no public remembrance by Diana's family; her sons, Princes William and Harry, and her ex-husband, Prince Charles, were on vacation in Scotland.

Diana and her companion Dodi Fayed were killed on Aug. 31, 1997, when their chauffeur-driven limousine crashed into an underpass in Paris while it was being chased by *papparazzi.*

### Sweden fights Legionnaires' Disease

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Sweden's food retailers' federation has asked all stores with humidifiers to shut them off, saying Tuesday the public was fearful the machines could spread the bacteria that causes Legionnaires' Disease.

The federation's issued its recommendation Monday night, as nine new cases of the disease were reported in central Sweden.

The cases were not linked to the use of humidifiers, but previous cases have prompted public concern about store-bought fruits and vegetables that have been sprayed with water mist from humidifiers to appear fresh.

From The Associated Press

# Brits crack down on anti-social behavior

BY JILL LAWLESS
*The Associated Press*

LONDON — A teenager is forbidden to say "grass." A great-grandfather is banned from being sarcastic. And two record companies are told not to put up posters.

All have fallen foul of the British government's latest weapon against petty crime, vandalism and hooliganism — the anti-social behavior order.

Prime Minister Tony Blair on Tuesday highlighted the growing use of the orders as meeting the concerns of many voters.

"It doesn't always get the headlines but if you've got really difficult people living next door or down the street... it makes life absolute hell," Blair said during a visit to Harlow, 25 miles northeast of London.

The orders have been used to ban thousands of people, some as young as 10, from activities as varied as shouting, swearing, spray painting, playing loud music and walking down certain streets.

Supporters say the orders — popularly known as ASBOs — are a valuable tool against persistent offenders. Opponents say their sweeping power threatens civil liberties and may be ineffective.

"You have to come up with a carrot-and-stick approach," said Rob Allen, director of the think tank Rethinking Crime and Punishment. "ASBOs are, on the whole, stick. It's an unbalanced approach."

Anti-social behavior orders were introduced in 1999 to counter "loutish and unruly conduct," and given a boost in October when the government launched an Anti-social Behavior Action Plan, vowing to tackle everyday incivilities from "nuisance neighbors" to begging to graffiti.

Issued by magistrates at the request of police or local authorities, the orders can ban certain types of behavior, associating with particular individuals or visiting a proscribed area for a minimum of two years.

Breaching an order is a crime punishable by up to five years in prison. Because the orders are issued in civil rather than criminal court, an offense only has to be proved "on balance of probabilities," rather than the criminal court standard of beyond reasonable doubt.

It is rare for an order to be refused — 2,455 orders were issued nationwide to the end of March, more than half of them within the latest year, and only 42 requests were turned down by the courts.

Advocates say ASBOs are overwhelmingly popular with people affected by vandalism and petty crime.

"We've seen what happens when you've got no control, when people are running wild," said Peter Cuming, who helps lead a Neighborhood Watch group in north London. His group, a multi-ethnic mix of middle-class and lower-income families, says ASBOs helped clear away drug dealers, beggars and prostitutes.

"A year ago, you could have looked out my window and seen five or six drug dealers at any time of day," Cuming said. "We've gone from bleeding-heart liberals to absolute reactionaries on this one."

Manchester Council in northwest England has sought some 400 anti-social behavior orders, more than any other authority.

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# Five killed by Virginia floods

BY LARRY O'DELL
*The Associated Press*

RICHMOND, Va. — About 20 blocks of downtown Richmond were condemned after the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston battered central Virginia with torrential rain Monday, causing heavy flooding that sent cars floating down streets and trapped people in buildings.

Five deaths were confirmed in the region, Gov. Mark R. Warner said Tuesday.

"It's a remarkable blessing that more people weren't hurt," Warner said at a news conference. "The devastation to a lot of the businesses in Shockoe Bottom is overwhelming."

A brick building of at least two stories collapsed in the historic, low-lying Shockoe Bottom area, and several dozen buildings had extensive water damage from floodwaters up to 10 feet, Mayor Rudolph McCollum said.

Floodwaters overran about half of the historic neighborhood, including most of the restaurants in the nightclub district. Whole walls of buildings splintered, and bricks blew out of others. The city sheriff's office had to evacuate a juvenile detention center.

More than 100 cars were waterlogged. Many had simply floated away — some resting atop fire hydrants and other vehicles. City officials said the damage would easily be in the millions of dollars but said it was too early to provide an estimate.

Warner declared a state of emergency Monday night and toured the area with city officials on Tuesday morning.

The declaration made state resources available and put the Virginia National Guard on standby.

"It's been a disaster of major proportions," McCollum said.

About 66,000 customers of Dominion Virginia Power remained without power Tuesday, most of them in the Richmond area. Utility officials planned to send a mobile generating unit to Shockoe Bottom, where floodwaters had knocked out the substation.

"It looks like rapids outside our building," said Nick Baughan, who was stranded with about 20 other people on the second floor of the Bottoms Up pizza restaurant Monday night.

The first floor of the restaurant was in 10 to 12 feet of water, Baughan said.

The storm's strong punch took weather forecasters and the public by surprise. Meteorologists had predicted no more than 4 inches of rain, but the system instead dumped 10 to 14 inches in the Richmond area, snarling traffic and stranding evening commuters on Interstate 95 and other major thoroughfares.

Keith Lynch, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Wakefield, said tropical storms are typically preceded by clouds.

But in Gaston's case, the sun shone until the storm arrived, causing an unusual period of heating that led to more instability and heavy downpours.

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**Vehicles sit on a pile in the wrong direction on a one-way street Tuesday in the Shockoe Bottom area of Richmond, Va. Remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston battered central Virginia with torrential rain Monday.**

## Frances strengthens in Caribbean

*The Associated Press*

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Frances strengthened as it churned near the islands of the northeastern Caribbean with 135-mph winds that were expected to graze Puerto Rico on Tuesday before the storm plowed on toward the Bahamas and the southeastern United States.

Though little damage was expected in the U.S. territory, some people put up metal storm shutters and many businesses and schools and government offices closed for the day. At least 14 airline flights from Puerto Rico were canceled.

Frances strengthened to a powerful Category 4 hurricane and prompted tropical storm warnings for Puerto Rico, the British Virgin Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the north coast of the Dominican Republic.

# 4 new planets found

BY JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
*The Associated Press*

Astronomers have discovered four new planets in a week's time, an exciting end-of-summer flurry that signals a sharper era in the hunt for new worlds.

While none of these new bodies would be mistaken as Earth's twin, some appear to be noticeably smaller and more solid — more like Earth and Mars — than the gargantuan, gaseous giants identified before.

Planet-hunting is the hottest field in astronomy, with hundreds of researchers joining a race that just a decade ago was reserved for a few dreamers. This past week has been a dizzying one with three teams in the United States and Europe rushing to announce their discoveries of new exoplanets — those orbiting stars other than our sun.

On Tuesday, NASA was expected to cap the excitement with details on what the space agency describes as a "new class" of exoplanets found by one of the American teams, led by University of California-Berkeley astronomer Geoffrey Marcy.

At least two of the newly discovered bodies probably are comparable in scale to intermediate-sized planets in our solar system like Neptune and Uranus, which are about 14 times the mass of Earth. That sounds huge, but many of the previous exoplanets have been closer to the size of Jupiter, about 318 times the mass of Earth.

"It's been a great week," said David Charbonneau of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., where scientists announced a competing discovery last week. "They have finally broken through to a new level."

Now many experts say it won't be long before astronomers detect planets that are similar to Earth's dimensions and characteristics — perhaps even suitable for sustaining life with an oxygen-rich atmosphere and oceans.

Even the largest planet cannot be directly seen by the best telescopes because it is hidden in the halo of its star's bright glare. But astronomers have come up with methods for detecting these bodies by measuring how much a star wobbles from the gravitational tug of an orbiting planet.

The European team describes its new object as a "super-Earth" that is the smallest planet to be found outside of our solar system.

The planet was spotted in June orbiting a southern hemisphere star called mu Arae located 50 light-years away in the constellation Alter. It orbits mu Arae every 9.5 days and has a temperature of more than 1,160 degrees. Its dimensions are more like Neptune or Uranus, and it represents the upper limit of the size of solid planets.

## Representative abruptly retires

RICHMOND, Va. — U.S. Rep. Edward L. Schrock abruptly announced Monday that he will not seek a third term in Congress, citing unspecified allegations that have "called into question" his ability to serve.

Although Schrock did not comment on why he decided against seeking re-election, several Virginia Republicans said allegations that Schrock is gay have roiled the party since they were posted on a Web log Aug. 19.

Schrock is married and a conservative who voted for legislation to ban gay marriages.

Schrock, 63, said in a five-paragraph statement that allegations have surfaced in recent weeks "that have called into question my ability to represent the citizens of Virginia's Second Congressional District."

The release said Schrock would not comment further on his decision, nor did he comment specifically on the allegations.

The decision shocked Republicans, who must scramble to field another candidate by Friday to oppose Democrat David B. Ashe in the district that includes Norfolk, Virginia Beach and the rural Eastern Shore.

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# Fla. Supreme Court takes on brain-damaged woman case

*The Associated Press*

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida Supreme Court questioned lawyers Tuesday about the extent of the power handed to Gov. Jeb Bush under a law that let him order the reinsertion of a brain-damaged woman's feeding tube.

In a crucial hearing in the closely watched right-to-die fight, Justice Charles Wells said he was troubled because he had to conclude the law was designed to sidestep a trial court ruling that found there was "clear and convincing evidence" Terri Schiavo would not want to be hooked up to the tube.

But Bush attorney Ken Connor said the court's order that the tube be removed was honored. The fact that the tube was reinserted six days later by order of the governor last fall doesn't alter the removal order, Connor said.

The high court did not indicate when it would rule on the case.

A lawyer for Schiavo's husband and guardian, Michael, has challenged the constitutionality of the law, which the Legislature passed last October and was in effect for just 15 days.

A trial judge in May ruled that the law violated Terri Schiavo's privacy rights and the separation of powers between all three branches of government. The governor appealed that ruling and the case was bumped immediately to Florida's high court.

Terri Schiavo, 40, suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped beating, a condition brought on by an eating disorder.

# SAT scores unchanged for 2004

BY JUSTIN POPE
*The Associated Press*

SAT scores for the high school class of 2004 were mostly the same as a year ago, though scores for some minority groups showed an encouraging increase.

The average cumulative score on the country's most widely taken college entrance exam was 1026, the same as for the class of 2003.

Scores on the verbal section rose one point to 508 while math scores fell one point to 518.

The stagnant scores were something of a disappointment following a six-point jump last year from 2002 that produced a 36-year high.

But The College Board, which owns the test and was releasing the scores Tuesday, said it was good news that more students are taking the test and signaling they hope to attend college, even if that may have weighed down average results.

There was also some consolation in improved scores for some minorities, who comprised a record 37 percent of the 1.4 million test-takers, also a record.

Students identifying themselves as Mexican American boosted their scores nine points to 909. Scores from those identifying themselves as Puerto Ricans were flat at 909, but students in the "other Hispanic" category increased their scores five points to 926. Nineteen percent of students did not respond to the question about their racial/ethnic identity.

Males scored 512 on the verbal section and 537 on math, identical to a year ago. Scores for females rose one point on verbal to 504 and fell two points on math to 501.

The math and verbal sections of the SAT are each graded on a 200-800 point scale, though next spring the test expands to three sections — math, writing and critical reading — which will make 2400 a perfect score instead of 1600. Members of the class of 2005 can take the old test one last time in the fall.

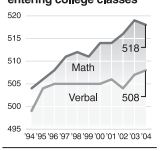
Despite changes in content, The College Board says scores on the new critical reading and math sections will be comparable to scores on the current verbal and math sections. The writing section will include a timed essay.

SAT scores play a role in the admissions process at about 80 percent of the nation's colleges and universities without open admissions policies. However, most selective colleges also accept results from the ACT exam, which earlier this month reported a slight increase in cumulative scores for its class of '04.

### SAT scores up over past decade

The average SAT math score has increased 14 points since 1994, and the verbal score rose for two consecutive years for the first time since 1996.

**Average SAT scores of entering college classes**




SOURCE: College Entrance Examination Board AP

# Farmers' Almanac: It'll be a wet, wild winter

BY DAVID SHARP
*The Associated Press*

LEWISTON, Maine — Gas up the snowblower but don't put away your umbrella: The Farmers' Almanac is predicting a wild winter with heavy precipitation and dramatic temperature swings in the Northeast.

The northern Plains and Great Lakes will be snowy, the almanac says, while it will be milder in the southern half of the country.

The Northeast will have unusually wet weather — either as rain or snow, according to the almanac.

"The big thing is it's going to be a winter of extremes," said managing editor Sandi Duncan, whose almanac hits newsstands Tuesday.

The weather formula used by the 188-year-old Farmers' Almanac is a closely guarded secret. Prepared two years in advance, the forecasts are based on sunspots, the position of the planets and tidal action of the moon.

The National Weather Service questions the accuracy of forecasts made so far in advance, but the almanac says it is right 80 percent of the time. Some people use it for planning weddings and other outdoor events.

The almanac's forecast last winter was largely on the mark. It predicted a cold winter and Mother Nature delivered a January deep freeze in the Northeast.

The almanac also forecast a wet and cool summer. And that seems to ring true in many places, including Maine.

This coming winter will get off to a cold start in the Pacific Northwest and northern Plains, the almanac says. Milder weather is in store for southern half of the nation, with near normal or balmy temperatures from California to the Deep South, according to the almanac.

Later in 2005, the almanac predicts a wet spring for most of the country and an active pattern for the Midwest's "Tornado Alley" in April and June.

The editors expect to distribute 4.5 million copies of the three versions of the almanac: the 200-page retail version, a shorter promotional version and a Canadian version.

Last year, the editors launched a syndicated column that's in 100 newspapers, and the almanac's Web site remains popular.

Now the editors are exploring a new medium.

"Our goal is to have a family-oriented television show," Duncan said.

AP

**Peter Geiger and Sandi Duncan with a copy of the new 2005 Farmers' Almanac at their Lewiston, Maine, office on Wednesday.**

# Farmer creates cornfield maze of U.S. as teaching tool

*The Associated Press*

AUTAUGAVILLE, Ala. — Ted Johnson has cut a maze in the shape of the continental United States into a 12-acre cornfield on his farm, hoping to educate schoolchildren about America's geography and the role farming plays in modern life.

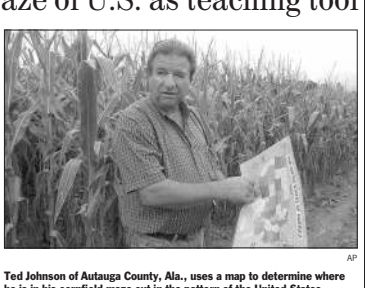
The Autauga County farmer has toyed with the idea of a cornfield maze for some time, but all the ones he had ever seen had a Halloween theme.

"I wanted to make something where the children, and adults, too, could learn something," Johnson said. "I think people will enjoy this. I don't care who you are, or how much you think you know, you get in the middle of this thing and you can get lost."

The borders of states serve as pathways in the maze. In each of the 48 states is an area where a metal stake displays information about the state: a picture of its flag, the capital, its nickname, the state bird and the date it entered the union.

Johnson, owner of River Bottom Farms and River Bottom Bed and Breakfast, used global positioning system coordinates and a lawn mower to lay out the pattern of the maze when the corn was about knee-high. He wasn't sure how good a job he'd done until a pilot friend flew overhead two weeks ago and took a picture.

Those entering the field get a copy of a U.S. map to help them navigate. The maze is open during the week to school groups and on the weekends for visitors.



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**Ted Johnson of Autauga County, Ala., uses a map to determine where he is in his cornfield maze cut in the pattern of the United States.**

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**Audra Soulias, who has accused William Kennedy Smith in a civil suit of sexually assaulting her, fights back tears as she listens to Paul Ciolino, a private investigator working on her case, at a news conference Thursday in Chicago.**

# Kennedy cousin quits job

## Smith resigns while fighting allegations

BY NATHANIEL HERNANDEZ
*The Associated Press*

CHICAGO — William Kennedy Smith said Monday he has resigned from the humanitarian group he founded while he fights sexual assault allegations leveled by a former employee.

"I am simply doing everything I can to protect the organization I love," Smith said in his first public appearance since Audra Soulias filed a lawsuit last week alleging he sexually assaulted her five years ago.

Smith, the nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, denied he assaulted Soulias. He said friends worried that he would appear guilty by resigning from the Center for International Rehabilitation, which helps victims of land mines.

"The damage has been done, but the truth will be sorted out," said Smith, a 43-year-old medical doctor who was cleared of rape charges in a separate case in Florida in 1991.

Soulias, 28, Smith's former personal assistant, is seeking at least $50,000 in damages, the minimum that such a court action must demand under Illinois law.

She claims that Smith bought her drinks while she was celebrating her birthday in January 1999 and that he later took her to his house, dragged her upstairs and sexually assaulted her.

Soulias continued to work for Smith until June 1999 and during that time had consensual sex with him on a number of occasions, according to her attorney, Kevin E. O'Reilly.

Smith said he had a five-month relationship with Soulias in 1999.

"It was in no way forced or coerced," he said. "I cannot dignify her allegations by repeating them, even to deny them, so all I can say is that they are false."

# GOP salutes Bush as wartime leader

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**The crowd holds signs in support of the troops Monday during the Republican National Convention in New York.**

**BY TOM RAUM**
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Republicans are turning to conditions at home after saluting President Bush as a wartime president whose leadership is "rock solid." California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger gets star billing on the second day of the party's convention as the GOP extends its outreach to moderate Democrats and independents.

But as the Republican National Convention headed for Tuesday's session at Madison Square Garden under extremely heavy security, Bush supporters scrambled to explain the president's day-old comments that the war against terror could not be won.

First lady Laura Bush, in a rare foray into foreign policy Tuesday, was to present her husband as a commanding warrior against terrorism in a prime-time convention speech that highlighted his leadership in "the most historic struggle my generation has ever known."

In Monday's opening session, Republicans invoked the memory of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — the World Trade Center stood about four miles south of the Garden — as a test of Bush's mettle as a strong and decisive leader.

"Since September 11th President Bush has remained rock solid," former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said, likening the president to Winston Churchill and Ronald Reagan. "We need George Bush more than ever."

Democrats and some Sept. 11 victims say Republicans are politicizing a national tragedy. Giuliani denied that, saying Democrats made frequent mention of Sept. 11 at their convention last month in Boston.

At the convention, Schwarzenegger was sharing billing Tuesday with Laura Bush and Education Secretary Rod Paige. The actor-turned-politician was the latest in a march to the convention podium of moderates and other politicians with broad popular support.

On Monday, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., drew enthusiastic cheers — and a standing ovation — when he voiced strong support for his 2000 GOP presidential rival.

McCain heartily endorsed the president's Iraq and anti-terrorism policies, saying the United States had little choice but to invade Iraq.

"Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Not our critics abroad. Not our political opponents. And certainly not a disingenuous filmmaker," McCain said in a clear dig at filmmaker Michael Moore that delighted his audience. Moore's box-office hit, "Fahrenheit 9/11," sharply questions Bush's motives for invading Iraq.

# Bush declares U.S. will win war on terrorism

**BY JENNIFER LOVEN**
*The Associated Press*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Bush said Tuesday "we will win" the war on terror, seeking to quell controversy and Democratic criticism over his earlier remark that victory may not be possible.

In a speech to the national convention of the American Legion, Bush said, "We meet today in a time of war for our country, a war we did not start yet one that we will win."

That statement differed from Bush's earlier comment, aired Monday in a pre-taped television interview, that "I don't think you can win" the war on terror. That had Democrats running for the cameras to criticize Bush for being defeatist and flip-flopping from previous predictions of victory.

"What if President Reagan had said that it may be difficult to win the war against communism? What if other presidents had said it'd be difficult to win the war — the Cold War?" Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said on ABC's "Nightline" program. "The war on terrorism is absolutely winnable."

Bush's comment — and the ensuing criticism — took attention away from the carefully crafted image of Bush being broadcast from the Republican National Convention in New York, as a decisive wartime commander in chief who is securing America's safety and sure of the course on which he has set the nation.

As Bush continued a pre-convention journey through one closely contested state after another, aides scrambled to clarify the president's remark and contain the story. And in Tuesday's speech before the American Legion, with popular Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona by his side, Bush himself hit back.

"In this different kind of war, we may never sit down at a peace table. But make no mistake about it, we are winning and we will win," Bush said, pausing to grin slightly. "We will win by staying on the offensive, we will win by spreading liberty."

The campaign of Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry merely pounced again.

"This president has gone from mission accomplished to mission miscalculated to mission impossible on the war on terror," Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said.

The president also appealed to a constituency so important in this election that Kerry is breaking with a tradition that the other side remains quiet during their opponent's convention and will speak to the American Legion meeting on Wednesday.

Bush cited increased funding for veterans programs that is bringing more health care to more people more quickly, focusing resources on the veterans who most need help, allowing veterans to receive both military retired pay and disability compensation, and providing additional housing.

The Kerry campaign disputed that, saying Bush's budgets have fallen far short of what veterans need and promising that Kerry would reverse that.

Bush launched a fresh attack on Kerry, this one specailly tailored for the veterans audience. Bush derided his opponent for opposing his plan for a major troop realignment that would eventually bring about 70,000 American soldiers back to the United States.

Also Tuesday, Bush said on NBC's "Today" show that he will continue pursuing diplomatic rather than military options to try to get Iran to halt its nuclear program.

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# Dems criticize GOP for mocking Kerry medals

**BY WILL LESTER**
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Democrats on Tuesday accused the GOP leadership of organizing a demonstration against candidate John Kerry's war record, calling "purple heart bandages" handed out by a convention delegate a slap at all veterans who have won the decoration.

"They insulted the United States of America, even though the president belatedly supported the combat record of John Kerry," said Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, a military veteran himself.

Republican Chairman Ed Gillespie asked delegate Morton Blackwell of Arlington, Va., to quit handing out the bandages, which carried the message: "It was just a self-inflicted scratch, but you see I got a Purple Heart for it."

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The purple heart bandages were visible on some delegates Monday afternoon but were not in evidence by Monday night when party members delivered the convention's first major speeches. Blackwell had distributed about 250 of the bandages.

Kerry won three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star as a Navy lieutenant in Vietnam. Members of the group sponsoring television ads challenging his account of his wartime service contend Kerry's own fire caused the wound that led to his first medal. Navy records and other veterans don't support the charge.

"This symbol is a very moving one," Rangel said of the Purple Heart. "In many of the homes of the survivors that's all they have to remember their loved ones, some survivors can't see and some can't walk. All they ask is a little dignity."

Democrats had planned to shift their focus Tuesday to domestic politics until the publicity stunt lured them back to discussing the Vietnam War. The anti-Kerry veterans group has criticized Kerry for, among other things, earning Purple Hearts for superficial wounds that required no hospitalization.

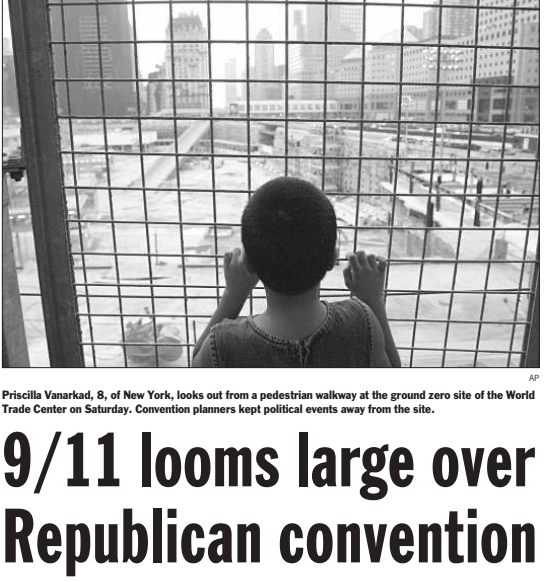
Retired Gen. Merrill McPeak, former chief of staff of the Air Force, said thousands of Purple Hearts have been awarded in Iraq and "the numbers will continue to accumulate."

"This is outrageous," McPeak said. "This isn't just a few foolish people. This had to be organized at the convention. It has to represent an official view. We have to demand that the president himself denounce this."

Democrats eventually steered their rapid-response briefing, given just blocks from the GOP convention, to domestic issues and criticism of President Bush's claims he a compassionate conservative.

Reps. Ciro Rodriguez of Texas, Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio and Greg Meeks of New York argued that the Bush domestic agenda has shown compassion only for big corporations, the wealthy and special interests.

"It's difficult to make the case that they're compassionate when the poverty rate has risen and energy costs and health care costs are continuing to go up," said Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack.



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**Priscilla Vanarkad, 8, of New York, looks out from a pedestrian walkway at the ground zero site of the World Trade Center on Saturday. Convention planners kept political events away from the site.**

# 9/11 looms large over Republican convention

BY WALTER R. MEARS
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Republicans are holding their national convention at Madison Square Garden for one reason, and it is four miles away at Ground Zero.

For President Bush, the war on terrorism is the defining issue of his first term and, he hopes, the key to a second. There is no more compelling way to dramatize that than to rally his party in the city stricken hardest by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001.

On the convention platform, on television talk shows, in every interview, Republican leaders repeat the theme that Bush is the essential leader against terror, stronger and more reliable in command than Democrat John Kerry.

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That was the message sounded over and over Monday night, 10 subway stops from the World Trade Center, where terrorists flew jetliners into the towers that were signatures of the New York skyline, destroying them, killing more than 2,700 people and burning "9/11" into the American language.

"Nearly two years ago, with the city's fate still a question mark in many minds, our president decided that this convention would come to New York City," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "This was a show of faith that required courage and vision, one that all New Yorkers will not forget."

Courage and vision, perhaps, but also political calculation. For a president dedicated to the war on terror, there could be no better arena. When Bloomberg spoke of beginning construction of Freedom Tower as a memorial on the trade center site, he said "tombstone" when he meant to say "cornerstone." A slip, but too close to true.

Two Sept. 11 widows and the brother of a victim told their personal stories to the Republicans, who then stood for a memorial moment, for a mournful singing of "Amazing Grace."

At this point in the campaign, the polls indicate that many more Americans trust Bush to lead them against terror than favor turning to Kerry on that issue. An ABC News-Washington Post survey published Monday put Bush's rating on that question at 56 percent, up 8 points in a month, Kerry's at 38 percent.

That was on opening day of the New York convention spotlighting the issue.

There was an offstage campaign debate on the terror war after Bush said in an NBC interview that "I don't think we can win it," but that it must be fought without a hint of weakness that would be exploited by the enemy.

Kerry, in Nantucket, Mass., had a one-word answer when asked whether he could win the war on terror: "Absolutely." His vice-presidential nominee, Sen. John Edwards, said, "This is no time to declare defeat," and vowed that a Democratic administration would destroy terrorism while restoring U.S. alliances against the threat.

Bush's spokesman said the president was talking about winning the terror war "in the conventional sense," when this is an unconventional struggle in which there will be no formal surrender to signal victory.

The Republicans are bent on taking full command in a debate that will run throughout the campaign.

Bush came to New York on Sept. 14, 2001, "faced with the worst crisis in our history," former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told the convention.

"For ... his determined effort to defeat global terrorism, no matter what happens in this election, President George W. Bush already has earned a place in our history as a great American president," Giuliani said. "We need George Bush now more than ever."

In his convention speech, Giuliani repeated the words "September 11" 11 times. In case anyone was missing the message.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona said it five times more in his talk, as he spoke of watching Bush stand in the ruins three years ago "promising to right this terrible wrong and to stand up and fight for the values we hold dear."

"He promised our enemies would soon hear from us," McCain said.

At the Democratic convention in Boston, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said the Republicans should not be allowed to claim Sept. 11 as their issue. "I say this to the Republican Party: With all respect and all deference, do not dare use 9/11 for political purposes."

# N.Y. has a tradition as Democrats' turf

BY RICHARD PYLE
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Seldom has a national political party held a nominating convention so deep in enemy territory. From the northern Bronx to Brooklyn's Coney Island boardwalk, from eastern Queens to the liberal fortress of Manhattan's Upper West Side, New York City is wall-to-wall Democrats.

It's been that way for about 170 years.

Among some 50-plus mayors during that time, only five have been Republicans. George Opdyke was elected during the Civil War; no other reached City Hall until Fiorello La Guardia in 1934. Even the current mayor, Michael Bloomberg, was a Democrat who switched parties to avoid a primary he had no chance to win. The last Republican that Gotham supported for president was Calvin Coolidge in 1924.

How did a city that was founded by the conservative Dutch in the 17th century and that disdained the American revolution in the 18th became a Democratic stronghold in the 19th? One word: immigration.

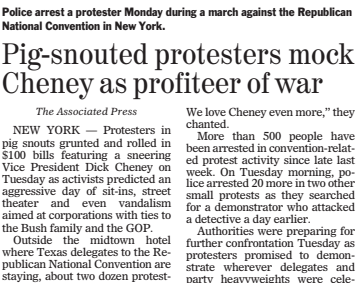
Created in the 1830s, the New York Democratic Party's rise to power closely paralleled the city's role as receiving point for millions of immigrants, people needing help to start new lives from scratch.

"New York built safety nets before any other government, as far as I know — at least that's the way we see ourselves — and that means concern for the other person," said former mayor Ed Koch, a lifelong Democrat who served in Congress and for 12 years at City Hall.

From the mid-1800s, the Democrats exercised power through Tammany Hall, a political machine that had been around for decades but enjoyed its heyday under William "Boss" Tweed, who united rival factions, dispensed patronage — and stole millions in public funds.

In the early 1900s, as Tammany influence waned, the city's Democrats found common cause with the growing organized labor movement.

While the Irish, Italians and Jews still traded power at City Hall in postwar years, Harlem Rep. Adam Clayton Powell was the forerunner of a black political establishment that produced David Dinkins, the city's first black mayor, and is led today by Harlem Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel.



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**Police arrest a protester Monday during a march against the Republican National Convention in New York.**

# Pig-snouted protesters mock Cheney as profiteer of war

*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Protesters in pig snouts grunted and rolled in $100 bills featuring a sneering Vice President Dick Cheney on Tuesday as activists predicted an aggressive day of sit-ins, street theater and even vandalism aimed at corporations with ties to the Bush family and the GOP.

Outside the midtown hotel where Texas delegates to the Republican National Convention are staying, about two dozen protesters calling themselves employees of "Hallibacon" grunted through plastic pig snouts on their faces and bathed themselves in the stacks of fake $100 bills.

The protesters accused Cheney and Halliburton, the company he once led, with profiting from the war in Iraq and its aftermath.

"We love money. We love war. We love Cheney even more," they chanted.

More than 500 people have been arrested in convention-related protest activity since late last week. On Tuesday morning, police arrested 20 more in two other small protests as they searched for a demonstrator who attacked a detective a day earlier.

Authorities were preparing for further confrontation Tuesday as protesters promised to demonstrate wherever delegates and party heavyweights were celebrating and sightseeing. The most recent three days of protests have been largely peaceful.

The New York Civil Liberties Union accused police of raising tensions at Monday's protest by trying to set up metal barricades, then sending plainclothes police on scooters into the crowd when protesters began to resist.

# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Sex sells, "Tex-Sex" clothing line debuts

**Anna Nicole Smith** is launching her own clothing line in a style she calls "Tex-Sex."

The apparel line, Anna Nicole, includes jeans, T-shirts, tops and skirts, all combining the former Playboy Playmate's **Texas** roots and her sex-symbol style. The clothes are designed by both the 36-year-old blonde diva and professional designers of **Southern California**-based apparel company Von Dutch.

Smith

Smith's new clothing line was unveiled Monday at the Magic Marketplace, a fashion showcase, in **Las Vegas**.

## Cruise down 'Kirk Douglas Way'

**California** motorists cruise Coachella Valley desert streets named **Gerald Ford** Drive, **Ginger Rogers** Road, **Dinah Shore** Drive, **Gene Autry** Trail, **Frank Sinatra** Drive and **Bob Hope** Drive.

Now, there's **Kirk Douglas** Way near **Palm Springs** International Airport.

The city will rename Airport Road in honor of the film legend, a Palm Springs resident for more than a half-century. The renaming ceremony takes place Oct. 17, assistant city manager **Troy Butzlaff** said Thursday.

"One time he was offered to have a street named after him in **Rancho Mirage**," said his son **Joel Douglas**, who lives in Palm Springs. "He responded, 'No, I live in Palm Springs. Palm Springs is my home.' "

The younger Douglas has been trying to get a street named after his father, now 87, for some time.

"My dad told me to forget [it], but I couldn't forget it," Joel Douglas said.

Douglas was nominated for three Oscars — for his roles in 1949's "Champion," 1952's "The Bad and the Beautiful" and 1956's "Lust for Life." He received the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1991, as well as an honorary Oscar in 1996.

## County legend impressed with newcomer

It's one thing to cover a country classic, and quite another to sing it with the legend who wrote it.

But that's what happened to country newcomer **Carly Goodwin** after **Willie Nelson** heard her sing "Crazy," the song he wrote and **Patsy Cline** made famous in 1961.

Nelson

Nelson heard Goodwin's rendition on a demo tape a mutual friend had brought him.

He was impressed enough to invite Goodwin to perform it with him in **Los Angeles** in May.

Nelson and Goodwin recorded "Crazy" as a duet for Goodwin's debut album, to be released in October. And they'll sing it together at the annual Farm Aid concert on Sept. 18 near **Seattle**.

"Many females have sung 'Crazy,' but Carly's right up there with Patsy," Nelson said.

Goodwin, 23, says the experience fulfilled a dream.

"I made a list of goals and put it on my wall, and singing a duet with Willie Nelson was one of them," Goodwin said Wednesday.

"That big goal on the list is marked off now."

Goodwin released a song earlier this year called "Baby Come Back Home" that was from the perspective of a soldier's wife. She has performed on several U.S. military bases, including Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba.

## Grammer, wife ready for new baby

"Frasier" star **Kelsey Grammer** and his wife, former Playboy model **Camille Donatacci**, are expecting a baby through a surrogate mother later this month, People magazine reports.

Grammer

The couple's daughter, Mason, was born to a surrogate mother in October 2001.

Grammer, 49, won three Emmy Awards for his role as Dr. Frasier Crane on the popular NBC sitcom. He originated the character on the show "Cheers," where he was also nominated for an Emmy. "Frasier" ended its run earlier this year after 11 seasons.

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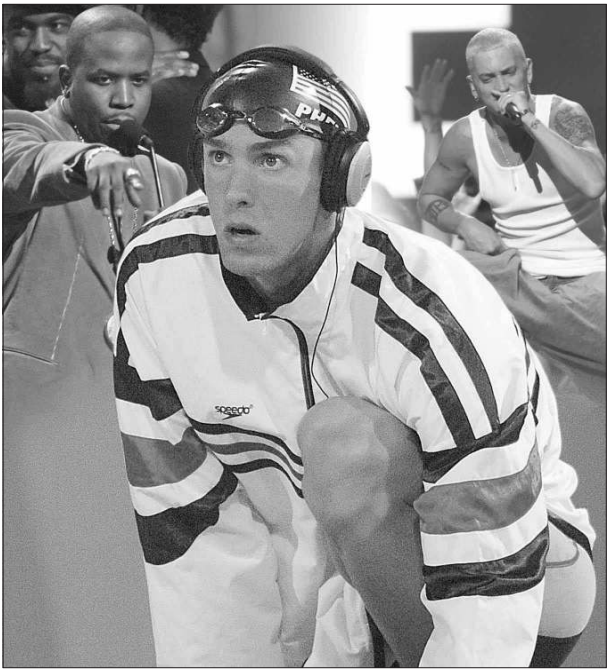

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**U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps had us all wondering at the Olympic Games — not how he keeps his swimsuit up, but what was blaring through his ever-present headphones. The 19-year-old Maryland native used Eminem's " 'Til I Collapse" to give him the juice to snag his gold medals. His other favorites included OutKast's "Roses" and Usher's "Burn."**

# Olympic medalists: The music moves 'em

BY HOWARD COHEN
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

So many wonderful images from this summer's Olympics in Greece: Swimmer Michael Phelps' omnipresent perch on the medals platform; Aussie Ian Thorpe in his black bodysuit coming on like a shark against other swimmers; Natalie Coughlin's beaming face as a member of the U.S. women's record-breaking 800-meter freestyle relay; cute-as-a-button American gymnast Carly Patterson dashing the rail-thin Russian's hopes for Olympic gold.

But one image kept replaying itself.

There's 6-foot-4 Phelps, the games' most hyped swimmer, standing at the block before each race with big, black headphones plastered to his head. He's winning gold, we thought, so what's he listening to that gets him so pumped up?

Of course, all that training, determination, body build and skill are responsible for turning the 19-year-old Maryland native into one of the greatest swimmers in history, but music can psych an athlete up to perform harder and faster.

For Phelps, rapper Eminem's " 'Til I Collapse" gave him the juice to snag his first gold medal of these Olympics in the 400-meter individual medley. His other favorites, according to NBC-Olympics.Com, include Usher's "Burn," OutKast's "Roses" and Twista's "Overnight Celebrity."

The overwhelming favorites among the Olympics' athletes mirror the contemporary music charts: hip-hop and rock dominate.

Naturally, both genres get by on a big beat, perfect for generating aggression. One wouldn't imagine classical or New Age music lighting anyone's fire.

Given that Phelps and many of these athletes came of age in the hip-hop era, it's hardly surprising that hip-hop is the music of choice for stars such as gymnast Paul Hamm and his twin Morgan, Patterson, swimmers Kaitlin Sandeno and Maritza Correia, runner Monique Henderson and hurdler Lashinda Demus.

Classic rock powers swimmer Gary Hall Jr., diver Caesar Garcia, tennis star Venus Williams and swimmer Amanda Weir.

California swimming star Aaron Piersol, who also loves surfing, goes for fellow surf aficionados Chris Isaak and Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder.

And if you were wondering whether Olympian Andy Roddick grooved to tunes from ex-lady love pop singer Mandy Moore on his iPod, think again.

The musicians the tennis hunk really digs are rockers Counting Crows, hip-hop's Kanye West and rising singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Crime families

**NY** NEW YORK — An 18-month investigation called "Operation Family Affair" led to the arrests of 69 people on charges that they took part in a major drug trafficking operation that used children as lookouts and runners, prosecutors said.

Many of the suspects have family ties, prosecutors said. Five crews agreed on territory within the Remeeder, Unity and Long Island Baptist housing projects in East New York and sold about $11 million yearly in crack cocaine or heroin, Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said Thursday.

Prosecutors said the investigation began in February 2003 because of increasing drug activity and violence in the neighborhood. Investigators found that members of the five crews used young people to try to insulate them from arrest, prosecutors said.

## Safer trains

**VA** FREDERICKSBURG — Virginia Railway Express trains are expected to be safer for commuters beginning this week when authorities begin using dogs trained to sniff out explosives for random searches of the rail cars.

The dogs and their handlers, which were to start the searches Monday, have been made available free of charge by a variety of local, state and federal agencies, including the FBI and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, VRE spokesman Mark Roeber said.

## Tollway overhaul

**IL** CHICAGO — Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed a 10-year, $5.3 million overhaul of the state's tollway system that would eliminate congested toll plazas and rebuild 274 miles of roads.

The plan would also increase the rates for truckers and drivers not using an electronic I-PASS. The tollway authority is expected to vote on the plan next month. Toll increases could take effect as early as Jan. 1.

## Digging history

**NV** RENO — Digging for a train trench in downtown Reno unearthed a prehistoric site that researchers say may be 4,000 years old.

About 80 sites were found under different layers of soil at the same spot. Researchers believe frequent flooding probably covered encampments used by prehistoric people close to the Truckee River.

## Hiccuping senator

**PA** UNIONTOWN — Some politicians can't stop talking; one Pennsylvania lawmaker couldn't stop hiccuping. But the state legislator has now beaten the affliction after weeks in the hospital.

State Rep. Larry Roberts, a Democrat running for re-election, was back in his office Tuesday after being released from a hospital where he had been treated since July 19.

"Not only were the hiccups debilitating, but I was not allowed to have anything in my mouth, so I had to deal with a feeding tube, and that made matters worse," Roberts said in a statement Tuesday.

Neither Roberts' staff nor the House Democratic Communications Office described the cause of the chronic hiccups or the treatment that helped him get a handle on it.

## Dad admits to murder

**AR** JONESBORO — Joshua Pfeifer, who's accused of beating his 11-week-old son, allegedly told authorities that he killed his 5-week-old daughter in Ohio in 1998, officials said.

Pfeifer, 28, is being held in lieu of a $750,000 bond.

He was arrested after hospital officials alerted police.

## Nursing rush

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — An effort by the state's health-care industry to attract more people to nursing resulted in more qualified applicants than the state's nursing schools could accept, officials said.

The University of Oklahoma College of Nursing can accept about 160 out of 370 qualified applicants, school officials said.

## High school hazing

**MN** HASTINGS — Prosecutors are considering misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct charges against five 17-year-old boys who allegedly beat at least nine incoming freshmen at Hastings High School.

Police say they were beaten with sawed-off hockey sticks — one imbedded with screws — as part of a hazing tradition in June.

Sharpening up

**Annie Johnson, background right, loads the bin with decorated pencils to be capped with erasers at Musgrave Pencil Co. in Shelbyville, Tenn.**

## TVs on buses

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — Starting next month, some Utah Transit Authority riders will be able to tune in while they ride the bus.

The UTA is installing three flat-panel television screens in two buses on Route 37. The televisions will feature advertisements, news, weather updates and clips from popular and mainstream television shows like "I Love Lucy."

## A very useful gift

**PA** YORK — York, a city struggling with its finances, has received a most practical gift.

An unknown donor dropped off a case of toilet paper at City Hall on Sunday. The gesture was in response to a recent comment made by York Councilman Wm. Lee Smallwood, who wondered how the cash-strapped city would close a $25 million deficit in the police and fire pensions.

"We can't even afford toilet paper," Smallwood said.

Mayor John Brenner said the toilet paper was left at City Hall with a note from "a friend."

"It is amazing someone took it upon themselves to turn this into a practical joke," the mayor said Monday. The toilet paper was given to the public works department to be doled out, he said.

"What do you think we are going to do with it — decorate the trees? Of course we will use it," Brenner said.

Smallwood said it was comforting the public is paying attention to the city's problems. "They are just trying to help out," he said.

## Meth lab busts

**MO** JEFFERSON CITY — Through the first half of 2004, state law officers have seized 1,460 meth labs, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

That's slightly behind last year's midway mark of 1,655 meth lab seizures but still roughly on pace to meet or exceed the 2003 total of 2,860, the patrol said. Missouri has led the USA in meth lab seizures each year since 2001.

## DNC weapons stash

**MA** BOSTON — Police are sitting on an arsenal of weapons acquired in anticipation of violence that never materialized during the Democratic National Convention.

The Boston Police Department stockpiled $160,000 worth of weapons for the four day event, including stun grenades, projectile launchers, rubber bullets, pepper spray and tear gas. But they made just five convention-related arrests during the four-day event in July and dealt with one minor scuffle between officers and protesters.

Boston police spokeswoman Beverly Ford told the Boston Herald that the weapons will be used for training. "They are not going to sit on the shelf and expire," she said.

Waiting for her ride

**Surya Kotha, of Baltimore, rests as he waits for delayed Amtrak train service to resume, at Penn Station in Newark, N.J.**

Fiddling around

**Johnie Wilkinson pulls her bass behind her as she leaves Fiddle Fest in Moulton, Ala. Wilkinson is with the Cullman County Bluegrass Band, who won fourth in the competition.**

## Along for the ride

**Emmanuel Takoda takes in the anti-Bush march organized by United for Peace and Justice in New York on the eve of the Republican National Convention.**

## Flipped

**Alamogordo Lady Tigers' Chelsie Black does a flip to get more distance while throwing the ball into play during a game against the Roswell Goddard Lady Rockets at the Riner Steinhoff Soccerplex in Alamogordo, N.M.**

## When you gotta go

**British 64th Regiment Afoot Sgt. Major Glenn Lunde of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., exits a portable toilet before an American attack on the British encampment during a reenactment of the 1779 Battle of Newtown in Lowman, N.Y.**

## Storming through the sea

**A surfer takes advantage of large waves on Folly Beach in Charleston, S.C.**

## Politicians needed

**VA** GORDONSVILLE — Voters casting ballots in the Nov. 2 town elections should bring pencils.

The mayor and three Town Council incumbents whose seats are up for election are calling it quits. Only former Orange County Supervisor Rick Wilkinson has qualified to run for one of the three council seats.

That means write-in votes will determine the other two.

The situation promises to get even more confusing because of incumbent Mayor Ernest Duncan's decision not to seek re-election.

Councilmen Bob Coiner and Steve Irving, whose terms run through 2006, are running to replace him. The winner's seat on the council will have to be filled through an appointment.

## Recovery house zoning

**VT** BURLINGTON — A home for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts is in violation of Burlington's zoning ordinance and has not corrected several code violations discovered during a May inspection by the city Code Enforcement Office.

The findings were described in documents released Thursday by the office, which gave owner Jodie Casarico until Aug. 24 to stop using the two-story frame house as "a boarding house."

Casarico said that she is "still contemplating what our decision will be" in light of the city's decision.

She said in May that she wanted to place 12 men in the house at a rent of $85 a week. In early August, six men were living there.

## Snow is no drought fix

**CO** DENVER — August snows closed two scenic mountain roads and dusted the high peaks with powder, but the early storm doesn't necessarily signal that Colorado is in for a drought-busting winter.

It's too early to say whether the rainy summer across most of eastern Colorado will turn into a snowy winter and break a five-year dry spell, climate experts said.

Melting snow provides about 80 percent of the water in Colorado's rivers and lakes.

Rain has been above average in many parts of eastern Colorado this summer, but the western part of the state is still dry and precipitation remains about an inch below normal there, State Climatologist Roger Pielke Sr. said.

## Stunt goes wrong

**AZ** PRESCOTT VALLEY — Two stunt planes collided Saturday during a practice session in northern Arizona, killing both pilots, authorities said.

Mike Corradi, 55, and Robert Sweginnis, 64, who both taught at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, were practicing aerobatic maneuvers for an upcoming air show in nearby Prescott, said Gwen Raubolt, a spokeswoman for the four-year school. Corradi was the chief flight instructor, and Sweginnis was the chair of the aeronautical science department, Raubolt said.

## Iraq game axed

**AZ** WILDWOOD — A boardwalk game called "Wack the Iraq" that drew protest from a civil rights group will close after Labor Day weekend and will be renamed next year, city officials said Friday.

The game, at Morey's Pier here in this oceanfront town, lets customers shoot paintballs at people dressed as Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden.

The New Jersey Chapter of American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee said the game fostered anti-Arab sentiment.

City Commissioner Fred G. Wager said the game will be shut down four or five days after Labor Day. The arcade remains open until mid-October, he said.

## Drive-by porn

**MO** KANSAS CITY — The owners of a strip club and a company that operates adult bookstores have sued the state of Missouri over a new law banning sexually oriented billboards near state highways.

The law took effect Saturday, a day after a federal lawsuit was filed by two companies who operate adult businesses along Interstate 70.

The law bans businesses whose sexually oriented materials comprise 10 percent or more of their display space from putting up billboard advertising within a mile of a state highway.

## Guilty in car's porn show

**NY** SCHENECTADY — A man who was watching a pornographic movie in his car as police pulled up behind him has been sentenced to three weekends in jail.

Andre Gainey, 35, was arrested in February after police said images from the movie could be seen from outside his Mercedes as he drove through the city 11 miles west of Albany.

Police, who pulled up behind Gainey at an intersection, said the movie was playing on screens set into the passenger-side sun visor and the car's headrests.

Gainey, who was sentenced Friday, pleaded guilty in June to misdemeanor public display of sexual material.

## Running his mouth

**FL** TAMPA — A police officer who mouthed off while picking up his uniform at the cleaners has been indicted on a charge of threatening President Bush for allegedly saying he would shoot him and his father if someone gave him the bullets.

Joseph Mazagwu, 35, surrendered Friday on charges of threatening the president and lying to investigators. The rookie officer has been suspended from the force and could lose his job.

If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison. He had no comment after his first court appearance and was released on $25,000 bail. The prosecutor said there was no evidence Mazagwu pursued the threat.

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## Recruitment process honest

In reference to the Aug. 16 column "… but recruitment tactics downplay real dangers": Recruitment brochures are used to inspire qualified individuals to take an informed look at what the U.S. Army can offer them. These brochures are not used as a bait-and-switch tactic by any process. Brochures are an instrument of information for responsible individuals to consider their future in the Army.

As far as the direction of use, there are specific brochures targeted to different ethnic groups for the sole purpose of identifying their specific needs and interests. Brochures are produced in Spanish and English. When the columnist quotes from one of the brochures: "Here is a chance to become whatever you want to be," he is correct, provided you qualify and a vacancy exists.

Let's be honest, the Army is looking for highly motivated and dedicated individuals to fill boots. It is an all-volunteer Army, and only the selected few will qualify for its 210 job offerings. Recruiting is not targeted to the less-fortunate who can't go to college. If the "less-fortunate" statement was true, how does one explain the commissioning of officers? The recruiting process is targeted to the selected few who want to defend the rights and interests of the United States and to protect those individuals in the United States who can't defend themselves. Take into consideration those individuals who want to jump out of airplanes and who want to be at the tip of the spear. Are they less fortunate than others?

The Army recruits just like any major company in the world. It looks for the most-qualified individuals and asks them to be part of the team. Anyone who honestly believes that an individual actually joins today's Army with the belief that he or she will not go to the Middle East is as ignorant as the columnist portrays himself to be.

Reality is this: The Army is a career of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

**Staff Sgt. Donald G. Heston**
*Operation Iraqi Freedom*

## Women know war's risk

In response to the writer of "Sending women to war wrong" (Aug. 15): I am a college-educated, 30-year-old American woman … and an airman. I am not at all confused about my role in the military.

From the moment I joined ROTC, and still had the option of walking away without any service commitment, I was taught the Code of Conduct. For those unfamiliar with it, Article One reads: "I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense." It is not at all ambiguous or misleading. It is crystal clear to me that my job may one day require me to lay down my life so that my American brothers and sisters can live in freedom.

I resent the assumption that I am too stupid to understand what being a soldier, sailor, airman or Marine means. Why don't you ask any servicewoman if she thought it was all about the free education and travel? Then ask the servicemen. You will find that 99 percent of us, men and women alike, are quite cognizant of our responsibilities as servicemembers and the risks our jobs entail.

I also resent the fact that you think my life is any more valuable than that of my brothers-in-arms. The men who give their lives for our country and our way of life are heroes. And so are the women who do the same.

**Air Force Capt. Christine Legawiec**
*Ramstein, Germany*

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## Guardsmen eager to deploy

As a member of the Air National Guard for several years, I have seen many changes in the way that the Guard and Reserve are deployed. For example, there was a time many years ago that reservists begged for the chance to work closer with the active duty. Today, we have achieved that and so much more.

The Guard and Reserve have never resisted the chance to deploy and to work side by side with the active duty. In fact, during recent years there have been a great many who have chosen active-duty deployments over family and careers, resulting in divorce and financial hardships.

But with that aside, we have always been there when the country called for us and that is a tradition that won't change. In peacetime, we are the community's professionals, and in time of crises, we are soldiers, sailors and airmen living up to the name "citizen soldiers."

During the course of this war, we also share the heartbreaking task of burying our own as well. We might be reservists and guardsmen, but even we are not immune to death. Please remember that the next time that someone says, "Oh they're just Guard and reservists."

**Claude Ezzell**
*Phoenix*

## Stop bullets before bad drivers

Here in Baghdad, Multi-National Corps Iraq has decided to establish a "law and order" function on Camp Victory. The 89th Military Police Brigade will provide law-and-order services to Camp Victory (and Camp Slayer as available). These services apparently will include speed enforcement and anti-drunken-driving patrols. The position of MNC-I is that the population of Camp Victory has created a situation in which this function is now required.

Although I don't have direct insight, I am not aware of any drunken-driving accidents or incidents, nor am I aware of any fatal accidents on Camp Victory that have been attributed to excessive speed. However, I am aware that convoys outside the perimeter get attacked all the time, the cities are dangerous and underpatrolled, and that coalition and civilian aircraft get shot at and occasionally hit while flying into the airport two miles away. As a pilot, this last item is of particular interest to me. I've been told it will take a "whole division" to make the airport safe, and that the Army is doing everything it can, but that it doesn't have the manpower or the resources.

Hogwash! Instead of detailing troops to set up speed traps and conduct DUI checkpoints, attach them to the 1st Cavalry Division or 10th Mountain Division unit responsible for securing the ground around the airport. They'd be contributing a heck of a lot more to the war effort by probably saving a few lives and military/civilian aircraft, and contributing to the legitimacy of the Iraqi government by enabling a vibrant, visible and safe transportation system.

Who's prioritizing the tasks around here? When we look back in three years and wonder how we lost the war, I'm sure we won't blame it on a lack of speed traps and DUI checkpoints.

**Air Force Maj. Anthony Simpson**
*Camp Victory, Iraq*

## Give credit where due

I am deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom within Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Force — NAVELSF, the Navy's combat cargo handling group. In the past several weeks, all of us have read story after story about the 2nd Infantry Division and other units, and their deployment and/or redeployment through the port of A'Shuaiba in Kuwait.

In every story, the Army is depicted as offloading and onloading the all equipment from the ships. In reality, NAVELSF and the Navy have loaded most everything that has embarked or disembarked from this port.

We stand behind our Army brothers and sisters in everything that they do, and do not wish to deny them any coverage in Stars and Stripes paper. We do, however, wish that Stripes and the military community in general would recognize NAVELSF for the truly professional and efficient job that we do. The fact that the matter is, very little would make it to Iraq were it not for the accomplishment of our mission.

**Petty Officer 1st Class Jefferson Davis**
*Camp Spearhead, Kuwait*

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

# OPINION

## No sugar-coating the bad news on chocolate

BY STEVE ALMOND

In the beginning, there was candy.

It was, well, fattening. It was intended to be fattening. That was the whole point of candy. Or actually, check that. The whole point of candy was to give the mouth and body pleasure and, as an unfortunate-but-unavoidable byproduct, it was fattening.

If you look at the history of candy (as I have done, somewhat obsessively), you will notice that confectioners and their consumers recognized these truths to be self-evident until about a decade ago.

This is when the oxymoronic concept of "diet candy" emerged.

Previously, the sugar-free stuff had been marketed primarily to diabetics. All of a sudden you had these perfectly innocent pleasures, such as Red Vines and Mike & Ike, touting themselves as fat-free, along with a flood of faux candy bars advertised variously as diet bars, protein bars, energy bars and so on.

Candy was, for the first time in its long and sugared history, attempting to deny its very nature by being good for you.

In the next few weeks, this trend will reach its apotheosis with the nationwide introduction of a new line from Hershey called Carb Alternatives.

The industry giant (along with Mars and Nestle, Hershey dominates the $24 billion-a-year candy market) is hoping to cash in on the massive popularity of low-carb diets with slimmed-down versions of three popular products: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Kit Kat bars and Hershey's Kisses.

There is no need to labor the science of these products. They basically use artificial sweeteners to reduce the "sugar carbs" in each piece.

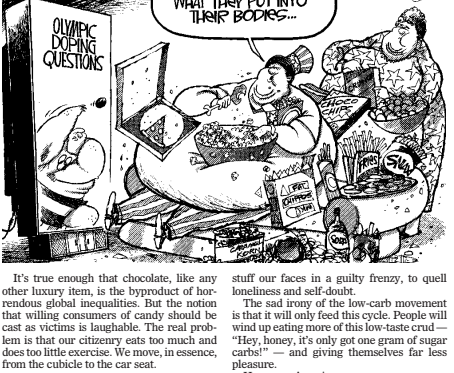
For the record, I've sampled all three. They taste considerably better than most diet candy. (How's that for damning with faint praise?) But, to my tongue, they still came off as frauds.

Chocolate, after all, is nature's most distinctive flavor. It can't be faked, precisely because the tongue and taste buds interact with chocolate so intimately. We have come to expect that burst of creamy sweetness that only cocoa liquor, cocoa butter and sugar can provide. …

One of the keynote speakers at [this year's All-Candy Expo in Chicago] was Dr. Barry Sears, author of the best-selling diet book "The Zone." Inviting Sears to address candy execs struck me as a little like inviting John Ashcroft to lecture the American Civil Liberties Union. But so be it. This is life in the Atkins era. …

The truth is, the candy industry is facing an image crisis that cuts far deeper than the current hysteria. With Newsweek slapping pictures of obese kids on its cover, and films such as "Super Size Me" taking aim at Ronald McDonald and friends, there's a distinct fear that Willy Wonka will come under fire next.

The British book "Chocolate Busters" has lobbed the first volley, portraying chocolate as only slightly less harmful than cigarettes and accusing confectioners of orchestrating an elaborate cover-up of their products' health risks.




It's true enough that chocolate, like any other luxury item, is the byproduct of horrendous global inequalities. But the notion that willing consumers of candy should be cast as victims is laughable. The real problem is that our citizenry eats too much and does too little exercise. We move, in essence, from the cubicle to the car seat.

And our consumption of candy isn't just excessive; it's neurotic.

Rather than eating candy in moderate amounts and relishing the experience, we stuff our faces in a guilty frenzy, to quell loneliness and self-doubt.

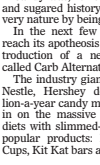
The sad irony of the low-carb movement is that it will only feed this cycle. People will wind up eating more of this low-taste crud — "Hey, honey, it's only got one gram of sugar carbs!" — and giving themselves far less pleasure.

How very American.

Steve Almond is the author of "Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America." This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

## Current candidates comfortable with using past icons

Dan Thomasson



NEW YORK

This is the season of the dead presidents. It is the time in the election campaign when both parties lean heaviest on their icons, drawing comparisons between their man and the one who in the years since his demise has become identified with enviable qualities that weren't recognized when he was alive.

For most of the last century, Republicans pointed to their first president, Abraham Lincoln, as the inspiration. Democrats, on the other hand, called on the ghosts of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman for inspiration. Now it seems to be Ronald Reagan who, in death, has inherited the place of distinction with the Republicans, and John F. Kennedy who has displaced Roosevelt and Truman, relegating lesser lights such as Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton to more minor positions in the comparison business.

Reagan's stature in the presidential firmament has climbed steadily, partially with the publication of his private letters and position papers that clearly show he wasn't quite the boob that the liberals liked to label (or, for that matter, libel) him. That even makes him much more acceptable to intellectual independents and moderates, who were inclined at times to dismiss him as merely a second-rate actor who was playing his best role.

So when Ken Mehlman, George W. Bush's campaign manager, went before the hugely important Ohio delegation to the GOP convention, he invoked the name of the now saintly Reagan several times. Most importantly he told them that once every 20 years, voters just didn't make a choice for president but cast their ballots for one who had the vision to dramatically change the history of the world for the better. The implication was clear: Reagan ended the Cold War and George W. Bush has the vision and strength to overcome the terrorists, both independents and state-sanctioned.

To this, one is tempted to reply that, "I knew Ronald Reagan, and George W. Bush is no Ronald Reagan." But then that would be impolite, not to mention trite.

But it isn't only Reagan's willingness to take on evil empires that is now being attached to the current president by White House political guru Karl Rove and Mehlman and their henchmen. His tax-cut policies also come up for comparison to Bush. It's the economy — decline in jobs specifically — that is threatening to undercut the president in the once-impregnable GOP stronghold of Ohio. It is for that reason that all the party's and Bush campaign's heavy artillery has been trained here on a state delegation that in the past would have been taken for granted.

For the Democrats, Kennedy, despite his tarnished personal life, is the man most favored, and one would have had to been hearing- and sight-impaired (in other words deaf and blind) not to have seen the comparison between the World War II Swift boat hero from Massachusetts and the Vietnam Swift boat hero from Massachusetts (and not just because they have the same initials) during the Democratic version of what is going on here. This, of course, once again prompts one to venture to John Kerry that, "I knew John Kennedy, and you're no John Kennedy." But once again, that would be impolite and trite.

There is one difference in the party's use of icons. The Democrats' reference to Kennedy are pretty much limited to his wartime heroism, just as the recital of Kerry achievements was pretty much limited to the four months he spent in Vietnam with his 20 years in the Senate all but ignored in the recitation of achievements. That is because neither Kennedy nor Kerry distinguished themselves on Capitol Hill. In fact, a good comparison would be the large number of votes they both missed while campaigning for the presidency. But then who is counting? In the history of dead presidents, the modern record of campaign mentions belongs to a Republican who is not among those who have been cited here. The champion in this category is Herbert Hoover, the brilliant humanitarian and engineer whose name has become synonymous with the Great Depression. Ironically, he has earned the distinction of most remembered through the Democrats, who have been running against him ever since, invoking his name in derision at every opportunity.

After a few years of dormancy they have once again disinterred him in an effort to draw a comparison between him and Bush.

The Republicans understandably seldom mention Hoover in public.

That's too bad, because in truth he may have been smarter and more honest than all the rest, just a bit unlucky in his timing to say the least.

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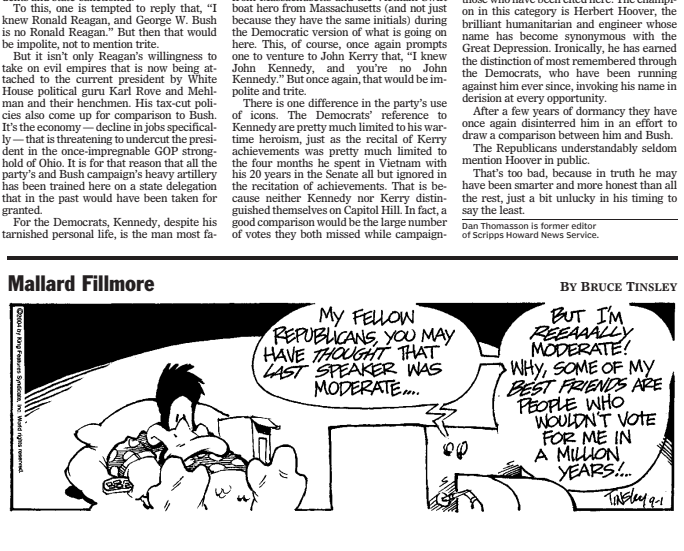
## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



# Horoscope

Joyce Jillson

The first day of the month starts fittingly with the moon in the first sign of the zodiac. There's a sense that all is fresh and new under the Aries lunar influence, and we've the energy of spring again, even though the weather tells us otherwise. Be a dewy-eyed admirer of someone or a giddy fan. Let your curiosity lead you into new worlds.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 1).** This month, you'll feel like you're in a flow, and it's easier to lucrative decisions. October is highly romantic. Travel will be a welcome break from your hard work. Moves are favored before the new year. You stumble onto a new way to make more money in lucky December. A Capricorn or Sagittarius love changes your life.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Modesty doesn't serve you well now. Your prospects multiply when you make your good points known. Loved ones may seem more demanding — or is it that you're withholding? Consider how available you really are.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're feeling quite in control, which is why the usual frustrations (waiting in lines, being on hold and so on) only add fuel to your fire. Take advantage of this wave of confidence by making a romantic gesture.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** When someone speaks to you, make that person the most important thing going on in the moment. On a spiritual level, you are what you believe you are, so you may as well believe more.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** An assertion about the past is not an answer for the future. No matter how you did things before, this is a new day, and you could potentially become an entirely different person, with new habits and, it follows, new results.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You're very charismatic, but understanding how far you can take this influence is key. The world will do as you do, not as you say today. If you want a loved one to make a change, model that desired behavior for all to see.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your special projects will go through many stages, so don't lose heart. Waning hopes will only drain your energy. Prevent this by doing mental exercises to psych yourself into an optimistic state — it's worth the time it takes.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You stiffen up on your self-discipline, and the results show right away. Being certain about what you want is half the battle. People from the past will cross your mind. It's lucky to get in touch, especially if things ended badly.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Not knowing is half the fun today — wing it. Those looking for work could find it with the help of an excellent recommendation. Singles who stop looking for a soul mate will find someone really cool.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** In order to increase the odds that an important change will occur, you must believe that transformation is possible and participate fully. Business deals could wind up in a less than satisfying way.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** It's difficult to know what to want out of a complex relationship. Take a different approach if necessary, but don't give up! There's a chance to form an alliance or join a group. Your power increases with the more people you know.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're like a child at a magic show, obsessed with how it all comes together — really! It's time for being thorough and thinking of all the things that the average person wouldn't be concerned about.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It always feels validating to be right, but really, what is the point? It's an ego-based need that probably will not drive a situation forward. The only way progress can be made is by fixing things, no matter who is right.

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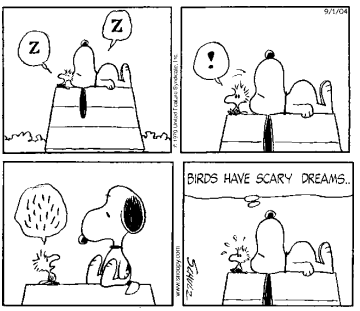
## Peanuts

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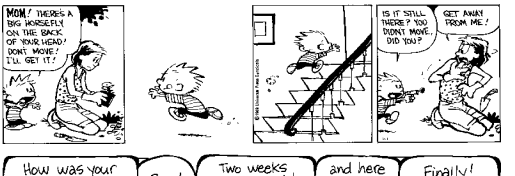


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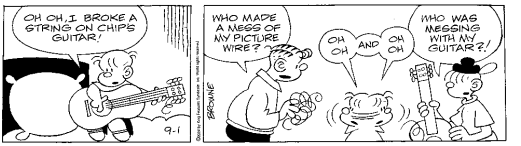


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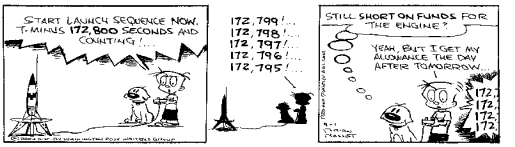


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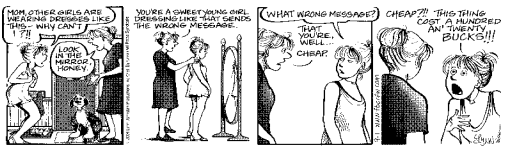

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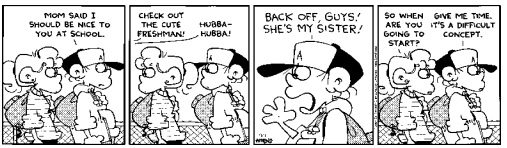


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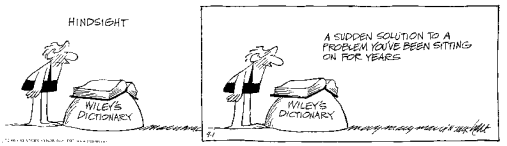


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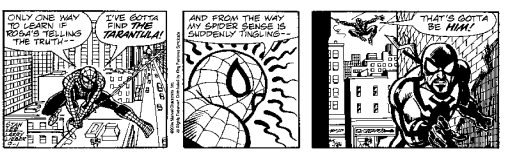


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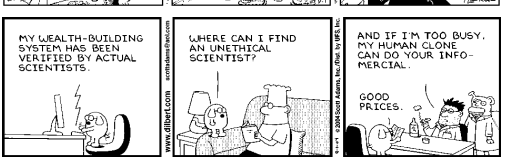


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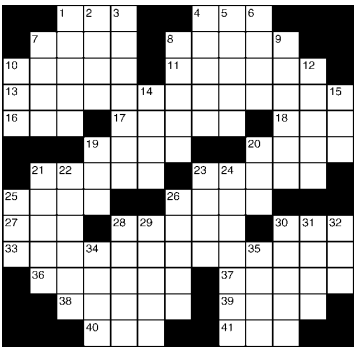
# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

**1** Sleep phenom, for short
**4** Stashed
**7** Malt-shop order
**8** "Sinker"
**10** Unemotional
**11** Does some tailoring
**13** Repeatedly
**16** Desiccate
**17** Cheese (Sp.)
**18** Forefront
**19** Attila's crew
**20** Celtics legend
**21** Chihuahua, e.g.
**23** Light yellow color
**25** Stage show
**26** Rolling Stones guitarist
**27** First name of 26-Across
**28** Memorize
**30** Shriver of tennis
**33** Definitively
**36** Water down
**37** Take five
**38** Shows chutzpah
**39** Paradise
**40** Scratch
**41** Two, in Tijuana

## Down

**1** Spacious
**2** Actress McClurg
**3** Rhesus monkey
**4** Swiss cheese features
**5** Opening remarks
**6** Pair's air
**7** Commotion
**8** Calendar info
**9** Miscellaneous facts
**10** Norm (Abbr.)
**12** Intelligent
**14** Monetary resource
**15** Conclusion
**19** "Yo!"
**20** Stratum
**21** Fair
**22** Offensive
**23** "Star Trek: TNG" lieutenant
**24** Esteemed
**25** Expert
**26** Tests the waters
**28** Jenna and Barbara's mom
**29** Computer key
**30** Loses color
**31** Attorney Dershowitz
**32** A score of LIIIs
**34** Biblical kingdom
**35** Make over

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## 9-1 CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** A MOVIE ABOUT SOME VERY FLIMSY PATIO FURNITURE COULD BE NAMED "THE PAPER CHAISE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals S

# Letters from secret love a problem

**Dear Abby:** My problem concerns what to do with a group of snapshots and a bundle of about 100 old love letters that I've hidden for more than 50 years. If they are found after my death, my heirs will be shocked.

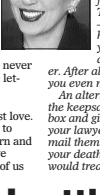
I have treasured these mementos in my heart since I received the first, before I was shipped overseas in World War II. The letters continued up to December 1947 — and in '98 and '99 I received three more that were ultra-special.

Family interference separated us, even as we were planning to be married. Of course, life went on. I met my wife and we were married a few years later, but I could never bring myself to destroy the letters or the photographs.

After half a century, I searched and found my first love. Then in 1999 we were able to locate our son, who was born and placed for adoption after we were separated. The three of us have spent some special time together. Even though we acknowledged that our love was and still is true, we agreed not to upset my marriage.

My wife knows all about this, and accepts my strong need to financially help my "other girl" have a comfortable lifestyle. They represent an important part of my life with my first love. I cannot find the courage to let them go. Have I done wrong?

Dear Abby



**— In Love With Two Exceptional Women**

*Dear in Love: Not from my perspective. This is the 21st century — not the 1940s. Perhaps it's time to let your children know about their half-brother. After all, this happened before you even met your wife.*

*An alternative would be to put the keepsakes in a safe deposit box and give one of the keys to your lawyer, with instructions to mail them to your love child after your death. I'm sure your son would treasure having evidence of the love through which he was conceived.*

**Dear Abby:** Seven years ago, my husband's "Aunt Selma" lent us $2,000 on our first home. We set up a payment plan and paid her faithfully.

A year later, our first child was born with a heart condition. Aunt Selma came to us and demanded that instead of paying her, we put the money toward the enormous hospital bills.

Now she wants us to pay back the rest of the money. After all this time, I don't feel that's fair. This is causing a lot of stress in our marriage. Please help.

**— Indignant in Indiana**

*Dear Indignant: Please don't repay her generosity by withholding her money. She may be asking for it because she needs it now. So reinstate the payment plan and give her what she's due — and I don't mean just the money.*

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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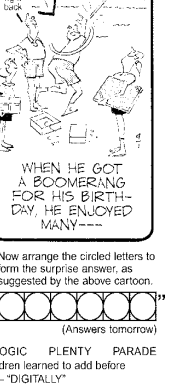
**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion




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

A: "_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: QUILT LOGIC PLENTY PARADE
Answer: How the children learned to add before computers — "DIGITALLY"

# Teen son's attire gives wrong idea

**Dear Annie:** I am a married woman with a great husband and wonderful kids. The only problem is my older son, "Mark," who is 15 years old and dresses like a freak. He has long, dyed-black hair, and his usual garb consists of black clothing, black boots and eyeliner. When people see him in public, they get the wrong idea. He really is a great kid — loving, kind and a terrific student.

Annie's Mailbox

I've talked nicely with Mark about changing the way he looks, but he feels if people cannot accept how he dresses, it's their own fault.

Truthfully, his attire doesn't bother me or my husband. We are glad he expresses his individuality. But we fear people will think poorly of him, or he could be picked on or beaten up by other kids.

Kids who dress like mine should be treated with the same dignity and respect as anyone else, but it doesn't always happen. How can I help him?

**— Afraid in Florida**

*Dear Afraid: Your son is fine. As long as he understands that his appearance can put people off, create personal problems with others and limit his ability to find a job in the future, you've done what you can. The more pressure you put on him now, the less likely he is to listen. When the negatives become more important than the positives, he'll dress differently.*

**Dear Annie:** In January, my best friend, "Julie," asked if I would like to go on a vacation with her and her family. She said she was renting a six-bedroom beach house for a week and would rent out rooms for $600 each. I agreed to rent a room for my family and gave her a deposit of $150.

Three months later, I realized the vacation was going to be too costly, and I told Julie I would have to cancel and she could rent my room to someone else. She told me I had entered into a legally binding agreement and am still responsible for the balance. She said it's not her fault we don't have the money. Plus, she's having a hard time finding people to rent the other rooms she reserved.

I gave her five months' notice.

**— Confused in California**

*Dear Confused: There actually may be some legal liability here. If, during the five months, Julie made every effort to find new renters and could not, it's possible you owe her the balance. Check with an attorney before assuming that Julie simply is being difficult. Then you might want to re-evaluate a friendship where Julie doesn't first suggest a compromise before implying that she can take you to court.*

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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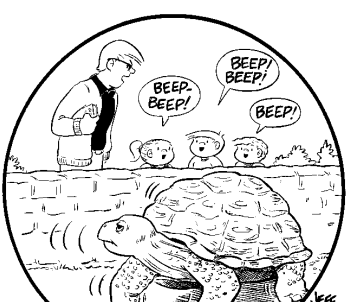
**Family Circus**




"Okay! He's been backing up safely for many years without any help from you!"

**Dennis the Menace**

"POOR MARGARET. SHE NEVER GETS A BREAK FROM BEIN' AROUND HERSELF."

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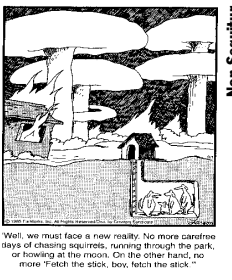
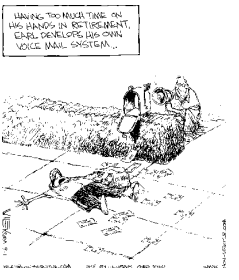
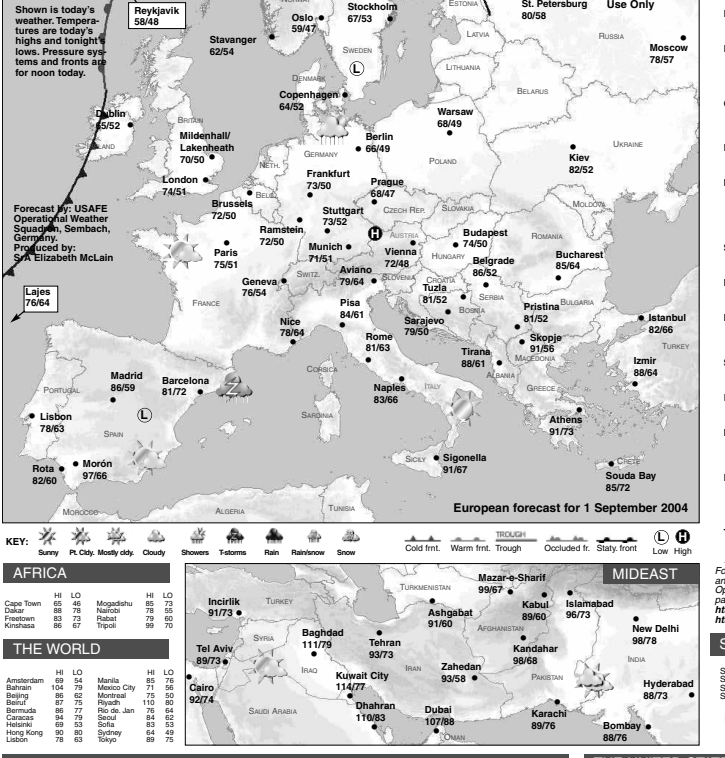
**The Far Side**



'Well, we must face a new reality. No more carefree days of chasing squirrels, running through the park, or howling at the moon. On the other hand, no more "Fetch the stick, boy, fetch the stick."'

**Non Sequitur**






## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s, Thursday lows in the lower 50s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers in west. Partly cloudy in the east. Highs in the mid 60s to mid 70s, Thursday lows in the lower 50s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Mostly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s, Thursday lows in the lower 50s.

**France:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to upper 70s, Thursday lows in the lower 50s to mid 60s.

**Northern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers in the evening becoming partly cloudy in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s to lower 70s, Thursday lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

**Southern Germany:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s, Thursday lows in the lower 50s.

**Hungary:** Mostly to partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s, Thursday lows in the lower 50s.

**Northern Italy:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to mid 80s, Thursday lows in the lower to mid 60s.

**Southern Italy:** Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s, Thursday lows in the lower to mid 60s.

**Kosovo:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s, Thursday lows in the lower 50s.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Thursday lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms in the north. Partly cloudy in the south. Highs in the upper 70s to upper 90s, Thursday lows in the upper 50s to lower 70s.

**Turkey:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s to lower 90s, Thursday lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s.

*For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home page at:*
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## AFRICA

| | Hi | LO | | Hi | LO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cape Town | 65 | 46 | Mogadishu | 85 | 73 |
| Dakar | 88 | 78 | Nairobi | 78 | 55 |
| Freetown | 83 | 74 | Rabat | 79 | 60 |
| Kinshasa | 86 | 67 | Tripoli | 99 | 70 |

## THE WORLD

| | Hi | LO | | Hi | LO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 69 | 54 | Manila | 85 | 76 |
| Bahrain | 104 | 79 | Mexico City | 71 | 56 |
| Beijing | 86 | 62 | Montreal | 75 | 50 |
| Beirut | 87 | 75 | Riyadh | 110 | 80 |
| Bermuda | 86 | 77 | Rio de. Jan | 76 | 64 |
| Caracas | 94 | 79 | Seoul | 84 | 62 |
| Helsinki | 69 | 53 | Sofia | 83 | 53 |
| Hong Kong | 90 | 80 | Sydney | 64 | 49 |
| Lisbon | 78 | 63 | Tokyo | 89 | 75 |




## SUN & MOON

| | Today | Tomorrow |
|---|---|---|
| Sunrise (Baghdad) | 6:37 AM | 6:38 AM |
| Sunrise (Frankfurt) | 6:41 AM | 6:43 AM |
| Sunset (Baghdad) | 7:28 PM | 7:27 PM |
| Sunset (Frankfurt) | 8:09 PM | 8:07 PM |

Last qtr Sept 6 · New Moon Sept 14 · First qtr Sept 21 · Full Moon Sept 28

## TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

| | Hi | Lo | Otlk |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene,Tex. | 88 | 65 | Cldy |
| Akron,Ohio | 79 | 58 | Clr |
| Albany,N.Y. | 76 | 52 | Clr |
| Albuquerque | 83 | 59 | PCldy |
| Allentown,Pa. | 79 | 56 | Clr |
| Amarillo | 86 | 61 | Clr |
| Anchorage | 60 | 52 | Rain |
| Asheville | 79 | 60 | PCldy |
| Atlanta | 86 | 69 | PCldy |
| Atlantic City | 80 | 59 | Clr |
| Austin | 91 | 64 | PCldy |
| Baltimore | 82 | 58 | Clr |
| Baton Rouge | 90 | 70 | PCldy |
| Billings | 94 | 58 | Clr |
| Birmingham | 87 | 70 | PCldy |
| Bismarck | 92 | 64 | Clr |
| Boise | 89 | 55 | PCldy |
| Boston | 78 | 59 | Clr |
| Bridgeport | 80 | 61 | Clr |
| Brownsville | 91 | 75 | PCldy |
| Buffalo | 74 | 55 | PCldy |
| Burlington,Vt. | 70 | 47 | Clr |
| Caribou,Maine | 66 | 39 | PCldy |
| Casper | 90 | 53 | Clr |
| Charleston,S.C. | 89 | 73 | PCldy |
| Charleston,W.Va. | 82 | 56 | Clr |
| Charlotte,N.C. | 83 | 66 | PCldy |
| Chattanooga | 85 | 66 | PCldy |
| Cheyenne | 84 | 54 | Clr |
| Chicago | 83 | 63 | PCldy |
| Cincinnati | 82 | 61 | Clr |
| Cleveland | 78 | 60 | Clr |
| Colorado Springs | 80 | 52 | Clr |
| Columbia,S.C. | 87 | 68 | PCldy |
| Columbus,Ga. | 91 | 71 | PCldy |
| Columbus,Ohio | 81 | 58 | Clr |
| Concord,N.H. | 77 | 49 | Clr |
| Corpus Christi | 93 | 70 | PCldy |
| Dallas-Ft Worth | 92 | 68 | PCldy |
| Dayton | 81 | 60 | Clr |
| Daytona Beach | 89 | 75 | PCldy |
| Denver | 88 | 57 | Clr |
| Des Moines | 86 | 66 | PCldy |
| Detroit | 80 | 60 | PCldy |
| Duluth | 64 | 52 | PCldy |
| El Paso | 85 | 63 | PCldy |
| Elkins | 77 | 51 | Clr |
| Erie | 72 | 59 | Clr |
| Eugene | 75 | 47 | Cldy |
| Evansville | 86 | 63 | Clr |
| Fairbanks | 59 | 45 | Rain |
| Fargo | 80 | 64 | PCldy |
| Flagstaff | 82 | 48 | Clr |
| Flint | 79 | 57 | PCldy |
| Fort Smith | 88 | 62 | Clr |
| Fort Wayne | 83 | 61 | PCldy |
| Fresno | 99 | 66 | Clr |
| Goodland | 92 | 60 | Clr |
| Grand Junction | 92 | 59 | Clr |
| Grand Rapids | 80 | 61 | PCldy |
| Great Falls | 88 | 53 | PCldy |
| Green Bay | 81 | 58 | Cldy |
| Greensboro,N.C. | 81 | 65 | PCldy |
| Harrisburg | 80 | 60 | Clr |
| Hartford Spgfld | 81 | 53 | Clr |
| Helena | 89 | 53 | PCldy |
| Honolulu | 89 | 76 | Clr |
| Houston | 91 | 68 | Clr |
| Huntsville | 87 | 69 | PCldy |
| Indianapolis | 84 | 62 | Clr |
| Jackson,Miss. | 87 | 68 | PCldy |
| Jacksonville | 90 | 74 | PCldy |
| Juneau | 64 | 50 | Cldy |
| Kansas City | 88 | 65 | PCldy |
| Key West | 90 | 81 | Rain |
| Knoxville | 85 | 65 | PCldy |
| Lake Charles | 89 | 69 | PCldy |
| Lansing | 80 | 58 | PCldy |
| Las Vegas | 105 | 78 | Clr |
| Lexington | 82 | 62 | Clr |
| Lincoln | 89 | 65 | Clr |
| Little Rock | 89 | 66 | Clr |
| Los Angeles | 87 | 62 | Clr |
| Louisville | 83 | 64 | Clr |
| Lubbock | 86 | 62 | PCldy |
| Macon | 89 | 69 | PCldy |
| Madison | 81 | 62 | PCldy |
| Medford | 78 | 53 | Cldy |
| Memphis | 88 | 68 | PCldy |
| Miami Beach | 90 | 76 | PCldy |
| Midland-Odessa | 85 | 63 | PCldy |
| Milwaukee | 78 | 64 | PCldy |
| Mpls-St Paul | 83 | 63 | PCldy |
| Mobile | 90 | 71 | PCldy |
| Montgomery | 90 | 72 | Rain |
| Nashville | 86 | 66 | Clr |
| New Orleans | 89 | 75 | PCldy |
| New York City | 81 | 66 | Clr |
| Newark | 83 | 63 | Clr |
| Norfolk,Va. | 80 | 69 | PCldy |
| North Platte | 92 | 60 | Clr |
| Oklahoma City | 89 | 66 | PCldy |
| Omaha | 89 | 66 | Clr |
| Orlando | 91 | 75 | PCldy |
| Paducah | 87 | 62 | Clr |
| Pendleton | 80 | 48 | Cldy |
| Peoria | 84 | 62 | PCldy |
| Philadelphia | 81 | 63 | Clr |
| Phoenix | 108 | 82 | Clr |
| Pittsburgh | 77 | 58 | Clr |
| Portland,Maine | 75 | 54 | PCldy |
| Portland,Ore. | 69 | 56 | Rain |
| Providence | 80 | 56 | Clr |
| Pueblo | 89 | 53 | Clr |
| Raleigh-Durham | 82 | 66 | Cldy |
| Rapid City | 101 | 67 | Clr |
| Reno | 91 | 57 | PCldy |
| Richmond | 81 | 63 | PCldy |
| Roanoke | 81 | 61 | PCldy |
| Rochester | 74 | 54 | PCldy |
| Sacramento | 97 | 57 | Clr |
| Sacramento | 90 | 56 | Clr |
| St Louis | 87 | 65 | PCldy |
| St Thomas | 90 | 79 | PCldy |
| Salem,Ore. | 72 | 50 | Cldy |
| Salt Lake City | 94 | 65 | Clr |
| San Angelo | 89 | 64 | Cldy |
| San Antonio | 92 | 67 | PCldy |
| San Diego | 77 | 65 | Clr |
| San Francisco | 72 | 59 | PCldy |
| San Jose | 79 | 62 | PCldy |
| San Juan,P.R. | 90 | 79 | PCldy |
| Santa Fe | 79 | 50 | PCldy |
| St Ste Marie | 69 | 55 | Cldy |
| Savannah | 88 | 71 | PCldy |
| Seattle | 67 | 53 | Rain |
| Shreveport | 89 | 65 | PCldy |
| Sioux City | 86 | 64 | Clr |
| Sioux Falls | 84 | 65 | Clr |
| South Bend | 82 | 60 | PCldy |
| Spokane | 77 | 46 | Cldy |
| Springfield,Ill. | 85 | 62 | PCldy |
| Springfield,Mo. | 87 | 62 | Clr |
| Syracuse | 74 | 53 | Clr |
| Tallahassee | 91 | 71 | Rain |
| Tampa-St Pirsbg | 91 | 76 | PCldy |
| Toledo | 81 | 58 | Clr |
| Topeka | 88 | 64 | PCldy |
| Tucson | 100 | 75 | PCldy |
| Tulsa | 89 | 63 | Clr |
| Tupelo | 87 | 66 | PCldy |
| Waco | 93 | 66 | PCldy |
| Washington,D.C. | 82 | 62 | Clr |
| W.Palm Beach | 89 | 75 | PCldy |
| Wichita | 90 | 65 | PCldy |
| Wichita Falls | 88 | 66 | PCldy |
| Wilkes-Barre | 77 | 53 | Clr |
| Wilmington,Del. | 81 | 61 | Clr |
| Yakima | 77 | 47 | Cldy |

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# SCOREBOARD

## AFN schedule

(All times Central European. AFN-A: AFN-Atlantic; PAC: AFN-Pacific/Korea; SPT: AFN-Sports; dld: delayed; cut: two-hour or 90-minute cut-down. Listings are latest available from AFRTS and subject to change without notice.)

### Television

**Baseball** — San Diego at St. Louis, 9 a.m. Wednesday (dld), SPT; Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 1 p.m. Wednesday (dld), SPT; Anaheim at Boston, 1 a.m. Thursday, AFN-A; Colorado at San Francisco, 4 a.m. Thursday, SPT; Texas at Minnesota, 9 a.m. (dld) Thursday, SPT; Anaheim at Boston, 1 p.m. Thursday, (dld) SPT; Oakland at Chicago White Sox, 8 p.m. Thursday, SPT.

**College football** — Texas A&M at Utah, 1:30 a.m. Friday, AFN-A.

**Motor racing** — Champ Car Ford Molson Indy Montreal, 1 a.m. Thursday (dld), SPT.

**Outdoors** — Mark Sosin's Salt Water Journal, 3:30 a.m. Thursday, SPT.

**Pro football** — CFL Crunch: 7:30 a.m. Wednesday (dld), SPT. NFL preseason: Jacksonville at New England, 4 a.m. Friday (dld), SPT.

**Tennis** — U.S. Open: First round, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 2nd round, joined in progress at 1:30 a.m. Friday, (SPT).

### Radio

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

**College football** — Texas A&M at Utah, 1:30 a.m. Friday.

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## Pro basketball

### WNBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 13 | 12 | .520 | – |
| Connecticut | 13 | 14 | .481 | – |
| Detroit | 13 | 14 | .481 | – |
| Charlotte | 12 | 13 | .480 | 1 |
| Washington | 12 | 14 | .462 | 1½ |
| Indiana | 12 | 15 | .444 | 2 |

**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 | 14 | .462 | 7 |
| San Antonio | 6 | 20 | .231 | 13 |

**Wednesday's games**

Indiana at Washington
Connecticut at Charlotte
Phoenix at Detroit
Minnesota at Houston
Sacramento at Seattle
San Antonio at Los Angeles

## Pro soccer

### Major League Soccer

**Eastern Conference**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MetroStars | 9 | 8 | 6 | 33 | 37 | 37 |
| Columbus | 7 | 5 | 10 | 31 | 25 | 24 |
| D.C. United | 6 | 8 | 9 | 27 | 31 | 35 |
| New England | 6 | 9 | 8 | 26 | 34 | 34 |
| Chicago | 5 | 10 | 8 | 23 | 23 | 33 |

**Western Conference**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 10 | 7 | 5 | 35 | 31 | 23 |
| Los Angeles | 9 | 6 | 8 | 35 | 36 | 32 |
| Colorado | 8 | 7 | 9 | 33 | 21 | 21 |
| Dallas | 8 | 8 | 7 | 31 | 29 | 29 |
| San Jose | 8 | 7 | 7 | 31 | 36 | 28 |

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

**Saturday's games**

D.C. United 0, New England 0, tie
Dallas 4, Chicago 1
Colorado 0, San Jose 0, tie

**Sunday's game**

Columbus 1, MetroStars 1, tie

**Wednesday's game**

Kansas City at Chicago

**Saturday, Sept. 4**

San Jose at New England
Los Angeles at Dallas
D.C. United at Chicago
MetroStars at Kansas City
Dallas at Colorado

## Hockey

### World Cup

**North American Division**

| | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canada | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Russia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slovakia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| United States | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**European Division**

| | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Czech Republic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Finland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Germany | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sweden | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Round Robin**

**Monday, Aug. 30**
**At Helsinki, Finland**
Czech Republic vs. Finland

**Tuesday, Aug. 31**
**At Stockholm, Sweden**
Germany vs. Sweden

**At Montreal**
Canada vs. United States

**Wednesday, Sept. 1**
**At Stockholm, Sweden**
Czech Republic vs. Sweden

**At Montreal**
Canada vs. Slovakia

**Thursday, Sept. 2**
**At Cologne, Germany**
Germany vs. Finland

**At St. Paul, Minn.**
United States vs. Russia

**Friday, Sept. 3**
**At Prague, Czech Republic**
Czech Republic vs. Germany

**At St. Paul-Minn.**
Slovakia vs. United States

**Saturday, Sept. 4**
**At Helsinki, Finland**
Sweden vs. Finland

**At Toronto**
Russia vs. Canada

**Sunday, Sept. 5**
**At Toronto**
Slovakia vs. Russia

## Tennis

### U.S. Open

**Tuesday**
**At The USTA National Tennis Center**
**New York**
**Purse: $17.75 million (Grand Slam)**
**Surface: Hard/outdoor**

**Singles**
**Men**
**First Round**

Dominik Hrbaty (14), Slovakia, def. Oscar Hernandez, Spain, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.
Lee Hyung-taik, South Korea, def. Ivan Ljubicic (24), Croatia, 3-6, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7-4).
Paradorn Srichaphan (15), Thailand, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.
Nicolas Massu (10), Chile, def. Jose Acasuso, Argentina, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
Paul Goldstein, United States, def. Takao Suzuki, Japan, 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Alberto Martin, Spain, def. Antony Dupuis, France, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, def. Mariano Zabaleta, Argentina, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2.

**Women**
**First Round**

Jill Craybas, United States, def. Tina Pisnik, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-1.
Justine Henin-Hardenne (1), Belgium, def. Nicole Vaidisova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Lisa Raymond, United States, def. Alina Jidkova, Russia, 7-5, 6-2.
Tzipi Obziler, Israel, def. Angelique Widjaja, Indonesia, 7-5, 6-3.
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Elena Likhovtseva (25), Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Elena Bovina (29), Russia, def. Marta Marrero, Spain, 6-3, 6-0.
Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Barbara Schett, Austria, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 6-4, 6-2.
Nada Petrova (14), Russia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-0, 6-1.
Mary Pierce (27), France, def. Emilie Loit, France, 6-1, 6-2.

**Doubles**
**Men**
**First Round**

Yves Allegro, Switzerland, and Michael Kohlmann, Germany, def. Hicham Arazi, Morocco, and Tom Vanhoudt, Belgium, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

**Monday**
**Singles**
**Men**
**First Round**

Jiri Novak (25), Czech Republic, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.
Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Olivier Mutis, France, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 7-5.
Amer Delic, United States, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia-Montenegro, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.
Cyril Saulnier, France, def. Greg Rusedski, Britain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (7).
Carlos Moya (3), Spain, def. Brian Baker, United States, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Alex Calatrava, Spain, def. Alex Bogdanovic, United States, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Albert Costa, Spain, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.
Nicolas Kiefer (19), Germany, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.
Michal Tabara, Czech Republic, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Olivier Rochus, Belgium, def. Mario Ancic (27), Croatia, 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (2).
Mardy Fish (26), United States, def. David Ferrer, Spain, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.
Taylor Dent (31), United States, def. Younes El Aynaoui, Morocco, 6-1, 2-1, retired.
Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 7-5.
Andrei Pavel (16), Romania, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-3, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-3.
Potito Starace, Italy, def. Alexander Popp, Germany, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.
Thomas Johansson, Sweden, def. Daniel Elsner, Germany, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-3.
Karol Kucera, Slovakia, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-1, 1-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Jerome Golmard, France, def. Irakli Labadze, Georgia, 7-6 (2), retired.
Sargis Sargsian, Armenia, def. Alex Corretja, France, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.
Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. Raemon Sluiter, Netherlands, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (12).
Fabrice Santoro (31), France, def. Todd Martin, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.
Gaston Gaudio (9), Argentina, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Andre Agassi (6), United States, def. Robby Ginepri, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2.
Florian Mayer, Germany, leads Flavia Saretta, Brazil, 6-4, 6-2, 5-1, susp., darkness.

**Women**
**First Round**

Amelie Mauresmo (2), France, def. Marissa Irvin, United States, 6-4, 6-2.
Ai Sugiyama (12), Japan, def. Teryn Ashley, United States, 7-5, 6-2.
Maria Vento-Kabchi (31), Venezuela, def. Conchita Martinez, Spain, 0-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Francesca Schiavone (26), Italy, def. Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3.
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Julia Vakulenko, Ukraine, def. Amber Liu, United States, 7-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Eugenia Linetskaya, Russia, def. Rita Grande, Italy, 7-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Jelena Kostanic, Croatia, def. Karolina Sprem (32), Croatia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
Stephanie Foretz, France, def. Shenay Perry, United States, 7-6 (1), 6-7 (6), 6-4.
Alicia Molik (17), Australia, def. Stephanie Cohen-Aloro, France, 6-0, 6-2.
Vera Zvonareva (10), Russia, def. Henrieta Nagyova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-1.
Fabiola Zuluaga (23), Colombia, def. Myriam Casanova, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4.
Magui Serna, Spain, def. Maureen Drake, Canada, 6-2, 6-4.
Tatiana Golovin (30), France, def. Anca Barna, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.
Akiko Morigami, Japan, def. Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Switzerland, 6-2, 6-2.
Julia Schruff, Germany, def. Jennifer Hopkins, United States, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4.
Magdalena Maleeva (22), Bulgaria, def. Flavia Pennetta, Italy, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Tathiana Garbin, Italy, def. Mara Santangelo, Italy, 6-2, 6-1.
Jennifer Capriati (8), United States, def. Denisa Chladkova, Czech Republic, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Marion Bartoli, France, def. Meghann Shaughnessy (32), United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Severine Beltrame, France, def. Martina Sucha, Slovakia, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-1.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Bethanie Mattek, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Tatiana Perebiynis, Ukraine, def. Aniko Kapros, Hungary, 6-1, 6-3.
Lindsay Lee-Waters, United States, def. Claudine Schaul, Luxembourg, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Camille Pin, France, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (9).
Els Callens, Belgium, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Elena Dementieva (6), Russia, def. Dinara Safina, Russia, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (9).
Patty Schnyder (15), Switzerland, def. Robert Vinci, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-0.
Angela Haynes, United States, def. Tatiana Perebiynis, Ukraine, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 7-6 (5).
Serena Williams (3), United States, def. Sandra Kleinova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3.
Nathalie Dechy (28), France, def. Jelena Dokic, Serbia-Montenegro, 3-6, 6-0, 7-5.
Cara Black, Zimbabwe, def. Jamea Jackson, United States, 7-6 (2), 5-7, 6-4.

## Deals

### Monday's transactions

**AUTO RACING**

**NASCAR**—Announced the retirement of Rusty Wallace, driver, at the end of the 2005 season.

**BASEBALL**

**American League**

**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**—Waived RHP Mike Jackson. Recalled RHP Felix Diaz from Charlotte of the Sally.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Optioned OF Grady Sizemore to Buffalo of the Triple-A.

**National League**

**NEW YORK METS**—Activated 1-2B Mike Pilazza from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Mike DeJean on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 26. Recalled RHP Jeff Heath from Norfolk of the IL. Designated 1B-OF Brian Buchanan for assignment.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

**CAROLINA PANTHERS**—Waived C Toby Cecil, LB Jonathan Harrell, T Ben Herrell, G Tango McCauley, DE Arnold Miller, FB Casey Moore, LB Curtis Randall and DE Derrick Strong. Placed WR Drew Carter and G Bruce Nelson on the physically-unable-to-perform list.

**CINCINNATI BENGALS**—Placed P Kyle Richardson, S Walid Abdullah, LB Frank Chamberlin and WR Patrick Johnson on injured reserve. Placed CB Dennis Weathersby on the reserve-non-football injury list. Waived HB Herbert Goodman, CB Alvin Porter, TE Chad Hayes and S Wendell Williams.

**CLEVELAND BROWNS**—Waived LB Josh Buhl, P Ryan Dutton and QB Nate Hybl. Placed OL Chad Beasley, FB Ben Miller, LB Brant Boyer and DB Michael Grant on injured reserve. Placed DL Antonio Garay, TE Keith Heinrich and DB Sean Jones on the physically-unable-to-perform list and RB Adimchinobe Echemandu on the reserve-non-football injury list.

**DETROIT LIONS**—Placed RB Olandis Gary on injured reserve. Released K Chris Snyder, WR Trevor Gaylor, DT Brandon Hall and LB Rodney Thomas.

**HOUSTON TEXANS**—Waived S Curry Burns, RB KaRon Coleman, G Curry Dawson, CB-KR Vontez Duff, DT Brandon Evans, CB Robert Freeman, TE John Frieser, OT Brad Lekkerkerker, WR Jermaine Lewis, C Andrew Martin, LB Raheem Orr, DE D.J. Renteria, K Todd Sievers, WR Andrae Thurman and DE Bryce Wyatt.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**—Signed S Bob Sanders to a four-year contract. Waived TE Chad Bartoszek, LB Jack Golden, WR Elgin Hicks, K David Kimball, DB Willie Miller, P Jesse Nicksio and DL Ronald Jones. DL Derek Kennard, DL Raulyn Martin-Kelly-Lescher and DB Shane Walton.

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**—Released DE Hugh Douglas, QB Doug Johnson, WR Jimmy Redmond and RB Frank Moreau.

**MIAMI DOLPHINS**—Waived DE Josh Mallard, CB Kelvin Millhouse, DT Jerome Stevens and TE Harry Turner. Terminated the contract of WR Terrence Wilkins. Activated DT Damion Cook from the active-physically-unable-to-perform list.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS**—Released K Dan Orner, WR Reggie Austin, DT Brock Letsinger, WR Omar Jenkins, G Brandon Newton, T Alan Reuber and LB Merrill Robinson.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Released K Cody Scates and G Brian Sawyer. Placed S Guss Scott on injured reserve.

**NEW YORK JETS**—Placed G Rich Seubert and DE Lorenzo Bromell on the physically-unable-to-perform list. Placed DT Martin Chase on injured reserve. Waived C Scott Peters, G Travis Scott, RB Curtis Keaton, OT Drew Strojny, DE Isaac Hilton, CB Dewitt Ellerbe, WR Jaluan Dawson, WR Chris Davis, LB Jim Maxwell and LB Robert Rose.

**NEW YORK JETS**—Released LB Quincy Stewart and P Brian Simnjanovski.

**OAKLAND RAIDERS**—Traded LB Shurron Pierson to the Chicago Bears for an undisclosed draft pick. Waived DB Lance Scott and WR Chris Cole.

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**—Released WR Mark Bartosik, PK Tim Duncan, OL Anthony Foil, TE Ronnie Green, WR Jerome Leslie, WR Carlos Perez, CB Brandon Pinderhughes, WR Jeremiah Pope and DE Colston Weatherington.

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**—Released WR Marque Davis, WR Sammy Moore, CB Jernaro Gilford, CB Derrick Tatum, G Isaac Herring, G Dustin Heuer, RB Clarence Farmer, K Tyler Fredrickson, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, TE Casey Rippings, LB Rod Royal and QB Bryson Spinner. Placed S Arnold Parker on injured reserve.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

**OTTAWA SENATORS**—Named Greg Carvel assistant coach. Re-signed Mike Busniuk, assistant coach for Binghamton of the AHL.

**PHOENIX COYOTES**—Agreed to terms with LW Jason Chimera on a two-year contract and C Mike Rupp on a one-year contract.

**COLLEGE**

**DAVIDSON**—Named Avi Kigel women's assistant tennis coach.

**EASTERN MICHIGAN**—Named Marie Scovron assistant athletic director for compliance.

**GOUCHER**—Named Pete Huryk men's assistant soccer coach, Heather Koch and Stacie Gado assistant field hockey coaches, Pat Tracy men's assistant lacrosse coach, and Katie Trianor women's assistant women's lacrosse coach.

**GUILFORD**—Named Santes Beatty wide receivers coach.

**LA SALLE**—Named Tom Lochner women's basketball coach.

**LOYOLA OF CHICAGO**—Named Molly Sirch er assistant softball coach.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE**—Named Jozsef Forman and Jason Skoch women's assistant volleyball coaches.

**NORTHWESTERN**—Named Cara Strzelczyk women's assistant volleyball coach.

**NORTH DAKOTA**—Announced the resignation of Sherry Penner, assistant athletic director.

**OHIO STATE**—Signed Bob Todd, baseball coach, to a five-year contract extension.

**PENN STATE**—Named Jason Bell assistant baseball coach.

**ROGER WILLIAMS**—Named Carma Gilcrist women's assistant basketball coach, Jason Bell assistant volleyball coach, and Dan Williford women's and men's assistant tennis coach.

**UTAH**—Announced the resignation of Tim Esmay, baseball coach, to take an assistant baseball coach position at Arizona State.

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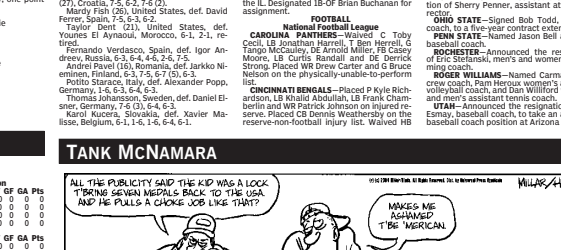


# Mathis, Howard back on U.S. roster

BY RONALD BLUM
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Midfielder Clint Mathis and goalkeeper Tim Howard are back on the U.S. roster for World Cup qualifiers against El Salvador and Panama.

Mathis, a spark for the American offense during the 2002 World Cup, injured an ankle in June and didn't play until last weekend for Hannover, his club in Germany.

Howard, who starts for Manchester United, has a slight injury and is questionable for the game. U.S. coach Bruce Arena said Monday. He is joined on the roster by Tottenham Hotspur's Kasey Keller, who started against Jamaica, and Jonny Walker of the MetroStars. Brad Friedel, who starts for Blackburn in England, is still not completely injury free, Arena said.

The Americans, who opened the semifinals with a 1-1 tie at Jamaica on Aug. 18, face El Salvador on Saturday at Foxboro, Mass., then play at Panama the following Wednesday. Midfielders Chris Armas, who is injured, and Earnie Stewart are the only players missing from the lineup that started at Jamaica, where the U.S. team rallied with an 89th-minute goal by Brian Ching.

"There's no magic to what I'm saying here: Obviously an important part of qualifying is getting as many points as possible at home," Arena said. "It's very critical that we get the three points on Saturday if we want to be successful."

El Salvador, which opened with a 2-1 victory at home against Panama, plays host to the Americans on Oct. 9. The U.S. team closes against Panama at Washington on Oct. 13 and Jamaica on Nov. 17 at Columbus, Ohio.

Against Jamaica, players arrived at training camp on a Sunday night, then traveled to Jamaica on Tuesday. They will have five days of practice together before the opener of these two games.

"I don't mind the double dates," Arena said. "The ones I do mind are when we have the 48 hours, like we did against Jamaica."

Ten players are from Major League Soccer, while seven play in England, three in Germany, one each in Belgium, the Netherlands and France. Eleven are under age 25, including defender Oguchi Onyewu of Standard Liege, who has never played with the national team.

**Men's soccer**

# Fashion sense

## Serena cruises in first match in 4½ weeks; Martin retires

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Dressed for a night on the town, Serena Williams was all business in her first match in 4½ weeks.

Williams strode into Arthur Ashe Stadium wearing knee-high black boots, a pleated denim mini-skirt, a studded black tank top and dangling earrings. A far cry from the attire of days gone by, to be sure, but then again, Williams' powerful strokes bear little resemblance to the way the women's game used to be played.

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Showing little sign of her injury-induced layoff, the two-time U.S. Open champion advanced to the second round with ease, overwhelming Sandra Kleinova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-3 Monday.

"I performed at a decent level today. I'm finally getting to a point where I'm actually playing better and focusing better," Williams said.

A few moments later, asked who her biggest threat in the tournament is, Williams replied: "Myself. I can make it or break it."

She might have been dressed for a cocktail party or MTV's Video Music Awards, which she attended last year while skipping the Open shortly after left knee surgery.

Her play Monday was definitely Grand Slam-caliber, though, a step above what fellow major champions Jennifer Capriati, Roger Federer and Carlos Moya showed in shaky victories earlier on Day 1.

At night, 1999 Open runner-up Todd Martin lost the final match of his career, announcing his retirement after being beaten by No. 31 Fabrice Santoro 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

One man in the draw is older than Martin, by mere months: Andre Agassi, 34, who followed Williams on center court and beat Robby Ginepri 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2. Agassi is the last of his generation, now that Martin joined Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Jim Courier in retirement.

"In some respects, you miss everyone you grew up with," Agassi said. "You do."

In early matches on Tuesday, Justine Henin-Hardenne began defense of her title by defeating 15-year-old qualifier Nicole Vaidisova 6-1, 6-4. But winning the first set in 17 minutes, Henine-Hardenne was broken twice, made several unforced errors and fell behind 1-4 in the second set.

Also on Tuesday's schedule were French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, seeded No. 4, former U.S. Open champion Lindsay Davenport, seeded No. 5, and No. 11 Venus Williams.

Defending men's champion Andy Roddick, seeded No. 2, headlines the evening program. Also, Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, seeded No. 7, plays Laura Granville.

Williams said her choice of denim was inspired by Agassi, who wore shorts made of that material back in the early 1990s. That was when Agassi was Mr. "Image is Everything." These days, he's more "Father Knows Best," playing a limited schedule now that he and wife Steffi Graf have two children.

"I managed to fight hard in a lot of those rallies and won the crucial points," Agassi said.

There weren't many crucial points for Williams, who finished with a remarkable 35-3 edge in winners and saved the only break point she faced with one of her seven aces.

"Her serving was pretty good. If she places it really well, like she did tonight, it's hard to return — even for guys," Kleinova said.

Capriati, Federer and Moya barely played well enough to advance. Mario Ancic and Karolina Sprem, who marked themselves as stars-to-be at Wimbledon, were one-and-done in the Open.

Frustrated by a strong breeze, her opponent's superb play and her own miscues, Capriati trailed 54th-ranked Denise Chladkova by a set, then put together a 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory.

Federer struggled, too, but got past 2002 French Open champion Albert Costa 7-5, 6-2, 6-4. Third-seeded Moya had his problems against 19-year-old Brian Baker but prevailed 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 after Baker was hit by what he called "nervous cramps."

Sprem, meanwhile, looked little like the player who upset Venus Williams en route to the quarterfinals at the All England Club: The 18th-seeded Croatian lost to countrywoman Jelena Kostanic 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. And No. 27 Ancic, also from Croatia, was beaten by Olivier Rochus of Belgium 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (2). Ancic appeared to make a career-changing breakthrough by reaching the Wimbledon semifinals.

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**Serena Williams, who beat Sandra Kleinova 6-1, 6-3 on Monday, shows a different look during her warm-up in the U.S. Open. Tournament officials did not allow her to play a match with the knee-high boots.**

# NHL labor strife figures to intensify second World Cup

BY NICHOLAS J. COTSONIKA
*Detroit Free Press*

DETROIT — Strange. Ironic. Maybe even sad.

Those are some ways to describe the World Cup of Hockey, considering it's a joint venture of the NHL and NHL Players' Association — the same league and union engaged in a labor war threatening to shut down the upcoming season.

The NHL and NHLPA can't agree how to divide $2 billion in annual revenues, but they can stage an eight-team, trans-Atlantic tournament and then split the profits?

Then again, considering this tournament might be helped by the labor situation, that it continues the tradition of high-level international hockey and that it might be the best North American-style hockey there is, there are other ways to look at it.

"This is going to be a wonderful tournament," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said.

Hockey is back, but for how long?

The collective bargaining agreement between the NHL and NHLPA expires Sept. 15, and with the owners pushing for cost certainty and the players refusing to accept a salary cap, a lockout is expected.

The situation is on everyone's mind — so much so that the Americans made a team rule banning talk about it during the tournament — and the uncertainty might motivate the players.

"I think everybody wants to enjoy the time," U.S. center Mike Modano said. "Who knows when's the next time we're going to play?"

Even if an agreement is reached and a lockout is averted, the NHL product, including the Stanley Cup playoffs, won't look like this.

Yes, the Summer Olympics just ended, and football's just starting. But some of the best hockey has been played this time of year.

It all began with the 1972 Summit Series, which pitted Canada's NHL stars against the Soviet national team. That landmark event will always be remembered for Paul Henderson's winning goal in the eighth and final game.

It continued with five Canada Cup tournaments from 1976 to 1991, plus the Challenge Cup in 1979 and Rendez-Vous '87.

The original purpose was to test North America's best against Europe's best, with so much talent otherwise hidden behind the Iron Curtain. But now that the Iron Curtain has come down, that the NHL includes stars from all over the world and that there is more parity among nations, the purpose is simply world-class competition.

The World Cup was created in 1996, and NHL players went to the Winter Olympics in 1998 and 2002. The level of play was impressive in all three tournaments. But many people — North Americans, anyway — preferred the World Cup.

"I've never played hockey like that," said U.S. center Doug Weight, who played in all three events. "I could do it every year."

In the Olympics, players show up in midseason form and put on an impressive show of skill. But they have virtually no time to prepare (one or two practices), bring the baggage of the season with them (slumps, injuries) and play by international rules (bigger rink, no red line).

In the World Cup, players are rusty after a summer's rest. But they have 10 days of training camp with three exhibitions to prepare.

They're fresh and healthy. And they play by NHL rules. The smaller rink brings more of a physical element to the game.

Several stars, for various reasons, have pulled out of this tournament. Still, it's billed as "best-on-best."

"It's totally different than any other thing," Wilson said. "The players aren't playing in this because it's just some summer fun tournament that you get yourself involved in. And they're not using this to get ready for the season. They don't know if there's going to be a season. They want to win the World Cup.

"It's what you'd like to see in an All-Star Game. But you could never replicate that kind of intensity. When you represent your country, it just means something extra. It's hard to describe.

"I think if everything works out, this is almost the best hockey you can possibly imagine."

**U.S. schedule**

**Aug. 31 at Montreal**
Canada vs. U.S.
**Sept. 2 at St. Paul, Minn.**
U.S. vs. Russia
**Sept. 3 at St. Paul, Minn.**
Slovakia vs. U.S.
**Quarterfinals, Sept. 6-8**
**Semifinals, Sept. 10, 11**
At St. Paul, Minn. and Toronto
**Championship, Sept. 14**
At Toronto

## Finns blank Czechs in opener

*The Associated Press*

HELSINKI, Finland — Miikka Kiprusoff stopped all 12 shots, and Saku Koivu and Niko Kapanen were among four goal scorers in Finland's 4-0 victory over the Czech Republic in the World Cup of Hockey opener on Monday.

Jukka Hentunen, who plays in Switzerland, and Mikko Eloranta, one of only two players on the team who plays in the Finnish League, also scored.

Finland outshot the Czech Republic 34-12.

Koivu's line, with Teemu Selanne of the Colorado Avalanche and Jere Lehtinen of Dallas, were reunited for the first time since the 1998 Winter Olympics in Japan, where Finland won the bronze medal.

# Hawaii QB Chang chasing NCAA career passing mark

## Senior 2,218 yards behind Detmer's 13-year-old record

BY JAYMES SONG
*The Associated Press*

HONOLULU — Hawaii coach June Jones knew special things were in store for his football program when a lanky, baby-faced teenager first stepped onto the Manoa practice field in 2000 and completed eight straight passes.

Since then, Timmy Chang has thrown for 12,814 yards and 79 touchdowns and is closing in on becoming the most prolific passer in college history.

The senior quarterback needs 2,218 yards to break the 13-year-old NCAA career passing mark of 15,031 set by Brigham Young's Ty Detmer, who won the Heisman Trophy in 1990.

Chang, who is 1,030-for-1,834, is also on pace to break the NCAA marks in career completions (1,231) and pass attempts (1,883), held by Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury. With 67 interceptions thrown, Chang is on the verge of breaking Purdue quarterback Mark Herrmann's record of 73.

Barring injury or any mental lapses that led to his benching last year, Chang — who averages 320.4 passing yards per game — could surpass Detmer's record by midseason.

"I had envisioned this happening if he had stayed healthy," Jones said. "The first time I saw him in our training camp, I knew he would play as a freshman. And anybody that lines up and plays 12 games a year in this offense is going to have a shot at that record."

**How they compare**

Statistics for NCAA career passing leader Ty Detmer and Hawaii senior Timmy Chang:

| | Detmer | Chang |
|---|---|---|
| School | BYU | Hawaii |
| Years | 1988-91 | 2000-current |
| Games | 46 | 40 |
| Completions | 958 | 1,030 |
| Pass Attempts | 1,530 | 1,834 |
| Completion Pct. | 62.6 | 56.2 |
| Touchdowns | 121 | 79 |
| Interceptions | 65 | 67 |
| Yards | 15,031 | 12,814 |
| Yards/Game | 332.76 | 320.4 |

Source: The Associated Press

If he does break Detmer's record, Chang said it is a reflection of all his coaches and teammates — past and present.

"Football is the biggest team game," he said. "You got 11 guys on the field that need to work together to accomplish one goal. It would be selfish to award myself, so I would never do that."

Hawaii is touting Chang as a Heisman hopeful. He could have a big season, given that 10 offensive starters are returning from last year's 9-5 squad, which was second in the nation in passing.

He has already set or tied 36 school records and eight Western Athletic Conference marks. Not bad considering he didn't play the sport until junior high school.

"Football wasn't a part of my childhood experience other than on the streets," Chang said. "I love basketball more than football, even now. But football was a tool for me to get ahead."

The youngest of three children, Chang said he focused on football to lessen his parents' financial burden of paying for a college education. He expects to graduate next spring with a liberal arts degree.

Despite his lofty numbers, Chang has struggled with injuries and inconsistency.

Last year, he was booed by the home crowd and benched late in the season for ineffectiveness. However, he came off the bench and threw for 475 yards and five touchdowns in a 54-48 triple-overtime victory over Houston in the Hawaii Bowl.

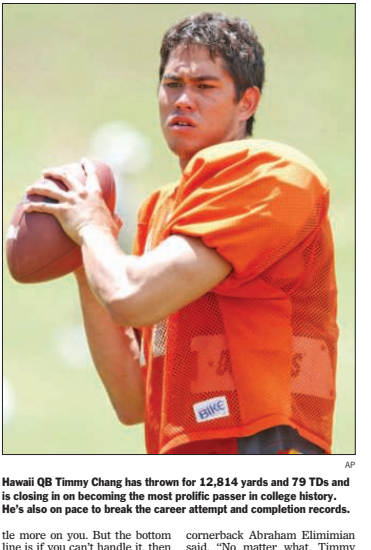
Chang said his most difficult time was when he suffered a season-ending wrist injury just three games into the 2001 season.

"That was my lowest point. It's hard when you train so hard and all of a sudden you're not able to play. I was hurt emotionally and physically," said Chang, who was granted a medical hardship by the WAC.

"Going through adversity, being hurt, playing through injury, being booed, being disrespected by your own home fans," has only helped, Chang said. "As they say, if it doesn't kill you, it will only make you stronger."

Jones said Chang, who was a star quarterback at his Honolulu high school, has to expect criticism wherever he plays.

"My feeling with quarterbacks is, you better get used to it," Jones said. "If you're under the center with any football team, you got to get the job done. We throw the ball, so just by nature there's a little more on you. But the bottom line is if you can't handle it, then you can't handle it. He's been able to handle it."



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**Hawaii QB Timmy Chang has thrown for 12,814 yards and 79 TDs and is closing in on becoming the most prolific passer in college history. He's also on pace to break the career attempt and completion records.**

The 6-foot-2, 194-pound Chang always had the athletic ability, but it was a just matter of maturing, his coach said.

"He had to grow up a lot, which I think he has over the last 4½ years," Jones said.

Chang, 22, said he feels stronger "mentally, emotionally and physically," and teammates have noticed.

"He is so much more confident, knowing we all have his back," cornerback Abraham Elimimian said. "No matter what, Timmy Chang is the man. He's the guy we're going to fight for. The better he does, the better we're going to do, too."

Chang said he's not too worried about surpassing Detmer's record, pointing out it's not a given that he'll break it.

"I've learned over the years, so many things can happen and nothing's a guarantee," he said. "What I've done is focused on the little things. The records and the success will come if you concentrate on the small things."

Hawaii's season opens Sept. 4 at home against Florida-Atlantic.

# CB Rolle returns to anchor Hurricanes' defense

BY MARK LONG
*The Associated Press*

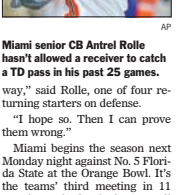
CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami cornerback Antrel Rolle hopes a new conference will bring new challengers.

It would be a welcome change from the Big East, where teams rarely threw Rolle's way the past two seasons — and for good reason.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound defender has become one of the nation's best cornerbacks. He has the size and strength to jam receivers at the line and the speed to run with them down the field. He could have left school early for the NFL but returned for his senior season and will anchor No. 6 Miami's revamped defense.

He thinks the decision, coupled with the Hurricanes' move to the Atlantic Coast Conference, could give him more opportunities to make plays.

"Maybe teams will try me and feel they can get something my way," said Rolle, one of four returning starters on defense.



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**Miami senior CB Antrel Rolle hasn't allowed a receiver to catch a TD pass in his past 25 games.**

"I hope so. Then I can prove them wrong."

Miami begins the season next Monday night against No. 5 Florida State at the Orange Bowl. It's the teams' third meeting in 11 months, so the Seminoles are well aware of Rolle's ability. When they played in January, P.K. Sam caught a 10-yard pass against Rolle on the Seminoles' first offensive play, then didn't have a reception the rest of the way.

Rolle was nearly as good against Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald last season, helping hold the nation's top receiver to three catches for 26 yards and a meaningless late touchdown. Rolle wasn't covering Fitzgerald on the scoring play.

"People not only can't throw against him, but they almost refuse to throw his way because he's such a terrific lock-down corner," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "He's been almost unbeatable the last two seasons."

Rolle hasn't given up a touchdown since the 2002 opener against Florida A&M, a 25-game streak.

The Hurricanes, meanwhile, haven't allowed a 100-yard receiver since Penn State's Bryant Johnson caught six passes for 149 yards and a touchdown in Miami's 33-7 opening victory in 2001. That's 37 games since a receiver eclipsed the century mark.

They led the nation in passing defense in 2001, ranked second in 2002 and were back on top last season when they gave up 143.5 yards a game.

Some of that can be attributed to Rolle.

"Once he gets his hands on you, it's pretty much over," teammate Kelly Jennings said. "That's the key to him. This year, everybody will see what he can do."

Rolle played the past two seasons in the shadow of safety Sean Taylor, an All-American who led the nation in 2003 with 10 interceptions. Rolle had two interceptions and seven pass breakups.

"I really don't know much about the ACC, but I'm looking for a tougher schedule and more competition," he said.

"I'm looking for more balls coming my way. I love challenges."

Rolle was arrested in July in the Miami neighborhood of Coconut Grove on two misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct and on a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer. Not only was Rolle suspended from the team, but he had to face his father, the chief of police in Homestead.

"There's not a single day that goes by that I don't think about it," Rolle said.

"To be arrested and be in handcuffs in front of my father, that was a terrible experience for me. That's something I never want to face again."

Prosecutors chose not to file formal charges. The state attorney investigated the complaint and decided that the physical contact between Rolle and the officer was "merely incidental." Coker reinstated Rolle the same day.

"Someone's going to pay for it, and I know it's going to be the opponents on the other side of the field," Rolle said.

"They're going to pay for what I felt every single day. Someone's going to feel my hurt, someone's going to feel my pain."

# U.S. volleyball player charged with assault

*The Associated Press*

ATHENS, Greece — Former Hawaii volleyball standout and U.S. Olympic team member Clay Stanley was charged with assault Monday, accused of hitting a pregnant woman during a scuffle.

Stanley, who played three seasons at Hawaii, lives in Greece and plays for a local team.

Stanley was taken before a judge, and requested and received two days to prepare his defense. He was ordered held pending the trial, which is scheduled Wednesday.

Stanley was at a nightclub with teammates after the closing ceremonies and has little or no recollection of the incident that led to his arrest, said relatives in Honolulu — including his father and stepfather — who have been in contact with Stanley's girlfriend in Athens.

U.S. coach Doug Beal, who is with Stanley in Greece, said the player was "depressed."

"It's hard to piece together what happened," Beal told the Honolulu Star-Bulletin by telephone from Athens. "I'm disappointed for Clay, embarrassed for him, USA Volleyball, the U.S. Olympic Committee and for me, personally.

"We will get Clay all the help that we possibly can. We will do everything possible to help him get through this. The charges are serious, the potential sentence is serious and Clay is well aware of how serious this is."

The U.S. team completed competition Sunday, losing the bronze medal match to Russia.

Stanley had 10 kills and two aces in the loss and finished Olympic play seventh in points with 110 and second in aces with 17.

Stanley's father, Jon, played on the U.S. volleyball team in the 1968 Olympics. The Stanleys were the first father and son to compete in Olympic volleyball.

### La Salle picks Lochner as women's basketball coach

PHILADELPHIA — Tom Lochner was chosen as women's basketball coach at La Salle on Monday to replace John Miller, who resigned amid allegations he failed to report a rape involving one of his players.

Lochner, an assistant coach under Miller for 17 seasons, had been promoted to associate head coach in 1998.

## Sports briefs

Miller and men's coach Billy Hahn resigned in July after two members of the men's team were charged with rape after a New Haven women's player claimed she was sexually assaulted. One of Miller's former players came forward, claiming she was raped by a member of the men's team in 2003 and advised by the coaches not to report the incident.

Miller and Hahn both deny the allegations.

Hahn was replaced last week by former Maine coach John Giannini.

### Former UConn assistant sentenced to community service

HARTFORD, Conn. — The Connecticut assistant men's basketball coach who resigned after being arrested in a prostitution sting agreed Monday to perform 10 days of community service and undergo counseling.

Clyde Vaughan, 42, entered a conditional plea in Hartford Community Court to settle charges of soliciting prostitution and interfering with police. If he completes the community service and counseling, the charges will be dismissed.

Vaughan resigned last week following his arrest Aug. 18, and the disclosure that he had been arrested twice before in other states on similar charges.

He was ordered to appear in court again on Sept. 28.

Vaughan, who is married and has custody of his 8-year-old son from his first marriage, was charged with soliciting a prostitute in Long Beach, Calif., and Tampa, Fla., where he previously coached college teams.

Vaughan could not be reached for comment after the court proceeding. His home telephone number is unlisted.

He was entering his third year as an assistant at UConn. The university put him on paid leave following his arrest.

A graduate and former player at the University of Pittsburgh, Vaughan was an assistant coach at the University of South Florida for three years and at Long Beach State University for seven years before coming to Connecticut. He played professionally in England after graduating from Pitt.

# Jury selection continues in Bryant sex assault case

**BY JON SARCHE**
*The Associated Press*

EAGLE, Colo. — Attorneys in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case resumed closed-door questioning of prospective jurors Tuesday, seeking out their attitudes about race, experiences with sexual assault and any effect pretrial publicity has had on them.

On a clear, crisp day in this mountain town, people arrived at the courthouse singly and in small groups, some carrying pink sheets of paper signifying their status as potential jurors. The first round of questioning on Monday took nearly 10 hours.

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle rejected a media request for access Monday, saying he wanted candidates to feel they could answer questions about potentially embarrassing topics without scrutiny by the press.

Ruckriegle also said Bryant's right to a fair trial and the potential jurors' right to privacy outweigh "qualified" First Amendment rights of access.

Bryant, 26, has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with a then-19-year-old employee at a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to $750,000.

Before the questioning began, potential jurors filled out an 82-item questionnaire asking them their feelings about interracial relationships, whether they have had "any negative experience with an African American" and whether they are biased against mental health professionals, among other things.

Trial consultant Howard Varinsky of Varinsky Associates said he believes the defense is particularly concerned with people's feelings on whether a defendant must prove he is innocent or whether he should be required to testify.

Prosecutors, he said, will be wary of people who have had negative experiences with law enforcement or the court system.

"Both sides are looking for who to kick," he said.

In fact, the questionnaire probably does not provide an accurate glimpse of arguments that will come up at trial, said Richard Gabriel, a Los Angeles-based trial consultant with Decision Analysis.

"It probably has more to do with what one side anticipates the other side's themes and issues are going to be and wanting to clearly find out if people are going to be amenable to it," he said.

Also Monday, Denver television station KCNC released some details of the sealed, 150-person witness list. The station reported it included the alleged victim and her parents, along with some of her acquaintances from Eagle and from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley where she was a student until fall 2003.

Also on the list, the station said, were people from Calgary, Alberta, where the supermarket tabloid Globe published what it said were pictures of the alleged victim celebrating in a bar a few months after the alleged attack.

Attorney John Clune, who represents the accuser, criticized the leak, one of several in the case so far.

"On the eve of trial, we are once again reminded that no protections are assured and little efforts are made to correct the evident flaws that have defined this case," Clune said.

Ruckriegle said private questioning will be limited to topics including potential jurors' personal experience with sexual assault, any potential racial prejudice they harbor, whether pretrial publicity has prompted them to form an opinion on Bryant's guilt or innocence, and any familiarity they may have with the alleged victim.

In all, the jury pool includes 276 Eagle County residents — 205 of whom filled out questionnaires Friday and were called back for more questioning this week after attorneys reviewed the answers over the weekend and eliminated about one-third of the original pool of 300. Seventy-one more potential jurors filled out questionnaires Monday.

Jury selection will be private until at least Wednesday, when reporters will be able to watch and listen through closed-circuit television. By then, the jury pool will likely have been whittled considerably. Opening statements are expected Sept. 7.

## Ex-NBA star Barkley under investigation for indecent assault

*The Associated Press*

PHILADELPHIA — Former NBA star Charles Barkley is under investigation for indecent assault, police said Monday.

A woman reported she was assaulted by Barkley at the nightclub 32 Degrees, Cpl. Jim Pauley said.

"We want to stress that no charges have been filed," Pauley said. "This incident is under investigation."

Police received the report at 1:20 a.m. Friday, Pauley said. The investigation is being conducted by the department's Special Victims Unit, and police did not release any details of the allegation.

**Charles Barkley**

Attempts by The Associated Press to reach Barkley, now a basketball analyst, or his agent were unsuccessful Monday night.

Barkley was a nine-time All-Star and the league's MVP in 1993.

He has been an analyst with cable network TNT since his retirement in 2000.

# NASCAR driver Wallace to retire after 2005 season

**BY MIKE SCHNEIDER**
*The Associated Press*

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace will retire after the 2005 season, saying he is concerned about getting hurt and wants to leave at the top of his game. His decision was influenced by the death of rival Dale Earnhardt in a Daytona 500 crash in 2001.

"It kind of got to me," Wallace said Monday at a news conference at Daytona International Speedway. "It made me feel nervous. It made me think hard about it."

**R. Wallace**

Wallace, 48, has won 55 races. He made his NASCAR debut in 1980 and has won almost every major race except the Daytona 500.

"This is my last shot at the Daytona 500," Wallace said. "The Daytona 500 is still the granddaddy of them all. It's the race I haven't won and I'm going to try my darndest to win it."

Wallace, who drives for Penske Racing South, intends to stay in racing as a team owner and mentor for younger drivers after he retires. Brothers Mike and Kenny and 17-year-old son Stephen are drivers. Stephen Wallace was hospitalized overnight last week after crashing at Bristol Motor Speedway during the Hooters Pro Cup Race.

Rusty Wallace also owns a Busch team and recently hired Jamie McMurray to drive for him. McMurray is rumored to be the replacement for Wallace in 2006, but currently drives for Chip Ganassi.

Wallace also plans to do TV commercials tied to his corporate sponsorships with Miller Brewing Co. and other companies.

"It's hard for a great driver to say, 'Look, it's time,' " said Roger Penske, majority owner of Penske Racing South. "But I think that's the position of a great driver to say 'I know when it's time for me to move on.' "

Wallace became a full-time competitor on the circuit in 1984, when he was rookie of the year. He claimed the series national driving title in 1989 and finished runner-up for the championship in 1988 and 1993. His most recent victory was in April in Martinsville, Va.

"It's time. I feel it," Wallace said, referring to his retirement decision. "I know I'm doing the right thing and I feel good about it."

# Ravens expecting to sign Sanders

## CB arrives in Baltimore for physical

BY DAVID GINSBURG
*The Associated Press*

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Deion Sanders is prepared to end his retirement and join the Baltimore Ravens.

The seven-time Pro Bowl defensive back arrived Tuesday in Baltimore to take a physical. If he passes, Sanders will sign a one-year contract laden with incentives and work toward playing in the Ravens' season opener Sept. 12 against the Cleveland Browns.

Sanders, 37, played cornerback in his prime, but will be used as a fifth defensive back in Baltimore.

"This game is not all that complicated. We're going to try to ingrain him as quickly as we can," Ravens coach Brian Billick said Tuesday morning. "We have to make sure we know where he's at physically. He's here plenty early enough to have an impact."

Sanders' experience will also be invaluable to a defensive unit that will look to him for guidance. During his days with the Atlanta Falcons, San Francisco 49ers, and Dallas Cowboys — when he was known as Prime Time — Sanders was one of the best cover cornerbacks in the NFL.

Sanders

"To have him come here is an honor," Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister said. "There's so much that you can learn from a Deion Sanders; he's the type of guy that can take a young DB and make him grow up mentally, and prepare him for situations he otherwise wouldn't get without having the experience himself."

Sanders has not played since the 2000 season, which he spent with the Washington Redskins. He retired on the eve of the team's training camp in 2001, but the Ravens are convinced he's still got enough talent to contribute to their bid to defend the AFC North title and advance to the Super Bowl.

# Lesnar cut by Vikings

*The Associated Press*

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Brock Lesnar won't be the next big thing in the NFL — at least not this year.

The former pro wrestling star who hadn't played football in nine years, was cut by the Minnesota Vikings on Monday.

Lesnar developed faster than expected and impressed his teammates with hard work. But his lack of football experience — combined with minimal playing time and a groin injury from an April motorcycle accident — were too much to overcome.

"He gave me a hug," coach Mike Tice said. "He was very happy for the chance."

Lesnar, 27, won the 2000 NCAA heavyweight championship at the University of Minnesota, and gained pro wrestling fame as "The Next Big Thing".

But despite a seven-year, $45 million WWE contract, he decided to pursue a professional football career. On the eve of training camp, Lesnar signed a one-year contract with the Vikings for $230,000, the rookie minimum.

"When he called me, that's all he asked for, is an opportunity," Tice said. "I think we gave him a good opportunity to see if this is what he wanted to do."

Tice declined to speculate about whether Lesnar would be added to the Vikings' practice squad, but said the club would be "proud" to allocate him to the NFL's developmental league.

## NFL scoreboard

### Preseason standings

| AMERICAN CONFERENCE | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **East** | | | | | | |
| N.Y. Jets | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 61 | 40 |
| Miami | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 26 | 39 |
| Buffalo | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 48 | 52 |
| New England | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 44 | 57 |
| **South** | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 57 | 38 |
| Indianapolis | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 58 | 65 |
| Jacksonville | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 28 | 29 |
| Houston | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 38 | 69 |
| **North** | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 58 | 32 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 41 | 53 |
| Pittsburgh | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 86 | 51 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 47 | 60 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| Oakland | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 70 | 67 |
| Denver | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 73 | 56 |
| Kansas City | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 67 | 62 |
| San Diego | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 75 | 60 |
| **NATIONAL CONFERENCE** | | | | | | |
| **East** | | | | | | |
| Dallas | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 41 | 55 |
| Washington | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 60 | 68 |
| N.Y. Giants | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 64 | 68 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 53 | 68 |
| **South** | | | | | | |
| Carolina | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 70 | 57 |
| Atlanta | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 64 | 58 |
| New Orleans | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 54 | 45 |
| Tampa Bay | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 43 | 30 |
| **North** | | | | | | |
| Chicago | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 46 | 40 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 70 | 43 |
| Green Bay | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 29 | 44 |
| Detroit | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 43 | 55 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| Seattle | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 50 | 42 |
| St. Louis | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 45 | 40 |
| Arizona | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | 35 | 78 |
| San Francisco | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | 53 | 76 |

**Monday's game**
Dallas 20, Tennessee 17

**Thursday's games**
Carolina at Pittsburgh
Jacksonville at New England
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants
Buffalo at Detroit
Kansas City at Dallas
Tampa Bay at Houston
Minnesota at Seattle
Arizona at Denver
St. Louis at Oakland
San Diego at San Francisco

**Friday's games**
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets
Atlanta at Washington
Indianapolis at Cincinnati
Green Bay at Tennessee
Miami at New Orleans
Chicago at Cleveland
**End Preseason**

AP

**New York Jets receiver Wayne Chrebet suffered from a variety of ailments in 2003, including post-concussion syndrome. The headaches, nausea and weakness are gone, but a leg injury has kept him out of practice.**

# Chrebet still battling back

## After tough 2003 season, Jets receiver being sidelined by leg injury

BY BARRY WILNER
*The Associated Press*

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — The headaches and nausea and weakness are gone. The post-concussion syndrome that cost Wayne Chrebet half of last season has disappeared.

Yet Chrebet can't get onto the field. He hasn't practiced in two weeks because of a right leg injury and will miss the New York Jets' final preseason game Friday against Philadelphia.

The slow manner in which Chrebet was moving Monday, gingerly placing his leg to the side as he sat, indicated he might be a long way from returning to the field. Perhaps well beyond the Sept. 12 opener against Cincinnati.

But the longest-tenured Jet, now entering his 10th season, isn't saying. He never speaks about current injuries, adhering to coach Herman Edwards' strict policy.

Chrebet does admit to being frustrated, though. After the long battle back from the "scary" health problems of 2003, he was eager to storm into this season.

"I guess all in due time, it will happen," he said with a smile. "I know what it feels like to be out there and to get hit. You don't forget.

"Everything in my mind pointed to coming back and chasing that ring. I try not to think about last year. I'd love to be out there, but now I'm just preparing myself as best I can. I had a couple of good weeks of practice, did enough out there to know I am back to my old self."

The Jets certainly hope so. Chrebet has gone from an undrafted free agent who barely made the preseason depth chart in 1995 to a star in New York. He ranks second in team history to Hall of Fame receiver Don Maynard in career catches with 534; Maynard had 627.

One of the better slot receivers in the league, Chrebet has used toughness, guile, moves and just enough speed to remain a force over nearly a decade.

"It's like riding a bicycle when you're a kid," fellow receiver Santana Moss said of being sidelined. "You might not get on one for three years, but you remember how when you do. You'll be a little rusty when you first get out there, but the more time you've been around, you'll know how to get over it and Wayne does.

"I think we all feed off each other, anyway."

Chrebet hurt his quadriceps on Aug. 16 while making a cut. The injury worsened when blood collected in the knee, Edwards said.

Still, Edwards is optimistic about Chrebet, believing the veteran is making every effort to get back into the lineup.

"When you're talking about Wayne, you're talking about a guy who has been playing in the league a long time," Edwards said. "He knows when he can play or not. I need to turn to a guy that when he says he can go, he can go."

For now, all Chrebet can go through is rehab on his leg.

Compared to the uncertainty of post-concussion syndrome, it's a relative breeze.

"Last year, I was trying to feel good again," he said. "And I do. It feels good to be back. I'm only 31, but it feels like I've been here forever, but I'm really just starting my life. It's crazy when you sit there and think about how long I've been here. I'm just looking forward to a good year, a big year."

# Gaining: George off to slow start with Cowboys

GAINING, FROM BACK PAGE

The Titans can clog up the middle and make it tough to run. They were also hyped to play their former teammate. The Cowboys' offensive line is still working out the kinks. And just like you can't put somebody in the Hall of Fame after one good preseason game, you can't take someone out of it after a couple of bad ones.

Which is not to say the Cowboys do not need to see something from George. And quickly.

The offense is starting to come together. Testaverde got sharper as the game progressed. The receiving corps of Johnson, Terry Glenn and Antonio Bryant made not only a lot of catches, but tough ones. Even the much-maligned offensive line is making strides, as Testaverde did not spend his game swatting Titans away.

What the Cowboys' offense learned last year is you can only go so far with a lackluster running game.

If George does not have anything left, and he has 15 carries for 43 yards in the preseason, there are strong indications that rookie Julius Jones can fill the void. He showed a little something in his eight carries, getting 29 yards. He was even more dangerous coming out of the backfield, catching three passes for 31 yards.

"I'm going to use them both," Parcells said. "[Jones] is doing well. I'm going to use them both."

George knows this. He is OK with it. He has always been one of those guys.

The final image of George from Monday night was him standing in the middle of the field, accepting hug after hug after hug from his former Titans teammates and coaches.

"It was weird. It definitely was a weird feeling," George said.

"But this is what it is, and I'm here to make the best of the situation."

# Redskins pick vet Brunell to start at QB

*The Associated Press*

ASHBURN, Va. — As expected, Joe Gibbs went with the veteran quarterback.

Gibbs on Monday named Mark Brunell the opening-day starter for the Washington Redskins, ending the quarterback battle with last season's starter Patrick Ramsey.

"The thing I want to say about that is how pleased we are with our quarterback situation," Gibbs said. "I just think right now it's time to make a decision. I think we need to spend more time with the quarterback and receivers on timing that we haven't been able to get because we're in-and-out, in-and-out."

Brunell already was scheduled to start the final preseason game Friday against Atlanta. Washington opens the regular season at home against Tampa Bay on Sept. 12.

"It's nice to be at this point," Brunell said. "Hopefully this is something that can launch this offense into the regular season."

Washington traded a third-round draft pick to Jacksonville in the offseason to acquire the 11-year veteran.

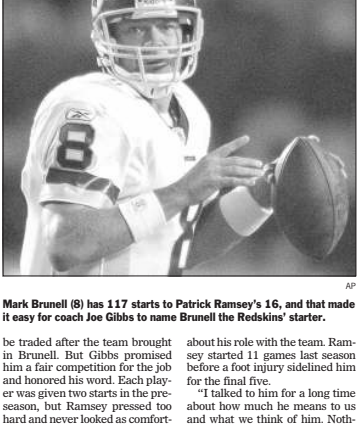
Gibbs won all three of his Super Bowls in Washington with experienced quarterbacks Joe Theismann, Doug Williams and Mark Rypien. Brunell certainly fits that mold better than Ramsey, who has 16 games in his career compared to 117 for Brunell.

Ramsey initially demanded to be traded after the team brought in Brunell. But Gibbs promised him a fair competition for the job and honored his word. Each player was given two starts in the preseason, but Ramsey pressed too hard and never looked as comfortable as Brunell.

"Obviously I'm disappointed," Ramsey said. "I think there are things I could have done better. This is a result of that."

Gibbs said after practice on Monday that he and Ramsey talked for a long time Saturday about his role with the team. Ramsey started 11 games last season before a foot injury sidelined him for the final five.

"I talked to him for a long time about how much he means to us and what we think of him. Nothing's changed. I think he's smart, tough and we're looking forward to a long future for him."



AP

**Mark Brunell (8) has 117 starts to Patrick Ramsey's 16, and that made it easy for coach Joe Gibbs to name Brunell the Redskins' starter.**

## NFL briefs

### Eagles swoop in, sign Douglas

PHILADELPHIA — Defensive end Hugh Douglas is returning to the Philadelphia Eagles after a one-year hiatus.

Douglas agreed to a one-year contract for just less than $1 million on Monday, the same day he was released by the Jacksonville Jaguars. Incentives could make the deal worth as much as $3.4 million, said his agent, Drew Rosenhaus.

"Hugh desperately wanted to come back to Philadelphia," Rosenhaus said. "He didn't want to waste any time. He's looking forward to getting back to the fans he loves so much."

The Eagles, who confirmed the signing late Monday, lost starting defensive end N.D. Kalu to a season-ending knee injury two weeks ago, and Rosenhaus said Douglas hopes to fill that void.

"With the injury to N.D. Kalu, he's got a great opportunity to fill a hole," Rosenhaus said.

In his last season with the Eagles, Douglas collected 12½ sacks, then parlayed that into a five-year, $27 million free-agent contract with the Jaguars that included a $6 million signing bonus.

But things didn't work out in Jacksonville, and Douglas was cut after getting just 31 tackles and 3½ sacks last year.

### Broncos RB Anderson out for season with torn groin

DENVER — Broncos running back Mike Anderson will miss the entire season because of a groin injury sustained last weekend in an exhibition game against Houston.

Denver coach Mike Shanahan said Anderson tore both muscles in the left groin area off the bone. At this point, a specialist has recommended that Anderson let the injury heal instead of undergoing surgery.

"Anderson will be out in the area of three months, possibly longer," Shanahan said Monday. "So he will be on injured reserve and will be out for the season."

Anderson, a former Marine, was hurt Friday night with 1:56 left in the game while on the punting unit. Shanahan said Anderson wasn't supposed to be in the game covering that punt, but his backup on the punt team was injured. Anderson was shoved from the side as he ran downfield and stepped awkwardly, which caused the injury.

With the loss of Anderson, Garrison Hearst likely becomes Quentin Griffin's primary backup, with rookie Tatum Bell behind them.

### Vikings' Bennett to miss opener

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Running back Michael Bennett will miss the Minnesota Vikings' regular season opener Sept. 12 against Dallas with a right knee sprain and could be out longer.

Bennett, injured in the third quarter of Friday's exhibition win on a low hit by 49ers safety Erik Totten, underwent an MRI exam Saturday that revealed more damage than originally diagnosed.

Coach Mike Tice initially said that Bennett would be "a little iffy" for the Dallas game, but on Monday declared his starting back out for the opener. Tice said he is hoping to get him back for the second game, in Philadelphia.

### Bills sign backup QB Matthews

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Shane Matthews signed with the Buffalo Bills on Monday, bolstering the team's banged-up quarterback corps.

Matthews, an 11-year veteran, is expected to immediately take over as Drew Bledsoe's backup, filling in for Travis Brown, who will miss 4-6 weeks with a sprained left knee.

He has started 22 games in his career, completing 59 percent of his attempts with 30 touchdowns and 24 interceptions, and has a career passer rating of 74.4.

Brown was hurt in Saturday's 30-17 loss at Indianapolis, just days after rookie J.P. Losman broke his left leg in practice. Brown was the Bills' projected backup while Losman, who is expected to miss at least half the season, was being groomed as Bledsoe's successor.

Bills President Tom Donahoe said he would keep Brown, Losman and starting safety Lawyer Milloy on the active roster, rather than end their respective seasons by placing them on injured reserve.

Milloy is out indefinitely after breaking his right forearm on Saturday. Donahoe said Milloy had successful surgery on Sunday.

Running back Travis Henry, who missed last week with bruised ribs, practiced on a limited basis. Henry said he expects to sit out his second straight preseason game Thursday to be ready for the start of the season.

### Brady out at least 2 games

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jaguars will be without tight end Kyle Brady for at least two games.

Brady will have surgery Tuesday to insert a pin into a finger injured Friday. The Jaguars open the season Sept. 12 in Buffalo.

"I don't know if there was ligament damage or anything else, other than he'll be out a minimum of three weeks," coach Jack Del Rio said.

### Calico sprains both knees

IRVING, Texas — Tennessee receiver Tyrone Calico sprained both knees Monday night when he was dragged down at the end of a run in the Titans' 20-17 exhibition loss to the Dallas Cowboys.

Calico's legs folded under him when he was tackled from behind by safety Roy Williams as he was going out of bounds on an end-around run in the second quarter.

Coach Jeff Fisher said Calico was moving around and seemed OK after the game. But he said both knees would be examined after the team returned home.

### Sanders reports to Colts

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts rookie safety Bob Sanders finally reported to practice Monday, ending a monthlong holdout.

The second-round pick signed what is believed to be a four-year deal, but did not participate in any drills and is likely to sit out even more practices.

Sanders was the last NFL draft pick to sign a contract this year.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# Maddux gives Cubs boost in wild-card race

## Sosa sparks offense in Baker's 1,000th victory

*The Associated Press*

MONTREAL — Greg Maddux pitched the Chicago Cubs into the lead in the NL wild-card race and gave Dusty Baker a win to remember.

Maddux threw seven shutout innings for his 302nd career win, Baker got his 1,000th victory as a manager and Chicago beat the Montreal Expos 5-2 on Monday night.

NL Roundup

"It's special. Not everyone gets to 1,000," said Baker, 1,000-848 in 12 seasons as a big league manager. "It's a nice personal goal."

Maddux (13-8), who became the 22nd pitcher in major league history to reach 300 wins on Aug. 7, scattered five hits, struck out two and walked none. He also went 2-for-3 at the plate, including an RBI single.

"Hitting is the best part of the game," Maddux said. "Seriously, it's such a blast when you get a hit."

LaTroy Hawkins got one out for his 20th save to help Chicago move a half-game ahead of idle San Diego and one game in front of San Francisco in the wild-card standings.

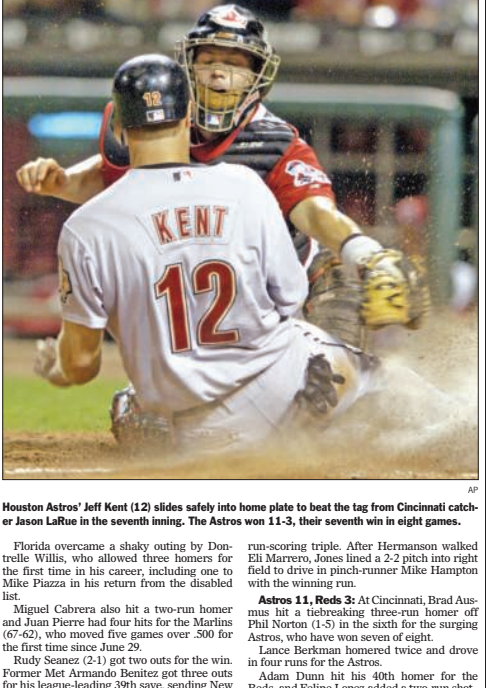
"We needed this victory, especially since San Diego wasn't playing and the Giants had already lost," Baker said. "Now we're in first place in the wild card."

Sammy Sosa hit a two-run double off Rocky Biddle (4-8) in the Cubs' four-run third inning.

Terrmel Sledge hit a two-run homer off Jon Leicester in the ninth for the Expos, who lost their third straight.

"Things didn't fall our way," Biddle said. "Maddux pitched a great game. There's a lot of things that could have happened in our favor, but they didn't."

**Marlins 6, Mets 4:** At New York, Damion Easley hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the seventh inning and Florida extended its winning streak to four.




AP

**Houston Astros' Jeff Kent (12) slides safely into home plate to beat the tag from Cincinnati catcher Jason LaRue in the seventh inning. The Astros won 11-3, their seventh win in eight games.**

Florida overcame a shaky outing by Dontrelle Willis, who allowed three homers for the first time in his career, including one to Mike Piazza in his return from the disabled list.

Miguel Cabrera also hit a two-run homer and Juan Pierre had four hits for the Marlins (67-62), who moved five games over .500 for the first time since June 29.

Rudy Seanez (2-1) got two outs for the win. Former Met Armando Benitez got three outs for his league-leading 39th save, sending New York to its eighth loss in nine games.

**Braves 7, Giants 6:** At Atlanta, Andruw Jones capped a ninth-inning rally with the winning single, and J.D. Drew went 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

Drew led off the ninth with a single off Dustin Hermanson (5-6).

Julio Franco followed with another shot that rolled past right fielder Ricky Ledee for a run-scoring triple. After Hermanson walked Eli Marrero, Jones lined a 2-2 pitch into right field to drive in pinch-runner Mike Hampton with the winning run.

**Astros 11, Reds 3:** At Cincinnati, Brad Ausmus hit a tiebreaking three-run homer off Phil Norton (1-5) in the sixth for the surging Astros, who have won seven of eight.

Lance Berkman homered twice and drove in four runs for the Astros.

Adam Dunn hit his 40th homer for the Reds, and Felipe Lopez added a two-run shot.

**Pirates 5, Brewers 1:** At Milwaukee, Daryle Ward homered twice and had five RBIs and Pittsburgh sent the Brewers to their 12th straight loss.

Milwaukee tied the team's NL record for consecutive losses, and has scored just seven runs in its last five games. The franchise mark for consecutive losses is 14 in 1994, when the team played in the AL.

# Borchard's impressive blast lifts White Sox

*The Associated Press*

CHICAGO — Joe Borchard set a small crowd abuzz with the longest homer in the 14-year history of U.S. Cellular Field.

But some small ball — a bunt and aggressive baserunning by Timo Perez — were just as big Monday in helping the Chicago White Sox beat the Philadelphia Phillies 9-8 in a wild interleague makeup game.

"I just put my head down and started running. I could feel it was going a long way. I didn't know how far it would go," Borchard said.

The second-inning drive to right-center off Brett Myers cleared the bleachers and landed in the middle of a concourse — an estimated 504 feet from the plate. The previous longest homer at the ballpark that opened in 1991 as new Comiskey Park, was a 495-foot shot by Frank Thomas two years ago against the Twins.

"Complete shock," Borchard said after learning of his feat.

"He crushed it," Myers said. "It definitely was an impressive shot."

The White Sox took a 7-6 lead with two runs in the sixth off Roberto Hernandez (2-5) to make a winner of Mark Buehrle (12-8).

Aaron Rowand hit a two-out RBI single off Hernandez to tie it and scored the go-ahead run when third baseman David Bell and Hernandez collided trying to field Perez's bunt single.

Rowand made it 9-6 in the eighth with his 20th homer, a two-run shot off Todd Jones.

Jim Thome hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth off Shingo Takatsu, but the Chicago closer struck out Doug Glanville for his 14th save in 15 chances.

The game was a makeup of a June 10 rainout and the White Sox's victory clinched interleague bragging rights for the AL this season, 127-125.

# Piazza back with Mets, but still in difficult position

*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Mike Piazza wants the New York Mets to get him out of a situation that's been difficult to deal with.

For much of this season, he didn't know whether he'd be at catcher or first base until he got to the ballpark and glanced at the lineup card.

"Hopefully, they figure it out," he said Monday, when he was activated from the disabled list before a 6-4 loss to Florida. "If they want to keep doing what we're doing, fine. If they want to half and half, it is what it is."

Piazza, sidelined since Aug. 6 because of fluid on his left knee, has started 41 games at catcher this year and 49 at first. He was at first base against the Marlins, going 1-for-4 with a third-inning homer off Dontrelle Willis that tied the score at 1.

Piazza, who tied Carlton Fisk for 54th place on the career list with 376 homers, also struck out twice.

Mets General Manager Jim Duquette and manager Art Howe met with Piazza before the game to go over what the team expects for the rest of this season.

"We kind of got on the same page," Howe said. "He's going to play a lot at first base, and periodically we'll have him play a game behind the plate."

Piazza was satisfied with the meeting.

"I'm not looking for a defining role or anything like that," he said, "but it would just probably make it a little bit easier to prepare if I kind of know what the future will be."

Briefs

Piazza, who turns 36 on Saturday, isn't sure which position he'd prefer to play. He had wanted to catch long enough to become the career leader in home runs at the position, which he did May 5 when he hit his 352nd to overtake Fisk.

### Braves star names son after ballpark that boos him

ATLANTA — Despite all the boos, Chipper Jones will always love Shea.

So fond of Shea Stadium where the fans heckle him, the Atlanta star named his new son after the New York Mets' ballpark Monday — Shea Logan Jones.

"I love playing there," Jones said. "Check the numbers."

Jones has hit 17 home runs at Shea, his highest total at a visiting park, and his first major league homer came there on May 9, 1995. He is a lifetime at .314 hitter at Shea.

Jones was with his wife, Sharon, for the birth of their third child Monday. He made it back to Turner Field by mid-game, and struck out as a pinch-hitter in the seventh inning of a 7-6 win over San Francisco.

### Giambi expected to rejoin Yankees for rehab on Tuesday

NEW YORK — Slugger Jason Giambi is expected to rejoin the New York Yankees on Tuesday to continue his rehabilitation.

The five-time All-Star has not played since July 23. He was diagnosed with a benign tumor last month.

Giambi is hoping to again play for the Yankees before the regular season ends.

### White Sox release Jackson

CHICAGO — Reliever Mike Jackson, whose 1,005 career appearances rank eighth all-time among pitchers, was put on waivers by the Chicago White Sox on Monday for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

Jackson, 39, was 2-0 with a 5.01 ERA in 45 appearances for Chicago this season, his 19th in the major leagues.

Also Monday, the White Sox announced right-hander Freddy Garcia will miss his second straight start Wednesday because of tightness in his right forearm.

# Detroit's Robertson sharp in Kansas City

*The Associated Press*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Good things always seem to happen for the Detroit Tigers when Nate Robertson pitches at Kansas City.

With almost 50 friends and family members on hand, Robertson threw his first complete game and was backed by Craig Monroe's two home runs and five RBIs in a 9-1 victory over the Royals.

"Every time I pitch here, the guys just hit the ball," said Robertson (12-7), who became the first left-hander to win 12 games for the Tigers since 1997.

The native of Wichita, Kan., is 3-0 in three starts in Kauffman Stadium. The Tigers have won by scores of 7-7, 12-3 and now 9-1.

Monroe had his second career two-home game and fell just one RBI short of his career high.

"Sometimes it weighs on guys' minds when they're playing close to home," said Robertson, whose brother, Josh, is assistant general manager of the Royals' Double-A club in Wichita.

Robertson allowed one run and six hits, with seven strikeouts and no walks.

AP

**The Tigers' Nate Robertson threw his first complete game in Monday's 9-1 victory in Kansas City.**

"It was my grandmother's second major league game she's ever been to," he said. "It's pretty special for her.

Ivan Rodriguez added a two-run homer for the Tigers, who snapped a four-game losing streak and sent the Royals to their 10th loss in 12 games.

Monroe gave the Tigers a 2-0 lead in the second with his second homer in two games, sending a 1-1 pitch from Mike Wood (2-7) to left.

Rodriguez, who missed the previous three games with flulike symptoms, hit a two-run shot off Wood in the third to make it 4-0.

It was Rodriguez's 17th homer and the 1,000th run he has scored in his career.

Facing Wood again in the fifth after Carlos Guillen and Carlos Pena walked, Monroe hit a 1-0 pitch 408 feet over the fence in left to make it 7-0.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## Major League Baseball scoreboard

### American League

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 81 | 49 | .623 | — |
| Boston | 79 | 51 | .608 | 4½ |
| Tampa Bay | 59 | 71 | .454 | 22 |
| Baltimore | 58 | 71 | .450 | 22½ |
| Toronto | 54 | 77 | .412 | 27½ |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Minnesota | 72 | 58 | .554 | — |
| Cleveland | 66 | 66 | .500 | 7½ |
| Chicago | 64 | 65 | .496 | 7½ |
| Detroit | 61 | 70 | .466 | 11½ |
| Kansas City | 45 | 85 | .346 | 27 |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| Oakland | 77 | 53 | .592 | — |
| Anaheim | 73 | 55 | .572 | 2 |
| Texas | 57 | 71 | .446 | 19½ |
| Seattle | 50 | 80 | .385 | 27 |

**Monday's games**

Chicago White Sox 9, Philadelphia 8
Detroit 9, Kansas City 1

**Tuesday's games**

Anaheim at Boston
Seattle at Toronto
Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees
Baltimore at Tampa Bay
Oakland at Chicago White Sox
Texas at Minnesota
Detroit at Kansas City

**Wednesday's games**

Seattle (Meche 4-5) at Toronto (Bush 2-3)
Anaheim (RuDirkx 0-0) at Boston (Arroyo 7-9)
Cleveland (Sabathia 10-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 5-0)
Baltimore (Cabrera 9-7) at Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 8-12)
Oakland (Zito 10-9) at Chicago White Sox (Garcia 10-10)
Texas (Park 3-4) at Minnesota (Mulholland 4-7)
Detroit (Maroth 10-9) at Kansas City (Greinke 6-9)

**Thursday's games**

Oakland at Chicago White Sox
Baltimore at Tampa Bay
Anaheim at Boston
Seattle at Toronto
Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees
Texas at Minnesota

### Monday
### Tigers 9, Royals 1

| DETROIT | ab r h bi | KANSAS CITY | ab r h bi |
|---|---|---|---|
| Infante 2b | 5 0 0 0 | DJesus cf | 1 0 0 0 |
| Wggnsn rf | 5 1 3 0 | WGreen lf | 3 0 0 0 |
| IRdrgz c | 5 2 2 2 | Riaford lf | 4 0 1 0 |
| DYong dh | 5 1 2 0 | Randa 3b | 4 0 0 0 |
| Guillen lf | 4 1 2 1 | Nunez ss | 4 0 1 0 |
| CPena 1b | 3 2 1 0 | Pckerg 1b | 3 1 1 1 |
| Monroe cf | 3 2 2 5 | Berroa ss | 3 0 1 0 |
| Inge 3b | 3 0 1 0 | Buck c | 3 0 0 0 |
| Lojan cf | 3 0 1 0 | Gulel dh | 3 0 0 0 |
| | | Gotay 2b | 3 0 1 0 |
| **Totals** | **38 9 11 9** | **Totals** | **31 1 5 1** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Detroit** | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Kansas City** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

**Detroit** — RBrtsn W,12-7
**Kansas City** — WMood L,2-7
MWood L,2-7 — 5 7 7 7 3 0
Kinney — ⅓ 3 2 2 0 0
Carrasco — ⅓ 0 0 0 0 0

WP—Wood. T—2:24. A—19,429 (40,785).

### White Sox 9, Phillies 8

| PHILADELPHIA | ab r h bi | CHICAGO (A) | ab r h bi |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rollins ss | 5 0 0 0 | Rwand cf | 5 3 3 3 |
| Abreu lf | 5 1 1 1 | Pierzyn c | 5 1 2 1 |
| BAbreu rf | 3 2 2 0 | Gload 1b | 3 0 1 0 |
| Thome dh | 4 2 3 1 | Crede 3b | 4 1 2 1 |
| DaBell 3b | 4 1 3 1 | Vlentin ss | 4 0 1 0 |
| Dmville cf | 1 0 0 0 | Uribe 2b | 4 1 1 1 |
| Pianco 2b | 3 0 1 1 | Brchrd rf | 4 1 1 2 |
| Lwthal c | 4 1 1 0 | Burke c | 4 2 2 0 |
| Byrd cf | 3 0 1 1 | Crede 3b | 3 0 1 0 |
| Utley 2b | 1 0 1 0 | Wheeler 2b | 0 0 0 0 |
| TOrtiz 1b | 4 1 1 1 | | |
| **Totals** | **37 8 12 7** | **Totals** | **36 9 15 8** |

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| **Philadelphia** | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Chicago (A)** | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | x |

E—DaBell (18), TPerez (2). LOB—Philadelphia 5, Chicago (A) 6. 2B—Abreu (34), DaBell (27), CEverett (5), Crede (21). HR—Michaels (5), Thome (39), TPerez (6), Rowand (20), Borchard (3). SB—BAbreu (33), Crede, Byrd. SF—Pollanco.

| Philadelphia | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BMyers | 5 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| RHrndz L,2-5 | ⅓ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Cormier | 1⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TJones | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Chicago (A)** | | | | | | |
| Buehrle W,12-6 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Marte | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Politte | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Takatsu S,14 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 |

WP—RHernandez. T—2:47. A—5,747 (40,615).

### AL leaders

| | G | AB | R | H | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ISuzuki Sea | 129 | 567 | 83 | 209 | .369 |
| Mora Bal | 107 | 418 | 89 | 146 | .349 |
| VGuerrero Ana | 125 | 506 | 84 | 176 | .348 |
| IRodriguez Det | 112 | 444 | 59 | 147 | .331 |
| DuraZzo Cle | 115 | 414 | 58 | 135 | .326 |
| CGuillen Det | 127 | 488 | 93 | 154 | .316 |
| KErstad Ana | 96 | 389 | 64 | 120 | .308 |
| MRamirez Bos | 121 | 455 | 86 | 144 | .316 |
| JvLopez Bal | 127 | 471 | 64 | 148 | .314 |
| THafner Cle | 118 | 418 | 85 | 130 | .311 |

**Home Runs**

MRamirez, Boston, 34; DOrtiz, Boston, 33; Sheffield, New York, 33; JGiambi, Oakland, 32; ARodriguez, New York, 32; TExtebrria, Texas, 30; Blalock, Texas, 29.

**Runs Batted In**

TejadaBaltimore, 118; DOrtiz, Boston, 114; MRamirez, Boston, 104; VGuerrero, Anaheim, 101; JGuillen, Anaheim, 100; Sheffield, New York, 98; CGuillen, Detroit, 96.

**Pitching (14 Decisions)**

Mulder, Oakland, 17-4, .810; PMartinez, Boston, 14-5, .737; Schilling, Boston, 16-6, .727; Santana, Minnesota, 15-6, .714; Rogers, Texas, 15-6, .714; THudson, Oakland, 10-4, .714; Contreras, Chicago, 12-6, .667; Washburn, Anaheim, 10-5, .667.

### National League

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 76 | 54 | .585 | — |
| Florida | 67 | 62 | .519 | 8½ |
| Philadelphia | 65 | 66 | .496 | 11½ |
| New York | 60 | 70 | .462 | 16 |
| Montreal | 55 | 76 | .420 | 21½ |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| St. Louis | 86 | 44 | .662 | — |
| Houston | 72 | 59 | .550 | 14½ |
| Chicago | 60 | 68 | .519 | 18½ |
| Cincinnati | 62 | 68 | .477 | 24 |
| Pittsburgh | 61 | 69 | .469 | 25 |
| Milwaukee | 55 | 74 | .426 | 30½ |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| Los Angeles | 76 | 54 | .585 | — |
| San Diego | 71 | 59 | .546 | 5 |
| San Francisco | 72 | 61 | .541 | 5½ |
| Colorado | 55 | 75 | .423 | 21 |
| Arizona | 41 | 90 | .313 | 35½ |

**Monday's games**

Atlanta 7, San Francisco 6
Chicago White Sox 9, Philadelphia 8
Chicago Cubs 5, Montreal 2
Florida 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Houston 11, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 1

**Tuesday's games**

Chicago Cubs at Montreal
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Florida at N.Y. Mets
Houston at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee
San Diego at St. Louis
Los Angeles at Arizona
Colorado at San Francisco

**Wednesday's games**

Houston (Oswalt 15-9) at Cincinnati (P.Wilson 9-8)
Chicago Cubs (Wood 7-6) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 2-3)
Atlanta (Jar.Wright 13-6) at Philadelphia (Padilla 5-6)
Florida (Valdez 11-7) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 9-10)
Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 4-11) at Milwaukee (Sheets 9-10)
San Diego (Eaton 9-11) at St. Louis (Carpenter 13-5)
Los Angeles (Nomo 3-10) at Arizona (Webb 5-14)
Colorado (Jam.Wright 1-2) at San Francisco (Ruetter 7-10)

**Thursday's games**

Pittsburgh at Milwaukee
Florida at N.Y. Mets
San Diego at St. Louis
Los Angeles at Arizona
Colorado at San Francisco

### Monday
### Astros 11, Reds 3

| HOUSTON | ab r h bi | CINCINNATI | ab r h bi |
|---|---|---|---|
| Biggio lf | 5 1 1 0 | Freel 3b | 5 1 1 0 |
| CBeltrn cf | 4 1 0 0 | Floyd ss | 5 1 1 0 |
| Bywell 3b | 4 1 0 0 | Casey 1b | 5 0 2 0 |
| Sprger p | 0 0 0 0 | Dunn lf | 5 1 1 1 |
| Berkmn rf | 5 3 3 4 | Dimitr 2b | 4 0 0 0 |
| JKent 2b | 4 1 2 0 | Poppel p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Bentlett ss | 5 0 2 0 | Wlkrsn ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| Lamb 3b | 3 1 0 0 | Kearns rf | 5 0 1 0 |
| Rizzo ss | 4 2 2 1 | WPena cf | 4 0 3 0 |
| Asmus c | 4 1 2 3 | LaRue c | 3 0 1 0 |
| Munro p | 2 0 0 1 | Hudson p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Hville p | 0 0 0 0 | Vn Wal ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| Lane ph | 1 0 0 0 | PNorth p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Qallo p | 0 0 0 0 | Cssday ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| Bullngr p | 0 0 0 0 | Redlng p | 0 0 0 0 |
| OPrmo rf | 0 0 0 0 | GWhite p | 0 0 0 0 |
| | | JCastr o 2b | 0 0 0 0 |
| **Totals** | **37 11 11 9** | **Totals** | **37 3 10 3** |

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Houston** | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | x |
| **Cincinnati** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

E—JKent (7), Freel (13), Dunn (6). DP—Houston 1, Cincinnati 1. LOB—Houston 5, Cincinnati 7. 2B—Biggio (38), Berkman (31), JKent (26), JVizcaino (16), Freel (17), WPena (9), Casey (19), LaRue (8). HR—Berkman (23), Asmus (3), FLopez (5), Dunn (40). SB—CBeltran (22), Bagwell (4), WPena (5). SF—JVizcaino, PMunro.

| Houston | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PMunro W,3-5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Harville | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lidle | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bullinger | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Springer | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Cincinnati** | | | | | | |
| Claudio | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| PNorton L,1-5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Redlingr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GWhite | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Van Poppel | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

PMunro pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Rieling pitched to 4 batters in the 7th. HBP—by PMunro (Casey). T—2:58. A—19,320 (42,271).

### Marlins 6, Mets 4

| FLORIDA | ab r h bi | NEW YORK | ab r h bi |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pierre cf | 5 1 4 0 | Wilams cf | 5 0 1 0 |
| Easley 2b | 2 2 2 2 | Kpngr 2b | 5 0 1 0 |
| L Duca c | 5 2 1 0 | Piazza 1b | 4 1 1 1 |
| Cabrera lf | 5 1 2 3 | Hdlglo p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Lowell 3b | 4 0 1 1 | Floyd lf | 4 1 2 0 |
| Conine 1b | 4 0 1 0 | Ordonez 3b | 4 1 1 0 |
| JEcrcn rf | 3 0 0 0 | JPhillps c | 4 1 1 1 |
| Delgado dh | 3 1 0 1 | WDgdss ss | 4 0 2 0 |
| Willis p | 2 0 0 0 | Leiter p | 2 0 0 0 |
| Seanez p | 0 0 0 0 | DGrcia ph | 0 0 0 0 |
| Nunnally p | 1 0 0 0 | HBell p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Mota p | 1 0 0 0 | Stanton p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Cstlnno p | 0 0 0 0 | Cstillo ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| **Totals** | **36 6 12 6** | **Totals** | **36 4 10 4** |

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| **Florida** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| **New York** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

DP—New York 1. LOB—Florida 7, New York 7. 2B—Pierre (16), Easley (15), Cabrera (28), Williams (7), HBr—Easley (7), Cabrera (27), Piazza (18), Wright (7), JPhillips (6). SB—Luc Duca (4), Conine (4). CS—Pierre (19). S—Ricarda.

| Florida | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Willis | 5⅔ | 10 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Seanez W,2-1 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mota | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Benitez S,39 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **New York** | | | | | | |
| Leiter | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| HBell L,0-1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Stanton | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

HBP—by Stanton (Easley). PB—Lo Duca. T—5:29. A—16,468 (57,405).

### Braves 7, Giants 6

| SAN FRANCISCO | ab r h bi | ATLANTA | ab r h bi |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dnham 2b | 3 3 2 0 | Furcal ss | 5 1 1 0 |
| Nucker cf | 5 1 2 4 | NGreen 2b | 5 0 1 0 |
| Snow 1b | 4 0 2 2 | Colon p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Alfonzo 3b | 4 0 0 0 | JBrwn rf | 4 3 3 0 |
| Przyns c | 4 0 0 0 | JuFrco 1b | 5 0 2 1 |
| McCruz lf | 4 0 2 1 | Ramirez pr | 0 0 0 0 |
| Ledesr rf | 4 0 0 0 | Mrrero lf | 2 0 0 1 |
| Mohr lf | 4 2 2 0 | Alomrs cf | 4 0 2 0 |
| Lowry p | 1 0 0 0 | DeRosa 3b | 3 0 0 0 |
| Grssrom ph | 1 0 0 0 | Giles p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Herges p | 0 0 0 0 | EdDPrz c | 3 0 0 0 |
| Feliz ph | 1 0 0 0 | Ojeda p | 0 0 0 0 |
| TyWlkr p | 0 0 0 0 | Thmsn p | 2 0 1 0 |
| Brower p | 0 0 0 0 | Thmas ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| Bonds ph | 1 0 0 0 | Reyes ss | 0 0 0 0 |
| Hrmns p | 0 0 0 0 | TMartn p | 0 0 0 0 |
| | | BSmith p | 0 0 0 0 |
| | | JEstda c | 0 1 0 0 |
| **Totals** | **33 6 9 6** | **Totals** | **37 7 13 7** |

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **San Francisco** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| **Atlanta** | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | x |

No outs when winning run scored.

E—DCruz (8), Marrero (1). DP—Atlanta 1. LOB—San Francisco 3, Atlanta 11. 2B—Durham 2 (15), Snow (26), NGreen (14), JuFranco (2), Thomas (4). HR—JBrown (29). SB—Marrero (2). CS—DCruz 2 (3), Marrero (1). SF—Marrero.

| San Francisco | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lowry | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Herges | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TyWalker | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Brower | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hrmns L,5-6 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Atlanta** | | | | | | |
| Thomson | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Ryboski | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| TMartin | ⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Reitsma | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Colon W,1-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Hrmns pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
PB—Pierzynski. T—2:52. A—22,776 (50,091).

### Cubs 5, Expos 2

| CHICAGO | ab r h bi | MONTREAL | ab r h bi |
|---|---|---|---|
| CPttson cf | 5 0 0 0 | EChvez cf | 4 0 0 0 |
| Macias 3b | 3 1 1 0 | Carroll 2b | 4 0 0 0 |
| Cirillo ss | 4 1 0 0 | Tllstta 3b | 4 0 0 0 |
| Alou lf | 3 0 1 0 | JRivra rf | 4 1 1 0 |
| SSosa rf | 4 0 2 2 | Slledge 1b | 4 0 1 0 |
| DeLee 1b | 4 0 0 0 | Church lf | 3 0 0 0 |
| Grdzlin 3b | 4 0 1 0 | Schndr c | 3 0 1 0 |
| Bako c | 4 2 2 0 | Izturis ss | 4 0 0 0 |
| Mdduk p | 0 0 0 0 | Biddle p | 1 0 0 0 |
| Mercker p | 0 0 0 0 | MMahdk ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| Godwin ph | 1 0 1 0 | Vargas p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Lxtstr p | 0 0 0 0 | Ayala p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Hwkins p | 0 0 0 0 | EDiaz ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| | | CCrdr o p | 0 0 0 0 |
| **Totals** | **35 5 9 4** | **Totals** | **33 2 7 2** |

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chicago** | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Montreal** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

E—TBatista (13), JRivera (3). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Chicago 5, Montreal 6. 2B—SSosa (19), Bako (6), TBatista (24), Slledge (5), Schneider (15), HR—Sledge (10). SB—CPatterson (26). S—Church.

| Chicago | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maddux W,13-8 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Mercker | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leicester | ⅔ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Hawkins S,20 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Montreal** | | | | | | |
| Biddle L,4-8 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Vargas | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ayala | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CCordero | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

WP—Biddle. T—2:27. A—8,122 (46,338).

### Pirates 5, Brewers 1

| PITTSBURGH | ab r h bi | MILWAUKEE | ab r h bi |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kendall c | 4 0 1 0 | Pdsdnk cf | 4 0 1 0 |
| JWilsn ss | 5 2 2 0 | BClark rf | 4 0 0 0 |
| Ward 1b | 5 0 2 0 | Dvnsh 1b | 4 0 1 0 |
| CWilsn rf | 4 0 1 0 | Brnyah 3b | 3 0 1 0 |
| Bralzac p | 0 0 0 0 | Bmbnna lf | 4 1 2 0 |
| Hill ph | 1 0 0 0 | BHall 2b | 3 0 0 1 |
| Mesa p | 0 0 0 0 | Moeller c | 3 0 0 0 |
| Mckwk 3b | 3 0 0 0 | Cunsell ss | 3 0 0 0 |
| Bay lf | 4 0 0 0 | Hndrcks p | 2 0 0 0 |
| TRdrm cf | 4 0 1 0 | Adams p | 0 0 0 0 |
| Castillo 2b | 4 0 1 0 | Grieve ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| Fogg p | 3 0 0 0 | Helms ph | 1 0 0 0 |
| Wggntn 3b | 1 0 0 0 | JBennett p | 0 0 0 0 |
| | | Kolb p | 0 0 0 0 |
| **Totals** | **34 5 8 5** | **Totals** | **32 1 7 1** |

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pittsburgh** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Milwaukee** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

DP—Milwaukee 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 7. 2B—Castillo (12), Brnhyan (6), Moeller (11). 3B—Jenkins (4), HR—Ward (7) (14). CS—Podsednik (11). SF—BHall.

| Pittsburgh | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fogg W,8-9 | 6⅓ | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Gonzalez | 1⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mesa | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Milwaukee** | | | | | | |
| Hndrck L,0-6 | 6⅓ | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Adams | ⅓ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| JBennett | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Kolb | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

HBP—by Hendrickson (Ward), by Hendrickson (Bay). T—2:48. A—23,512 (41,900).

### NL leaders

| | G | AB | R | H | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bonds SF | 118 | 405 | 104 | 142 | .367 |
| Loretta SD | 127 | 513 | 76 | 176 | .343 |
| Furcal Atl | 125 | 480 | 91 | 164 | .342 |
| Casey Cin | 114 | 453 | 82 | 151 | .333 |
| Ludwick Cin | 123 | 436 | 80 | 144 | .330 |
| JEstrada Atl | 109 | 379 | 50 | 126 | .332 |
| Pujols Stl | 121 | 447 | 94 | 148 | .331 |
| Rolen Stl | 126 | 451 | 97 | 146 | .324 |
| Alomar Chic | 115 | 404 | 62 | 138 | .342 |
| Pierre Fla | 129 | 539 | 77 | 170 | .315 |

**Home Runs**

Beltre, Los Angeles, 42; Dunn, Cincinnati, 40; Pujols, St. Louis, 40; Thome, Philadelphia, 39; Bonds, San Francisco, 38; Edmonds, St. Louis, 36; Alou, Chicago, 35.

**Runs Batted In**

Rolen, St. Louis, 112; Castillo, Colorado, 104; Pujols, St. Louis, 100; Beltre, Los Angeles, 98; Edmonds, St. Louis, 95; BAbreu, Philadelphia, 93; Burnitz, Colorado, 90; Thome, Philadelphia, 90.

**Pitching (14 Decisions)**

Milton, Philadelphia, 13-2, .867; Peavy, San Diego, 11-1, .786; Clemens, Houston, 14-4, .778; Marquis, St. Louis, 13-4, .765; Pavano, Florida, 15-5, .750; Schmidt, San Francisco, 15-5, .750; Lima, Los Angeles, 11-4, .733.

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# Gaining ground slowly

## Running back George not yet part of Cowboys' big picture

BY JENNIFER FLOYD ENGEL
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IRVING, Texas — The "Monday Night Football" cameras kept returning to Eddie George.

They caught the Cowboys running back in various typical-athlete-standing-on-the-sideline poses. Laughing with teammates. Standing, pensive, by himself. Talking to a coach.

Each time, right below his image, was another damning statistic: Only twice in George's eight-year career has he averaged more than four yards per carry.

**Commentary**

Last season's 3.3 yards-per-carry average was his second-worst average.

He had four rushes for three yards in the Cowboys' 20-17 victory over his former team, the Tennessee Titans, on Monday night.

The images seemed to be hammering on a point that many in the NFL had been making all off-season: George might not have anything left.

"I'm not trying to prove anything to anyone," George said. "I've accomplished a lot. I know what I can do. I know what I still have left."

Who has what left? And is it enough? These have been the questions du jour for the Cowboys offense every jour since they signed the 102 years of starters in the off-season.

All signs, through two preseason games at least, pointed to Uh-O.

Quarterback Vinny Testaverde (40) looked out of sync, while receiver Keyshawn Johnson (32) had patches of rust and George (30) seemed at a loss about his lost step.

Coach Bill Parcells talked of patience and needing time. Monday's game against Tennessee was supposed to provide a better indication.

If so, do not worry about Johnson. He looks primed to make a fool out of Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden after catching eight passes for 81 yards in the first half. Testaverde, as well, appears to be on his way to proving Jets offensive coordinator Paul Hackett wrong, after a 17-for-24, 240-yard performance that included a touchdown as well as an interception.

George — well, George's four carries for three yards left more questions than it answered.

Monday's game was supposed to be George's chance to show the Titans that they had made a mistake when they waived him in June. They weren't right. He isn't done.

Except, on Monday, he looked at times like he was.

Watching George run was almost like watching a bull at the end of a bullfight. He looked a step slow, a little tired and unable to take advantage of the few holes that were there. Parcells said it was more a problem of the Cowboys not really trying to establish the run.

"I know (the Titans) had a quick, aggressive front," Parcells said. "I tried to attack them in a way that gives us a chance to move the ball better."

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**Dallas Cowboys RB Eddie George (27) is grabbed by Tennessee Titans' Rocky Calmus (54) during the first quarter of the Cowboys' 20-17 exhibition victory in Irving, Texas, on Monday.**

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**George hugs former teammate Brad Hopkins (72) after Monday's game. George rushed four times for 3 yards against his former team.**

### Average George

Eddie George has rushed for more than 4 yards a carry only twice in his NFL career. His career rushing statistics:

| Year Team | G | GS | Att | Yards | Avg | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1996 Houston | 16 | 16 | 335 | 1368 | 4.1 | 8 |
| 1997 Tennessee | 16 | 16 | 357 | 1399 | 3.9 | 6 |
| 1998 Tennessee | 16 | 16 | 348 | 1294 | 3.7 | 5 |
| 1999 Tennessee | 16 | 16 | 320 | 1304 | 4.1 | 9 |
| 2000 Tennessee | 16 | 16 | 403 | 1509 | 3.7 | 14 |
| 2001 Tennessee | 16 | 16 | 315 | 939 | 3.0 | 5 |
| 2002 Tennessee | 16 | 16 | 343 | 1165 | 3.4 | 12 |
| 2003 Tennessee | 16 | 16 | 312 | 1031 | 3.3 | 5 |
| **TOTAL** | **128** | **128** | **2733** | **10009** | **3.7** | **64** |

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