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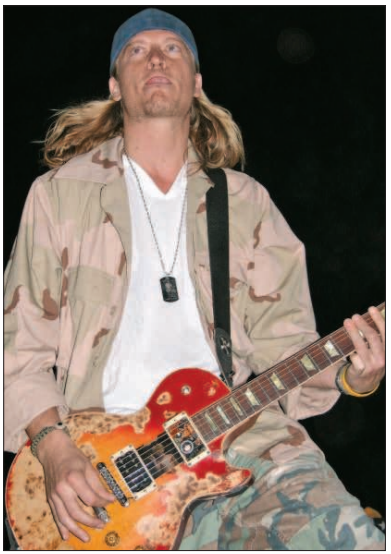

Puddle of Mudd covers 1st ID soldiers with music

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Left: Wesley Scantlin, Puddle of Mudd's singer and guitarist, rocks the crowd at Camp Speicher, Iraq, on Sunday night. The band came downrange after playing at a 1st Armored Division welcome home ceremony in Baumholder, Germany, last week. Above: First Infantry Division soldiers enjoy the music concert. Before returning to the States, the band will play for soldiers in Friedburg, Germany, on Wednesday.

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

States

California wildfire evacuations: As wildfires ravaged the mountains east of Los Angeles last fall, not everyone joined the tens of thousands of evacuees who fled clutching pets, photos and heirlooms.

Scores of residents ignored mandatory evacuation orders so they could defend their homes, while dozens of others looted, watched the fires or just meandered around.

They were more than a nuisance, according to officials in the San Bernardino Mountains. By distracting manpower from firelines and safety patrols, they created a hazard that the local sheriff's deputies warns won't be tolerated this fire season.

Deputies are advising residents that if tinder-dry hillsides again burst into flames, they'll use revised guidelines under which they could arrest evacuation laggards who are not defending their homes.

FDA labeling of antidepressants: U.S. government health advisers considered Monday whether strong warning labels are needed on antidepressants because they have been linked to suicidal tendencies among children who take them.

Among the witnesses was Dr. Andrew Mosholder, the Food and Drug Administration epidemiologist who last summer stumbled across the link and was prevented from testifying about it during a meeting last February. Mosholder asked for clarification from British-based GlaxoSmithKline and received data in May 2003 that suggested a link between the company's drug Paxil and increased suicidal actions among children taking the antidepressant.

Last June, the FDA issued a public warning about the drug. In July, FDA asked all antidepressant manufacturers to resubmit clinical trial data.

World

U.N. role against terror: Military experts meeting at a defense trade fair Monday in Pakistan urged more international cooperation and a bigger role for the United Nations in tackling the threat of terrorism worldwide.

Maj. Gen. Zhu Shen Hu, a former director of the Strategic Institute at the University of Beijing, warned that terrorists were expanding their networks, making global security a more difficult task.

In an apparent poke at the United States, Zhu expressed concern that some countries might widen their influence and interfere in the affairs of smaller countries under the pretext of the international war on terrorism.

Sudan unrest: The European Union moved closer Monday to backing a U.N. investigation into whether the atrocities in the Darfur region constitutes genocide, highlighting growing impatience with Sudan for failing to end the conflict there.

A draft statement by the 25 EU foreign ministers in Brussels, Belgium, urged human rights investigators from the United Nations to determine if genocide was taking place, an EU official said. The draft was expected to be approved later Monday.

Hong Kong elections: Pro-democracy candidates Margaret Ng, center, and Audrey Eu, right, congratulate each other for winning seats in Hong Kong's legislative council Monday at the election vote counting center in Hong Kong. A record 1.78 million Hong Kong voters turned out Sunday for an election that apparently sent more pro-democracy opposition politicians to the legislature, but not as many Beijing's allies had feared.

The ministers will also advocate sanctions against Sudan if it does not comply with the U.N., the official said.

Israeli pullout from Gaza: Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for a national referendum on the government's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, saying Monday a vote would help unify a bitterly divided nation.

Netanyahu

Netanyahu's support gave sudden momentum to an idea that has been pushed in recent weeks by opponents to a withdrawal.

In the West Bank town of Jenin, an Israeli helicopter fired a missile at a car, killing a local militant leader and two other people, Palestinian security officials and witnesses said.

Kosovo peacekeeping mission: The NATO-led peacekeeping mission in Kosovo will boost troop levels in the ethnically tense province ahead of next month's general elections, its commander said Monday.

About 2,000 troops from Germany, France and Italy temporarily will join the 18,000-strong peacekeeping force, said Lt. Gen. Yves de Kermabon, a Frenchman who assumed command of the force earlier this month.

Gay marriage in New Zealand: Pope John Paul II told New Zealand bishops visiting Vatican City on Monday that efforts to equate marriage between man and woman to other forms of cohabitation violated "God's plan for humanity."

The pope did not specifically mention it, but New Zealand's parliament has been debating proposed legislation that would grant "civil union" status to couples — both same-sex and heterosexual — who live together, giving them many of the same rights as married couples.

Thatcher investigation: Lawyers for Sir Mark Thatcher are taking steps to prevent him from answering questions under oath about his alleged involvement in a failed coup plot in Equatorial Guinea, a senior legal representative said Monday.

The son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was served with a subpoena last week following a request from the attorney general's office in Equatorial Guinea to question Thatcher about his alleged financing of a foiled coup attempt in the oil-rich west African country.

War on terrorism

American jailors in Afghanistan: An attorney for one of three Americans charged with torturing Afghans on a vigilante hunt for terrorists said Monday the men were not getting a fair trial.

Chaotic procedures and error-strewn and absent translation of court proceedings and documents were hampering a proper defense, lawyer Robert Fogelnest said.

Jonathan Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett were arrested July 5 when Afghan forces stormed a house in Kabul, finding eight men who complained they had been tortured.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Correction

A story in Sunday's editions about Sept. 11 observances in Iraq included an incorrect rank for Brig. Gen. Stephen Mundt.

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U.S. jets bomb alleged militant site in Fallujah

At least 20 killed, including 6 in ambulance, official says

BY KIM HOUSEGO
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. warplanes pounded a suspected hide-out of al-Qaida-linked militants in the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Monday, killing at least 20 people and wounding 29, officials and witnesses said. Six of the victims died when a shell hit an ambulance, a hospital official said.

The strike came a day after a surge in violence killed 78 people and wounded about 200 across Iraq as insurgents hammered central Baghdad with intense mortar and rocket barrages and violence appeared to spiral out of control.

The U.S. military said jets carried out a precision strike on a site in Fallujah where several members of a group led by Jordanian-born terror suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi were meeting.

"Intelligence sources reported the presence of several key al-Zarqawi operatives who have been responsible for numerous terrorist attacks against Iraqi civilians, Iraqi Security Forces and multinational forces," the military said in a statement.

The military said reports indicated the strikes had achieved their aim, but did not name the operatives.

In Fallujah, witnesses said the bombing targeted the city's residential al-Shurta neighborhood, damaging buildings and raising clouds of black smoke.

Dr. Ahmad Taher of the Fallujah General Hospital said at least 20 people were killed, including women and children, and 29 others were wounded. An ambulance rushing from the area of the blasts was hit by a shell, killing the paramedic driver and five patients inside the vehicle, said another hospital official, Hamid Salaman.

"The conditions here are miserable — an ambulance was bombed, three houses destroyed and men and women killed," the hospital's director, Rafayi Hayad al-Esawi, told Al-Jazeera television by telephone. "The American army has no morals."

Witnesses said U.S. warplanes repeatedly swooped low over Fallujah and that artillery units deployed on the outskirts of the city also opened fire. The explosions started at sunrise and continued for several hours.

One explosion went off in a market place in Fallujah as the first sellers had just begun to set up their stalls, wounding several people and shattering windows, witnesses said.

U.S. forces pulled out of Fallujah in April after ending a three-week siege that left hundreds dead and a trail of devastation. The U.S. Marines have not patrolled inside Fallujah since then and Sunni insurgents have strengthened their hold on the city.

Explosions rocked central Baghdad on Monday, but the location or nature of the blasts was not immediately clear.

South of Baghdad, assailants broke into a local police station in Latifiyah and forced the handful of officers inside to leave before blowing up the building, police said Monday. Nobody was injured in the Sunday night blast, said police Lt. Col. Sahi Abdullah. Iraqi police have regularly been attacked by insurgents who view them as collaborators with American troops.

In a visit to the southern city of Basra, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi vowed to pursue insurgents. "We are adamant that we are going to defeat terrorism," Allawi said. "We intend to confront them and bring them to justice."

Iraq's interim president vowed Monday that the country's leaders will ensure elections scheduled for January take place as planned, despite persistent violence.

"By God, we intend to meet this date," Ghazi al-Yawer said during a visit to Warsaw, Poland, adding that the interim government was "working around the clock" to establish the security and government control needed for elections to be held.

AP

Mourners participate Monday in Sadr City, Iraq, in the funeral procession of Mohammed Faleh, who died after he was allegedly shot by U.S. troops on his way to work.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,008 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 762 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 18; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria and Ukraine, six each; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 870 U.S. military members have died — 653 as a result of hostile action and 217 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Friday. There was no update provided over the weekend.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths were reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No identifications were reported.

Web site reportedly shows beheading

CAIRO, Egypt — A videotape purporting to show the beheading of a Turkish truck driver kidnapped last month in Iraq surfaced Monday on the Web site of an al-Qaida-linked militant group.

On the video, the victim identifies himself as Durmus Kumdereli.

Speaking in Turkish, he says he was transporting goods to an American military base in Mosul. Arabic subtitles accompanied his words.

Afterward, a black screen reading "the execution" appears, followed by warnings from masked, armed militants to foreign drivers, and grisly footage of the beheading.

The authenticity of the video, which was digitally dated Aug. 17, could not be verified. It was posted on the Web site known for carrying statements from Tawhid and Jihad, a group led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi that has beheaded other foreign hostages.

Italy's foreign minister makes hostage appeal

KUWAIT CITY — Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini appealed for a "civilized dialogue" between religions as he stood inside Kuwait's Grand Mosque at the start of a Middle East visit hoped to help win the release of two Italian women kidnapped in Iraq.

The Italian government has been working feverishly to free the women, who were seized Sept. 7, weeks after an Italian freelance journalist was abducted and slain in Iraq. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government had been sharply criticized for not doing enough to secure the journalist's release.

In the latest kidnapping, armed militants stormed into the Baghdad office of the aid agency "Un Ponte Per..." ("A Bridge To...") and grabbed the two Italian women and two Iraqis.

In brief remarks in the Grand Mosque, the country's largest house of worship, Frattini said: "This holy place is a place to start a civilized dialogue between religions."

"I feel so much solidarity for the hostages, in heart and words, and I want to seize this opportunity to appeal to you (the people of Kuwait) to help us release all the hostages, the Italian hostages in particular."

From The Associated Press

U.S. forces kill 22 rebels in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. troops and helicopter gunships killed 22 militants, including three Arab fighters in southern Afghanistan, the military said Monday, the latest bloodshed ahead of historic Afghan elections.

Meanwhile, the United Nations withdrew dozens of staff from the western city of Herat a day after mobs ransacked its offices. The mob violence came after President Hamid Karzai fired the city's warlord governor. His replacement later ordered a 9 p.m. curfew.

The 12-hour battle in the southern province of Zabul, a hotbed of resistance to Karzai's U.S.-backed government, began late Sunday, the military said.

Spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson said some 40 militants attacked coalition soldiers on a search operation. The troops called in two Apache helicopters, which opened fire on the fighters.

"Skirmishes continued throughout the night, and the final battle damage assessment from the incident, from our soldiers on the ground, was 22," Nelson said. Among the dead were three Arabs, the spokesman said. Another Arab was among three people arrested.

No coalition forces were hurt, he said.

The U.S. forces seized a global positioning system, a video camera with tapes, four grenades and two assault rifles, he said.

Nelson declined to give the Arab fighters' nationalities, or say what was on the tapes.

Guerrilla violence is surging in the run-up to Oct. 9 elections, despite the presence of 18,000 coalition forces who have been hunting for terrorist suspects since late 2001.

In another incident Sunday, Nelson said Taliban gunmen ambushed a coalition patrol near the southern city of Kandahar. American soldiers returned fire without stopping. No casualties were reported.

The Taliban have vowed to sabotage the presidential election, which Karzai is widely expected to win. Twelve elections workers are among more than 900 people killed in Afghan political violence this year.

In another reminder of the country's insecurity, weekend rioting left three people dead in Herat and on Monday led international aid workers to leave the city.

The United Nations, whose offices were burned and looted in unrest after the ouster of regional strongman Ismail Khan, said it flew about 40 staff members to the capital.

The U.N. refugee agency, whose office was looted, said it suspended operations in the west, stranding more than 1,000 returning refugees on the nearby Iranian border.

Dozens of relief workers from other organizations were also evacuating. But Filippo Grandi, deputy head of the world body's Afghan mission, said the move was only temporary.

PHOTOS BY LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

Right: Most of the bunkers at Forward Operating Base McKenzie in Iraq are used as office space, although some house soldiers. The tank turret on top of this bunker was left by Saddam Hussein's military during the war. Left: Pfc. Kerry Collier, from Chicago, Ill., and one of the cooks for the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, scrubs a grill after Thursday's chow. While the FOB kitchen is more difficult to work in than the kitchen back in the "rear," or Germany, it is nice because "with the food precooked, all we have to do is warm it up."

1-4 Cav makes desert base more livable

Soldiers work in dangerous part of Iraq, but make comfortable home at FOB McKenzie

BY LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE McKENZIE, Iraq — The current home of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment is on a dust pile in the middle of a desert, not far from a town where U.S. soldiers get shot at daily.

But since the Germany-based 1-4 Cav arrived in March, it has been making the place more livable — and more secure — for itself, and some of the Iraqis living nearby.

Bunkers have been cleaned out, painted and partitioned, and air conditioning and water towers added, according to Maj. Keith Barclay, the squadron's executive officer.

Showers have been added, so that instead of one shower head for every 50 soldiers, there is now one shower for every 24 people, he said.

One of the bunkers has been transformed into a Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility, with a movie theater, performance stage, library, and Internet and phone room, among other amenities.

But much of the focus has been on improving force security, because both McKenzie and its sister forward operating base, Wilson, which is outside the town of Al Dawr, have had periods of almost nightly rocket and mortar attacks. The record was 21 rockets incoming at McKenzie in a single night in May. No one was killed.

Another problem for the 1-4 Cav troops is the town of Ad Duliyah, located directly south and almost unavoidable when driving supplies into the forward operating base, said Barclay, from North Shore, N.J.

"Every day, [a U.S. soldier passing through] is shot at," Barclay said. "So getting supplies in is a very dangerous proposition."

The 1-4 Cav is responsible for an area roughly the size of the state of Delaware. It runs from Bayji, a key oil pumping facility, in the northwest, to Balad in the south. The Tigris River borders it on the east.

About two-thirds of the land is barren desert; the areas by the river are lush farmland. The squadron's headquarters is on a dusty site officially called Samara East Airfield in Saddam Hussein's day.

The heart of the camp is a cluster of concrete bunkers now used as offices and, to some degree, housing, although at least two-thirds of the soldiers live in "contained housing units," or trailers, and others live in heavily sandbagged tents.

About a mile from the main encampment, there is an airfield, which is necessary because cavalry squadrons have their own air assets: Kiowa Warriors, small, extremely agile two-seat helicopters that "really add a lot to the fight," said the squadron personnel officer, Capt. Nathan Springer of Oklahoma City.

The squadron took over the place from the 3-29th Field Artillery, part of the 3rd Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division.

The previous tenants "weren't here very long," Barclay said, "so they didn't have time to do much" in the way of making the place homelike.

The 3-29th did, however, help make the airfield habitable. Most of what Saddam's military stored here, apparently, was ammunition. The artillerymen blew up something like 60,000 rounds, Barclay said.

While improving its base, the squadron is also working on improving life for the Iraqis living nearby.

"A large part [of the squadron's] focus is on civil-military operations," according to Maj. Michael McCurry, the deputy squadron commander.

McCurry, from Mountain Home, Idaho, has a very unusual qualification. He was county commissioner for three years in Idaho before rejoining the Army after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. That means he knows more than most Army officers about how local governments run.

But, he said, that doesn't make it any easier to deal with the tangle of U.S. government, nongovernment, Iraqi government, and U.S. Army funding streams for civilian projects.

"Deciphering all these organizations out there to get the funding" for civilian works is probably his biggest challenge, McCurry said.

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The Wall of Remembrance at Forward Operating Base McKenzie commemorates the men who have died since the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment Cavalry came to the base in March.

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> 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's executive officer

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE/AP

Theresa Arnold's groom was on the other end of the line Saturday as Arnold and Marine Lt. Thomas Cogan IV wed by proxy in San Diego. With Arnold is Judge Jan Goldsmith, left, and Judge Peter Gallagher.

Calif.'s new proxy law lets Marine in Iraq wed

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The war in Iraq keeps Theresa Arnold thousands of miles away from the man of her dreams. But that didn't stop the pair from exchanging vows in what's believed to be the first marriage-by-proxy in California.

Clutching a cellular phone, the nervous but smiling bride was married to Marine Lt. Thomas Cogan IV on Saturday at the San Diego County clerk's office. Cogan said his "I do" from the front lines of Iraq.

Marriages by proxy were illegal in California until Friday, when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a law allowing military personnel stationed overseas in a war or conflict to marry through a legal stand-in. Texas, Montana and Colorado allow marriage-by-proxy.

Arnold, who is pregnant with a baby girl and due any day, wore a pink flowered dress and had her shoulder-length brown hair in curls. A family friend stood in for Cogan, whose parents and two sisters traveled from Philadelphia to attend.

The couple, both 23, wanted to make sure that hospital bills would be covered and that both baby and mom would receive military benefits if Cogan were killed in action.

"It is fitting that this marriage is between Tommy and Theresa, two individuals whose love transcends a war and changed the course of California history," said Superior Court Judge Jan Goldsmith, who officiated.

"It's going to help plenty of people, plenty of other military families," Arnold said.

Puddle of Mudd's singer and guitarist, Wesley Scantlin, rocks the crowd at Camp Speicher.

Puddle of Mudd wade into Iraq to entertain GIs at Camp Speicher

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

CAMP SPEICHER, Iraq — Amid Iraq's scorching, dry desert, fans of rock music were knee-deep in a Puddle of Mudd on Sunday night as the alternative rock group performed for troops at Camp Speicher.

PHOTOS BY LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

A crowd of between 1,200 and 1,500 troops turned out at Camp Speicher on Sunday night to see Puddle of Mudd perform for U.S. troops, according to event coordinator Sgt. 1st Class Shane Podraza.

At least 1,500 troops attended the concert, according to event coordinator Sgt. 1st Class Shane Podraza, liaison officer to the mayor's cell at the camp. The show included a rousing opening session by the 1st Infantry Division's own rock band.

Puddle of Mudd had played in Baumholder, Germany, on Friday as part of welcome home ceremonies for the 1st Armored Division before flying into Iraq for the Speicher concert and a meet-and-greet with Task Force Danger soldiers Monday.

The band went to Iraq when few big-name performers dare to venture into the active combat zone.

"The soldiers here are working really hard," the band's singer and guitarist, Wesley Scantlin, said. "They are keeping our nation safe. It seemed like the least we could do was to come out and play some music for them."

Douglas Ardito, the group's bass player, agreed.

"These are our buddies," he said of the soldiers who were eagerly waiting to meet him Monday. "They are from the same towns we grew up in. They take risks with their lives; I figured we could take a risk, too.

"I felt we owed them."

Besides, Scantlin added between signing autographs, "It's something that most people in their lives will never be able to do."

In addition to Scantlin and Ardito, Puddle of Mudd, which released its debut album in 2001, includes Paul Phillips on guitar and Greg Upchurch on drums.

There have been five concerts at Speicher's stadium this summer, but Puddle of Mudd, whose trip was sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, AKA Productions, of Upland, Calif.; and Armed Forces Entertainment, "is by far the largest marquee name we've had," said Podraza, 40, of Lincoln, Neb.

In fact, "it took me weeks to convince people [that such a popular band] was coming," Podraza said Sunday as he prepared for the concert. "They thought it was a hoax."

Spc. Braxton Cope, 43, of Mulberry Grove, Ill., said he could think of little else since he heard the band was coming to play.

"We've been looking forward to [the concert] ever since we heard about it two weeks ago," said Cope, assigned to the 1st ID's 454 Transport Company.

"They are so honest," Cope said, holding a poster he hoped to have autographed. "There's a lot of feeling in their music."

The group will play one more concert for soldiers, in Friedburg, Germany, on Wednesday before returning to the United States.

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★ To our son and all military and news personnel- We support you, we are proud of you and we pray for your safe return. Nancy Stipes

Hunting door-to-door for Iraqi insurgents

1-506's Company C goes on the offensive against roadside bombers

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HABBANIYAH, Iraq — Iraqis in the Habbaniyah area can expect regular house raids from the U.S. Army until they stop helping insurgents who have set hundreds of bombs on local roads, said Col. David Clark, the commander of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

Since 1-506 arrived at Camp Habbaniyah two weeks ago, soldiers have been targets of the roadside bombs several times a day, Clark said.

Locals are helping the insurgents, many of whom come from outside the district, by giving them places to hide, he said.

The 1-506's answer is to step up the pressure on insurgents by raiding their homes and the homes of their friends and families, he said. The unit is known as the Currahees, a Cherokee word meaning "stands alone."

Clark said that, on Saturday, 1-506 soldiers mounted a series of raids from Camp Habbaniyah and killed three insurgents who attacked a Humvee with a bomb, commonly referred to as an improvised explosive device.

Intelligence from the "Iceman," an insurgent captured during raids earlier in the week, led to the discovery by 1-506's Company A of a cache of 120 mm mortar rounds at one house, while a random sweep of another area by the company uncovered hundreds more rounds, Clark said.

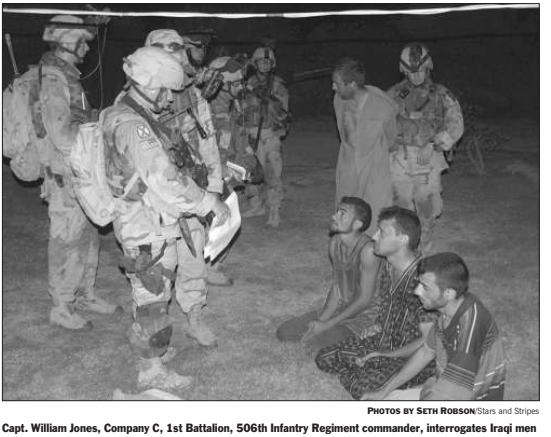
Meanwhile, 1-506's Company C mounted a series of raids in the small town of Abu Fleis, near Camp Habbaniyah. Those raids led to the detention of one man and the seizure of a computer and compact discs suspected of containing terrorist training videos.

In the early hours of the morning soldiers from Company C slipped through a hole in the barbed wire around the perimeter of their forward operating base and crept through the darkness toward Abu Fleis.

The soldiers' night vision goggles allowed them to keep a lookout for ambushes as they approached the town and moved along its dimly lit streets toward their objective.

When they reached the target house, an assault team went in, kicking the door open and quickly subduing four males inside.

The men were assembled on the front lawn and interrogated by Company C's commander, Capt. William Jones, who accused one of being an insurgent.



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Capt. William Jones, Company C, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment commander, interrogates Iraqi men during house raids in Abu Fleis, Iraq, on Saturday.

Above: Soldiers from Company C, 1-506 march a detainee back to their forward operating base for further interrogation Saturday in Iraq.

Below: A Company C soldier guards a detainee captured Saturday in house raids in Abu Fleis as he rides to a detention facility at Camp Habbaniyah, Iraq.

"These terrorists have brought this suffering to Iraq. Don't support them," Jones told the men.

"We were looking for Ali Mohammed Sulyman and Oman Mohammed Sulyman — two brothers who have both been to jail before. They are part of a terrorist network that has been setting IEDs in Khalidiya," he said.

Through a translator, Jones made a series of threats that resulted in the Iraqi offering to lead him to where the Sulymans lived.

The man led the soldiers through a network of twisting dirt farm tracks to another house where the assault team again kicked in the door, once again assembling the males — two men and a boy — on the front lawn and taking the women to the back of the house.

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> **Capt. William Jones**
> Commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment

Jones began a second interrogation that caught one of the Iraqis in a lie. At first, the man said he did not know the Sulymans; then he admitted they were his relatives. A search of the house turned up a computer and what appeared to be a series of terrorist training videos on compact disc.

Jones detained the man and confiscated the computer and discs.

"The women said the (Sulyman) brothers were bad men," Jones said. "So did the guys at the first house.

"That guy," he said, referring to the Iraqi apparently caught in the lie, "said they were good men. That made me suspicious. He is not from this area. He didn't have identification. He is probably one of the guys who were setting IEDs."

Company C blindfolded the prisoner and marched him back to Camp Habbaniyah for further interrogation. They raided two other houses on the way back but did not find the Sulymans, who appeared to have fled three weeks earlier.

The soldiers appeared enthusiastic about the mission, one of their first since arriving in Iraq. Most were hyper-alert as they stalked the streets, constantly scanning for danger.

"It is good because they have their wits about them," Jones said. "They are not complacent. Complacency kills."

Staff Sgt. Bill Bechster, 25, from Fort Collins, Colo., said he was excited to be "outside the wire."

The young soldier was in the lead element during the patrol and helped clear three houses.

"Being able to go in without firing a shot was good. The squad and the platoon know each other and we were able to go to an objective and get out of there quick," he said.

Company C returned to Abu Fleis later in the morning to pay the people at the first house for damage caused by the raid, Jones said.

"We are going to run a positive campaign (when we go back to Abu Fleis). We are going to tell them they can have jobs and prosperity if they don't support the terrorists," he said.

But he will not compensate the owners of the target houses because they are terrorists, he said.

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Experiment brings protection to the field

Troops in Iraq to get new weapons systems by summer

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — A new sheriff is coming to town.

The Pentagon's Office of Force Transformation is designing a combined lethal and nonlethal weapons system to be fielded to Army and Marine Corps units in Iraq by summer, in an experiment called "Project Sheriff."

The concept is to retrofit ground vehicles already in the services' inventories with an array of new lethal and nonlethal systems, giving troops working in urban terrain more options, especially when deciding how to deal with potential noncombatants or civilians being used as shields, said program director and transformation strategist Col. Wade Hall, a 23-year veteran of the Marine Corps.

Like a sheriff, Hall says.

"He's not there to cause destruction. He's there to keep the peace, but has the option to go to destruction status if he needs it," Hall said.

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Vehicles under consideration include the Army's new Stryker armored personnel carrier or the Armored Security Vehicle, or ASV, and the Marine Corps' Light Armored Vehicle, or LAV, already proven to work well in cities, said Hall.

A goal of the Office of Force Transformation is to cut through the years and years it used to take the department to introduce a new system, he said, while assuring that the technology employed is well-studied and the office is not sacrificing safety for the sake of speed.

Designers see the systems being used for missions such as armed reconnaissance, raids, crowd control, security patrol and vehicle checkpoints.

While no decisions have been made on which systems will be used, managers have narrowed the field to a few for consideration, Hall said.

Among them is Raytheon Company's nonlethal Active Denial System, a counter-personnel directed energy weapon that projects a speed-of-light millimeter wave of energy that makes skin feel like it's on fire.

According to studies done by the Air Force Research Laboratory, which developed the technology in a joint effort with the Marine Corps and Raytheon, the invisible beam penetrates the skin to a depth of less than 1/64 of an inch and produces heat that within seconds becomes intolerable, said lab spokeswoman Eva Hendren.

The sensation stops when the individual moves out of the beam. The beam does not cause injury because its penetration is so shallow, Hendren said.

Vehicles also could be equipped with high-powered lights to aid in searches, and an acoustics system such as the Long Range Acoustic Device, or LRAD, a high-powered bullhorn of sorts that emits an ear-piercing noise.

Marines in Iraq already are using the LRAD system. No decision on LRAD has been made, but the office has no alternative if it is not picked, Hall said. Critics of the LRAD system have said the ear-piercing noise could cause permanent damage and deafness. He said the military still is conducting studies.

The lethal portion of the projects includes a mounted rapid-fire gun that will be able to carry a diversity of medium- and small-caliber machine guns at a high rate of fire. The system under consideration is called Gunslinger and is under development at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va.

An Active Protection System would place an array of sensors that could deploy decoys and detect chemical or biological agents.

While the Pentagon is taking the lead in developing Project Sheriff, other agencies interested in the experiment's progress include the Justice, Energy, and State departments and the FBI, Hall said.

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Col. Wade Hall, program director for the Office of Force Transformation's "Project Sheriff" program, said Marines and Army soldiers in Iraq should have a new combination of lethal and nonlethal weapons systems by summer.

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IN THE WORLD

Putin bolsters grip on Russian security

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Responding to a spate of deadly terror attacks, President Vladimir Putin on Monday moved to significantly strengthen the Kremlin's grip on power, with new measures that include the naming of regional governors and an overhaul of the electoral system.

Putin told Cabinet members and security officials convened in special session that the future of Russia was at stake, and called for the creation of a central, powerful anti-terror agency.

"The organizers and perpetrators of the terror attack are aiming at the disintegration of the state, the breakup of Russia," he said. "We need a single organization capable of not only dealing with terror attacks but also working to avert them, destroy criminals in their hide-outs and, if necessary, abroad."

Putin's declaration followed a series of stunning terror attacks blamed on Chechen rebels, climaxing in the three-day school seizure in southern Russia in which more than 330 people were killed.

He said he would propose legislation abolishing the election of local governors by popular vote. Instead they would be nominated by the president and confirmed by local legislatures — removing the last vestiges of local autonomy already eroded during Putin's first term in office.

Putin explained his actions as necessary to streamline and strengthen the executive branch to make it more capable of combating terror.

But Putin's critics immediately assailed the proposal as a self-destructive effort that could fuel dissent in the provinces. "The abolition of elections in the Russian regions deals a blow to the foundations of Russian federalism and means the return to the extremely inefficient system of government," Sergei Mitrokhin, a leading member of the liberal Yabloko party, said in a statement.

Sergei Markov, a political analyst with close ties to the Kremlin, said the president's move against the governors could help curb corruption that has flourished in some regions.

"At the same time, it means ... a lowering of (their) general political authority and a serious lowering of political pluralism," Markov told Ekho Moskvy radio.

In another move aimed to strengthen the federal authorities, Putin recommended eliminating the individual races that currently fill half of the seats in the national parliament and have the entire lower house filled by parties on a proportional basis.

Putin said that the move would help foster dialogue by expanding the clout of political parties, but his opponents warned that it would further increase the clout of the Kremlin-controlled parliament factions that already enjoy an overwhelming majority in the lower house, the State Duma.

Europe shows greater resolve on Iran nukes

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The United States lobbied its allies Monday to have Iran hauled before the U.N. Security Council over its nuclear program as the world body's atomic watchdog agency considered how tough a line to take in pressuring Tehran to meet its demands.

Meanwhile, U.S. ally South Korea also came under criticism, with the agency's chief expressing "serious concern" over Seoul's failure to report nuclear activities that it was revealed date back to the 1980s.

The South Korean issue complicates U.S. efforts to rein in North Korea's nuclear program, the world's most worrisome. Pyongyang already used Seoul's admissions of some nuclear experiments to justify its weapons program.

On the issue of Iran's nuclear program, European powers have come closer to the U.S. position, proposing in a draft resolution that the International Atomic Energy Agency set a November deadline for Tehran to meet its demands aimed at clearing up fears it is developing weapons. It warns that failure to do so could "probably" lead to further steps — a reference to sending the issue to the Security Council, which could impose sanctions on Iran.

Washington wants that "trigger mechanism" in the resolution to be stronger, in part by removing the word "probably."

The United States appeared to soften its rhetoric on Iran before Monday's meeting of the IAEA's board of directors in apparent recognition that it might not get its way and have Iran referred to the council immediately.

But its case has been bolstered over the longer term, with European leaders voicing increasing worry over Tehran.

AP

From left, Zamani Nia, head of the Iranian delegation; Seyed Hossein Mousavian, senior official of Iran's Supreme National Security Council; and Pirooz Hosseini, Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, gather at Vienna's International Center on Monday. Iran's refusal to fully give up uranium enrichment to banish suspicions it is interested in nuclear arms set the stage for a confrontation, with the United States lobbying its allies to have Tehran hauled before the Security Council.

Terror suspect: Turkey a target if it doesn't cut ties with U.S.

BY JAMES C. HELICKE
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A suspected leader of a Turkish al-Qaida cell told a court Monday that last year's suicide bombings in Istanbul were part of al-Qaida's global campaign and warned of more attacks if Turkey continues to support U.S. policies or maintains close ties with Israel.

Defendant Harun Ilhan told the court that he and two other suspected ringleaders who remain at large — Habib Akdas and Gurcan Bac — were behind the November truck bombings that left 61 people dead.

"I accept that I am an al-Qaida warrior," said Ilhan, who opened his testimony with a brief prayer and at times refused to stand during the trial.

Ilhan, a bearded man who wore blue jeans and sports shoes to the hearing, also praised the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and warned that while Osama bin Laden is mortal "jihad (holy war) is eternal."

"Even if Osama dies, our jihad will continue," he told the court.

He also warned Turkey that if it supported the U.S. occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq and continued with friendly ties with Israel "we will never leave the Republic of Turkey, the price will be paid."

"The war is not over and it will continue until imperialist forces withdraw," from Muslim countries, he said.

Nine suspects, out of a total of 69 on trial for the suicide truck bombings, appeared in court Monday to testify for the first time.

Prosecutors are demanding life sentences for five suspects who they say played direct roles in the bombings. The other 64 could face prison sentences ranging from 4 ½ to 22 ½ years.

Another defendant, Adnan Ersoz, acknowledged in his testimony that he helped arranged a 2001 meeting between Abu Hafs al-Masri, a former top lieutenant of bin Laden, and Akdas.

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Ivan forces islanders to flee to rooftops

The Associated Press

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands — People stood on rooftops of flooded homes Monday in the Cayman Islands, pummeled by Hurricane Ivan before the massive storm strengthened to an extremely dangerous Category 5 storm and headed for Cuba.

The slow-moving hurricane, one of the strongest ever to hit the region, killed at least 68 people across the Caribbean before reaching the Caymans, where there were unconfirmed reports that its ferocious winds and waves caused at least two deaths.

Ivan's winds intensified to near 160 mph as it headed for western Cuba, threatening floods in the western Pinar del Rio province that is the biggest source of tobacco for the country's famed cigar industry. About 1.3 million of Cuba's 11.2 million people were evacuated from their homes, most taking refuge with friends and relatives.

Ivan was projected to pass near or over Cuba's western end by Monday evening.

President Fidel Castro toured western Cuba on Monday morning, stopping to discuss preparations with defense officials in the provincial capital of Pinar del Rio, where residents shouted "Fidel! Fidel!"

"We are so happy to have him close to us," said 78-year-old Elsa Ramos, when Castro visited the tobacco-growing town of San Juan y Martinez. "Fidel protects us from all bad things."

AP

Volunteers begin unpacking Meals, Ready to Eat for migrant workers who lined up for hurricane relief Sunday in Lake Worth, Fla. The Lake Worth area suffered severe damage from Hurricane Frances.

Ivan was expected to move into the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, threatening to make landfall in the Florida panhandle, Mississippi or Louisiana.

Ivan has killed at least 15 people in Jamaica, 39 in Grenada, five in Venezuela, one in Tobago, one in Barbados and four in the Dominican Republic and three in Haiti.

In Jamaica, stores and shelters filled with more than 15,000 people were running short of food, according to Nadene Newsome of Jamaica's emergency relief agency.

About 98 percent of the island was still without power, 40 roads were still blocked by debris and more than 700 people evacuated from the island's southern parishes where floodwaters reached as high as 15 feet.

The U.S. government has given $50,000 in emergency relief to Jamaica, said Jose Fuentes of USAID.

Though it didn't directly hit the Caymans' three-island chain, the storm lashed the British territory Sunday with 150-mph winds.

One quarter to one half of the 15,000 homes on the island suffered some damage said Donnie Ebanks, deputy chairman of the National Hurricane Committee. The Cayman Islands is a popular scuba diving destination and offshore banking center.

Panhandle prepares

ST. MARKS, Fla. — Residents of the Florida Panhandle got serious about boarding up windows, stocking food and worrying Monday as deadly Hurricane Ivan appeared to be heading in their direction as a "very formidable" hurricane.

At the other end of the state, people who had fled the Florida Keys were told the 120-mile island chain had dodged the storm's bullet and the 79,000 residents could go back home.

Emergency officials in several Panhandle counties were expected to decide Tuesday whether to order evacuations from rural fishing villages and beach communities as Ivan threatened to become the third hurricane to hit the state this summer.

Forecasters said Ivan, which strengthened back to a Category 5 storm Sunday night with wind up to 160 mph, could strike somewhere along a huge swath of the Gulf Coast by Wednesday after striking Cuba later Monday.

Meanwhile, President Bush planned to ask Congress on Monday for about $2.5 billion in additional aid to help Florida recover from its recent bout with hurricanes, congressional aides said.

The aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the request would not include potential damage from Ivan.

From The Associated Press

Protester scales palace walls

AP

A police officer, left, watches a protester dressed as Batman standing on a ledge Monday at London's Buckingham Palace. The protester, Jason Hatch, 33, is a member of the Fathers 4 Justice group, which is campaigning for greater custody rights for divorced or separated fathers. No member of the royal family was at the palace Monday.

Brits: N. Korea blast a planned demolition

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Monday that a huge cloud caused by an explosion near its border with China several days ago was the planned demolition of a mountain for a hydroelectric project, British media reported.

North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun said the blast was intentional, responding to a request for information from British Foreign Office minister Bill Rammell, who is visiting the North, the British Broadcasting Corp. quoted Rammell as saying.

North Korea told Britain's ambassador in Pyongyang, David Slinn, that he can visit the blast site as soon as Tuesday to verify its claims that the explosion was part of a construction project, the Press Association of Britain reported. Rammell had asked that ambassadors be allowed to visit the site.

A mammoth explosion Thursday in the isolated, communist North reportedly produced a mushroom cloud more than two miles across.

South Korean and U.S. officials had said Sunday they were trying to ascertain the cause of the huge cloud. The size of the reported explosion on the 56th anniversary of the foundation of North Korea had raised speculation that it might be a nuclear test. Secretary of State Colin Powell said there was no indication it was.

In an interview with the BBC, Rammell said Paek told him "that it wasn't an accident, that it wasn't a nuclear explosion, that it was a deliberate detonation of a mountain as part of a hydroelectric project." Rammell said he welcomed the explanation because North Korea is so secretive.

"If this is genuinely a deliberate detonation as part of a legitimate construction project then the North Koreans have nothing to fear and nothing to hide and should welcome the international community actually verifying the situation for themselves," Rammell said.

The Chinese news agency Xinhua quoted an unidentified North Korean official also as saying the blast was part of a power plant project. "We will closely look into whether that area is an area for constructing a hydroelectric power plant," South Korean Unification Minister Chung Dong-young said.

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IN THE STATES

Assault weapons ban expires without action

BY CHUCK OXLEY
The Associated Press

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BOISE, Idaho — The expiration Monday of a 10-year federal ban on assault weapons means firearms such as TEC-9s can now be legally bought — a development that has critics upset and gun owners pleased.

The 1994 ban, signed by President Clinton, outlawed 19 types of military-style assault weapons. A clause directed that the ban expire unless Congress specifically reauthorized it, which it did not.

Some of the 19 — foreign-made weapons such as the AK-47 and Uzi — are still banned under a 1989 law prohibiting imports of specific automatic weapons.

Studies by pro- and antigun groups as well as the Justice Department show conflicting results on whether the ban helped reduce crime. Loopholes allowed manufacturers to keep many weapons on the market simply by changing their names or altering some of their features or accessories.

The differences between assault weapons and guns on the market before the ban expired are "cosmetic," Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, said Monday on CBS's "The Early Show."

"To lead anyone to believe we're talking about a class of guns that's more powerful, makes bigger holes, shoots more rapidly is not true," LaPierre said.

Gun-control advocate Sarah Brady disagreed. "There's nothing cosmetic at all about this law," she said on "The Early Show."

Gun shop owners said the expiration of the ban would have little effect on the types of guns and accessories that are typically sold and traded across their counters every day.

However, the expiration could result in sharply lower prices for some weapons, said Sanford Abrams, owner of Valley Guns in Baltimore and vice president of the Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers Association.

Many states — including California, Massachusetts, New York and Hawaii — have passed their own laws curbing the use of assault weapons. U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, trumpeted the end of the federal law.

"President Clinton's so-called 'assault weapons' ban was nothing more than a sop to antigun liberals," Otter said Friday in a written statement. "It provided only the illusion of reducing gun violence, but it did real damage to our liberties."

But advocates for the ban, including the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, point to some particularly vicious shootings in which military-style weapons were used — including the 10 killings in the sniper shooting spree that terrorized residents in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., in 2002.

National police organizations such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and the Fraternal Order of Police all support the renewal of the ban. President Bush has said he would sign such a bill if Congress passed it.

The expiration of the assault weapons ban does not mean the end of federal background checks. The 1993 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act is separate legislation from the assault weapons ban, said Daniel Wells, chief of the FBI unit charged with overseeing the background checks system.

"The change in law relating to assault weapons has no impact on the Brady Law," Wells said.

Boise gunsmith Justin Davis predicted the biggest change in his business will be the ability of manufacturers and importers to market higher capacity ammunition magazines — the removable "clip" that holds and feeds bullets through guns.

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Powell, Ridge back intel director

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Monday endorsed creating a new national intelligence director to coordinate the nation's intelligence agencies, telling senators that giving the position real power will help keep America safe.

"A strong national intelligence director is essential," Powell told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee at a morning hearing. "That strength is gained by giving the NID full budget authority."

"In this town, it's the ultimate command and control," Ridge added.

The two secretaries also said a new intelligence director will also help them do their job.

"Do you believe that a strong national intelligence director … will improve the quality of intelligence you both receive?" asked Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, the committee's chairwoman.

"Yes, I do. We need a stronger empowered quarterback," Powell replied.

Ridge said "I concur" and said such a move likely would facilitate his access to intelligence.

President Bush last week endorsed the idea of combining most of the nation's nonmilitary intelligence agencies under a new national intelligence director, a recommendation that the committee investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks pushed strongly in its final report.

The panel also called for the director to have the power to decide how to spend money that Congress sets aside for nonmilitary intelligence work. Bush also supports that idea, as do many members of Congress.

The Sept. 11 commission said part of the problem before and on Sept. 11 was that the nation's 15 intelligence agencies were not working properly together, and said creating a strong intelligence director would force those agencies to cooperate.

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Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge appear before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill.

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US Airways gets OK to use federal loan to keep afloat

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT
The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A bankruptcy judge gave US Airways Group Inc. temporary permission Monday to use a government loan to fund daily operations — a move expected to allow the airline more time to find alternative financing.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Mitchell's ruling came a day after the nation's seventh largest airline filed for bankruptcy protection for the second time in two years. The filing came after US Airways was unable to obtain $800 million in annual cost cuts from its workers' unions that the airline said it needed to stay afloat.

An attorney representing US Airways said at the hearing Monday that the airline had no intention of liquidating.

"This management team isn't here to preside over a liquidation," Brian Leitch said, adding that the plan is to transform "into a vibrant competitor."

But Wall Street was skeptical. In midday trading Monday, US Airways shares plunged 60 cents, or 41 percent, to 86 cents per share on the NASDAQ stock market.

The company said financial deadlines looming Sept. 30 forced it to file now to conserve cash to navigate bankruptcy. The airline also had a $110 million pension payment due Wednesday if it had not sought protection.

The bankruptcy filing could cost federal taxpayers. The government loaned the airline $900 million last year as part of a special program to assist airlines after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and the airline still owes the United States $718 million.

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Bush derides Kerry's plans on health care

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

MUSKEGON, Mich. — President Bush on Monday denounced Sen. John Kerry's health care proposal as a government takeover that would trigger tax hikes.

"We have a difference of opinion in this campaign," Bush told supporters in western Michigan. "I'm running against a fellow who has got a massive, complicated blueprint to have our government take over the decision-making in health care.

"Not only is his plan going to increase the power of bureaucrats in your life, but he can't pay for it unless he raises your taxes."

The crowd booed.

While Bush leads Kerry in the polls when voters are asked who would keep the country safe, the president's numbers aren't as favorable when it comes to domestic matters. A recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll found 51 percent of registered voters disapproving of how Bush is handling such issues as health care, education and the environment.

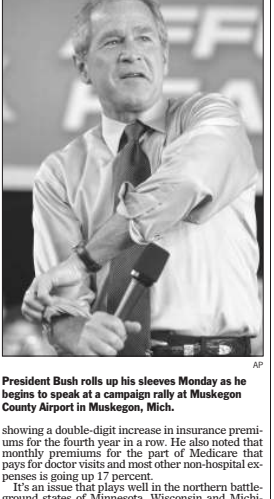
Sitting on stage with residents from Grand Rapids, Rockford and Muskegon, Bush outlined his health care ideas.

He said he wants small businesses to be allowed to pool resources to buy health insurance at discounts available to large companies. He also favors expanding health saving accounts and plans to propose a tax credit to help poor families and individuals buy coverage. Further, he wants to ensure that each of America's poorest communities has a health center to serve the underprivileged.

Kerry worked last week to turn the campaign focus to health care issues. At a round-table discussion in Des Moines, Iowa, he cited a new report showing a double-digit increase in insurance premiums for the fourth year in a row. He also noted that monthly premiums for the part of Medicare that pays for doctor visits and most other non-hospital expenses is going up 17 percent.

It's an issue that plays well in the northern battleground states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan where busloads of people regularly travel to Canada to fill their prescriptions.

Bush's speech in Muskegon was the first stop on two bus trips, focusing on health care, that the president will take this week in the Midwest. He'll be in Minnesota on Thursday.



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President Bush rolls up his sleeves Monday as he begins to speak at a campaign rally at Muskegon County Airport in Muskegon, Mich.

Kerry knocks Bush for allowing assault weapons ban to expire

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. John Kerry on Monday accused President Bush of ducking his responsibility to protect the country from crime and terrorism by allowing a national assault weapons ban to expire.

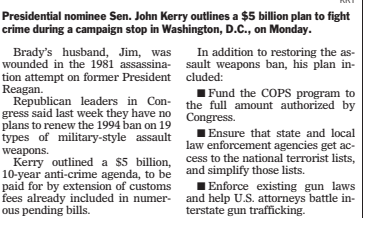
Kerry outlined his own $5 billion plan to fight crime and picked up the endorsement of the National Association of Police Organizations, a coalition of more than 2,000 police unions and associations.

"Today George Bush made the job of terrorists easier and made the job of America's law enforcement officers harder and that's just plain wrong," Kerry told a Washington audience.

Kerry said, "George Bush made a choice today. He chose his powerful friends in the gun lobby over the police officers and the families he promised to protect."

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said that was "another false attack from Senator Kerry." Bush believes the best way to curb gun violence is to enforce laws that are on the books, McClellan said, and he added that violent crime was at a 30-year low.

On CBS' "The Early Show," gun control advocate Sarah Brady said that allowing the ban to lapse was "purely political."



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Presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry outlines a $5 billion plan to fight crime during a campaign stop in Washington, D.C., on Monday.

Brady's husband, Jim, was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on former President Reagan.

Republican leaders in Congress said last week they have no plans to renew the 1994 ban on 19 types of military-style assault weapons.

Kerry outlined a $5 billion, 10-year anti-crime agenda, to be paid for by extension of customs fees already included in numerous pending bills.

In addition to restoring the assault weapons ban, his plan included:

- Fund the COPS program to the full amount authorized by Congress.
- Ensure that state and local law enforcement agencies get access to the national terrorist lists, and simplify those lists.
- Enforce existing gun laws and help U.S. attorneys battle interstate gun trafficking.

Democratic group courts blacks in new ad campaign

BY LIZ SIDOTI
The Associated Press

A group of Democratic insiders that has spent some $40 million on advertising against President Bush is rolling out new campaign commercials telling urban blacks "don't keep getting played" and accusing Bush of turning his back on them.

"Bush has a plan for America. But you're not part of it," says one television ad being released Monday. Another claims: "Bush said prosperity was right around the corner, but he wasn't talking about the corners in your neighborhood."

The Media Fund plans to spend a relatively large amount for minority media — about $5 million between now and Nov. 2 — on television, radio and print ads, mostly in presidential battlegrounds of Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Steve Schmidt, a Bush campaign spokesman, called the ads "divisive and baseless," and said they are "produced from a position of weakness."

Democrats have claimed that Republicans are working to suppress the black vote to help Bush win, particularly through radio and print ads by a Washington-based group called People of Color United. Its ads, funded largely by Republicans, criticized Democrat Sen. John Kerry as a "wishy-washy, rich, white politician" and his African-born wife Teresa Heinz Kerry as "elitist, rich and white."

Blacks historically have been loyal Democratic voters, and Kerry needs to ensure they turn out on Election Day if he is to defeat Bush.

> *"Bush said prosperity was right around the corner, but he wasn't talking about the corners in your neighborhood."*
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On Saturday, Kerry suggested that Republicans may try to keep black voters from casting their ballots to help Bush win in November. Speaking to the Congressional Black Caucus, he said: "We are not going to stand by and allow acts of voter suppression, and we're hearing those things again in this election."

Making the same argument, a new Media Fund radio ad claims: "The Republicans want you to sit out this election and simply stay home. Who are they fooling?"

Founded by former Clinton administration aide Harold Ickes and funded in part by billionaire philanthropist George Soros, the Media Fund is making its first major pitch to minorities. The Democratic National Committee also is courting black voters through ads and over the summer Kerry did some advertising targeted to blacks.

Editor's note: Three times a week, The Associated Press picks an issue and asks the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates a question about it.

On the issues

What steps do you support to improve national parks?

President Bush

"I have devoted $3.9 billion to maintenance projects, putting the Park Service on track to eliminate the maintenance backlog. My 2005 budget devotes more funds per employee, per acre and per visitor than at any time in the National Park Service's history. As a result of our efforts to prioritize maintenance projects, the National Park Service has more than 4,000 improvement projects completed, planned or under way in our national parks."

Sen. John Kerry

"We will keep faith with our clean air and water protections, and over the next five years, increase the operating budget of the National Parks Service by $600 million to put our parks back on a path toward recovery and restoration. We'll end George Bush's wrong decision to give snowmobiles free rein in our parks, and we won't side with special interests trying to drill in our national parks."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Civilians in uniform

In the letter "Civilians in uniforms" (Sept. 7), the writer says that civilians in uniform represent the American presence in Iraq in a sloppy manner. As a retired chief warrant officer and now a Department of the Army civilian in Iraq, I could not agree more. Most civilians (including myself) do a disservice to the uniform when wearing one and bring disrespect to the uniform by not wearing it properly.

However, what the writer fails to understand is that Department of Defense civilians are required to wear the battle dress uniform or desert camouflage uniform when they are deployed. But at the same time, they are not governed by haircut or facial hair regulations. Civilians do not have height and weight standard regulations to follow and are not required to participate in a physical fitness program.

Given these options, some DOD civilians choose not to get a haircut, shave or stay in shape. This does not mean they disrespect the military uniform. Like the military, DOD civilians place their lives on the line every day and make personal sacrifices to ensure the mission gets accomplished. The focus of the DOD civilian is to provide the best possible support to the war fighter.

What can be done so the writer isn't ashamed to stand next to a fellow American who is trying to make a difference in Iraq? Maybe a different uniform can be issued to civilians so the writer doesn't lose sleep worrying about the appearance of civilians. I also suggest the young sergeant look around his rank and make on-the-spot corrections to uniform violations I see every day.

Larry Bivens
Camp Anaconda, Iraq

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Military at fault, too

As a proud former servicemember stationed here in Kuwait, I find myself viewing soldiers in the garrison area every day in total violation of Army Uniform Regulation 670-1. Civilians are not the only ones not setting the standards for appearance. I personally have seen first sergeants and sergeants major pass soldiers with eyewear on their head, headgear on while indoors, mixed uniforms, items hanging from their necks and many more violations. They all seem to turn their heads as to not see the violations.

There is no need for starch uniforms in this environment unless you are a full-time garrison soldier, unlike those who are really putting their lives on the line out there in the scorching. But I, along with my co-workers, find that the uniform standards have fallen way down and that no one enforces them the way we retired servicemembers did on a daily basis.

I don't find it degrading or disrespectful for any servicemember to stand up to another and tell them when they are in uniform violation. So noncommissioned officers, take charge: The real problem is not the civilians, but those soldiers who still serve.

D. A. Ocasio
Kuwait

Wafers and Communion

In the letter "Church not wrong" (Sept. 6) about the mother who is fighting for the Roman Catholic Church to accept a symbolic piece of wafer made from rice instead of wheat so her daughter can take Communion, the writer says the mother should have accepted an offer of wine alone as good enough, because the church says it is acceptable.

The writer says, "According to Catholic doctrine, sacramental wine is enough to transmit grace to the receiver, just as with sacramental bread alone."

Since when did wine or bread transmit grace? Only God can give grace. Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples. Bread was broken to start the meal, they ate other things as well, and at the end they drank as one, sharing the cup. Why today do we have wafers? Why do we have juice? Our busy lives and full schedules do not allow for a real meal together. Shame on us and shame on the church. Man has taken all of these blessings given unto us and turned them into something nearly meaningless.

Mom, know you and your daughter are OK in my book, just be sure you are OK in the Lord's, as well.

Sgt. 1st Class Danny Anderson
Camp Cooke, Iraq

Genesis flops after parachute fails

Chicago Tribune

As the fragile cargo dispatched from the Genesis spacecraft neared Earth on Wednesday, stunt helicopter pilots practiced again and again the delicate maneuver that would be required to latch onto its parachute so it could be brought gently home.

Then the unthinkable happened. The parachute never deployed. The pilots watched helplessly as Genesis' precious cargo crashed to the ground at nearly 200 miles an hour.

Until the very end, this latest NASA project to explore the beginnings of the solar system seemed headed for stunning success.

Genesis was launched in August 2001 to collect bits of solar wind that scientists hoped would explain how the sun and planets were formed billions of years ago. Now it's not known if any of the data — a billion billion charged atoms — Genesis collected over the last three years can be salvaged without contamination from the crash site in Utah. NASA hired the stunt pilots to hook the capsule because it feared that, even with the parachute properly deployed, the landing would be too jarring for the delicate cargo.

It may be too facile to say this was just another basic equipment failure for a space agency that has been plagued by them. But in all of NASA's preparations over the course of this $260 million mission, this eventuality — what if the parachute doesn't open? — wasn't considered likely.

NASA insists it had in place contingency plans for a crash and it activated those. It also insists it's too soon to write off this mission as a total loss. But there's no question the malfunctioning parachute transformed the mission in seconds from success to failure.

All the years of careful science poured into Genesis has gone for naught because something very basic didn't work. This has serious implications for other NASA exploratory missions in the pipeline. It renews questions about NASA's competence.

The Genesis mission was aptly named. It was designed to investigate the beginnings of the solar system. Now NASA must investigate the Genesis mission itself. No program designed by and executed by humans will ever be flawless, but the failure of such basic components is incomprehensible.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Assess Abu Ghraib from outside looking in

The Washington Post

A day of congressional hearings Thursday confirmed two glaring gaps in the Bush administration's response to hundreds of cases of prisoner abuse in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The first is one of investigation: Major allegations of wrongdoing, including some touching on Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other senior administration officials, have yet to be explored by any arms-length probe.

The second concerns accountability. Although several official panels have documented failings by senior military officers and their superiors in Washington, those responsible face no sanction of any kind, even as low-ranking personnel are criminally prosecuted. To use the phrase of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., this "is beginning to look like a bad movie."

Rumsfeld has frequently boasted of the number of Pentagon investigations into the abuse scandal and has maintained that no others are necessary. Yet the senior officer in charge of one of those probes, Gen. Paul Kern, told the Senate Armed Services Committee of two major areas that remain unexplored. One is the Army's accommodation of dozens of "ghost prisoners" held by the CIA and deliberately hidden from the International Red Cross in violation of the Geneva Conventions and Army regulations. Rumsfeld has acknowledged that at least one of those prisoners was held by his personal order — an order that two former secretaries of defense, James Schlesinger and Harold Brown, testified was "not consistent" with international law.

Kern reported that the CIA had flatly refused to provide his team with information about the ghost prisoners or their handling — prompting McCain's acerbic comment.

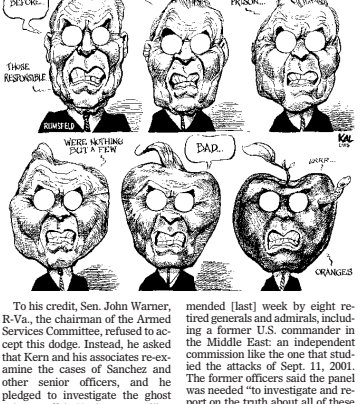
The only investigation of those cases under way — other than the internal review the CIA claims to be conducting behind its stone wall — is assigned to the Army's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Paul Mikolashek. Yet Mikolashek has already delivered one report purporting to find no evidence of such detainees, and according to reporting by Elise Ackerman of the Knight Ridder news service, Mikolashek himself commanded ground forces in Afghanistan at a time when ghost detainees were being held.

Kern also acknowledged that the Pentagon has never answered the critical question of how harsh interrogation techniques promoted by Rumsfeld and other political appointees at the Pentagon and the Justice Department "found their way into documentation that we found at Abu Ghraib," the notorious prison outside Baghdad. As Sen. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., pointed out, those techniques were "way out of bounds"; "inappropriately" classified memos, he said, show that professional military lawyers opposed them from the beginning because "they violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice, they violated international law and they would get our people in trouble."

Nevertheless, as Kern put it, tactics that were "being debated back here in the United States found [their] way into the hard drives of the computers that we found in the prison." No investigation has clarified that "migration," or why Rumsfeld and other senior officials allowed it to occur even after the methods they proposed were determined to be improper.

Nor has the malfeasance by senior officials so far documented been attached to any formal consequences. Investigators confirmed that senior officers in the headquarters of Iraq commander in chief Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, including two generals, knew of the illegal abuses at Abu Ghraib but failed to report them to more senior commanders. Sanchez himself twice signed off on interrogation policies that, the investigators found, contained illegal methods and opened the way to abuses. Yet none of these senior officers faces the courts-martial of more junior personnel, or any other sanction.

Rather, the Bush administration's investigators are striving to protect them: Kern insisted that Sanchez was "a hero."



To his credit, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, refused to accept this dodge. Instead, he asked that Kern and his associates re-examine the cases of Sanchez and other senior officers, and he pledged to investigate the ghost prisoner affair. Yet it seems unlikely that a single congressional committee, buffeted by the pressures of an election year, will succeed in filling the holes it has uncovered.

The best solution is that recommended [last] week by eight retired generals and admirals, including a former U.S. commander in the Middle East: an independent commission like the one that studied the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The former officers said the panel was needed "to investigate and report on the truth about all of these allegations, and to chart a course for how practices that violate the law should be addressed." As Thursday's hearings showed, the Bush administration has failed at both those tasks.

Fourth Estate is friendly territory for Kerry crowd

Jack Kelly

In the event Sen. John Kerry loses the presidential election, it won't be the end of the world for him. He'll still be a U.S. senator married to a billionaire.

For the Democrats — an anti-war party that has been masquerading as a pro-war party — a choice must be made. Will they follow their Deaniac impulses into the political wilderness for a generation? Or will they compete again for the political center?

The big losers could be the major media, which have discarded all pretense of objectivity, fairness and truth in their efforts to defeat President Bush.

CBS and The Boston Globe are trying to resurrect for the third time the "controversy" over Bush's service in the Air National Guard. (For those of you who were living on another planet in January and February, Bush missed five months of drills in the spring and summer of 1972 when he moved from Texas to Alabama to work on a political campaign. This was permissible, provided he made them up later, as the record indicates he did.)

On "60 Minutes II" Wednesday, CBS broadcast an interview with Ben Barnes, who claimed he used his influence to help Bush get into the Texas National Guard. Barnes, one of Kerry's leading fund-raisers, had been claiming he had exerted his influence on behalf of Bush as lieutenant governor, until he was reminded that Bush entered the Texas Air National Guard in the spring of 1968, and Barnes didn't become lieutenant governor until 1969.

The Globe said in a story Sept. 8 that "no one has come forward with any credible recollection of having witnessed Bush performing guard service in Alabama." Retired Lt. Col. John "Bill" Calhoun, who ran the safety office of the 187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, to which Bush was assigned for his Alabama drills, told The Associated Press in February that he saw Bush every drill period.

Why doesn't The Globe consider Calhoun a credible witness?

The Globe goes on to confuse service in the Selected Reserve (which requires attendance at drills) with service in the inactive Reserve, to charge, falsely, that Bush missed drills when he was attending Harvard Business School in the fall of 1973. (Bush had completed his drilling service obligation the preceding June and July.)

NBC's "Today" program has never had a member of Swift Boat Veterans for Truth as a guest, but is allotting three mornings for interviews with Kitty Kelley, who has written a book alleging that the young George W. Bush was a cocaine user.

Newsweek magazine was given the opportunity to excerpt Kelley's book, but declined, because her previous journalistic efforts rarely have risen to the standards of the National Enquirer.

Good thing. Kelley alleges that her source for the cocaine story is Sharon Bush, embittered ex-wife of Neil Bush, black-sheep brother of George W. and Jeb. Sharon Bush issued the following statement: "I categorically deny that I ever told Kitty Kelley that George W. Bush used cocaine at Camp David. … Although there have been tensions between me and various members of the Bush family, I cannot allow this falsehood to go unchallenged."

The major media, by and large, are slinging mud for the Democratic Party. This has not gone unnoticed.

At the Republican convention, Fox News had more viewers than either CBS, ABC and NBC. Never before had a cable network drawn more than a small fraction of the audiences of the broadcast networks.

Half or more of America's voters are likely to vote for Bush in November. They do not take it kindly when news organizations slant, twist, massage and ignore facts in order to boost his opponent, and they are taking their business elsewhere.

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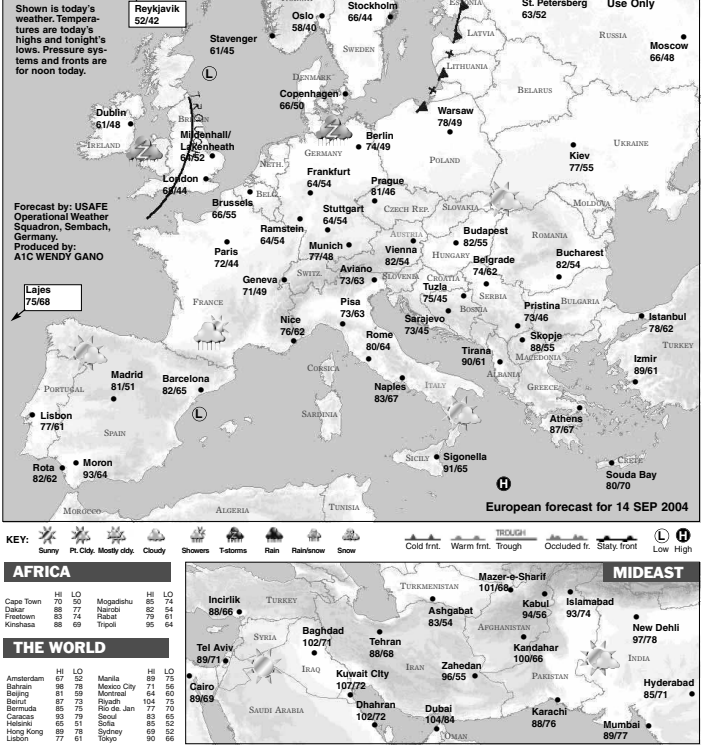
Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Benelux: Mostly cloudy with morning rainshowers. High temperatures will be in the lower to mid 60s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers, isolated thunderstorms, and gusty winds. High temperatures will be in the lower to upper 60s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower to mid 70s.

France: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. High temperatures will be in the mid 60s to mid 70s.

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon and gusty winds. High temperatures will be in the mid 60s to mid 70s.

Southern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the mid 60s to upper 70s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower 80s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. High temperatures will be in the lower to upper 70s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower 80s to lower 90s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower to mid 70s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. High temperatures will be in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly to mostly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower 80s to lower 90s.

Turkey: Sunny to partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the upper 70s to upper 80s.

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Helsinki	65	51	Sofia	85	52
Hong Kong	89	78	Sydney	69	52
Lisbon	77	61	Tokyo	90	66

SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (London)	0531	0532
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0500	0502
Sunset (London)	1815	1812
Sunset (Frankfurt)	1741	1739

New moon Sept 14 · First qtr. Sept 21 · Full moon Sept 28 · Last qtr. Oct 6

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Birmingham	86	66	PCldy
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Boston	68	56	Cldy
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Burlington,Vt.	76	60	Cldy
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Casper	65	35	PCldy
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Geraldo sues N.J. co-op board

Geraldo Rivera is suing the co-op board of the housing development he lives in, alleging members wrongly kept a $10,000 deposit on one of his properties and prevented him from buying another.

Rivera

The Fox News senior correspondent owns two homes in the 26-acre Edgewater Colony, where **New Jersey** residents own their homes but share ownership of the land.

Rivera said the board refuses to return the security deposit for construction of the first home he bought about five years ago, among other allegations.

"They are arbitrarily and capriciously interfering with my house, down to minimalist details like whether or not I should have a fish tank, or whether I should plant a certain kind of flower or tree," he told The Record of **Bergen County** for Saturday's editions.

Karen Painter Randall, a lawyer for Edgewater Colony, said the lawsuit is "entirely without merit."

"We intend to aggressively defend the case and have reserved our right to seek an award of counsel fees and costs due to the frivolous nature of the lawsuit," she said in a written statement.

Pope's life made for TV

Italian producers began shooting a television film about the life of **Pope John Paul II** in southern **Poland**, where the pontiff grew up and began his church career.

The film crew began shooting scenes Saturday of a young and athletic **Karol Wojtyla** kayaking in Lake Dobczyce near **Krakow**, where he served as bishop from the 1950s, said **Marcin Marcinkiewicz**, a spokesman for the producers.

"Karol, the story of a man who became pope" is to be broadcast in two 90-minute segments on Italian television. Production is expected to finish next spring, but no date has been set for the broadcast.

The film is adapted from a historical account by Italian writer **Gian Franco Svidercoschi**, with the first part set during World War II and the second in postwar Poland.

"The pope has seen the screenplay," Marcinkiewicz told The Associated Press. While most of the movie will be filmed in Poland, some scenes will be shot at the **Vatican**, he said.

Both Italian director **Giacomo Battiato** and the actor who plays the pope, 32-year-old **Piotr Adamczyk**, say they feel intimidated by depicting a character of the pope's stature.

Bombings force cancellations

Singer **Alicia Keys** and British violin act **Bond** have canceled concerts in the Indonesian capital after last week's deadly suicide attack on the Australian Embassy.

Keys

A spokesman for promoter **Java Musikindo** said Saturday that both acts were due to play **Jakarta** next month but have pulled out due to Thursday's bombing, which killed nine people and wounded more than 170.

Indonesia has been hit by a series of bombings in recent years that have led many acts to avoid playing in the country. In recent months, however, several popular Western bands performed there.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

AP

Country artist Terri Clark relaxes in her dressing room backstage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. Each track on Terri Clark's greatest hits package represents a story in her 10-year career — some serious, some humorous, but all part of her path from obscurity to becoming a country star.

Onward, upward for Terri Clark

Country singer mirrors Reba's career track

BY WALTER TUNIS
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Canadian-born singer Terri Clark sees a parallel trajectory in the patterns she and her idol Reba McEntire took to country stardom.

Specifically, Clark didn't lay permanent claim to the top of the country charts when her self-titled debut album was released in 1995.

But sturdy, career-defining hits came quickly with a string of rockish and rugged top 10 singles that included "When Boy Meets Girl" and "Better Things to Do."

She picked up her first ACM and Country Music Association awards nominations the following year as accomplished hits continued to pepper the charts.

Among them: a vigorous cover of the late Warren Zevon's "Poor Poor Pitiful Me" — a '70s smash for another of Clark's idols, Linda Ronstadt.

But matching the commercial star power of such contemporaries as Faith Hill, McEntire and fellow Canadian Shania Twain has eluded Clark.

That's something she hopes to correct. The recent "I Wanna Do It All" was a Top 5 hit, while "Girls Lie Too" roared up the country charts faster than any of Clark's previous singles.

"You can look at a lot of artists that didn't hit their strides until 10 years into their career," she said by phone from Vancouver.

"It took Reba forever. She had five or six albums out on Mercury, switched to MCA and it still took an album or two there for her to really kick in.

"Some artists just build into a career and explode later on. I think it remains to be seen what will happen with me. But to be nine years into a recording career and now have the fastest-rising single of my career is unbelievable."

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> **Terri Clark**
> Country singer

Regardless of how large Clark's star profile becomes, one major career goal will be achieved this month when she joins the Grand Ole Opry.

An invitation was extended by Russell Springs' favorite son Steve Wariner when Clark played a televised Opry show June 12.

"All they told me when I went onstage was to sing the first song, talk for about 30 seconds and then sing the second song," Clark said.

"Then when Steve walked out after the first one, all I could think of was, 'Hello. We're on TV here.' I freaked out, because I thought something had gone terribly wrong. Then I saw my mother there. It was quite a moment."

For Clark, membership in the Opry is as much a family triumph as a career milestone.

Her grandparents were country stars in Canada and regularly opened concerts for such Opry legends as Little Jimmy Dickens.

Clark also views the honor as a belated tribute to her grandmother, Betty Gauthier, who died in January.

"I have a letter my grandmother wrote me when I was about 13. She told how hard this kind of career was going to be, about how I needed to stick it out and keep my chin up. So it's just wild for me now to be standing up on an Opry stage looking at Little Jimmy Dickens knowing my grandfather sat up drinking with him in 1954 in a bar in Canada."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Slithery surprise

NY POTSDAM — A northern New York woman taking a used car out for a test drive found a little something extra under the hood: a 3-foot snake.

Margaret Brusso took a 1999 Honda Accord out for a ride after spotting the car at a dealership in Potsdam. When she noticed the car's hood was ajar, she decided to take a look at the engine.

A Saint Lawrence County sheriff's deputy with experience handling snakes corralled the ball python, an African snake that can grow up to six feet in length. The snake, named Zayla, had escaped its owner's home earlier this summer. It has since been returned to its owner.

Dorm space needed

SC COLUMBIA — State officials signed off on a plan that could allow South Carolina State University in Orangeburg to begin building a 750-bed dormitory. The Budget and Control Board approved the $36 million project. The school currently has a housing shortage and needs more than 300 beds.

Architect helps the poor

IL CHICAGO — Renowned architect Helmut Jahn has designed sleek, one-of-a-kind structures for bankers and office workers, dabbled in sports and entertainment venues and even erected a modern airline terminal. But one of his latest structures is an environmentally friendly structure intent on a larger purpose: housing the poor.

Jahn's stainless steel and glass "single room occupancy" building is expected to be built next year on a vacant lot.

The silver structure will consist of 100 units, and includes public areas where residents can meet and socialize. But more importantly, homeless advocates say, it will draw attention to the "supportive housing movement," which promotes single room occupancy buildings as a way to ease the homeless problem.

Farmers in need of aid

ND BISMARCK — Gov. John Hoeven said a recent study of the state's crop losses shows the need for federal disaster aid. An assessment by North Dakota State University shows net crop losses of $329 million, after factoring in insurance, in the state this year. The total hit to the state's economy is estimated at $1 billion. Farmers across the state were battered by various weather problems, including drought, flooding, and early frost.

DMV waives fees

WA SEATTLE — A computer error prevented the state Licensing Department from notifying about 152,000 people that their driver's licenses were expiring in July, August and September, officials say. Because of the problem, the agency is waiving the usual $10 fee for motorists who miss the deadline. The computer mistakenly showed the holders of the affected licenses had already been sent notices.

WWII park in works

WY POWELL — A National Park Service study recommends that the site of the World War II Japanese-American internment camp west of Powell be considered for National Historical Landmark designation.

The Heart Mountain Relocation Center site was one of nine properties recommended for historic landmark designation out of the 37 sites examined nationwide. The study focused on sites associated with Japanese-American exclusion, relocation and detention and with Japanese-American service in the U.S. Military during World War II.

School settles lawsuit

VT RUTLAND — The Rutland school district settled a lawsuit filed on behalf of a hearing impaired student who claimed the district didn't provide him a certified sign language interpreter. The district agreed to provide Nathan Netsch, 17, a Rutland High School senior, with an interpreter certified in American Sign Language. Parents Sally and Gary Netsch filed the lawsuit, alleging their son couldn't participate in classes without the interpreter. Nathan Netsch can't hear spoken languages.

Mower racing David Long leans into a turn during the finals of the Mowdown Showdown at Possum Trot Days in Walnut Grove, Mo. Long says leaning off the seat and shifting his weight forward is his key to success.

Construction on hold

HI LIHUE — University regents have delayed plans to create a new college of pharmacy at the University of Hawaii-Hilo because of financing concerns.

The proposed pharmacy college would open in 2007 and have 66 students, with 75 percent from Hawaii. It would be the state's first pharmacy school and help the state meet its needs for pharmacists, which UH-Hilo estimates at 40 per year.

The startup budget for the new building would be about $20 million plus a yearly $2 million subsidy from the state.

Party brings trouble

TX SAN ANTONIO — All 42 students cited for underage drinking at a party at a high school teacher's home entered no contest pleas.

The students were fined $65 each, but all received deferred adjudication at hearings, a municipal court clerk said.

That means the charge will not appear on their records if they successfully complete a 180-day probation period and attend a required eight-hour substance abuse education seminar.

Authorities have not identified the teacher, who has been suspended with pay pending the investigation.

Officials said the teacher and her husband claimed they were asleep upstairs and did not know that more than 60 football players, band members and cheerleaders were drinking alcohol in their home.

Superintendent Mario Sotelo said the students involved were suspended for one football game. The eight football players also had to run 1,000 extra yards at daily practices for a week, he said.

Helping to fight terror

WV MORGANTOWN — West Virginia University is developing a portable, high-tech computer system that could be loaded into airplanes to help pinpoint illegal drug cultivation, identify terrorist enclaves or find a stranded hiker. Project Oculus is a creation of WVU's Center for Industrial Research Applications, funded with nearly $800,000 in research contracts from anti-drug programs in the Department of Defense and the National Guard.

Casinos plan expansion

IA TAMA — Some Iowa casinos are planning expansions to meet growing demand, as the popularity of televised poker tournaments brings more players to the table. Officials at the Meskwaki casino near Tama say the casino's $100 million renovation likely will include more poker tables. Texas Hold'em tournaments on the Travel Channel and ESPN have "totally revived" poker at the casino, spokeswoman Betsy McCloskey said.

Jayhawk dunking Chris Claxton, city of Leawood parks and recreation director and University of Missouri fan, holds up a toy Jayhawk that she was trying to drown after being dunked during a United Way benefit at Ironwoods Park in Leawood, Kan.

Breaking a sweat Southern University women's tennis team members' legs move back and forth in scissor kicks as they exercise to strengthen their abdominal muscles at practice in Baton Rouge, La.

A unique view Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim gets an eye-level view of the Virginia Zoo's newest exhibit, a prairie dog habitat that includes underground viewing bubbles, in Norfolk, Va.

Circus dogs

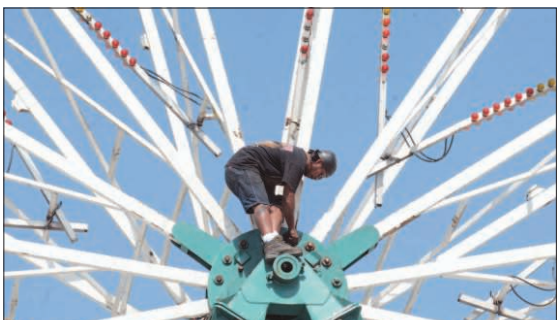
Jennifer Walker, of Walker Brothers Circus, and a troupe of performing dogs entertains crowds gathered at the Boyle County Fairgrounds in Danville, Ky.

Mmmm, good

Jada Dunson, 4, bites into a coconut cream pie as her father, Arville, cheers her on during a pie eating contest for children at the Gold Star Chili Fest in Cincinnati.

A grand view

Will Gadd, a Canadian professional paraglider, flies over the Grand Canyon in Arizona becoming the first paraglider to cross the Grand Canyon.



A dangerous job

Lao Yang of Milwaukee secures the arms to the center of the Ferris wheel as workers assemble the ride at the Lee County Agri-center in Verona, Miss.

33 years after Attica

NY ALBANY — State employees who survived the 1971 Attica prison riot, or their relatives, will hold a memorial service in Attica to mark the 33rd anniversary of America's bloodiest prison riot. The victims and families are still seeking a settlement with the state for compensation and an apology for the actions of state officials that they say resulted in the disastrous retaking of Attica prison from inmates.

Army practices on goats

CO COLORADO SPRINGS — The Army used to injure dogs to help train medics in combat medicine. Critics complained, so it switched to goats.

Now that practice is under attack.

Humane Society officials are fuming over a Fort Carson exercise in which goats are intentionally wounded, practiced on by Army combat medics, then euthanized.

An Army spokesman said the training can save lives, but the Humane Society said the military could spare the goats by relying on electronic simulations instead.

An Army spokesman confirmed the animals are killed and cremated after the training exercise.

Inmate neglected

TX DALLAS — A mentally ill Dallas County jail inmate was cut off from drinking water for nearly two weeks and denied psychiatric medication for almost two months, according to an internal investigation. He nearly died.

James Monroe Mims, 53, was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital after jail trustees found him incoherent on the floor of his cell. Mims spent three months in the hospital, including a month in intensive care, before pulling through, family members said.

A spokeswoman for District Attorney Bill Hill said Hill would consider an investigation if the family requests one.

Parkland emergency room nurses found Mims to be critically ill, suffering from severe dehydration and kidney failure, The News reported. They told investigators he had been lying unaided for a lengthy period of time, and that a lack of water nearly killed him.

Mims was charged in 1978 with two counts of attempted murder in the shooting of two Dallas police officers during a domestic standoff. He was declared mentally incompetent to stand trial, however, and has been in state mental hospitals since.

Grizzly rebound

WY JACKSON — The number of grizzly bears with cubs in the Yellowstone area appears to be rebounding, which could bolster efforts to remove the animals from the endangered species list, biologists said Friday.

A preliminary tally by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team showed 48 females with cubs, up from last year's count of 38.

The increase likely reflects the natural reproductive cycle, said Mark Haroldson, a biologist with the study team. Female grizzlies typically reproduce only once every three years.

Festering wounds

CA LOS ANGELES — Ignacio Pina was 6 when immigration officers came to his Montana home, held his family behind bars for a week, then herded them onto a train bound for Mexico — a country he and his five siblings had never seen.

It was 1931, the first year of a decade-long effort to remove Mexicans to free up jobs in a U.S. economy mired in the Great Depression. Estimates of the number of people caught in the raids range from 500,000 to 2 million, with researchers agreeing that they included tens of thousands of legal immigrants, as well as children like Pina who were born in the United States.

"Mexican Repatriation," authorized by President Hoover and carried out in cooperation with local authorities, targeted areas with large Hispanic populations, mostly in California, Texas and Michigan. It left festering emotional wounds that for many have still not healed.

Fraternity shut down

CO DENVER — The Colorado State University chapter of a fraternity where a 19-year-old woman was found dead was shut down the same day the school's Greek system adopted rules barring alcohol from sorority and fraternity houses and some parties.

The Sigma Pi house was closed after university officials said an investigation turned up violations of alcohol rules during the past year.

Samantha Spady, a sophomore business major from Beatrice, Neb., was found dead in a lounge at the fraternity house. Police suspect drinking contributed to her death and have ruled out foul play. The Larimer County coroner had not determined the cause of death.

Investigators believe she had been dead for 12 hours before a fraternity member found her body.

Cross-dresser arrested

PA GREENSBURG — A man who was fixated on a former cheerleader for 13 years was arrested after he allegedly entered a high school locker room and claimed he was a cheerleading coach, police said.

Robert Domansky, who dresses as a woman and goes by the name Kelly Dawn Hullengaugh, was charged with trespassing, identity theft, stalking and other offenses, Greensburg police Capt. George Seranko said.

Police believe Domansky, 48, changed his name after becoming fixated on Hullengaugh — a former high school cheerleader who has since been married, divorced and has a different last name.

He uses the woman's name on his driver's license and has tattoos depicting her name and picture, Seranko said.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Joyce Jillson

The new moon is in Virgo, along with such heavy hitters as Jupiter and Mars (not to make light of Virgo's guiding planet, Mercury, in the sign of helpful improvements, too). The new moon always signifies a perfect start date for new ventures, but this one is particularly stellar, as you've got gumption, good intentions and common sense.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 14). You've got your mojo turned up this year. You capture the hearts of people who want to pay you more, romance you and make your way easy. Your sense of fairness drives you to better relationships this month, contributing to your good financial fortune in October. Travel in November. Heart connections are with Libra or Sagittarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're enthusiastic about your work, and it gains momentum because of this excitement. Avoid the tendency to back off right when something good happens. Your wit and dry humor attract love like crazy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stars highlight the more easygoing facets of your personality. You're surrounded by people who let you be you, so it's easy for you to return the favor by tolerating the eccentricities of others. Let your hair down tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got the gift of economy. Much can be done with very little effort when you have a solid plan. If there are no instructions for the task you face, modeling yourself after one you admire is the easiest way to stay on track.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may feel unproductive, but don't think for a second that it's true. Consider broadening your definition of work to include all that needs doing by you. It will help you to feel proud of yourself (instead of frustrated) at day's end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you're bigger-than-life response to events is part of your Leo charm, it's important not to overreact. Losing your cool is off-putting, whereas keeping it shows you're capable of handling great responsibility (and great reward).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your actions reflect your values, and your values dictate your actions. Make sure you're spending time on tasks that correctly represent your priorities. People who call you only when they need you are not true friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your relationships and emotional life take most of the focus — in fact, it's hard to concentrate on anything else. It appears you're stuck between a rock and a hard place, but another person looking at your situation would say, "Sweet."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be bumping into friendly, interesting people everywhere you go — you'll learn something valuable from the person sitting in the seat next to you. Use your psychic sense to invest. The logical choice is not the winning one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're attractive but may you wish you weren't. The all-encompassing love of a partner overwhelms you or makes you want to flee. The more independence you exert, the more someone wants to get closer to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are ready to raise the stakes in a relationship — put more of your heart (and your lifestyle) on the line. Singles could ask the question that makes their palms sweat. Couples could intertwine their lives further.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just relax. If you are anxious, you won't be able to react quickly. As the martial arts teach, it is the force of speed, not muscle, that allows a relatively slight person to break through a concrete slab.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You must remain positive to keep the team going. But being positive can mean identifying potential trouble sources so you can steer clear. Don't be afraid to speak up if you're the only one who sees a possible problem ahead.

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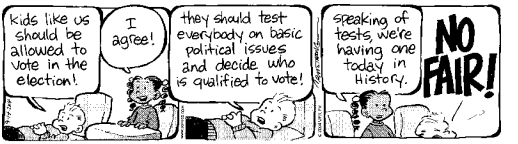
Jump Start



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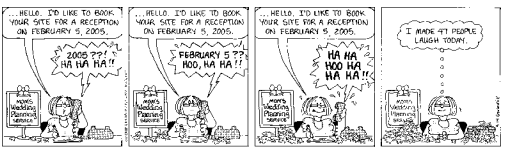

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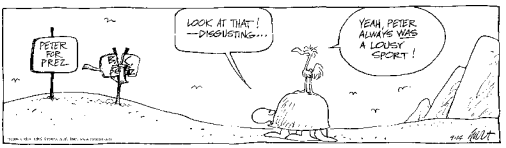

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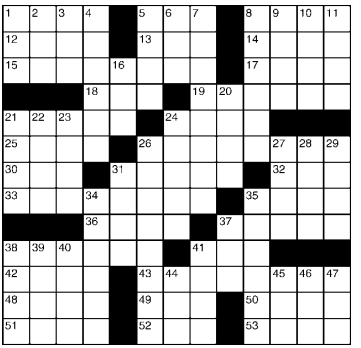

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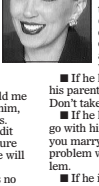
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN NEWBORN DUCKS HEAR BALLROOM MUSIC, DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY DANCE CHICK TO CHICK?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals P

Warning signs for failed marriage

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: Two weeks ago, my husband let it slip that he wants a divorce. Since we were married, his personality has changed completely. He is not the man I married.

I would like to pass along some tips for anyone considering marriage, and share some of the bright-red flags I chose to ignore.

■ If your parents or siblings have doubts about him, pay attention. Listen and check it out.

■ If your intended has nothing good to say about his ex, beware. This is a pattern. Divorce is rarely only one person's fault.

■ If his children have nothing to do with him, do not believe him if he says his ex brainwashed them against him.

My stepchildren have told me it was because they hated him, and they have good reasons.

■ Look closely at his credit and job history. They are sure predictors of what your life will be like.

■ If he's over 30 and has no money, do not let him move in with you, and don't marry him until he's financially solvent. If he has any respect for you (and himself), he'll insist on it.

■ Be sure in your heart that you can live with him AS IS. You cannot change another person.

■ This is a biggie: Beware if he has no friends. It is not true that they all chose to side with his ex.

■ If your friends dislike him, pay attention. This is also true if he hates your friends.

■ If he has more than one DUI and still drinks, run! — If he is one personality at work or with others, and another person alone with you, run.

■ If he has nothing to do with his parents, investigate why. Don't take his word for it.

■ If he has sexual problems, go with him to a doctor before you marry him. Believe me, his problem will become your problem.

■ If he is emotionally or verbally abusive, it will only get worse. Yelling, name-calling and glowering are classic signs of an abuser.

■ If he is never wrong and never apologizes, everything will be "your fault" forever. And after years of hearing it, you may even start to accept the blame.

■ And if he's mean to children, pets or animals, recognize that he's pathological, and the next victim could be you.

I am now 100 percent disabled and in danger of losing everything. I was taken in by someone who came to regard me as a disposable item. I only hope my letter will save someone else from the heartbreak I'm experiencing.

— Eyes Wide Open in Mississippi

Dear Eyes Wide Open: Your letter is brimming with well-thought-out advice, and I hope my readers will heed it. I wish you luck.

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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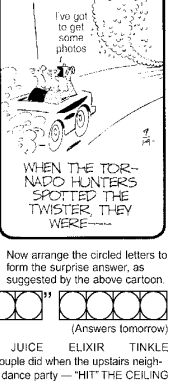
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



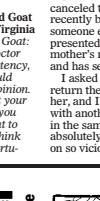
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LAUGH JUICE ELIXIR TINKLE
Answer: What the couple did when the upstairs neighbors had a dance party — "HIT" THE CEILING

Husband springs Viagra on wife

Annie's Mailbox



Dear Annie: My 70-year-old husband recently had his annual physical. His report came back perfect. Yet, my husband of 47 years came home with a prescription for Viagra.

I am angry. I maintain that I had a right to be included in this decision. He says I am "way off base and it's no big deal." Is he right? Do physicians routinely prescribe Viagra to 70-year-old men with no questions regarding the support of their wives on this issue? I would like to hear from other older women in similar circumstances.

— Married to the Old Goat in Virginia

Dear Married to the Old Goat: If your husband told his doctor that he suffered from impotency, it's unlikely the doctor would have asked you for your opinion. The question is, why didn't your husband discuss this with you first? Many older men want to feel virile and young and think Viagra is the answer. Unfortunately, not all wives are happy about the additional stress this can put on their sex lives. You're overdue for a long discussion.

Dear Annie: Two years ago, my darling 35-year-old daughter, "Celine," became engaged. There was no money for a ring, so I offered her a diamond that had been in my family for years. Celine and her fiance had the diamond reset into a beautiful engagement ring. She paid for this herself.

Several months later, Celine canceled the engagement. She recently became engaged to someone else, and this man presented her with his grandmother's ring, which is gorgeous and has several diamonds.

I asked Celine if she would return the diamond I had given her, and I offered to replace it with another stone of her choice in the same setting. She went absolutely berserk. She carried on so viciously about returning the "gift" that I had to ask her politely to leave.

In my driveway, on her way out, she let loose with an obscenity that totally devastated me. We haven't spoken since.

I am terribly torn up by this and miss my daughter.

— Distressed Mom in Florida

Dear Mom: Celine ought to be ashamed of herself for such selfish, childish behavior. However, while it would have been thoughtful to return the diamond, she apparently thought it was a gift without strings. If you expected otherwise, you should have made the conditions clear to her at the time.

It's sad that Celine values the diamond more than her mother, but you obviously love her. Would she have inherited this ring someday? If so, it is a small price to pay for reconciling with your daughter. Call and tell her so.

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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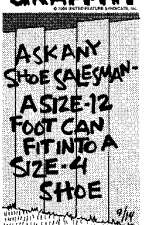
Family Circus

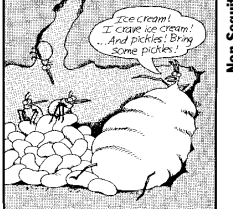
"There's something wrong with this bat."



Dennis the Menace

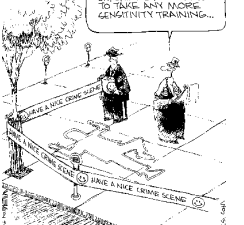
"GEORGE, DENNIS HAS OFFERED TO KEEP YOU COMPANY WHILE I GO SHOPPING."

The Far Side ©Gary Larson



The termite queen in her egg chamber

Non Sequitur



SCOREBOARD

AFN-TV & Radio

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m. — MLS soccer: Dallas at D.C. (dld).

AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. — Hockey: World Cup semifinal, Czech Republic at Canada (dld).

AFN-Atlantic, AFN-Radio, 3 a.m. — NFL football: Green Bay at Carolina.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — WNBA basketball: Sacramento at Los Angeles (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m. — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — Baseball: Texas at Oakland (dld).

AFN-Pacific, noon — NFL football: Green Bay at Carolina (dld).

AFN-Sports, noon — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 3 p.m. — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m. — Auto racing: IRL Delphi Indy 300 (dld).

AFN-Sports, 6:30 p.m. — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. — NFL football: Green Bay at Carolina (dld).

AFN-Sports, midnight — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m. — Hockey: World Cup finals, Finland at Canada.

AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m. — Baseball: Houston at St. Louis.

AFN-Sports, 5 a.m. — Auto racing: Champ Car Grand Prix of Monterrey (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m. — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — Baseball: Teams to be determined (dld).

AFN-Sports, noon — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m. — Baseball: Teams to be determined (dld).

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m. — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 6 p.m. — NFL football: Georgia at South Carolina (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8 p.m. — Baseball: N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City.

(All times Central European Time; dld indicates tape-delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Some radio broadcasts not available in all areas. Visit **www.afnpulse.net** for more information).

College football

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prvs
1. Southern Cal (52)	2-0	1,611	1
2. Oklahoma (10)	2-0	1,511	2
3. Georgia (3)	2-0	1,478	3
4. Miami	1-0	1,398	7
5. LSU	2-0	1,344	6
6. Texas	2-0	1,311	7
7. West Virginia	2-0	1,087	10
8. Florida St.	0-1	1,058	4
9. Ohio St.	2-0	1,030	9
10. California	2-0	969	12
11. Florida	1-0	955	11
12. Virginia	2-0	812	15
13. Tennessee	1-0	798	14
14. Auburn	2-0	739	18
15. Utah	2-0	699	17
16. Iowa	2-0	665	16
17. Michigan	1-1	577	8
18. Purdue	2-0	557	25
19. Fresno St.	2-0	454	—
20. Wisconsin	2-0	404	21
21. Maryland	2-0	392	23
22. Minnesota	2-0	340	22
23. Boise St.	2-0	201	—
24. Louisville	2-0	153	—
25. Memphis	2-0	86	—

Others receiving votes: Kansas St. 51, Oklahoma St. 47, Georgia Tech 46, N.C. State 44, Missouri 41, Notre Dame 38, Southern Miss. 37, Troy 31, Colorado 27, Clemson 23, Alabama 20, TCU 20, Virginia Tech 13, Boston College 8, Arizona 7, Stanford 4.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 11, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote, through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prvs
1. Southern Cal (47)	2-0	1,505	1
2. Oklahoma (11)	2-0	1,453	2
3. Georgia (2)	2-0	1,371	3
4. LSU (1)	2-0	1,304	5
5. Miami	1-0	1,313	5
6. Texas	2-0	1,209	7
7. Ohio State	2-0	1,058	9
8. West Virginia	2-0	975	10
9. Florida	1-0	887	11
10. California	2-0	852	13
11. Florida State	0-1	802	6
12. Iowa	2-0	782	12
13. Tennessee	1-0	717	15
14. Utah	2-0	651	16
15. Auburn	2-0	643	19
16. Virginia	2-0	634	20
17. Michigan	1-1	574	7
18. Purdue	2-0	525	23
19. Maryland	2-0	437	21
20. Fresno State	2-0	416	—
21. Wisconsin	2-0	372	22
22. Minnesota	2-0	298	24
23. Boise State	2-0	226	—
24. Louisville	2-0	128	—
25. Clemson	1-1	118	—

Others receiving votes: Kansas State 94, Oklahoma State 74, Virginia Tech 59, Memphis 44, Georgia Tech 42, Missouri 37, North Carolina State 35, TCU 30, Notre Dame 23, Southern Mississippi 19, Alabama 17, Colorado 16, Pittsburgh 12, Boston College 8, South Carolina 7, Troy 6, Arizona State 3, Bowling Green 3, Nebraska 2, Arkansas 1, San Diego State 1, Stanford 1.

Auto racing

Delphi Indy 300

Indy Racing League
Sunday
At Chicagoland Speedway
Joliet, Ill.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (10) Adrian Fernandez, Panoz G Force-Honda, 200, $110,300.
2. (9) Bryan Herta, Dallara-Honda, 200, $82,900.
3. (2) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Honda, 200, $69,700.
4. (5) Dan Wheldon, Dallara-Honda, 200, $56,400.
5. (8) Vitor Meira, Panoz G Force-Honda, 200, $51,600.
6. (7) Sam Hornish Jr., Dallara-Toyota, 200, $45,700.
7. (14) Scott Dixon, Panoz G Force-Toyota, 200, $44,400.
8. (19) Felipe Giaffone, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, $46,200.
9. (13) Scott Sharp, Dallara-Toyota, 200, $43,700.
10. (16) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Toyota, 200, $52,100.
11. (16) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, $40,700.
12. (15) Alex Barron, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, $39,700.
13. (21) Tora Takagi, Dallara-Toyota, 199, $39,000.
14. (3) Buddy Rice, Panoz G Force-Honda, 185, Accident, $47,100.
15. (11) Darren Manning, Panoz G Force-Toyota, 185, Accident, $36,000.
16. (6) A.J. Foyt IV, Dallara-Toyota, 156, Accident, $34,800.
17. (18) Mark Taylor, Panoz G Force-Honda, 156, Accident, $33,600.
18. (20) Jaques Lazier, Dallara-Chevrolet, 130, Accident, $33,600.
19. (22) Tomas Scheckter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 130, Accident, $32,400.
20. (4) Dario Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 126, Gearbox, $31,200.
21. (17) Kosuke Matsuura, Panoz G Force-Honda, 113, Electrical, $31,200.
22. (12) Townsend Bell, Dallara-Chevrolet, 111, Accident, $31,200.

Winner's average speed: 140.825 mph.
Time of race: 2:09:31.3301 .
Margin of victory: 0.0716 seconds.
Cautions: 6 for 58 laps.
Lead changes: 23 among 8 drivers.
Lap leaders: Kanaan 1-14, Rice 45, Wheldon 46-52, Matsuura 53, Herta 54, Matsuura 55-56, Fernandez 57-61, Herta 62, Fernandez 67-81, Rice 82, Fernandez 83-89, Wheldon 90-96, Rice 97-98, Wheldon 99-100, Rice 101-102, Wheldon 103, Rice 104-115, Giaffone 116-120, Wheldon 121, Rice 122-142, Herta 143-147, Fernandez 148- 154, Herta 182, Fernandez 183-200.

Series driver standings: Kanaan 538, Wheldon 463, Rice 443, Castroneves 379, Franchitti 366, Fernandez 365, Hornish 314, Herta 335, Meira 332, Manning 311.

Grand Prix of Monterey

Champ Car World Series
Sunday
At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca
Laguna Seca, Calif.
Lap length: 2.238 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (2) Patrick Carpentier, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
2. (8) Bruno Junqueira, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
3. (12) Oriol Servia, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
4. (5) Michel Jourdain Jr., Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
5. (7) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
6. (6) Alex Tagliani, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
7. (13) Mario Haberfeld, Ford-Cosworth/Reynard/Bridgestone, 79.
8. (1) Sebastien Bourdais, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
9. (14) Guy Smith, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
10. (3) Paul Tracy, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 79.
11. (10) Mario Dominguez, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 78.
12. (11) Rodolfo Lavin, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 77.
13. (17) Gaston Mazzacane, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 75.
14. (18) Roberto Gonzalez, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 52, electrical.
15. (4) A.J. Allmendinger, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 43, mechanical.
16. (16) Nelson Philippe, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 11, contact.
17. (9) Jimmy Vasser, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 10, mechanical.
18. (15) Justin Wilson, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/Bridgestone, 1, contact.

Time of race: 1:45:51.116 (record).
Margin of victory: 5.395 seconds.
Winner's average speed: 100.217 mph.
Caution flags: 3 for 11 laps.
Lead changes: 5 among 5 drivers.
Lap leaders: Bourdais 1, Junqueira 2, Carpentier 25, Tagliani 30-36, Jourdain 37-40, Carpentier 41-79.

Series driver standings: 1. Bourdais 275, 2. Junqueira 251, 3. Tracy 215, 4. Carpentier 214, 5. Tagliani 206, 6. Dominguez 186, 7. Hunter-Reay 168, 8. Allmendinger 165, 9. Servia 164, 10. Jourdain 158.

Golf

Canadian Open

Sunday
At Glen Abbey Golf Club
Oakville, Ontario
Purse: $4,500,000
Yardage: 7,222; Par 71
Final Round
(x-Won on third playoff hole)

x-Vijay Singh, $900,000 68-66-72-69—275 -9
Mike Weir, $460,000 66-70-72-67—275 -9
Joe Ogilvie, $306,000 70-69-69-69—277 -7
Justin Rose, $177,188 69-70-68-70—277 -7
Tom Lehman, $177,188 74-70-70-64—278 -6
Hunter Mahan, $177,188 72-69-68-69—278 -6
Stewart Cink, $177,188 72-68-69-69—278 -6
R. Damron, $139,500 72-71-70-66—279 -5
Mark Hensby, $126,000 69-69-70-71—279 -5
J. Parnevik, $126,000 69-66-71-74—280 -4
Billy Andrade, $103,500 67-71-68-74—280 -4
D. Sutherland, $103,500 69-72-68-72—281 -3
D.J. Brigman, $103,500 67-74-67-73—281 -3
Pat Perez, $76,500 68-68-76-68—282 -2
D. Branshaw, $76,500 71-65-75-71—282 -2
Sean Walker, $76,500 71-70-70-71—282 -2
Steve Lowery, $76,500 70-69-70-73—282 -2
Cliff Kresge, $76,500 69-70-67-76—282 -2
Jose Coceres, $54,540 72-70-74-67—283 -1
Arjun Atwal, $54,540 71-67-75-70—283 -1
Kenny Perry, $54,540 69-74-70-70—283 -1
Glen Day, $54,540 70-69-70-74—283 -1
Bill Haas, $54,540 71-71-67-74—283 -1
C. Wittenberg, $41,400 73-72-69-69—283 E
Chris DiMarco, $41,400 69-71-73-71—284 E
Craig Perks, $29,993 72-70-72-70—284 E
Bob Tway, $29,992.50 74-71-70-70—285 +1
R. Thatcher, $29,993 72-72-71-70—285 +1
Charles Howell III, $29,993 72-71-72-70—285 +1
Bill Glasson, $29,993 72-70-73-70—285 +1
Joey Sindelar, $29,993 68-73-69-75—285 +1
Brett Quigley, $29,993 69-71-73-72—285 +1
Chad Campbell, $29,993 73-68-72-72—285 +1
David Peoples, $29,993 69-70-73-73—285 +1
Craig Barlow, $29,993 67-69-75-74—285 +1
Dudley Hart, $21,656 72-73-73-68—286 +2
David Edwards, $21,656 72-69-74-71—286 +2
K. Jones, $21,656 71-73-71-71—286 +2
R. Tambellini, $21,656 71-71-69-75—286 +2
David Frost, $18,000 73-71-71-72—287 +3
Jason Bohn, $18,000 73-72-71-71—287 +3
Davis Love III, $18,000 72-73-68-74—287 +3
Greg Chalmers, $18,000 71-72-70-74—287 +3
Tommy Tolles, $14,850 72-70-78-68—288 +4
Esteban Toledo, $14,850 76-68-72-72—288 +4
Jonathan Byrd, $14,850 72-69-72-75—288 +4
Jim Rutledge, $11,898 74-71-75-69—289 +5
Mark Brooks, $11,898 73-73-70-73—289 +5
Fred Funk, $11,898 74-70-72-73—289 +5
Mark Wilson, $11,898 74-70-74-71—289 +5
Tim Petrovic, $11,898 71-73-73-72—289 +5
Steve Flesch, $10,494 73-71-75-71—290 +6
David Duval, $10,494 71-72-76-71—290 +6
Omar Uresti, $10,494 74-70-74-72—290 +6
Todd Fischer, $10,494 71-71-75-73—290 +6
Tag Ridings, $10,494 72-68-74-76—290 +6
Phil Mickelson, $10,035 75-69-79-68—291 +7
Tim McGowan, $10,035 77-70-72-72—291 +7
Billy Mayfair, $10,035 70-74-72-75—291 +7
Neal Lancaster, $10,035 72-70-75-75—291 +7
Garrett Willis, $9,630 71-74-75-72—292 +8
Tom Carter, $9,630 72-71-76-73—292 +8
Dennis Paulson, $9,630 68-77-75-72—292 +8
Brian Kortan, $9,630 71-74-70-77—292 +8
Paul Azinger, $9,630 72-68-74-78—292 +8
Aaron Barber, $9,225 72-73-75-73—293 +9
Jim Carter, $9,225 72-69-78-74—293 +9
Danny Briggs, $9,225 72-73-69-79—293 +9
Justin Leonard, $9,225 76-66-77-74—293 +9
Dicky Pride, $8,865 70-73-77-74—294 +10
Grant Waite, $8,865 75-70-73-76—294 +10
Larry Mize, $8,865 76-68-74-76—294 +10
D. Morland IV, $8,865 70-73-78-73—294 +10
Dirk Ayers, $8,550 72-71-79-73—295 +11
A. Sutherland, $8,550 71-74-71-79—295 +11
John Rollins, $8,550 74-71-74-76—295 +11
Andre Stolz, $8,370 71-74-77-74—296 +12
Chris Couch, $8,280 71-71-79-83—304 +20

John Q. Hammons Classic

Sunday
A Cedar Ridge Country Club
Broken Arrow, Okla.
Purse: $1 million
Yardage: 6,951; Par 71
Final Round
a-amateur

Annika Sorenstam, $150,000 66-68-70—204 -9
Shi Hyun Ahn, $91,110 66-73-69—208 -5
Candie Kung, $66,094 72-69-69—210 -3
Mi Hyun Kim, $46,141 74-70-67—211 -2
Heather Bowie, $46,141 70-72-69—211 -2
Shani Waugh, $30,928 73-70-69—212 +1
Kelli Kuehne, $30,928 68-72-72—212 +1
Candy Hannemann, $21,450 71-70-72—213 E
Laura Diaz, $21,450 71-70-72—213 E
Karen Stupples, $21,450 69-70-74—213 E
Joanne Morley, $21,450 70-67-76—213 E
Dorothy Delasin, $15,464 76-73-65—214 +1
Tina Barrett, $15,464 72-74-68—214 +1
Juli Inkster, $15,464 74-70-70—214 +1
Christina Kim, $15,464 65-75-74—214 +1
Johanna Head, $15,464 70-69-75—214 +1
Moira Dunn, $11,739 76-70-69—215 +2
Rachel Teske, $11,739 73-73-69—215 +2
Kate Golden, $11,739 73-70-72—215 +2
Karrie Webb, $11,739 73-70-72—215 +2
Liselotte Neumann, $11,739 68-74-73—215 +2
Reilley Rankin, $11,739 67-74-74—215 +2
Wendy Ward, $9,715 75-72-68—215 +2
Dawn Coe-Jones, $9,715 73-74-69—216 +3
Pat Hurst, $9,715 73-70-73—216 +3
Helen Alfredsson, $9,715 73-70-73—216 +3
Catriona Matthew, $7,413 74-74-69—217 +4
Jenna Daniels, $7,413 74-74-69—217 +4
Nadina Taylor, $7,413 74-74-69—217 +4
Jill McGill, $7,413 73-73-71—217 +4
Soo-Yun Kang, $7,413 78-67-72—217 +4
Kristi Albers, $7,413 75-70-72—217 +4
Hee-Won Han, $7,413 74-71-72—217 +4
Beth Bader, $7,413 70-73-74—217 +4
Jamie Hullett, $7,413 72-70-75—217 +4
Mikaela Parmlid, $7,413 69-71-77—217 +4

Kroger Open

Sunday
At The TPC at River's Bend
Maineville, Ohio
Purse: $1.5 million
Yardage: 7,063; Par 72
Final Round

B. Summerhays, $225,000 67-70-64—201 -15
Jim Thorpe, $110,000 68-68-66—202 -14
Gil Morgan, $110,000 69-67-66—202 -14
Doug Tewell, $110,000 66-65-71—202 -14
Mike Reid, $66,000 67-67-67—201 -12
Des Smyth, $66,000 65-67-72—204 -12
David Eger, $48,000 66-71-68—205 -11
Fred Gibson, $48,000 70-65-70—205 -11
Hale Irwin, $48,000 69-67-69—205 -11
John Harris, $34,500 69-70-67—206 -10
Rodger Davis, $34,500 69-69-68—206 -10
D.A. Weibring, $34,500 69-68-69—206 -10
Gary McCord, $34,500 65-69-72—206 -10
Mike McCullough, $24,775 71-70-66—207 -9
Fuzzy Zoeller, $24,775 69-70-68—207 -9
Walter Hall, $24,775 71-68-68—207 -9
Stewart Ginn, $24,775 70-69-68—207 -9
Mark Johnson, $24,775 74-64-69—207 -9
Jack Spradlin, $24,775 69-66-72—207 -9
Gary Koch, $18,600 71-71-66—208 -8
Bobby Lincoln, $18,600 69-69-70—208 -8
Jose M. Canizares, $18,600 69-68-71—208 -8

Tennis

U.S. Open

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

Singles
Men
Championship

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Lleyton Hewitt (4), Australia, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-0.

Doubles
Women
Championship

Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, and Paola Suarez (1), Argentina, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova and Elena Likhovtseva (2), Russia, 6-4, 7-5.

Masters Doubles
Women
Championship

Mima Jausovec, Slovenia, and Gretchen Magers, United States, def. Martina Navratilova and Iiana Kloss, South Africa, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Junior Singles
Boys
Championship

Andrew Murray (3), Scotland, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky (7), Ukraine, 6-4, 6-2.

Girls
Championship

Michaella Krajicek (3), Netherlands, def. Jessica Kirkland (4), United States, 6-1, 6-1.

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	9	5	10	37	29	25
MetroStars	10	9	6	36	40	40
D.C. United	7	9	6	27	38	38
Chicago	7	10	8	29	29	35
New England	5	11	9	24	34	38

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	10	2	9	39	26	23
Kansas City	11	9	5	38	34	29
Los Angeles	10	7	8	38	39	36
San Jose	9	9	7	34	38	31
Dallas	9	11	5	32	30	37

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

Saturday's games
D.C. United 3, Dallas 1
MetroStars 3, New England 2
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 1

Saturday, Sept. 18
Chicago at D.C. United
Colorado at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	15	6	.714	—
Connecticut	16	15	.516	—
New York	15	15	.500	½
Indiana	15	16	.484	1
Washington	15	17	.469	1½
Detroit	15	17	.469	1½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	23	8	.742	—
Seattle	18	13	.581	5
Minnesota	17	14	.548	6
Phoenix	16	14	.533	6½
Sacramento	15	16	.484	8
Houston	12	19	.387	10½
San Antonio	8	24	.250	15½

Saturday's games
Charlotte 60, Minnesota 50
Detroit 67, Houston 62

Sunday's games
Washington 74, Houston 63
Connecticut 71, Seattle 64
Los Angeles 65, Sacramento 52
New York 66, San Antonio 62

Monday's game
Seattle at Indiana

Tuesday's games
New York at Detroit
Minnesota at Houston
Phoenix at Los Angeles

Hockey

World Cup

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Sept. 6
Finland 2, Germany 1
Sunday, Sept. 7
Czech Republic 6, Sweden 1
United States 3, Russia 1
Wednesday, Sept. 8
Canada 5, Slovakia 0
Semifinals
Friday, Sept. 10
At St. Paul, Minn.
Finland 2, United States 1
Saturday, Sept. 11
At Toronto
Canada 4, Czech Republic 3, OT
Championship
Sunday, Sept. 14
At Toronto
Finland vs. Canada

Deals

Weekend transactions

BASEBALL
American League
SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled RHP Randy Williams from Tacoma of the PCL.
National League
NEW YORK METS—Placed RHP Matt Ginter on the 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Victor Santos from Norfolk of the IL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated RHP Kevin Millwood from the 15-day DL.

FOOTBALL
LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brandon Kolb.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Waived S Eric Pruitt. Signed LB Terrence Melton from the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS—Reached an injury settlement with QB Travis Brown.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed CB Al Harris to a five-year extension. Released TE Steve Bush.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Activated S Bob Sanders. Waived FB Cary Davis. Signed DT Jason Stevens to the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released RB Fred Russell from the practice squad. Signed RB Leonard Henry to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed OT Mike Rosenthal to a six-year contract extension.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Activated CB Charles Woodson. Waived DT Chris Cosme. Signed DL Chris Davis for future considerations.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived TE Kevin Ware. Signed FB Matt Stanley from the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Activated OT Walter Jones. Signed WR Jermaine Upman to the practice squad. Waived G Jerry Wunsch.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Named Doug Hocking defensive assistant coach.

HOCKEY
United Hockey League
ADIRONDACK FROSTBITES—Signed D Ryan Bennett.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Signed F Alan Gordon.

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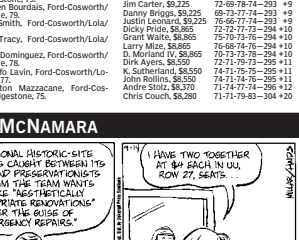

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	90	62	.592	–
Boston	86	66	.606	3½
Baltimore	65	76	.461	24
Tampa Bay	61	80	.433	28
Toronto	59	84	.413	31
Central Division				
Minnesota	82	60	.577	–
Chicago	72	70	.507	10
Cleveland	70	73	.490	12½
Detroit	64	77	.454	17½
Kansas City	51	90	.359	31
West Division				
Oakland	83	59	.585	–
Anaheim	81	61	.570	2
Texas	78	64	.549	5
Seattle	53	89	.373	30

Sunday's games

Minnesota 8, Detroit 5
N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 7
Texas 7, Toronto 6
Tampa Bay 7, Kansas City 2
Seattle 2, Boston 0
Anaheim 11, Chicago White Sox 0
Oakland 1, Cleveland 0

Monday's games

Baltimore at Toronto
Minnesota at Detroit
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City
Anaheim at Seattle
Texas at Oakland

Tuesday's games

Tampa Bay (Kazmir 1-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 16-5)
Detroit (Bonderman 9-11) at Cleveland (Denney 0-0)
Chicago White Sox (Garcia 11-10) at Minnesota (Santana 17-6)
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 10-9) at Kansas City (Greinke 8-9)
Anaheim (Washburn 11-6) at Seattle (Madritsch 4-2)
Texas (C.Young 1-2) at Oakland (Redman 10-11)

Wednesday's games

N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City
Tampa Bay at Boston
Detroit at Cleveland
Baltimore at Toronto
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota
Texas at Oakland
Anaheim at Seattle

All wild card standings

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	86	66	.606	–
Anaheim	81	61	.570	5

Sunday

Twins 8, Tigers 5

MINNESOTA — **DETROIT**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
LFord lf	1	0	0	0	Logan cf	4	1	1	0
JJones rf	5	1	0	0	IRdrgz ph	1	0	1	1
Thimer cf	5	1	1	1	Inge c	5	0	1	0
LeCroy 1b	5	1	3	1	Monroe lf	4	1	2	1
Tiffee 3b	5	2	2	2	DYong dh	4	1	2	0
CGzmn ss	5	1	3	1	Monroe rf	4	0	1	0
Cddyer 2b	4	1	1	1	Thmes lf	4	1	1	3
Djeda 2b	1	0	1	1	Mrnndez ss	4	1	1	0
Rdrsch ss	5	0	2	0	Infante 2b	4	1	3	0
Brders c	4	0	3	1	JSmith ss	3	0	1	0
					Raburn ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**40**	**8**	**15**	**8**	**Totals**	**35**	**5**	**13**	**5**

Minnesota 004 110 001—8
Detroit 001 003 001—5

DP—Minnesota 1, Detroit 2. LOB—Minnesota 9, Detroit 6. 2B—LeCroy (10), Tiffee (3), Cuddyer (18), Rescorla (3), Infante (20). HR—Thurmer (20), Tiffee (2), CGuzman (8), Thames (7). SB—Borders (2). CS—JSmith (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Mthlnd W,5-8	6⅓	10	4	4	0	4
Crain	1½	0	0	0	0	1
Romero	⅓	1	1	1	0	0
Nathan S,42	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Detroit						
Robertson L,12-9	4	10	6	6	2	2
Dingman	1	2	1	1	1	1
GrMnh	1	0	0	0	0	1
Novoa	1	0	0	0	0	0
Colyer	1	1	0	0	1	1
Ennis	1	2	1	1	0	1

T—2:42. A—23,208 (40,120).

Yankees 9, Orioles 7

NEW YORK — **BALTIMORE**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	3	2	1	0	BBrbrts 2b	5	0	0	0
ARdrgz 3b	5	1	1	0	Tatwsky lf	3	2	3	2
Sffrield dh	4	1	2	3	Raines cf	4	0	0	0
Matsui lf	3	1	2	2	Mora 3b	5	2	2	1
Posada c	3	0	2	0	Ml.Ramrz ss	5	0	0	0
Sierra rf	3	1	0	1	RPlmo dh	5	0	2	0
Crosby rf	1	0	0	0	Gibbons rf	4	2	2	0
Olerud 1b	3	0	0	0	Surhoff rf	4	1	1	0
EWilsn pr	0	0	0	0	Gibbons lf	4	2	2	0
TClark 1b	1	0	0	0	Bigbie cf	4	1	4	1
Cairo 2b	4	1	1	1					
Lofton cf	5	2	2	0					
Totals	**38**	**9**	**11**	**9**	**Totals**	**41**	**7**	**13**	**7**

New York 110 013 102—9
Baltimore 220 200 100—7

E—ARodriguez (13), Cairo (8), BRyan (2). DP—New York 1. LOB—New York 17, Baltimore 7. 2B—ARodriguez (39), Cairo (25), RPalmeiro (25), Bigbie (17). HR—Sheffield (34), Matsui (26). SB—Lofton (7). SF—Sheffield.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Lieber	5⅓	10	6	4	0	4
Heredia	⅔	0	0	0	0	2
Quantrill	½	2	1	1	0	0
Gordon W,7-4	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0
MRivera S,48	1	0	0	0	0	1
Baltimore						
Cabrera	1⅓	2	2	2	6	1
Rodriguez	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Bauer	3	2	1	1	2	2
Borkowski	0	3	3	3	1	0
Groom	⅓	1	0	0	1	0
Williams	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Grimsley	1	1	1	1	0	1
BRyan	1	0	0	0	1	2
Julio L,2-5	⅓	2	2	2	0	2
Parrish	⅓	0	0	0	0	0

Borkowski pitched to 4 batters in the 6th.
WP—Lieber, Cabrera, Grimsley. PB—Posada, JvLopez. T—3:55. A—47,780 (48,286).

Rangers 7, Blue Jays 6

TORONTO — **TEXAS**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Ihnson rf	5	1	2	1	ASrano 2b	4	0	1	1
OHudsn 2b	5	1	2	1	Blalock 3b	4	1	1	0
VWells cf	4	1	1	0	MYong ss	4	2	3	0
CDlgdo dh	4	1	3	2	Txeira 1b	4	2	2	5
Hinskie 3b	4	0	1	0	Mench lf	4	0	1	1
Zaun c	4	1	2	0	Diloucr dh	3	0	0	0
Gross lf	3	0	0	0	Bdrdn rf	4	0	0	0
Rios rf	1	0	0	0	Reed cf	3	0	1	0
Crozier 1b	3	1	1	0	Spiezio 1b	0	0	0	0
Adams ss	4	1	2	1	Lopez ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**37**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**	**32**	**7**	**8**	**7**

Toronto 050 010 000—6
Texas 300 001 12x—7

E—Adams (2). DP—Toronto 1, Texas 2. LOB—Toronto 5, Texas 3. 2B—OHudson (27), CDelgado (22), Crozier (2), Adams (2), ASorian (31), MYoung (28), Mench (25). HR—CDelgado (29), Teixeira (24). SB—Adams (17). CS—CDelgado (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Bush	7	6	5	4	2	2
Speier L,3-1	1	2	2	2	0	1
Texas						
Park	4⅔	8	6	6	1	3
Tejeira	1⅓	0	0	0	0	4
JeNelson	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
BShouse	½	2	0	0	0	1
Brocail W,3-1	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
FCordero S,44	1	0	0	0	0	3

T—2:34. A—20,434 (49,115).

Devil Rays 7, Royals 2

TAMPA BAY — **KANSAS CITY**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Crwfrd lf	5	2	1	1	DJesus cf	4	0	1	1
Lugo ss	5	1	3	1	Berroa ss	5	0	2	0
Huff dh	4	0	1	0	Sweeney lf	5	0	2	0
Baldelli cf	5	1	2	1	Stairs dh	4	0	1	0
TMrtnz 1b	4	1	1	0	Ellsbry cf	4	0	0	0
JoCruz rf	5	0	3	0	Pckerg 1b	4	1	2	0
Cantu 2b	4	2	1	0	DBrwn lf	3	0	0	0
Thall c	3	0	1	0	ACstillo 3b	3	0	1	1
Upton 3b	3	1	2	0	Gotay 2b	4	1	2	0
Totals	**38**	**7**	**15**	**7**	**Totals**	**36**	**2**	**10**	**2**

Tampa Bay 000 132 100—7
Kansas City 000 000 002—2

DP—Kansas City 2. LOB—Tampa Bay 9, Kansas City 10. 2B—TMartinez (17), JoCruz 2 (22), Berroa (24), Nunez (7), Sweeney (5), Pickering (3), Gotay (6). SB—Crawford (53), Lugo (16). CS—Upton (1). SF—Thall, ACastillo.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
JoSosa W,4-4	7	5	0	0	2	7
LCarter	2	5	2	2	0	0
Kansas City						
Bautista L,0-2	5⅓	11	6	6	3	5
Carrasco	⅔	2	1	1	0	1
Kinney	2	2	1	1	0	3
MacDougal	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—Bautista (Cantu). T—2:59. A—14,015 (40,785).

Angels 11, White Sox 0

CHICAGO — **ANAHEIM**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
WHarrs 2b	4	0	0	0	Eckstin ss	3	2	1	0
TPerez cf	4	0	0	0	Paul c	1	0	0	0
CaLee lf	4	0	0	0	Guerrero dh	3	2	2	1
Valdez 2b	1	0	0	0	Ktchm 2b	4	1	2	1
Konerko dh	4	0	1	0	Wigrens dh	0	0	0	0
Gload 1b	4	0	1	0	Juiz 1b	4	1	1	1
Vlentin ss	4	0	0	0	GAndrsn cf	4	2	3	3
BDavis c	3	0	1	0	ARdrgz lf	4	0	0	0
SAlmr c	1	0	0	0	Figlini 3b	4	1	2	1
Brchrd rf	3	0	1	0	Pride rf	3	1	1	0
Crede 3b	3	0	1	0	DVnon rf	3	1	1	0
					Izturis ss	3	1	1	0
					Halter 1b	3	0	0	0
					AKndy 2b	3	2	3	1
					Amaya ss	3	0	0	0
					JMolina c	2	0	1	1
					Mcphrsn cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**Totals**	**37**	**11**	**15**	**11**

Chicago 000 000 000—0
Anaheim 331 000 40x—11

E—Erstad (3), Kotchman (3), JGuillen (5). DP—Anaheim 2. LOB—Chicago 7, Anaheim 6. 2B—Borchard (2), GAnderson (18), JGuillen (21), AKennedy (18), JMolina (10), Figlini (5), Figlini (15), SErstad (16). CS—DVanon (3), S.Molina.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Contreras L,12-9	3	10	7	7	1	2
Diaz	2	1	0	0	1	3
Marte	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bajenaru	1	4	4	4	1	2
Marte	1	0	0	0	0	3
Anaheim						
Colon W,15-11	7	6	0	0	1	6
Speier	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dunn	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:39. A—41,932 (45,030).

Athletics 1, Indians 0

CLEVELAND — **OAKLAND**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	5	0	1	0	Kotsay cf	3	0	0	0
ZSquid ss	3	0	0	0	Chavez lf	4	0	1	0
Blliard 2b	4	0	1	0	ECstavy 3b	4	0	0	0
VMrtnz c	3	0	2	0	Hbtlerr 1b	4	0	0	0
Sabathia 3b	4	0	2	0	Durazo 1b	2	1	1	1
JPhlps dh	1	0	0	0	Byrnes rf	3	0	1	0
Hafner dh	1	0	0	0	Swisher dh	3	0	1	0
Merloni 1b	3	0	0	0	Crosby ss	3	0	0	0
Brsard ph	1	0	0	0	Mlhuse c	3	0	1	0
Ldwick rf	3	0	1	0					
JMcDld pr	0	0	0	0					
Frstl rf	3	0	0	0					
Lawton ph	1	0	1	0					
Totals	**32**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**Totals**	**27**	**1**	**5**	**1**

Cleveland 000 000 000—0
Oakland 000 000 001—1

DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Cleveland 10, Oakland 5. HR—Durazo (22). SB—Byrnes (14). S—Vizquel, Kotsay.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
WstbrK L,12-8	8	5	1	1	1	6
Oakland						
Zito W,11-10	7	4	0	0	2	10
CHammond	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Bradford	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Dotel S,20	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Westbrook (Hatteberg). WP—Westbrook. T—2:27. A—29,107 (43,662).

Mariners 2, Red Sox 0

BOSTON — **SEATTLE**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Damon cf	3	0	0	0	ISuzuki rf	4	0	1	0
OCbera ss	4	0	1	0	Winn lf	3	0	1	0
MRmnz dh	4	0	1	0	EMrtnz dh	4	1	1	0
Varitek c	4	0	2	0	Ibanez 3b	3	0	0	0
Millar lf	4	0	0	0	BBoone 2b	3	0	0	0
Hrmnsr rf	3	0	2	0	Bmbnger 1b	3	0	0	0
DRbrts rf	1	0	0	0	Olivo c	2	0	0	0
Mueller 3b	3	0	0	0	Reed cf	3	0	1	0
McCty 1b	3	0	0	0	Spiezio 1b	0	0	0	0
Bellhrn 2b	3	0	0	0	Lopez ss	3	0	0	0
DOrtiz ph	1	0	0	0					
JBlnchrd ph	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**Totals**	**28**	**2**	**6**	**2**

Boston 000 000 000—0
Seattle 000 002 00x—2

E—Lopez (8). DP—Boston 1, Seattle 1. LOB—Boston 6, Seattle 4. 2B—MRamirez (38), Nixon (5). HR—Ibanez (15). SB—Reed (1). S—Winn.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
DLowe L,14-11	7	5	2	2	1	6
Foulke	1	1	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Meche W,5-6	9	5	0	0	1	4

T—2:22. A—43,742 (47,447).

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	84	58	.592	–
Florida	74	65	.532	8½
Philadelphia	71	69	.507	10½
New York	61	81	.430	23
Montreal	59	83	.415	25
Central Division				
St. Louis	94	48	.662	–
Chicago	76	64	.543	17
Houston	78	66	.542	17
Pittsburgh	66	72	.478	25½
Cincinnati	65	77	.458	29
Milwaukee	42	99	.440	51½
West Division				
Los Angeles	82	59	.585	–
San Francisco	77	65	.549	5
San Diego	76	67	.531	7½
Colorado	62	80	.437	21
Arizona	43	100	.301	40½

Sunday's games

Atlanta 9, Montreal 8, 12 innings
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 11, Cincinnati 0
Florida 1, Chicago Cubs 0
San Diego 15, Colorado 2
St. Louis 7, Los Angeles 5
San Francisco 5, Arizona 2
Houston 5, Pittsburgh 4, 10 innings

Monday's games

Montreal vs. Florida at U.S. Cellular Field
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 8p
Philadelphia at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs
Colorado at Arizona
San Diego at Los Angeles

Tuesday's games

Montreal (Downs 3-5) vs. Florida (Valdez 12-8) at U.S. Cellular Field
Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 14-7) at N.Y. Mets (Benson 11-11)
Philadelphia (Lidle 9-12) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 5-11)
San Francisco (Rueter 7-11) at Milwaukee (D.Davis 1-10)
Pittsburgh (Fogg 9-10) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 16-7)
Houston (Clemens 16-4) at St. Louis (Suppan 12-9)
Colorado (Jennings 11-11) at Arizona (Gallardo 0-0)
San Diego (Germano 1-1) at Los Angeles (Lima 12-5)

Wednesday's games

Philadelphia at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs
Montreal vs. Florida at U.S. Cellular Field
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets
Arizona at Milwaukee
Houston at St. Louis
Colorado at Cincinnati
San Diego at Los Angeles

NL wild card standings

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	79	64	.552	–
Chicago Cubs	76	64	.543	1
Houston	78	66	.542	1
Florida	74	65	.532	2½
San Diego	76	67	.531	2½
Philadelphia	71	69	.517	4½

Sunday

Marlins 11, Cubs 1

FLORIDA — **CHICAGO**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Pierre cf	4	2	3	1	CPttson cf	3	0	0	0
J.Castillo 2b	5	1	2	1	Grffey ss	3	0	0	0
L Duca c	5	1	2	1	NPerez ss	4	0	1	0
Tranor c	3	0	1	0	Ldwick rf	4	0	1	0
Cbrera lf	3	2	1	1	REMtlz 3b	3	0	0	0
Lowell 3b	5	1	2	1	Alou lf	2	1	1	0
Conine 1b	5	1	2	1	Grieve lf	1	0	0	0
JCruz rf	3	0	0	0	Dscntr 2b	4	0	0	0
Aguila rf	1	0	0	0	SSosa rf	3	0	0	0
AGnzlz ss	5	2	2	1	Macias rf	1	0	0	0
Burnett p	3	1	2	1	TWalkr 2b	3	0	1	0
Easley ph	0	0	0	0	Barrett c	3	0	1	0
BWard p	0	0	0	0	Wrnbrg p	0	0	0	0
					Rusch p	1	0	0	0
					Mercker p	0	0	0	0
					Leiestr p	0	0	0	0
					Dmpsey ph	1	0	0	0
					Mltre p	0	0	0	0
					Cnnnghm ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**11**	**15**	**10**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**

Florida 010 402 040—11
Chicago 000 000 100—1

E—Alou (8). DP—Florida 1, Chicago 1. LOB—Florida 7, Chicago 4. 2B—Conine (31), AGonzalez (29), Alou (30), Barrett (26). 3B—TWalker (4). SB—Pierre (44), Goodwin (35). CS—CPatterson (8). S—Burnett.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida						
Burnett W,7-6	6	4	1	1	4	5
BWoard	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Rusch L,6-2	3⅓	7	5	4	2	1
Mercker	0	0	0	0	1	0
Leicester	2⅓	3	2	2	0	0
Mltre	1½	4	4	4	1	1
Wellemeyer	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2

Mercker pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
HBP—by Mercker (Pierre), by Rusch (Cabrera). T—2:47. A—36,794 (39,345).

Braves 9, Expos 8 (12)

MONTREAL — **ATLANTA**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Wlkrsn 1b	5	2	0	0	Furcal ss	5	1	3	1
EChvez cf	4	2	4	2	MGiles 2b	5	0	2	1
TBlsta 3b	5	2	3	3	JuCruz p	0	0	0	0
Sledge lf	6	1	2	1	Drew rf	5	0	1	0
JWrght rf	5	0	2	1	Clones 3b	5	1	2	0
Vidro 2b	6	0	1	0	Lroche 1b	5	1	1	1
Schndr c	5	0	1	0	Mrrero lf	4	0	0	0
JCruz ss	5	0	0	0	Thmas lf	2	0	0	0
CCordro p	0	0	0	0	Adams c	5	1	2	2
Church ph	1	0	0	0	Ellsbry cf	4	2	4	2
Ayala p	0	0	0	0	NGreen 2b	0	0	0	0
Ar Jr. p	0	0	0	0	Cstillo p	0	0	0	0
Cstillo p	0	0	0	0	Grybsk p	0	0	0	0
Harris ph	1	0	0	0	Btemit ph	1	0	0	0
Mlwdsk p	0	0	0	0	Mlkhr p	0	0	0	0
HMatesn ph	1	0	0	0	Alfnsca p	0	0	0	0
Vargas p	0	0	0	0	Jafrco ph	1	0	0	0
Tucker p	0	0	0	0	Rtsma p	0	0	0	0
Carroll 2b	2	0	0	0	Cmrnck rf	2	1	1	0
					Colon p	0	0	0	0
					DWise ph	1	0	1	0
					JEstda c	0	0	0	0
Totals	**47**	**8**	**14**	**8**	**Totals**	**47**	**9**	**15**	**8**

Montreal 101 101 203 000—8
Atlanta 111 210 100 001—9

No outs when winning run scored.

E—EChavez (4), ASGonzalez (10). DP—Montreal 1, Atlanta 1. LOB—Montreal 10, Atlanta 10. 2B—Wilkerson (32), TBatista (26), Sledge (16), Laroche (24), Adams (33), EdDiPerez (9). HR—TBatista (24), Sledge (1), Furcal (4), Clones 2, Adams 2 (27), EdDiPerez (3). SB—EnChavez 2 (27). CS—EnChavez (6). S—Ayala.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montreal						
Armas Jr.	3⅔	5	5	4	4	4
Eischen	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Majewski	1	1	1	1	0	1
Vargas	1	3	1	1	1	1
Tucker	1	1	0	0	0	1
CCordero	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ayala L,5-10	1	3	2	2	0	1
Atlanta						
Capellan	5	4	2	2	3	4
Grybosk	1	3	1	1	0	1
TMartin	⅔	1	0	0	0	1
JRonsesca	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Reitsma	1	0	0	0	0	0
Smoltz	4	3	2	2	1	3
Colon	1	0	0	0	1	1
JuCruz W,6-2	1	0	0	0	0	1

Ayala pitched to 2 batters in the 12th.
T—4:11. A—25,865 (50,091).

Phillies 4, Mets 2

PHILADELPHIA — **NEW YORK**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Pianco 2b	5	0	2	0	Cmeron cf	5	0	0	0
Mchels cf	5	0	0	0	Kppngr 2b	4	1	1	0
BAbreu rf	4	0	0	0	Floyd lf	3	0	1	0
Thome 1b	4	1	1	0	Piazza c	4	0	1	0
DaBell 3b	4	2	3	0	Wright 3b	4	0	1	1
Rollins ss	4	0	1	0	Ktldgldr rf	4	0	1	0
Madson p	0	0	0	0	Trlo ss	2	0	0	0
Cormier p	0	0	0	0	Fldrkin ss	1	0	0	0
Tzlnos p	0	0	0	0	Yates p	0	0	0	0
Byrd ph	1	0	0	0	Ramrez ph	1	0	0	0
Myrick p	0	0	0	0	Dlwrd p	2	1	1	0
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**Totals**	**36**	**2**	**6**	**2**

Philadelphia 020 002 000—4
New York 000 000 200—2

E—WDelgado (6). DP—New York 2. LOB—Philadelphia 7, New York 8. 2B—DaBell (31), Piazza (35), Trlo (12). SF—Burrell.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Padilla W,6-7	6⅔	4	0	0	1	5
Madson	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Cormier	⅓	2	2	2	0	1
Tzlnos	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Worrell S,19	1	1	0	0	0	0
New York						
TGlavine L,9-13	6	7	4	4	4	4
Feliciano	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yates	1	0	0	0	0	1
Stanton	1	1	0	0	0	1

TGlavine pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
PB—Piazza. T—3:07. A—23,391 (57,405).

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 2

SAN FRANCISCO — **ARIZONA**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Drham 2b	4	1	0	1	Terrero cf	4	1	2	1
Tucker rf	5	0	1	0	Cintron ss	4	0	0	0
Alfonzo 2b	4	0	0	0	Hinton 2b	4	0	1	0
Bonds lf	3	1	1	1	Zrbn 1b	4	0	1	1
Snow 1b	2	1	2	1	Tracy 3b	3	1	1	0
Ellison pr	0	1	0	0	Snyder c	4	0	0	0
Feliz 1b	1	1	1	0	Devore lf	2	0	0	0
Grissom cf	4	0	0	0	Kreger rf	3	0	0	0
Durbin rf	4	0	1	0	Kolove p	0	0	0	0
DCruz ss	4	0	1	0	Webb p	1	0	0	0
Schmidt c	3	0	0	0	Gtzlaf ph	1	0	0	0
Schmidt p	3	0	0	0	Agrero lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**Totals**	**30**	**2**	**4**	**2**

San Francisco 000 110 020—5
Arizona 110 000 000—2

E—Tracy (25). LO

Dialing long distance

Bonds' 699th homer is a 460-foot shot to remember

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Barry Bonds moved within one homer of 700 with a drive that will be remembered — a 460-foot shot off the scoreboard in center field.

Bonds' 699th home run helped the San Francisco Giants beat Arizona 5-2 on Sunday to regain the NL wild-card lead.

NL Roundup

Bonds had a feeling Mike Koplove would pitch to him.

"I could see it in his face," Bonds said. "Like, 'I'm tired of this, too. You might miss it.' "

Bonds had walked twice, increasing his record total to 203, before hitting his 41st homer of the season, the 100th September homer of his career. He's third on the career list behind Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714).

"If you don't start your car eventually, the battery goes dead," Bonds said. "I'm sitting over there just rooting for everybody and, hopefully, we're staying in this thing, but my car's got to start, too, once in a while."

"To be honest with you," Koplove said, "I thought I threw a perfect pitch. He was, I guess, just standing a little close to the JumboTron when he hit it."

San Francisco (79-65) won for the sixth time in eight games and pulled one game ahead of Chicago (76-64) and Houston (78-66).

Jason Schmidt (16-6) pitched a four-hitter and struck out nine and A.J. Pierzynski, J.T. Snow and Pedro Feliz hit solo homers.

Randy Choate (1-3) was the loser in Arizona's 100th defeat this season.

Marlins 11, Cubs 1: Juan Pierre had three of visiting Florida's 15 hits, and A.J. Burnett (7-6) allowed one run and six hits in eight innings as the Marlins remained 2½ games behind the Giants. Glendon Rusch (6-2), starting because of Matt Clement's shoulder injury, gave up five runs — four earned — and seven hits in 3⅓ innings.

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> **Barry Bonds**
> On hitting his 699th homer off Arizona's Mike Koplove

Astros 5, Pirates 4: Pinch-hitter Jason Lane had a go-ahead double in the 10th as visiting Houston rallied after being held hitless by Dave Williams for six innings.

Chad Qualls got Abraham Nunez to ground into a game-ending double play with two on for his first career save.

Houston's Roy Oswalt was in position to become the NL's first 18-game winner before Brad Lidge (5-5) allowed Bobby Hill's RBI single in the eighth and Craig Wilson's leadoff homer in the ninth.

Padres 15, Rockies 2: Brian Giles hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth off Steve Reed (3-6), then capped a 12-run ninth with a three-run homer against Chris Giselle.

Visiting San Diego, which stayed 2½ games back of the Giants, had 18 hits.

The Padres tied a team record with 10 hits in the ninth and finished one shy of the team record for runs in an inning. Ramon Hernandez singled and doubled in the inning and Sean Burroughs tripled and singled.

Jake Peavy (12-5) allowed two runs and seven hits in eight innings.

Phillies 4, Mets 2: At New York, Vicente Padilla (6-7) allowed four hits in 6⅔ shutout innings to help Philadelphia win its sixth straight and complete its second three-game sweep of the Mets in 10 days.

Tim Worrell pitched the ninth for his 19th save, and the Phillies remained 4½ games off the wild-card lead.

Tom Glavine (9-13) lost for the 10th time in 12 decisions, allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings. New York (61-81) lost for the 19th time in 21 games.

Cardinals 7, Dodgers 6: Larry Walker went 4-for-5 with two homers and three RBIs for St. Louis.

While the Cardinals ended the Dodgers' five-game winning streak, St. Louis went 2-4 on its first losing road trip of the season.

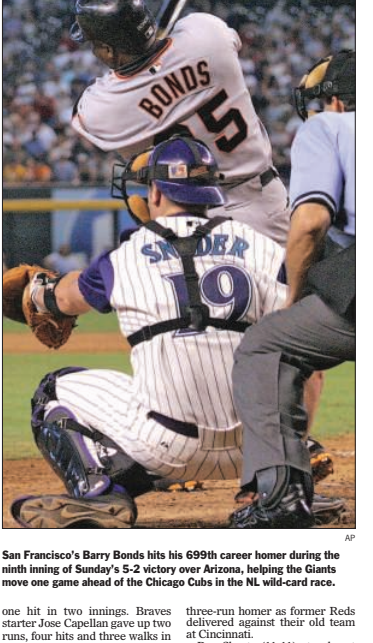
Chris Carpenter (15-5) allowed six runs — five earned — and eight hits in five innings and Jason Isringhausen got four outs for his 41st save. The Dodgers' NL West lead was cut to five games over San Francisco. Edwin Jackson (2-1) was the loser.

Braves 9, Expos 8: Andruw Jones hit a winning double in the 12th off Luis Ayala (5-10) after John Smoltz wasted an 8-5 lead by giving up run-scoring singles in the ninth to Endy Chavez, Termrel Sledge and Juan Rivera.

Juan Cruz (6-2), the eighth pitcher for host Atlanta, allowed one hit in two innings. Braves starter Jose Capellan gave up two runs, four hits and three walks in five innings in his major league debut.

Brewers 11, Reds 0: Russell Branyan homered in his first two at-bats and Brady Clark hit a three-run homer as former Reds delivered against their old team at Cincinnati.

Ben Sheets (11-11) struck out 11 in seven innings — his eighth double-digit game this season — and allowed three hits. Aaron Harang (8-9) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 4⅓ innings.



AP

San Francisco's Barry Bonds hits his 699th career homer during the ninth inning of Sunday's 5-2 victory over Arizona, helping the Giants move one game ahead of the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

Red Sox can't solve Meche; fall 3½ behind Yanks

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Boston Red Sox were beating up on pitchers — until they ran into Gil Meche.

The unheralded right-hander threw a five-hitter Sunday for his second career shutout, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 2-0 victory over Boston.

"To shut a team like this down, when they're in a pennant race and they've scored the most runs in baseball, it's great," he said. "They've got a tough lineup and I just made some good pitches."

Anaheim also got a stellar pitching performance from Bartolo Colon (15-11), who went seven innings in an 11-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox. He became the fourth Angels pitcher to win 15 games in his first year with the club, joining Nolan Ryan (1972), Bill Singer (1973) and Bert Blyleven (1989).

Colon, who pitched for Chicago last season, held his former teammates to six hits and won for the 10th time in 13 decisions.

"I know a lot of guys on that club and they know my pitches, so mixing it up was important," he said.

AL Roundup

Colon struck out six and walked one. Garret Anderson drove in three runs for the Angels, who remained two games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West. Anaheim did gain some ground in the wild-card race, trimming Boston's lead to five games.

The Red Sox never solved Meche (5-6), who walked one, struck out four and retired 12 of his final 13 batters in his third career complete game. The other two games were shortened to five innings because of rain.

"That doesn't count," Meche said. "A five-inning rainout doesn't mean anything to me. I kept waiting for this one. I finally got this one under my belt. I feel like I can get a few more."

Shut out for the third time this season, Boston fell 3½ games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. The Red Sox, who lead the majors with 825 runs, are 30-10 since Aug. 1.

"We're in a good spot," centerfielder Johnny Damon said. "We know the teams in the West are going to start beating each other up. We're just going to have to play good ball if we want to get to the playoffs. And we know we're going to play good ball."

Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer for the Mariners and Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-4 with two singles, boosting his total to 231 hits this season. He is batting .374 and has 20 games left to reach the 84-year-old major league record of 257 hits, set by George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns.

Meche outpitched Derek Lowe (14-11) to improve to 4-1 with a 3.45 ERA in nine starts since being recalled from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League on July 30. The teams split four games, ending Boston's streak of seven straight series victories.

Yankees 9, Orioles 7: Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui hit consecutive homers in the ninth inning, and New York took advantage of 14 walks in a comeback victory.

The Yankees trailed 6-2 in the fifth before winning for the seventh time in eight games. They have rallied from deficits of four or more runs in nine victories this year. New York stranded 17 runners Sunday and went 0-for-5 with the bases loaded. The Yankees had not drawn 14 walks in a game since 1980.

With the score 7-7, Sheffield hit his 34th homer of the season leading off the ninth against Jorge Julio (2-5).

Tom Gordon (7-4) got four outs and Mariano Rivera earned his major league-leading 48th save.

Baltimore used 10 pitchers, a major league record for a nine-inning game.

Athletics 1, Indians 0: Barry Zito (11-10) struck out 10 for the first time since May 27 last year at Minnesota, and Erubiel Durazo hit his career-high 22nd homer, a second-inning drive off Jake Westbrook (12-8).

Chris Hammond, Chad Bradford and Octavio Dotel completed the six-hitter for host Oakland, with Dotel getting his 20th save when he threw a called third strike past Coco Crisp with runners on first and second.

Rangers 7, Blue Jays 6: Mark Teixeira homered twice, including a go-ahead, two-run shot in the eighth off Justin Speier (3-7), as the host Rangers completed a three-game sweep.

Francisco Cordero struck out three in the ninth for his team-record 44th save.

Twins 8, Tigers 5: Terry Tiffee, Torii Hunter and Cristian Guzman homered as visiting Minnesota (82-60) won its fifth straight and ensured its fourth consecutive winning season.

Terry Mulholland (5-8) allowed four runs in 6⅔ innings, and Joe Nathan got one out for his 42nd save. Pinch-hitter Ivan Rodriguez had a ninth-inning RBI single that ended J.C. Romero's team-record scoreless streak at 36⅔ innings.

Devil Rays 7, Royals 2: Jorge Sosa (4-4) allowed five hits in seven shutout innings to win for the first time in six starts. Rocco Baldelli hit a two-run single for the visiting Devil Rays, who had 15 hits and won their second straight following a 12-game losing streak.

No. 1 USC lived up to billing vs. Rams

Rout solidified Trojans' ranking

BY JOHN NADEL
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern California hardly resembled an elite team — much less No. 1 — in its first game of the season.

The Trojans made significant strides in Game 2.

After fumbling away a chance to score on its first possession, USC dominated perennial Mountain West Conference contender Colorado State in handing the Rams their most lopsided loss in eight years, a 49-0 setback Saturday night.

"We bit off a little more than we could chew," CSU coach Sonny Lubick said.

"This is as bad as it gets here," Rams wide receiver Joel Dreessen said.

The win was USC's 22nd in 23 games and 11th straight — the second-longest active winning streak among Division I-A schools behind Boise State's 13.

The top-ranked Trojans (2-0) are young and inexperienced in the offensive line and at wide receiver, and it showed in a 24-13 triumph over Virginia Tech on Aug. 28, when they had to come from behind in the second half.

The receivers showed they still have a long way to go against Colorado State, dropping several passes from Matt Leinart.

"Matt could have had unbelievable numbers had we caught some balls," USC coach Pete Carroll said.

But the offensive line was outstanding, paving the way for the Trojans to rush for 322 yards — their most since 1990 when they gained 331 on the ground at Ohio State.

And Leinart, who completed 20 of 31 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns, was afforded outstanding protection.

"We just dominated," Leinart said. "We don't care about rankings. We want to go out there and have an attitude, have that hunger we had last year as the season progressed."

The Trojans won 12 of 13 games and shared the national championship with LSU last year.

LenDale White gained 123 yards on 14 carries and scored a career-high three touchdowns, and Reggie Bush picked up 84 yards on 12 attempts and scored once.

"They proved they are a good one — one of the best in the nation," White said of the offensive line. "It takes a few weeks to get the rhythm, but once they got it going, they were making some huge holes for me."

The Trojans rushed for only 101 yards against Virginia Tech.

"I was most excited about the offensive line," Carroll said.

"They played a complete game."

The defense, shaky at times against Virginia Tech, forced six turnovers in Colorado State's first scoreless game since 1997.

The Trojans gained 553 yards to Colorado State's 281 and got 32 first downs to 14 for the Rams (0-2).

Justin Holland, who passed for 403 yards in Colorado State's season-opening 27-24 loss to Colorado, completed 19 of 35 passes for 233 yards against USC. But he threw four interceptions and was sacked four times, one causing a fumble.

A crowd of 85,521 watched the Trojans win their 16th straight game at the Coliseum and their seventh consecutive home opener.

"I wondered how we'd do today," Carroll said. "I wasn't sure if we would put it all together like we needed to. But as you can see, we took care of it."

AP

Southern Cal quarterback Matt Leinart evades Colorado State defenders Courtney Jones (52) and Ben Strantton during Saturday's game. Leinart completed 20 of 31 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns.

Upsets shake up Top 25

The Associated Press

The upsets have begun and the little guys are moving into The Associated Press poll.

After ranked teams started the season 21-0, five fell to unranked opponents this weekend, shaking up the media poll released Sunday.

While No. 1 Southern California and No. 2 Oklahoma had no problems holding on to the top two spots with lopsided wins, four teams fell out of the rankings — Kansas State and Missouri from the Big 12, Clemson from the Atlantic Coast Conference and Oregon from the Pac-10.

They were replaced by No. 19 Fresno State, which won at Kansas State, No. 23 Boise State from the Western Athletic Conference, and No. 24 Louisville and No. 25 Memphis from Conference USA.

The Tigers are ranked for the first time.

"Mid-majors are starting to come up, and good things are happening," Fresno State defensive end Garrett McIntyre said. "We want BCS bids and we think we can get them, but we have to go undefeated in order to do it. I think it's our time."

For Fresno State, it's looking like a repeat of the 2001 season.

That year David Carr and the Bulldogs knocked off three teams from marquee conferences and made a run at breaking into the Bowl Championship Series.

"This team still has a long way to go," Fresno State coach Pat Hill said. "Both teams are different, but they play with the same hunger and aggression. We've just got to keep playing like this."

Saturday's Fresno State win in Manhattan followed a victory at Washington six days earlier.

Boise State extended the nation's longest winning streak to 13 games by beating Oregon State 53-34 on Friday. The Broncos finished last season ranked 16th after going 13-1.

"As every coach will tell you, it's where you end up," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said Sunday. "But it's not like you don't put any credence in it."

Third-ranked Georgia without top rusher vs. Marshall

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Freshman tailback Danny Ware will miss at least one game for No. 3 Georgia after tests showed he suffered a bruised lung against South Carolina.

Coach Mark Richt said Sunday that while Ware won't be able to play next week against Marshall, he should be ready for LSU on Oct. 2.

Ware rushed for 135 yards and three touchdowns in Georgia's season-opening victory over Georgia Southern, but was held out Saturday after he coughed up blood on the sideline in the second quarter of the Bulldogs' 20-16 win.

With Ware limited to eight carries for 41 yards, Michael Cooper and Tyson Browning combined for 115 yards rushing. Another option at tailback against Marshall is Tony Milton, who spent the last week working at fullback.

Georgia (2-0) has an off week after the Marshall game.

College football briefs

Hokies' Vick pleads no contest

CHRISTIANSBURG, Va. — Suspended Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick pleaded no contest Monday to one misdemeanor count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor stemming from a night of drinking with underage girls.

Vick, younger brother of Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, received a suspended 30-day jail sentence, was fined $100 and ordered to perform 24 hours of community service.

The charge stemmed from an encounter Vick and two teammates — Mike Imoh and Brenden Hill — had with 14- and 15-year-old girls at Vick's apartment during the winter.

West Virginia tailback Harris questionable for Maryland

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia running back Kay-Jay Harris is questionable for Saturday's game against No. 21 Maryland with a pulled hamstring.

The seventh-ranked Mountaineers lost Harris early in a 45-20 victory at Central Florida on Saturday night.

Fernandez wins at Chicagoland; Rice OK after scary crash

The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — When Buddy Rice won at Michigan, Adrian Fernandez got most of the attention for a spin in the pits that nearly took out a crew member.

Now Rice has returned the favor.

Fernandez won his second race in a month Sunday, but the enduring memory of the Delphi Indy 300 will be Rice's scary crash late in the race that had his car skidding upside down along the track.

"This is a very exciting time for Fernandez Racing," said Fernandez, who owns his racing team. "My spin in Michigan, that made a headline, yes. I took a little bit from the winner there, so we are equal now."

Fernandez could joke about the crash because Rice emerged unscathed. But it didn't look so good when it happened.

The Indianapolis 500 winner was running fifth on lap 186 of the 200-lap race when Darren Manning's right front tire touched Rice's left rear tire on the backstretch out of the second turn. The impact turned Rice's car sideways and lifted it into the air.

The car did a backward somersault over Manning's car before the nose hit the track. The body of the car then slammed into the wall and came down on the roll hoop, a safety feature that is behind that cockpit below the on-board TV camera. According to IRL rules, the role hoop must be 5 inches above the driver's helmet.

"I was just hoping for it to stop," Rice said. "[There were] sparks and stuff flying by me the whole time."

Racing roundup

The car slid upside down along the track for several hundred yards before finally coming to a stop in the middle of the track.

Rice's crew called to him, but there was no response.

Safety crews rushed to the car and as soon as they righted it, Rice popped up. His helmet had scorch marks on it, but Rice was unscathed.

Another beautiful day in Monterey for Carpentier

MONTEREY, Calif. — The Monterey Peninsula brings out the best in Patrick Carpentier, as the Canadian drove onto the undulating hills of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and dominated Sunday's Bridgestone Grand Prix of Monterey for the second straight year.

It wasn't quite as easy as the race in June 2003, when he started from the pole and led every lap. But, once Carpentier did take the lead Sunday, inheriting the top spot when Michel Jourdain Jr. made a pit stop on lap 41, he was overpowering.

"We had a great car and the pits stops were really fast," said Carpentier, whose first win since reaching Victory Lane here last year was the fifth of his career.

Federer overwhelms Hewitt in U.S. Open

Defending champ wins third major of year

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Walking off the court after being overwhelmed by Roger Federer, Lleyton Hewitt gently tapped the Swiss star on the stomach.

That was about the only way Hewitt could touch him.

In a display of sheer dominance, Federer won the U.S. Open final 6-0, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 Sunday by trouncing an opponent who had not yet lost a single set in the tournament.

Federer became the first man to win three majors in a year since Mats Wilander in 1988. Having also won the Australian Open and Wimbledon, Federer's lone Grand Slam miss came in a third-round loss in the French Open to three-time champion Gustavo Kuerten.

"Traveling the world, being No. 1 in tennis, isn't so bad," he said. "I'd like to be a superstar."

This marked the first time since 1884 there were two shutout sets in the event's title match. It has happened in a Grand Slam final just four times overall, twice in the French Open.

Federer finished it off with one final forehand winner, a blazer down the line. He let loose a whoop, raised both arms, fell to his knees and rolled over.

Then it hit him, what he'd done.

"I think the first moment is when I was lying on my back and I saw the lights of the stadium and I thought, 'This is unbelievable.' "

Asked on the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium what more he could've accomplished, he smiled and offered, "That's all I got."

A day after Svetlana Kuznetsova swept Elena Dementieva out of an all-Russian final for the women's title, Federer also got it over quickly.

He did it without a lot of fanfare — in a two-week tournament sometimes marked by blown calls and the arguing and pointing that followed, Federer efficiently went about his business.

At 23, Federer improved to 4-0 in major finals, making him the first player in the Open era — from 1968 on — do that. And he raised more questions about whether he'd someday match Pete Sampras' mark of 14 Grand Slam singles titles.

"I'm still all the way in the beginning," he said. "I hope I can keep it up as long as I can. Once I get sick and tired of everything, you never know when that day will come."

The fourth-seeded Hewitt had won his only two Slam finals, including the 2001 Open, and was trying to become the first man to win the Open without losing a set since Neale Fraser in 1960.

Hewitt took a 16-match winning streak into the afternoon.

"Just fell one short," Hewitt said. "He didn't give me too many free points out there."

The Australian began the day with an 8-5 lifetime mark in matches against Federer. But Federer had beaten him at Wimbledon and in the Australian Open, and right away showed he intended to do it again.

Federer won 24 of 29 points in a first set that lasted all of 18 minutes. Not since 1903 had there been a "bagel" — tennis talk for a 6-0 whipping — in the opening set.

"It was a perfect start," Federer said. "Tough for Lleyton, obviously, but for me, a great start."

Hewitt, 23, is considered the best returner among current players, but he rarely could pin Federer. Instead, Federer pitched a complete game — powerful forehands, precise backhands, penetrating serve. As evidence: Federer topped Hewitt in winners (40-12), aces (11-1), and service breaks (7-1), and took the point on 31 of 35 trips to the net.

AP

Roger Federer returns to Lleyton Hewitt during the U.S. Open final in New York on Sunday. Federer earned his third Grand Slam title of the year with a 6-0, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 win.

Federer became the first player to win consecutive Slam events since Andre Agassi took the 1999 U.S. Open and 2000 Australian Open.

Agassi tried to stop Federer at Flushing Meadows without success, losing in five sets in a quarterfinal match that was suspended by rain.

Federer earned $1 million for the victory. The prestige of winning three majors was pretty pricey, too.

"It's an incredible effort, what he's done," Hewitt said. "I don't think people probably realize how hard it is."

Rod Laver was the last man to get the Grand Slam, back in 1969.

For now, matching Wilander's mark was plenty for Federer.

"He's a little better than everyone else at everything right now," Wilander said after Federer was finished. "Physically and mentally, he has the advantage over the other players. At the moment, I don't see anyone who can beat him."

Singh denies Weir, Canada chance to celebrate

The Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Now that he is No. 1 in the world, Vijay Singh figures the best way to stay there is to continue his amazing golf and to play better than everyone in the field that week.

Golf roundup

That's what happened in the Canadian Open — and it made Singh the slightest bit sad.

He would have preferred that the last guy standing between him and the trophy had been anyone but Mike Weir.

Singh spoiled what was shaping up as a raucous celebration Sunday, overcoming a two-shot deficit with three holes to play and beating Weir on the third hole of a playoff, robbing Canada of its first national champion in 50 years — on the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Open, no less.

"I really do feel for Mike," Singh said after closing with a birdie on the final hole for a 2-under 69 that forced a playoff when Weir missed a 10-footer for birdie in the final group. "That was the one person I didn't want to beat. He wanted to win this tournament so bad, but that's the way it golf goes.

"Somebody has to win."

Lately, that person inevitably is Singh.

Replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world ranking last week might have seemed like a crowning achievement, but now the 41-year-old Fijian is primed to do so much more. He won for the seventh time this year, joining Woods (twice), Jack Nicklaus (twice), Tom Watson and Johnny Miller in the group of players to have won that often in a season since 1970.

AP

Mike Weir reacts after missing a putt on the first playoff hole in the final of the Canadian Open at Glen Abbey on Sunday.

The story Sunday at Glen Abbey was Weir. And ultimately, this will be remembered as one he let slip away.

Three times Weir had a putt to win the tournament — a 10-foot birdie on the 72nd hole, a 25-foot eagle at No. 18 on the first playoff hole, and a 5-foot par putt at No. 17 on the second extra hole. He missed them all.

"For whatever reason, I could not find a comfort level on the greens," Weir said.

He ran out of chances on No. 18 for the third playoff hole, pulling his tee shot into the rough, laying up and hitting a wedge into the water. Singh hit another monster drive, and only had to three-putt from the fringe to collect his 22nd career PGA Tour victory, one behind Phil Mickelson.

Not since Pat Fletcher in 1954 had a Canadian won his national championship in golf. Some 40,000 fans flocked to the Abbey; it only sounded as if the entire nation had gathered for a celebration that looked so certain.

When Weir hit his approach to 2 inches on the sixth hole, the fans stood and pumped their arms, screaming like they never wanted this day to end.

"I was literally deaf, just being screamed at," Weir said. "I had to open my mouth and give a yawn to pop my ears as I got to the tee. It was pretty cool."

Weir closed with a 72, the only time he failed to break par all week, and both players finished at 9-under 275.

Sorenstam wins by 4 strokes

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Annika Sorenstam won her fifth LPGA Tour event of the year, closing with a 1-under 70 for a four-shot victory in the John Q. Hammons Classic.

Sorenstam had three birdies and a bogey in the final round for a 9-under 204 total, winning the event for the second time. She had a three-stroke lead entering the final round.

Shi Hyun Ahn closed with a 69 and was at 5-under 208 and Candie Kung (69) was at 3 under.

Mi Hyun Kim (67) and Heather Bowie (69) tied at 2-under 211.

Sorenstam, who hadn't played since winning the HP Open on Aug. 8, earned $150,000 for her 53rd career LPGA title.

Summerhays holds off field

MAINEVILLE, Ohio — Bruce Summerhays overcame a six-stroke deficit with a birdie on the 18th hole to win the $1.5 million Kroger Classic, edging defending champion Gil Morgan, Jim Thorpe and Doug Tewell by one stroke.

Summerhays prevailed over second-round leader Tewell with an 8-under 64 to finish at 15-under 201.

Tewell, who also finished second last year, shot a 1-under 71.

He had a chance to force a playoff with a birdie at 18, but could only make par.

Summerhays birdied nine holes to win his third Champions Tour event and first since 1998. His 64 at the 7,064-yard TPC at River's Bend was his best since a career-low 62 four years ago.

Thorpe and Morgan each shot 6-under 66s. Morgan shot a bogey-free round, but couldn't best Summerhays' birdies.

Steelers get a lot from Bettis' yard

Three short TD runs give Pittsburgh back unique line

The Associated Press

NFL roundup

PITTSBURGH — Jerry Rice and Jerome Bettis are two of the NFL's best-known players, easily recognizable personalities with statistics rivaled by few in the league's history.

So both found it disconcerting to be on the bench during the second half of the Raiders-Steelers game Sunday, mere spectators amid a setting in which they are accustomed to starring.

The difference was Bettis contributed despite his lack of playing time and carries. All Rice got out of the Steelers' 24-21 victory on Jeff Reed's 42-yard field goal with 7 seconds remaining was a long plane ride home.

Bettis, the NFL's No. 6 career rusher, barely played behind new starter Duce Staley, who ran for 91 yards in his Pittsburgh debut.

But Bettis had one of the most unique statistical lines in league history — five carries for 1 yard and three touchdowns — as the Steelers squandered a 21-10 lead in the fourth quarter before rallying to win.

"It's one of those things when you are in a role and you have to do what they ask you to do," Bettis said. "If they want me to come in and stick it in [the end zone], I have to come in and stick it in."

The Raiders' offseason overhaul following a turmoil-filled 4-12 season included new coach Norv Turner's hiring, but the first half was largely a replay of last year. The offense did little except turn the ball over and the defense fought to get off the field on third downs as the Steelers opened a 14-0 lead.

About then, Turner began shifting his personnel, including using some of his younger receivers. Rice's replacement, Doug Gabriel, got the comeback going with a 58-yard touchdown reception late in the first half, and Rich Gannon's 38-yard touchdown pass to Alvis Whitted with 4½ minutes remaining in the fourth quarter tied it.

"I played enough," said Rice, who made two catches for 22 yards. "I'm not going to get into how much playing time I'm getting. It's just a waste of time. If you would have asked me this, in my second or third year in the NFL, you probably would have gotten some curse words. But I'm a little more mature."

Jaguars 13, Bills 10: Visiting Jacksonville managed only 145 yards until its final drive. Then Byron Leftwich led the Jaguars 80 yards, and his 7-yard toss to Ernest Wilford as time ran out won the game, ending a nine-game road losing streak.

On that one drive, Leftwich was 7-for-13 for 72 yards, and he converted three fourth-down plays.

The Bills entered the red zone three times, but scored only 10 points. And their defense folded in the end.

"This is one of those emotional lows," Mularkey said. "It was a little self-destruction, and when it came down for them to make plays, they did."

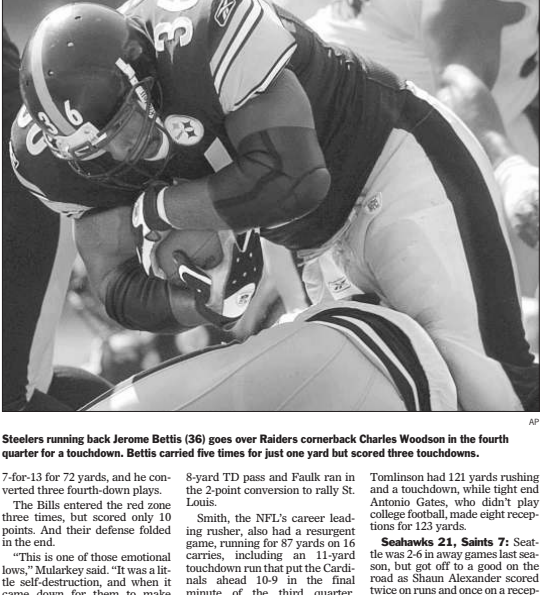
Rams 17, Cardinals 10: At St. Louis, Marshall Faulk outran Emmitt Smith and the Rams rallied to win. Faulk, 31, coming off two knee operations in the last year, rushed for 128 yards on 22 carries. Isaac Bruce caught an 8-yard TD pass and Faulk ran in the 2-point conversion to rally St. Louis.

Smith, the NFL's career leading rusher, also had a resurgent game, running for 87 yards on 16 carries, including an 11-yard touchdown run that put the Cardinals ahead 10-9 in the final minute of the third quarter. Smith, 35, was limited to 256 yards last year due to injuries.

Chargers 27, Texans 20: At Houston, where the game was delayed 10 minutes by a power failure in the fourth quarter, Drew Brees was 17-for-24 for 209 yards and two touchdowns. LaDainian Tomlinson had 121 yards rushing and a touchdown, while tight end Antonio Gates, who didn't play college football, made eight receptions for 123 yards.

Seahawks 21, Saints 7: Seattle was 2-6 in away games last season, but got off to a good on the road as Shaun Alexander scored twice on runs and once on a reception. Alexander rushed for 135 yards on 28 carries, but his knee was heavily wrapped after the game.

Seattle outgained New Orleans 415 yards to 281 and outrushed the Saints 194-74. The Saints converted only three of 14 third-downs.



AP

Steelers running back Jerome Bettis (36) goes over Raiders cornerback Charles Woodson in the fourth quarter for a touchdown. Bettis carried five times for just one yard but scored three touchdowns.

Martin gives Jets a running start

BY ANDREA ADELSON

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Curtis Martin made a plan when last season ended. No more slow starts, no more taking it easy in training camp.

Martin wanted to start the season fast, hoping perhaps that could help the New York Jets avoid their September slumps.

So far, so good.

Martin ran for 196 yards on 29 carries and scored on a run and a catch, helping the Jets beat Carson Palmer and the Cincinnati Bengals 31-24 on Sunday for their first home opening victory under coach Herman Edwards.

"I feel as though I could go do it again right now," Martin said. "I'm not joking."

Last season, it took Martin four games just to get to 196 yards.

The Jets' record through those first four games: 0-4. In 2002, Martin struggled through injuries. It took five games for him to get over 100 yards in a single game. The Jets record through those five contests: 1-4.

Knowing that, the 31-year-old Martin made up a difficult offseason routine for himself. He climbed the 200 steps from Santa Monica beach during the spring several times, pushing himself to work harder. When he got to training camp, he asked Edwards to give him more carries during practice and in the preseason.

The results were evident against the Bengals. Playing behind a strong offensive line made even better with the acquisition of Pete Kendall, Martin averaged 6.8 yards a carry.

"He looked about 19," said Santana Moss, who had four catches for 55 yards. "Curtis looked fresh. He was rolling. His preseason was so phenomenal this year, the way he went through camp and did all he did."

His performance overshadowed Palmer, the former No. 1 pick who made his regular-season NFL debut. The 2002 Heisman Trophy winner commanded the offense well and made few mistakes, going 18-of-27 for 248 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

But with the Bengals down 31-24 with two minutes remaining, Palmer made his biggest miscue. From his 49, Palmer heaved a pass for Chad Johnson. But rookie safety Erik Coleman stormed in and intercepted it, sealing the victory.

"We came here expecting to win," Palmer said. "We had what we needed. We had what we wanted. We had the ball with two minutes to go in good field position and I turned it over. I can't make plays like that for us to win."

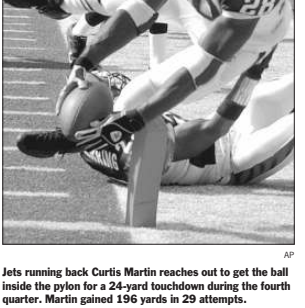
Martin made the plays. He ripped off long runs and broke tackles, and that helped open up the offense. Chad Pennington threw for two touchdowns, going 20-for-27 for 224 yards in the first season-opening start of his career.

It was the highest rushing total for Martin since 2000, when he had 203 yards against Indianapolis.

"He was ready to run like that," Edwards said. "I said to him, 'You got it left, don't you?' He looked like a gladiator coming out of there."

The Bengals trailed 14-10 at halftime and hoped to get ahead with the first possession of the third quarter. But Sam Cowart stripped Rudi Johnson of the ball, and Donnie Abraham returned it 41 yards for a touchdown to put the Jets up 21-10.

Palmer led the Bengals back, and his 6-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Watson cut the deficit to 21-17. After a field goal by Doug Brien, Martin essentially put the game out of reach with his 24-yard score to make it 31-17.



AP

Jets running back Curtis Martin reaches out to get the ball inside the pylon for a 24-yard touchdown during the fourth quarter. Martin gained 196 yards in 29 attempts.

Cowboys outgunned by Vikings' Culpepper

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Daunte Culpepper and the Minnesota Vikings started another season strong, and this time they're hoping to finish it that way.

Culpepper did just about everything well against Dallas — recognizing the pressure, running for first downs, making all the right throws and protecting the ball.

He threw a career-high five touchdown passes Sunday to lead the Vikings past the Cowboys 35-17 — and help his teammates forget the sting of a gut-wrenching, last-second loss in Arizona that ended the 2003 season and kept them out of the playoffs.

"It was definitely some motivation," Culpepper said. "We were able to get that taste out of our mouth."

Vinny Testaverde did his best to match Minnesota's rising star.

Testaverde was 29-for-50 for 355 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. His favorite target, Keyshawn Johnson, caught nine passes for 111 yards in his first game with the Cowboys.

It was Johnson's first regular season appearance since last Nov. 16, before he was permanently benched in a conflict with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden.

"We play 15 more games," Johnson said. "That's as positive as I can be. I'm not into losing."

At age 27, Culpepper should be entering his prime — and, the Vikings hope, leaving all those fumbles and interceptions behind him. Against a depleted Dallas secondary, Culpepper went 17-for-23 for 242 yards, no turnovers and passes to nine receivers.

"I don't feel I have to make a play all the time with all these guys around me," Culpepper said.

AP

Minnesota Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield, right, hauls Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson out of bounds during the first quarter Sunday in Minneapolis.

Randy Moss caught two TD passes, and Onterrio Smith, Marcus Robinson and Kelly Campbell each had one.

"He gives guys opportunities to make their money," Robinson said.

Darren Woodson's back injury left Dallas with one proven player in the secondary, Terence Newman, to defend Culpepper, Moss and the rest of Minnesota's offense that led the league in total yards last year.

"I can feel happy going home tonight knowing that everybody contributed to this victory," said Moss, who had only 27 yards receiving. "We can just hang our hats on this and look forward to next week."

The Cowboys couldn't do anything on the ground. Veteran Eddie George looked awfully slow and finished with 25 yards on eight rushes — all in the first half.

"I understand what my role is," George said. "It's a long season, and hopefully I'll get some opportunities next week."

Rookie Julius Jones might give the Cowboys a lift, but he was inactive with bruised ribs. Richie Anderson, another of Parcells' guys from his days with the New York Jets, had 10 yards on six carries and lost a fumble at the Minnesota 19 with 9:35 to play and the Vikings leading by 11.

ReShard Lee, appearing in his first NFL regular-season game, was almost solely responsible for Dallas' second touchdown. He returned a kickoff 62 yards and ran four times for 31 yards, the last a 7-yard rumble off left guard to cut Minnesota's lead to 21-17 early in the third quarter.

That was as close as the Cowboys came, though.

"It wasn't all bad," Testaverde said. "We were able to move the ball up and down the field a little bit. We just need to continue to work at getting it into the end zone."

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Griffin: 5-foot-8 back stands tall vs. Chiefs

GRIFFIN, FROM BACK PAGE

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play with a guy like that," Plummer said. "He's one of the great players to play in this league."

The game was supposed to be more of a defensive matchup than in years past after both teams made changes.

It didn't work out that way.

Kansas City's defense ranked 29th in the league last season, costing defensive coordinator Greg Robinson his job. The Chiefs didn't look any different under Gunther Cunningham.

Denver scored on its first three possessions, Plummer threw for 230 yards and two touchdowns and the Chiefs couldn't keep up with Griffin's jitterbug moves. Denver finished with 413 yards.

"They screwed us up with a lot of the different things they did," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said. "A little different than what they've ever done and it screwed us up."

The Broncos added Pro Bowl players Bailey and John Lynch in an attempt to get better on defense. They were better than the Chiefs, but still gave up 151 yards and three touchdowns to Priest Holmes.

Denver also gave up a 17-7 halftime lead 3½ minutes into the third quarter, but that had more to do with Plummer than anything the defense did.

His first pass of the third quarter was intercepted by Monty Beisel, leading to Lawrence Tynes' 50-yard field goal. Plummer then tried to throw left-handed to avoid a safety on the next drive.

That one ended up in the hands of Shawn Barber, and Holmes scored two plays later on a 4-yard run, tying the game at 17 as Plummer stood on the sideline shaking his head.

"We were fortunate that the game was that close," Vermeil said. "If it hadn't been for taking the ball away it wouldn't have been that close because we were not doing anything offensively."

AP

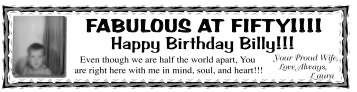
Denver Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey (24) dives over Chiefs defender Jerome Woods trying to pick up a first down after lining up at wide receiver during the first quarter in Denver on Sunday night.

After Griffin and Holmes traded touchdown runs, Denver took the lead back on Elam's 45-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Griffin then helped seal it, juking his way to a 19-yard run to set up Plummer's 2-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Hape with just more than two minutes left.

"On that last drive, he made some people look foolish out there and helped us get that last touchdown," Plummer said of Griffin.

Chiefs cornerback William Bartee was carted off the field with a sprained neck. Bartee was injured late in the first quarter when the side of his head hit Denver's Rod Smith on the hip during a punt.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Happy Birthday Billy!!!
Even though we are half the world apart, You are right here with me in mind, soul, and heart!!!
Your Proud Wife... Love, Always, Lynn

NFL scoreboard

American Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	.1000	27	24
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	.1000	31	24
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	13
Miami	0	1	0	.000	17	31
South						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	.1000	13	10
Tennessee	1	0	0	.1000	17	7
Houston	0	1	0	.000	27	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	27
North						
Cleveland	1	0	0	.1000	20	3
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	.1000	24	21
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	3	20
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	24	31
West						
Denver	1	0	0	.1000	34	24
San Diego	1	0	0	.1000	27	20
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	34
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	21	24

National Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	.1000	31	17
Washington	1	0	0	.1000	16	10
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	10	31
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	31
South						
Atlanta	1	0	0	.1000	21	19
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	7	21
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	10	16
North						
Detroit	1	0	0	.1000	20	16
Minnesota	1	0	0	.1000	35	17
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	13	20
West						
St. Louis	1	0	0	.1000	17	10
Seattle	1	0	0	.1000	21	7
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	10	17
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	19	21

Thursday's game

New England 27, Indianapolis 24

Saturday's game

Tennessee 17, Miami 7

Sunday's games

Detroit 20, Chicago 16
N.Y. Jets 31, Cleveland 24
Pittsburgh 24, Oakland 21
San Diego 27, Houston 20
St. Louis 17, Arizona 10
Washington 16, Tampa Bay 10
Seattle 21, New Orleans 7
Jacksonville 13, Buffalo 10
Cleveland 20, Baltimore 3
Atlanta 21, San Francisco 19
Minnesota 35, Dallas 17
Philadelphia 31, N.Y. Giants 17
Denver 34, Kansas City 24

Monday's game

Green Bay at Carolina

Sunday, Sept. 19

Houston at Detroit
St. Louis at Atlanta
Chicago at Green Bay
Washington at N.Y. Giants
Denver at Jacksonville
Indianapolis at Tennessee
Pittsburgh at Baltimore
Carolina at Kansas City
San Francisco at New Orleans
Seattle at Tampa Bay
Cleveland at Dallas
N.Y. Jets at San Diego
Buffalo at Oakland
New England at Arizona
Miami at Cincinnati

Monday, Sept. 20

Minnesota at Philadelphia

Sunday, Sept. 26

Open dates: Buffalo, Carolina, New England, New York Jets
Arizona at Atlanta
Baltimore at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at Detroit
Houston at Kansas City
Pittsburgh at Miami
Chicago at Minnesota
Cleveland at New York Giants
New Orleans at St. Louis
Jacksonville at Tennessee
San Diego at Denver
Green Bay at Indianapolis
San Francisco at Seattle
Tampa Bay at Oakland

Monday, Sept. 27

Dallas at Washington

Sunday

Lions 20, Bears 16

Detroit	0	3	10	7—20
Chicago	7	0	0	9—16

First Quarter

Chi–T.Jones 2 run (Jaworski kick), 7:38.

Second Quarter

Det–FG Hanson 27, :16.

Third Quarter

Det–Walker 92 blocked field goal return (Hanson kick), 12:17.
Det–FG Hanson 21, 7:37.

Fourth Quarter

Chi–T.Jones 2 run (Jaworski kick), 12:40.
Det–Hakim 4 pass from Harrington (Hanson kick), 5:42.
Chi–Safety, Harris run out end zone, 1:53.
A–61,535.

Team Stats	Det	Chi
First downs	13	18
Total Net Yards	262	342
Rushes-yards	30-77	32-128
Passing	185	214
Punt Returns	1-2	4-80
Kickoff Returns	3-74	6-132
Interceptions Ret.	2-12	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	14-26-1	16-35-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	3-13
Punts	8-38.4	7-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	9-80	9-95
Time of Possession	29:42	30:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Detroit, K.Jones 15-36, Pinner 5-21, Bryson 3-18, Harrington 4-6, Schlesinger 1-2, R.Williams 1-1, Harris 1-(minus 7). **Chicago**, T.Jones 27-67, Grossman 4-21, Terrell 1-20, Thomas 3-13, Wade 1-5, Berrian 1-1, McKie 1-1.

Passing—Detroit, Harrington 14-26-1-187. **Chicago**, Grossman 16-35-2-227.

Receiving—Detroit, R.Williams 4-69, Hakim 3-29, Alexander 2-15, K.Jones 1-34, Schlesinger 1-30, Pinner 1-2, Fitzsimmons 1-4, Streets 1-1. **Chicago**, T.Jones 6-38, Terrell 5-126, Clark 3-38, Wade 1-12, McKie 1-10, Gage 1-9, B.Johnson 1-4.

Missed field goal—Chicago, Edinger 27 (BK).

Jets 31, Bengals 24

Cincinnati	7	3	7	7—24
N.Y. Jets	14	0	10	7—31

First Quarter

Cin–R.Johnson 9 run (Graham kick), 12:36.
NYJ–Martin 3 pass from Pennington (Brien kick), 8:48.
NYJ–J.Carter 46 pass from Pennington (Brien kick), 3:09.

Second Quarter

Cin–FG Graham 22, 3:17.

Third Quarter

NYJ–D.Abraham 41 fumble return (Brien kick), 11:56.
Cin–Watson 6 pass from Palmer (Graham kick), 6:20.
NYJ–FG Brien 21, :26.

Fourth Quarter

NYJ–Martin 24 run (Brien kick), 9:35.
Cin–C.Johnson 53 pass from Palmer (Graham kick), 6:28.
A–77,230.

	Cin	NYJ
First downs	19	24
Total Net Yards	351	438
Rushes-yards	28-113	34-219
Passing	238	219
Punt Returns	0-0	2-13
Kickoff Returns	5-127	5-100
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-6
Comp-Att-Int	18-27-1	20-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-15	1-20
Punts	3-50.3	2-38.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-49	1-7
Time of Possession	29:13	30:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Cincinnati, R.Johnson 24-70, Watson 1-25, Palmer 2-18, Warrick 1-8. **New York**, Martin 29-136, Powell 1-29, Moss 1-7, J.Carter 1-(minus 2), Pennington 2-(minus 2).

Passing—Cincinnati, Palmer 18-27-1-248. **New York**, Pennington 20-27-0-224.

Receiving—Cincinnati, C.Johnson 5-99, Warrick 5-76, Houshmandzadeh 3-38, Watson 2-15, Washington 1-9, J.Johnson 1-8, Kelly 1-3. **New York**, McCareins 5-55, Moss 4-55, Sowell 3-20, Martin 3-7, Chrebet 2-21, J.Carter 1-46, Jordan 1-5, Baker 1-4.

Steelers 24, Raiders 21

Oakland	0	7	3	11—21
Pittsburgh	7	7	3	7—24

First Quarter

Pit–Bettis 1 run (Reed kick), 6:29.

Second Quarter

Pit–Bettis 1 run (Reed kick), 11:08.
Oak–Gabriel 58 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick), 1:37.

Third Quarter

Oak–FG Janikowski 28, 8:17.
Pit–Bettis 1 run (Reed kick), 3:12.

Fourth Quarter

Oak–FG Janikowski 38, 10:32.
Oak–Whittled 38 pass from Gannon (Whittled pass from Gannon), 4:51.
Pit–FG Reed 42, :07.
A–60,147.

	Oak	Pit
First downs	18	17
Total Net Yards	358	237
Rushes-yards	22-61	33-107
Passing	297	130
Punt Returns	1-13	2-22
Kickoff Returns	5-96	5-111
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-37-2	13-22-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-8	2-12
Punts	3-44.0	6-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-31	3-20
Time of Possession	30:43	29:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Oakland, Wheatley 11-24, Fargas 7-17, Crockett 2-10, Robinson 1-7, Gabriel 1-3. **Pittsburgh**, Staley 24-91, Maddox 3-13, Haynes 1-2, Bettis 5-1.

Passing—Oakland, Gannon 20-37-2-305. **Pittsburgh**, Maddox 13-22-0-142.

Receiving—Oakland, Porter 4-44, Gabriel 3-81, Redmond 3-29, Rice 2-22, Fargas 2-19, Whittred 1-38, Wheatley 1-30, Jolley 1-19, Anderson 1-13, Curry 1-12, Crockett 1-8. **Pittsburgh**, Ward 7-99, Burress 1-13, Riemersma 1-12, Randle El 1-11, Tuman 1-6, Staley 1-3, Haynes 1-(minus 2).

Chargers 27, Texans 20

San Diego	3	7	10	7—27
Houston	3	10	7	0—20

First Quarter

Hou–FG K.Brown 37, 11:49.
SD–FG Kaeding 48, 6:01.

Second Quarter

Hou–FG K.Brown 20, 14:07.
SD–Tomlinson 1 run (Kaeding kick), 9:51.
Hou–D.Davis 2 run (K.Brown kick), 4:43.

Third Quarter

SD–Caldwell 36 pass from Brees (Kaeding kick), 9:12.
Hou–D.Davis 1 run (K.Brown kick), 4:36.
SD–FG Kaeding 29, :00.

Fourth Quarter

SD–Parker 19 pass from Brees (Kaeding kick), 8:34.
A–70,255.

	SD	Hou
First downs	17	20
Total Net Yards	324	336
Rushes-yards	32-122	29-110
Passing	202	226
Punt Returns	1-13	2-25
Kickoff Returns	4-102	6-154
Interceptions Ret.	2-0	2-2
Comp-Att-Int	17-24-1	19-25-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	2-3
Punts	4-39.0	2-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-60	6-83
Time of Possession	31:10	28:50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—San Diego, Tomlinson 26-121, Neal 1-3, Brees 5-(minus 2). **Houston**, D.Davis 21-87, Carr 3-12, Hollings 3-10, Baxter 2-1.

Passing—San Diego, Brees 17-24-0-209. **Houston**, Carr 19-25-2-229.

Receiving—San Diego, Gates 8-123, Caldwell 4-65, Tomlinson 2-(minus 4), Eric Parker 2-25. **Houston**, D.Davis 5-71, A.Johnson 4-58, Gaffney 4-40, Bradford 3-24, Hollings 1-27, Bruener 1-7, Baxter 1-3.

Rams 17, Cardinals 10

Arizona	0	3	7	0—10
St. Louis	0	6	3	8—17

Second Quarter

StL–FG Wilkins 50, 11:21.
Ari–FG Dackers 22, 8:10.
StL–FG Wilkins 28, 2:39.

Third Quarter

StL–FG Wilkins 22, 5:50.
Ari–Smith 11 run (Dackers kick), :57.

Fourth Quarter

StL–Bruce 8 pass from Bulger (Faulk run), 1:42.
A–65,538.

	Ari	StL
First downs	14	27
Total Net Yards	260	448
Rushes-yards	23-103	30-137
Passing	157	272
Punt Returns	1-7	2-13
Kickoff Returns	5-138	2-34
Interceptions Ret.	1-(-1)	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-0	23-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-24	0-0
Punts	8-42.8	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-59	7-55
Time of Possession	26:10	33:50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Arizona, Smith 16-87, Sorokey 2-9, McCown 1-5, Hambrick 2-2, Johnson 1-1, Fitzgerald 1-(minus 1). **St. Louis**, Faulk 22-128, Jackson 7-50, Cleeland 1-(minus 2).

Passing—Arizona, McCown 18-29-0-181. **St. Louis**, Bulger 23-34-1-272.

Receiving—Arizona, Jones 6-39, Fitzgerald 4-70, Sorokey 3-23, Johnson 3-19, Poole 1-24, Williams 1-6. **St. Louis**, Bruce 9-112, Holt 7-96, Looker 3-34, Faulk 2-17, McDonald 2-13.

Jaguars 13, Bills 10

Jacksonville	0	3	3	7—13
Buffalo	7	0	0	3—10

First Quarter

Buf–Moulds 17 pass from Bledsoe (Lindell kick), 2:48.

Second Quarter

Jac–FG Scobee 25, :17.

Third Quarter

Jac–FG Scobee 27, 4:32.

Fourth Quarter

Buf–FG Lindell 25, 10:15.
Jac–Willford 7 pass from Leftwich (Scobee kick), :46.
A–72,389.

	Jac	Buf
First downs	14	16
Total Net Yards	225	242
Rushes-yards	23-83	36-95
Passing	142	147
Punt Returns	4-34	1-5
Kickoff Returns	3-59	2-43
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-35
Comp-Att-Int	18-36-2	17-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-5	1-6
Punts	6-47.0	5-44.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-40	7-78
Time of Possession	26:07	33:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Jacksonville, Taylor 17-61, Leftwich 2-11, Toefield 3-8, Jones 1-3. **Buffalo**, Henry 23-75, McGahee 9-31, Bledsoe 3-(minus 4), Reed 1-(minus 7).

Passing—Jacksonville, Leftwich 18-36-2-147, Buffalo, Bledsoe 17-26-0-153.

Receiving—Jacksonville, Edwards 5-37, Jones 3-43, Wrightster 2-12, Williams 2-9, Edwards 2-6, Ernest Willford 1-7, Toefield 2-(minus 1). **Buffalo**, Moulds 8-75, Henry 3-9, Reed 2-18, Evans 2-12, Campbell 1-27, McGahee 1-12.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Buffalo, Rian Lindell 42 (WL).

Seahawks 21, Saints 7

Seattle	0	14	7	0—21
New Orleans	0	7	0	0—7

Second Quarter

Sea–Alexander 14 pass from Hasselbeck (J.Brown kick), 14:52.
Sea–Alexander 6 run (J.Brown kick), 6:38.
NO–Cromwell 6 pass from Brooks (Carney kick), 2:54.

Third Quarter

Sea–Alexander 9 run (J.Brown kick), 3:06.
–64,900.

	Sea	NO
First downs	21	12
Total Net Yards	415	281
Rushes-yards	43-169	19-74
Passing	246	207
Punt Returns	3-26	4-24
Kickoff Returns	2-46	4-129
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-1	18-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	2-15
Punts	7-39.0	7-41.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-45	8-68
Time of Possession	33:37	26:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Seattle, Alexander 28-135, Strong 7-25, Mare 1-4, Hasselbeck 4-(minus 1). **New Orleans**, McAllister 16-57, Brooks 2-16, Stallworth 1-1.

Passing—Seattle, Hasselbeck 19-29-1-246. **New Orleans**, Brooks 18-37-1-223.

Receiving—Seattle, Jackson 7-98, Engram 3-55, Robinson 3-35, Alexander 2-31, Strong 2-9, Mill 1-15, Evans 1-3. **New Orleans**, Horn 6-110, Stallworth 3-36, Cornwell 3-32, Williams 3-13, McAllister 2-20, Karney 1-12.

Browns 20, Ravens

Baltimore	0	0	3	0—3
Cleveland	0	3	7	10—20

Second Quarter

Cle–FG Dawson 37, 7:42.

Third Quarter

Bal–FG Stover 42, 5:57.
Cle–Morgan 46 pass from Garcia (Dawson kick), :24.

Fourth Quarter

Cle–FG Dawson 25, 7:18.
Cle–Garcia 3 run (Dawson kick), 4:20.
A–73,068.

	Bal	Cle
First downs	16	10
Total Net Yards	254	250
Rushes-yards	26-88	29-89
Passing	166	165
Punt Returns	6-5	1-9
Kickoff Returns	4-78	1-30
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-38-2	15-24-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-25	2-15
Punts	7-38.7	7-45.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-46	6-58
Time of Possession	30:59	29:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Baltimore, Lewis 20-57, Boller 2-16, Taylor 3-14, Ricard 1-1. **Cleveland**, Green 22-65, Garcia 3-13, Jackson 4-7.

Passing—Baltimore, Boller 22-38-2-191. **Cleveland**, Garcia 15-24-0-180.

Receiving—Baltimore, Heap 9-86, K.Johnson 5-43, Hymes 5-39, Wilcox 2-18, Taylor 1-5. **Cleveland**, Winslow 4-39, Green 2-27, Northcutt 3-12, Jackson 2-5, Davis 1-51, Morgan 1-46.

Redskins 16, Buccaneers 10

Tampa Bay	0	3	7	0—10
Washington	7	3	0	6—16

First Quarter

Was–Portis 64 run (Hall kick), 11:29.

Second Quarter

Was–FG Hall 20, 14:32.
TB–FG Gramatica 47, 12:57.

Third Quarter

TB–Barber 9 fumble return (Gramatica kick), 4:44.

Fourth Quarter

Was–FG Hall 30, 8:55.
Was–FG Hall 34, :16.
A–90,098.

	TB	Was
First downs	10	15
Total Yards	169	291
Rushes-yards	15-30	39-166
Passing	139	125
Punt Returns	5-21	3-18
Kickoff Returns	5-138	3-63
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-16
Comp-Att-Int	24-37-1	13-24-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-30	0-0
Punts	9-40.1	7-49.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-44	3-23
Time of Possession	27:13	32:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Tampa Bay, Garner 11-25, Alstott 4-5. **Washington**, Portis 29-148, Betts 5-17, Brunell 5-1.

Passing—Tampa Bay, Johnson 24-37-1-169. **Washington**, Brunell 13-24-0-125.

Receiving—Tampa Bay, Clayton 7-53, Galloway 4-23, Alstott 3-12, Barber 3-12, Dudley 2-31, Schroeder 2-26, Garner 1-4, White 1-3. Galloway 1-0. **Washington**, Gardner 4-61, Portis 4-15, Coles 2-37, Cooley 1-16, Betts 1-6.

Missed field goal—Washington, Hall 50 (WR).

Falcons 21, 49ers 19

Atlanta	7	7	0	7—21
San Francisco	3	0	3	13—19

First Quarter

Atl–Crumpler 15 pass from Vick (Feely kick), 4:12.

Second Quarter

Atl–Dunn 2 run (Feely kick), 6:17.
SF–FG Peterson 23, 1:14.

Third Quarter

SF–FG Peterson 32, 7:11.

Fourth Quarter

Atl–Dunn 9 run (Feely kick), 8:57.
SF–Williams 8 pass from Rattay (Peterson kick), 6:14.
SF–Johnson 16 pass from Rattay (pass failed), :40.
A–65,584.

	Atl	SF
First downs	14	21
Total Net Yards	227	359
Rushes-yards	28-95	23-93
Passing	132	266
Punt Returns	3-19	3-4
Kickoff Returns	4-49	3-57
Interceptions Ret.	1-89	1-19
Comp-Att-Int	13-22-0	27-41-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-31	3-20
Punts	8-39.9	6-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-70	10-57
Time of Possession	26:33	33:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Atlanta, Dunn 19-63, Price 1-16, Vick 6-10, Duckett 2-6. **San Francisco**, Barlow 19-76, Jackson 3-18, Batter 1-(minus 2).

Passing—Atlanta, Vick 13-22-1-163. **San Francisco**, Rattay 18-31-1-175, Borrow 9-15-0-111.

Receiving—Atlanta, Crumpler 6-62, Price 4-62, Dunn 2-19, Griffith 1-2, Duckett 1-18. **San Francisco**, Johnson 8-86, Wilson 7-94, Lloyd 4-29, Barlow 3-31, Conway 2-24, Barlow 1-15, Batter 1-6, Isom 1-1.

Vikings 35, Cowboys 17

Dallas	3	7	0	7—17
Minnesota	0	14	14	7—35

First Quarter

Dal–FG Lindloff 27, 11:02.

Second Quarter

Min–O.Smith 63 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), 11:26.
Min–Nelson 3 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), :30.
Dal–Glover 32 pass from Testaverde (Cundiff kick), :05.

Third Quarter

Min–Moss 3 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), 12:25.
Dal–Lee 7 run (Cundiff Kick), 10:36.
Min–Moss 1 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), 6:01.

Fourth Quarter

Min–Campbell 43 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), 6:56.
A–64,105.

	Dal	Min
First downs	27	23
Total Net Yards	423	415
Rushes-yards	21-71	28-136
Passing	352	279
Punt Returns	1-12	1-1
Kickoff Returns	6-152	4-71
Interceptions Ret.	0-00	0-00
Comp-Att-Int	29-51-0	18-24-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-3	2-0
Punts	3-32.7	3-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-119	5-40
Time of Possession	29:42	31:00

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Dallas, Lee 10-36, George 8-25, Anderson 6-10, Barnes 1-1, Testaverde 1-0. **Minnesota**, Moss 15-76, M.Williams 6-27, Culpepper 6-25, Moore 1-8.

Passing—Dallas, Testaverde 29-50-0-356. **Minnesota**, Culpepper 17-23-0-242, Moss 1-1-0-37.

Receiving—Dallas, K.Johnson 9-111, Bryant 8-112, Glenn 5-84, Anderson 4-31, Witten 3-17. **Minnesota**, Moss 4-27, Robinson 3-54, Burleson 3-34, Kleinsasser 2-24, Wiggins 2-18, O.Smith 1-63, Campbell 1-43, Moore 1-8, Williams 1-8.

Eagles 31, Giants 17

N.Y. Giants	7	3	0	7—17
Philadelphia	14	10	7	0—31

First Quarter

NYG–Dayne 3 run (Christie kick), 8:17.
Phi–Westbrook 50 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 6:18.
Phi–Owens 3 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 2:17.

Second Quarter

Phi–L.Smith 14 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 6:15.
Phi–FG Akers 45, 2:14.
NYG–FG Christie 53, 1:14.

Third Quarter

Phi–Owens 12 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 5:00.

Fourth Quarter

NYG–Barber 72 run (Christie kick), 2:25.
A–67,532.

	NYG	Phi
First downs	19	21
Total Net Yards	413	454
Rushes-yards	23-170	27-141
Passing	243	313
Punt Returns	1-8	3-50
Kickoff Returns	5-119	3-67
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-37-0	26-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-36	2-17
Punts	5-42.6	4-34.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-30	8-50
Time of Possession	27:50	32:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—New York, Barber 9-125, Dayne 13-45, Hilliard 1-0. **Philadelphia**, McNabb 17-119, McNabb 4-12, Mahe 3-7, Taylor 3-3.

Passing—New York, Warner 19-28-0-303, Manning 3-9-0-66. **Philadelphia**, McNabb 26-36-0-313.

Receiving—New York, Barber 5-75, Carter 4-51, Toomer 4-41, Hilliard 3-6, Shockey 2-19, Finn 1-29. **Philadelphia**, Owens 8-86, C.Lewis 6-58, Pinkston 3-76, L.Smith 3-50, Westbrook 3-42, Kistler 2-14, McNabb 1-8.

Missed field goal—Philadelphia, Akers 53 (WL).

Broncos 34, Chiefs 24

Kansas City	7	0	10	7—24
Denver	7	7	10	10—34

First Quarter

KC–Holmes 2 run (Tynes kick), 10:46.
Den–FG Elam 43, 5:15.

Second Quarter

Den–Griffith 1 pass from Plummer (Elam kick), 12:00.
Den–Griffith 25 run (Elam kick), 8:44.

Third Quarter

KC–FG Tynes 50, 12:53.
KC–Holmes 4 run (Tynes kick), 11:23.
Den–Griffith 47 run (Elam kick), 9:54.
KC–Holmes 33 run (Tynes kick), 5:50.

Fourth Quarter

Den–FG Elam 45, 13:21.
Den–Hape 2 pass from Plummer (Elam kick), 2:12.
A–75,339.

	KC	Den
First downs	15	24
Total Net Yards	318	413
Rushes-yards	28-102	35-202
Passing	151	211
Punt Returns	1-26	4-55
Kickoff Returns	1-17	4-113
Interceptions Ret.	2-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	16-32-1	18-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-23	2-19
Punts	5-45.4	2-56.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-70	4-35
Time of Possession	28:24	31:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Kansas City, Holmes 26-151, Richardson 1-13, Green 1-3. **Denver**, Griffith 23-156, Plummer 7-23, Hearst 2-5, R.Smith 1-(minus 3).

Passing—Kansas City, Green 16-32-1-174. **Denver**, Plummer 18-29-2-230.

Receiving—Kansas City, Kennison 6-101, Morton 3-30, Gonzalez 2-17, Hall 2-17, Holmes 2-11, Richardson 1-(minus 2). **Denver**, R.Smith 7-76, Leile 4-86, Putzier 2-25, Watts 1-22, Bailey 1-11, Hearst 1-5, Hape 1-2, Griffith 1-1.

Missed field goal—Kansas City, Tynes 58 (WR).

No. 1 starts

A look at recent quarterbacks selected with the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL Draft since 1990 and how they fared in their first starts. Players listed with year drafted, team, date of first start, opponent and result:

Jeff George, 1990, Indianapolis, Sept. 9, 1990, lost to Buffalo.
Drew Bledsoe, 1993, New England, Sept. 5, 1993, lost to Buffalo.
Peyton Manning, 1998, Indianapolis, Sept. 6, 1998, lost to Miami.
Tim Couch, 1999, Cleveland, Sept. 19, 1999, lost to Tennessee.
Michael Vick, 2001, Atlanta, Nov. 11, 2001, defeated Dallas.
David Carr, 2002, Houston, Sept. 8, 2002, defeated Dallas.
Carson Palmer, 2003, Cincinnati, Sept. 12, 2004, lost to New York Jets.

AP

Redskins running back Clinton Portis finishes a 64-yard TD jaunt in front of Bucs safety Jermaine Phillips.

Portis, defense key win for Gibbs

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Joe Gibbs was outcoached in his first NFL opener in 12 years — by one of his assistants.

With his offense sputtering, Gibbs emerged a winner in his comeback game because of a sophisticated, aggressive game plan by defensive coach Gregg Williams. The Washington Redskins forced two turnovers that led to scores and had four sacks Sunday in their 16-10 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I can't take any credit for that," said Gibbs, who concentrates almost solely on offensive schemes. "All I do is walk down there and scream, 'Stop 'em!' "

Still, the day was all about Gibbs, who was back with the team he led to three Super Bowl titles from 1981-92. The emotions were really churning in the days leading up to the game, and the Hall of Fame coach was relieved that all the work and stress produced a reward.

"It was huge for me, I can tell you that," said Gibbs, who earned his 125th regular-season victory and 141st overall. "And I think it was for our players, too. … As a family and everything else, for us it's a big deal. I told my players that I hope now the attention can go on them."

The offense made its mark on the opening drive when Clinton Portis cut back through a huge hole and ran 64 yards for a touchdown in his first carry with the Redskins. Portis finished with 148 yards on 29 carries, but it was the defense that carried the team for the final 55 minutes.

"The defense was incredible," said quarterback Mark Brunell, whose fumble deep in Washington territory gave Tampa Bay its only touchdown. "The offense has some work to do."

The Redskins held the Bucs without an offensive touchdown for the game and without a first down until midway through the second quarter. Of John Hall's three field goals, two came directly off turnovers.

"We had trouble getting much going," Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden said. "The myriad of blitzes we got makes it difficult at times to run the football. You've got to hit a big play somewhere in the passing game. You have to deliver a play, somewhere, somehow, to try to get the defense out of the system."

It never happened. Tampa Bay finished with 169 total yards, including just 30 rushing on 15 carries.

The Bucs also lost Joey Galloway to a groin strain in the second quarter. Gruden would only say that Galloway is out "indefinitely."

Although the Redskins dominated early, they led only 10-3 at halftime. Then Tampa Bay tied it in the third quarter when Brunell, after tripping while taking the snap, stretched on one knee to try to give the ball to Portis. The ball was deflected high into the air and was eventually grabbed by Ronde Barber, who ran 9 yards for the touchdown.

The score gave the Buccaneers the momentum, but the Redskins got it back when Antonio Pierce, starting at middle linebacker in place of injured Mike Barrow, intercepted a pass deep over the middle.

Six plays later, Hall kicked a 30-yard field goal with 8:55 remaining to put Washington ahead for good.

A pair of sacks, including a second in the game by blitzing safety Matt Bowen, thwarted Tampa Bay's next drive. The Redskins then essentially ran out the clock, adding a final field goal with 16 seconds to play.

Needless to say, Williams was high in demand for congratulations in the locker room after the game, but he threw the praise right back to Gibbs.

"Joe Gibbs' football teams take the ball away and protect the football," Williams said. "He preaches that every day."

Lions end road skid by holding off Bears

Detroit loses WR Rogers for year in first road win since Dec. 2000

BY RICK GANO
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Now that the streak is finally over, the Detroit Lions plan to build on their first road victory in more than three seasons.

"It is a refreshing feeling. You sometimes think about the frustrating times in the past," defensive tackle Shaun Rogers said Sunday after the Lions stopped their 24-game road losing skid with a 20-16 victory over Chicago.

Rogers played a big role in the Lions' first road win since Dec. 17, 2000. He blocked a field-goal attempt by Paul Edinger in the third quarter that teammate Bracy Walker picked up and returned 92 yards for a touchdown.

"This is a new team, new-look Lions with a lot of new faces and some old faces," said Rogers, who also recovered a fumble. "We wanted to get off to a good start and I think we did that."

But the Lions' victory that spoiled Chicago coach Lovie Smith's debut with the Bears came with costs.

Wide receiver Charles Rogers broke a collarbone for the second straight year and will miss the rest of the season. He got hurt going for a first-quarter pass. Rogers, the second overall pick in the 2003 draft, played only five games last season.

Pro Bowl cornerback Dre' Bly sprained a knee ligament in the first quarter and will miss the next two games.

"It's a shame that his clavicle didn't hold up," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said of Rogers. "Medically we are going to have to determine what we have to do and see if he can get back here."

The Lions overcame the injuries Sunday, with Walker, who needed intravenous fluids on a hot day, playing a big role.

Not only did he make the long TD return on a hot day, he intercepted Rex Grossman's pass with 18 seconds left to preserve the win.

"We gave the game ball to Bracy for obvious reasons," Mariucci said.

Joey Harrington tossed a 4-yard go-ahead TD pass to Az-Zahir Hakim in the fourth quarter, and Detroit held on in the final seconds.

After the Lions took a safety rather than punt out of their own end zone, Chicago's R.W. McQuarters made a 37-yard return and the Bears moved into position for a win.

"It was a tough loss. There were a lot of first-game mistakes," Smith said. "We had a chance to win it with all those things."

Grossman's 19-yard pass to David Terrell and a 15-yard run by Thomas Jones got the Bears to the Detroit 9.

After a sack and a spike, a scrambling Grossman threw the ball to the corner for Terrell, but Walker made the pick.

"I thought he was going to try and run it into the end zone," Walker said. "He just so happened to throw the ball, and I looked and it fell into my hands."

Grossman, who lost a fumble and had two interceptions, took the blame.

"I was trying to throw it up for a jump ball situation for David in the back of the end zone. I threw it a little short," Grossman said. "I should have thrown it away. I didn't."

Jones had a pair of 2-yard TD runs in his Bears debut but Chicago was bogged down by turnovers and penalties, three of which came after plays.

One came on Terrell for taunting after he made a catch along the sideline and then tossed the ball to Lions punter Nick Harris. Two more were for personal fouls, one on center Olin Kreutz for slapping a Lions player on the helmet and another on defensive back Charles Tillman for shoving a scrambling Harrington after he'd run out of bounds.

"The refs called nitpicky fouls all day. The personal foul on Olin Kreutz wasn't a personal foul. So they made bad calls," Terrell said.

Feeley to start for Dolphins, but he'll be on a short leash

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Quarterback A.J. Feeley will remain in the Miami Dolphins' lineup — at least for now.

Feeley played well enough coming off the bench in the Dolphins' season-opening loss to earn a start this week at Cincinnati, coach Dave Wannstedt said Sunday.

That means a demotion for Jay Fiedler after four seasons as the starter.

Feeley threw for a touchdown, but had an interception returned for a score in the Dolphins' 17-7 loss Saturday to Tennessee.

"To give us the best chance to beat the Bengals and do what we need to do offensively, he'll be ready to do that," Wannstedt said.

But Feeley's hold on No. 1 is tenuous. Wannstedt said he may continue to shuffle quarterbacks.

"Whatever we've got to do to win at any position, we're going to do it," he said.

The Dolphins are trying to avoid their first 0-2 start since 1988, their most recent losing season.

Feeley will take over a sputtering offense hampered by injuries.

Starting running back Travis Minor and backup Sammy Morris missed the second half of the opener due to sprained ankles, and their availability against Cincinnati is uncertain.

Lamar Gordon, who had just a handful of repetitions in practice after Miami acquired him in a trade Wednesday, led the team with 32 yards rushing in 12 carries. He'll likely start Sunday.

"I'm excited after seeing him play," Wannstedt said. "We added a good player to our team."

Feeley will make his first start since 2002, when he became a hero in Philadelphia by going 4-1 as the Eagles' No. 1 quarterback after Donovan McNabb and Koy Detmer were hurt. Those are Feeley's only NFL starts, and he started just eight games at Oregon.

But Wannstedt opted to gamble on the less experienced Feeley after Fiedler threw two interceptions in the first half against the Titans and led Miami to just three first downs. Fiedler went to the bench with Miami trailing 7-0.

"It wasn't the score as much as the turnovers," Wannstedt said. "That's the one thing we know we can't do. I just felt at halftime we needed to do something offensively to give us a spark and to get into a little bit of rhythm. That was my reasoning for the change."

Feeley went 21-for-31 for 168 yards. Under pressure from a blitz, he made an errant throw that Lamont Thompson intercepted and returned 37 yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 Titans lead.

Philly loves Owens' TDs, celebrations

AP

Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) is congratulated by teammate Jon Runyan after the second of his three touchdowns on Sunday.

Eagles make good use of new weapon

BY DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia can't wait to see what Terrell Owens has planned for an encore.

Owens had three touchdown catches, Donovan McNabb threw for 330 yards and tied a career high with four TD passes and Brian Westbrook ran for 119 yards, leading the Eagles to a 31-17 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

"This is what I really lobbied to get here for," Owens said.

It was a quite a debut for Owens, who brought his electrifying catches and big plays to Philadelphia after eight sometimes-controversial seasons in San Francisco. The Eagles were willing to put up with his flamboyant and outspoken ways in exchange for the go-to receiver they've missed in three straight NFC title-game losses.

So far, so good, though Owens did get stuck in traffic on his way to Lincoln Financial Field and was told by a police officer he wouldn't make it in time without a police escort.

Traffic was the only thing slowing down Owens. He had an easier time finding the end zone, with touchdown catches of 20, 3 and 12 yards.

The four-time Pro Bowl receiver, known for his outlandish TD celebrations, kept it low key. He stood in the end zone and flexed his right arm while cradling the ball in his left arm after his first score. He flapped his arms after the last one, then took a few bows on the sideline while fans chanted, "T-O! T-O!"

The Eagles will have to wait for anything more fine-worthy.

"Right now we're acting like we've been there before," McNabb said. "It depends on the course of the game and how things are going if we decide to hit them with a little razzle-dazzle."

Owens, acquired in a three-team trade with the 49ers and Baltimore in March, finished with eight catches for 68 yards.

While Owens had a stellar debut, two-time NFL MVP Kurt Warner had a lackluster first game for the Giants, who lost their ninth straight game and first under new coach Tom Coughlin. Heralded rookie Eli Manning made his NFL debut in the final minutes, handing off to Tiki Barber for a 72-yard TD run on his first play.

"I was glad to get in there, but under the circumstances, not glad to get in there," Manning said.

Warner, who led St. Louis to a Super Bowl victory in 1999, has lost his last nine starts, including to the New England Patriots in the 2001 Super Bowl.

Released by the Rams in June after losing his job to Marc Bulger, Warner finished 16-of-28 for 203 yards and was sacked four times. Barber had 125 yards rushing on nine carries. Manning was 3-of-9 for 66 yards, and fumbled after being hit hard on the final play.

The Giants scored first on Ron Dayne's 3-yard run early in the first quarter, then watched the game turn into the McNabb-Owens show.

When Owens was in San Francisco, he knocked quarterback Jeff Garcia's arm and ability to get him the ball. McNabb showed Owens late in the first quarter that wouldn't be a problem in Philly.

McNabb was chased out of the pocket by Michael Strahan, scrambled toward the right sideline, stutter-stepped near the 10, kept rolling and threw across his body just before stepping out of bounds.

Owens caught the TD pass for a 14-7 lead.

"That's what I have been telling you guys all along — that's the type of ability he has," Owens said. "That is the chemistry that we have developed. It's similar to situations that we have had at the Pro Bowl."

McNabb and Owens connected on a 12-yarder, giving Philadelphia a 31-10 lead in the third quarter.

McNabb quickly discovered the fun in what opposing defenses already dread — finding Owens.

"You can definitely feel the confidence rising for all of us," McNabb said.

Mora's past, present defenses dominate in Falcons win

BY GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Michael Vick was far from brilliant. In fact, he spent most of his first game in the Falcons' new offense running away from Julian Peterson and the 49ers' new defense.

Jim Mora's newest star pupil couldn't do much against the coach's former students — but thanks to a defense that has already learned a great deal from Mora, Atlanta left San Francisco with a season-opening win.

Aaron Beasley returned a goal-line interception 85 yards in the fourth quarter, and Rod Coleman batted down Tim Rattay's pass on a 2-point conversion attempt with 40 seconds left in the Falcons' 21-19 victory Sunday.

Mora, the longtime San Francisco defensive coordinator who took over the Falcons last January, knows the 49ers better than most of San Francisco coach Dennis Erickson's assistants. But that knowledge wasn't helpful or comforting when the 49ers awoke from a game-long slumber to drive for two late touchdowns that nearly forced overtime.

"You expect the 49ers to play well at the end of the game, because that's the kind of organization and pride they have," said Mora, an assistant in San Francisco the past seven seasons. "My heart was bouncing around in my chest a little bit, but our guys came through."

Warrick Dunn rushed for two touchdowns, and Vick was 13-for-22 for 163 yards. Most of Vick's struggles were caused by an aggressive defensive led by Peterson, the All-Pro linebacker who sacked Vick twice and forced two fumbles.

Atlanta's revitalized defense, ranked last in the NFL last season, also was outstanding until the final minutes. The defensive duel left Mora happy, but conflicted after Atlanta's first win in San Francisco since 1991.

"It may sound crazy, but I was extremely proud of our defense, and I was also proud of their defense," Mora said. "Those are some guys that I coached for a long time."

After Beasley's interception and rambling return, Dunn spun into the end zone for his second touchdown with 8:57 to play. But the 49ers didn't quit despite a 21-6 deficit and thousands of fans heading to the exits.

Rattay, Jeff Garcia's longtime backup who was handed the starting job by the club's offseason salary purge, left in the second quarter with a shoulder injury and an aching head after Coleman sacked him.

But Rattay was sharp in the fourth quarter, finishing 18-of-31 for 175 yards.

"I was pretty hazy," Rattay said. "I don't know if I got a concussion or not. ... I didn't play very well, but it's all about winning or losing, not how you played."

Cedrick Wilson caught Rattay's first scoring pass with 6:14 left. Rattay then hit Eric Johnson with a 16-yard TD pass, capping a gritty 62-yard drive — but Coleman blocked Rattay's low pass to Brandon Lloyd on the conversion attempt.

"We were real close to making it interesting," Peterson said. "I thought we were going to do it again."

Sunday's NFL stars:

AP photos

Quarterbacks

■ Donovan McNabb, Eagles, threw for 330 yards and tied a career high with four TD passes in a 31-17 win over the Giants.

■ Marc Bulger moved to 19-4 as the Rams' starting quarterback by going 23-for-34 for 272 yards and a TD in a 17-10 win against Arizona.

◄ **Daunte Culpepper, Vikings,** threw for a career-high five TDs, hitting 17 of 23 throws for 242 yards in a 35-17 victory over Dallas.

■ Vinny Testaverde, Cowboys, hit 29-for-50 for 355 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions, in the loss to Minnesota.

Running backs

◄ **Curtis Martin, Jets,** ran for 196 yards and a touchdown, and had his first TD reception in four years in a 31-24 win over Cincinnati. It was the third-most yards he's gained in a game.

■ Shaun Alexander, Seahawks, rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns and caught another score in a 21-7 win at New Orleans.

■ LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers, ran for 121 yards and a touchdown in leading a 27-20 victory at Houston.

■ Clinton Portis, in his first game with the Redskins, ran for 149 yards and a 64-yard TD on his first carry.

■ Quentin Griffin, Broncos, keyed a 34-24 win over Kansas City by rushing for 156 yards and scoring three touchdowns in his first game as Portis' replacement.

■ Priest Holmes, Chiefs, had 151 yards rushing and three touchdowns at Denver.

Receivers

■ Isaac Bruce, Rams, caught nine passes for 112 yards and the clinching touchdown in a 17-10 win over Arizona.

■ Keyshawn Johnson, Cowboys, caught nine passes for 111 yards in his first game with Dallas, a 35-17 loss to Minnesota.

■ Terrell Owens, in his Eagles debut, had touchdown catches of 20, 3 and 12 yards as Philadelphia beat the Giants 31-17.

■ Antonio Gates, who did not play college football, caught eight passes for 123 yards in San Diego's 27-20 victory at Houston.

■ David Terrell, Bears, had the first 100-yard receiving day of his career with 126 on five catches in a 20-16 loss to Detroit.

Special Teams

■ Bracy Walker, Lions, returned a blocked field goal 92 yards for a TD, then intercepted a third-down pass in the end zone by Rex Grossman with 18 seconds to go, clinching Detroit's 20-16 victory at Chicago.

Browns bottle up Lewis, stun Ravens

Baltimore runner limited to 57 yards

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — They weren't shut out, beaten by a last-second field goal or penalized for throwing a helmet.

For the first time since their NFL rebirth, the Cleveland Browns had a season opener to cherish.

Jeff Garcia threw a 46-yard touchdown pass to Quincy Morgan and scrambled 3 yards for a TD in his Cleveland debut, and the Browns' defense smothered Jamal Lewis in 20-3 victory over the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday.

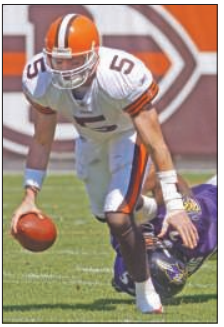
Given little chance against one of their AFC North rivals, the Browns outplayed the Ravens to snap a five-game losing streak on Week 1 dating to their first game as an expansion team in 1999.

"About time," tight end Aaron Shea said. "It's nice to finally have a 1,000 winning percentage. It's a great start."

It sure beats what happened to Cleveland in its opener the past five seasons.

In '99, the Browns were blanked 43-0 by Pittsburgh. A year later, they lost 27-7 to Jacksonville. In 2001, it was a 9-6 defeat on a last-play field goal to Seattle. Last season, Cleveland lost by three to Indianapolis.

But none of those hurt as much as 2002 when linebacker Dwayne Rudd's bonehead helmet toss resulted in a 40-39 loss to Kansas City, setting the tone for a topsy-turvy season.



AP

Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia is sacked by Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, but Garcia directed a victory in his Cleveland debut.

That's why this 1-0 feels so good.

"I'd like to think this team is growing up," coach Butch Davis said. "They had to go through some crazy things. The K.C. game with the helmet was something else — a very tough lesson."

As they left the tunnel before the game, the Browns paused to touch the 1964 championship trophy. They then played as if they want one for themselves.

Inspired by a weekend long celebration for the '64 Browns, the 2004 version pushed the Ravens around all afternoon.

"They played like a team," Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown said. "They won, but it was more the way they won. They all contributed, every one of them."

Just as they did 40 years ago when the Browns won the last world title for any major Cleveland sports team. These Browns swarmed on defense, made big plays on offense, had no turnovers and won field position with special teams.

The defense held Lewis, who ran for 500 yards, including a single-game record 295 against the Browns a year ago, to just 57 on 20 carries. Cleveland also intercepted Kyle Boller twice, Lenard Lang sacked him three times and the Ravens never got anything going on offense.

"The key was helping each other and gang tackling," said linebacker Andra Davis. "Nobody outside this room believed. We believed."

Cleveland also stole the spotlight from Deion Sanders, the eight-time Pro Bowl cornerback who came out of retirement and the TV studio for a chance to win another Super Bowl ring.

But judging from the way Baltimore played, "Prime Time" could have made a better choice of teams.

The normally brash Sanders didn't have much to say afterward.

"They played their game," Sanders said. "They're good. They won. They played well offensively and defensively."

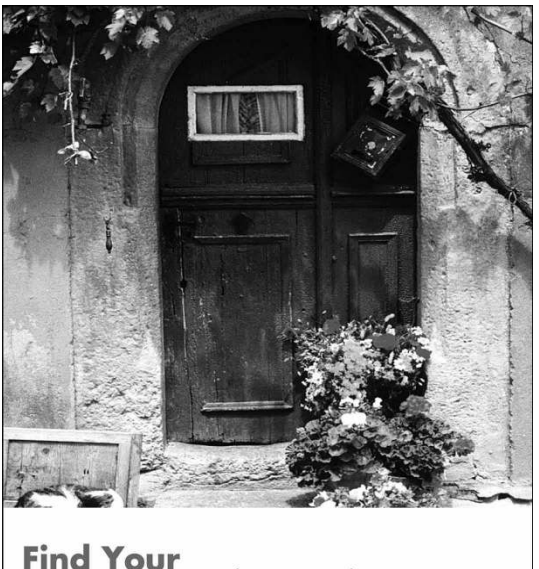
Before the game, the 1964 Browns — Brown, Paul Warfield, Leroy Kelly, Frank Ryan and others — were introduced and the new trophy given to them at a Friday night gala was brought out. Garcia sought out many former players.

"I shook as many hands of those guys as I could," Garcia said. "I was telling them, 'Bring us your power. Bring us what you had 40 years ago. Bring us together like you came together as a team.' "

Garcia, released this winter after five seasons with San Francisco, finished 15-for-24 for 180 yards. He also finished off the Ravens with his TD run late in the fourth quarter, diving into the corner of the end zone to make it 20-3.

The unexpected ease of the victory has given the Browns a confidence they haven't had since coming back. It also reinforced what they'd heard from players who won it all 40 years ago.

"With the way they touched this town and this team, those are the guys we want to emulate," Garcia said. "Those are the guys we want to be."



Lions' Rogers injures collarbone again

The Associated Press

A broken collarbone has ruined another season for Charles Rogers.

The No. 2 pick in the 2003 draft was injured going for a pass Sunday in the first quarter of the Detroit Lions' 20-16 victory over the Chicago Bears.

X-rays revealed a fracture near the one he got last year during a bye week practice. The No. 2 overall pick in the 2003 draft played only the first five games of his rookie season because of the injury, catching 22 passes.

"Same collarbone, different spot," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. "So it's going to be long term. The first pass that went to him, he came down and landed on his shoulder like we had seen him do at Ford Field in the preseason. He got up and said, 'Something is wrong.'

Rogers will have surgery later this week or early next week and will be placed on injured reserve, coach Steve Mariucci said Monday.

Pro Bowl defensive back Dre' Bly, who also was injured in the Bears game, will miss the next two games, Mariucci said. Bly sprained a ligament in his knee in the opening quarter.

Tampa Bay's sputtering offense suffered a major blow Monday when the team learned receiver Joey Galloway will miss four to six weeks after aggravating a groin injury.

Coach Jon Gruden said the oft-injured 10th-year pro, obtained in an offseason trade from the Dallas Cowboys, has a tear in his left groin that is more serious than the Bucs originally anticipated.

The Eagles lost their top draft pick from this year when offensive lineman Shawn Andrews went out with a fractured right leg.

Andrews, who started at right guard, was injured on a routine block on a running play late in the second quarter. He stayed on his back, grimacing in pain before he was helped onto a cart and taken to the locker room.

Chiefs cornerback William Bartee had to be carted off the field with a sprained neck Sunday night against the Broncos. Bartee was injured when the side of his head hit Denver's Rod Smith on the hip during a punt. Bartee came at Smith from an awkward angle and his head snapped sideways as Smith ran by.

Bartee lay on the field for about 10 minutes while Kansas City's trainers stabilized his neck, then was strapped to a stretcher and taken off on a cart.

Tim Rattay left his fourth career start for the 49ers in the second quarter with a shoulder injury, but returned to lead two fourth-quarter touchdown drives. He finished 18-of-31 for 175 yards in a 21-19 loss to the Falcons.

The Niners also lost CB Mike Rumph to a groin injury in the first half. He's doubtful for next week.

Rams linebacker Pisa Tinoisamoa played most of the game against Arizona after dislocating his right shoulder early in the second quarter, but coach Mike Martz said he could miss a few weeks.

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Broncos take Q from Griffin

Portis successor has 156 yards, scores 3 TDs in win over Chiefs

BY JOHN MARSHALL
The Associated Press

DENVER — Quentin Griffin took off the middle, broke left to daylight and juked past a defender before racing into the end zone.

The Denver Broncos might forget about Clinton Portis after all.

Griffin ran for 156 yards and scored three touchdowns in his first game as Portis' replacement, helping the Broncos open the season with a 34-24 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday night.

"I told everybody not to worry because we have another special back," Broncos receiver Ashley Lelie said. "That's not something that surprises me or anybody in this locker room."

Denver traded Portis to Washington to get cornerback Champ Bailey, a potentially risky move because Portis ran for over 1,500 yards in each of his first two seasons.

Portis was superb in his debut with the Redskins, running for 148 yards and touchdown in a 16-10 victory over Tampa Bay. Griffin was just as good.

The 5-foot-8 scatback juked his way to touchdown runs of 25 and 47 yards and caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from Jake Plummer in the first quarter.

Griffin even did Portis one better, breaking his team record for most yards on opening day. Portis had 120 last year, though Griffin isn't ready to take over Portis' self-proclaimed title of "world's greatest running back."

"I don't think I'm ready for that," Griffin said. "Clinton is a very good running back. I don't think I'm the one to compare myself to him."

Bailey made the trade look even better.

He tipped away a pass to Tony Gonzalez in the second quarter on the first ball thrown his direction, and intercepted another just before halftime when Trent Green scrambled and tried throw over his head. Bailey even got involved in the offense, lining up for a handful of plays and catching an 11-yard pass in the first half.

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AP

Denver Broncos running back Quentin Griffin (22) slips by Kansas City Chiefs defender Shawn Barber on a 25-yard touchdown run during the second quarter in Denver on Sunday night. Griffin ran for 156 yards and three touchdowns in his first game as Denver's starter in the backfield.

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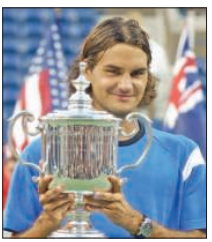

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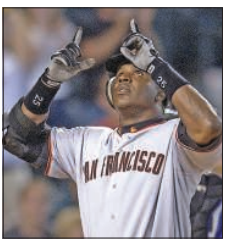

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