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Home at last

Capt. Michael Evans, of the 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Misawa Air Base, Japan, receives a warm welcome home from his wife, Shauna, on Friday at the Misawa Air Terminal. Evans was joined by several Misawa servicemembers returning from duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than 100 Misawa personnel are scheduled to return in the next few weeks.

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Detroit fireworks shootings: Police arrested one man and were searching for a second suspect after nine people were shot and injured during a fireworks show in downtown Detroit.

Police said the shootings apparently followed an argument, and innocent people were caught in the crossfire. Five victims remained hospitalized Saturday.

Daron T. Caldwell, 32, of Detroit, was charged with assault with intent to murder, use of a firearm in a felony and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Caldwell pleaded innocent at his arraignment Friday.

Mad cow disease: Consumers of U.S. beef need not be alarmed after an animal tested positive in a preliminary screening for mad cow disease because it never entered the food chain, agriculture officials say.

The Agriculture Department labeled the result "inconclusive" for the brain-wasting disease, pending further tests.

Mars rovers: NASA's Mars rovers, challenged by tough terrain and age, are still making discoveries, including a new find of a mineral usually formed in water, scientists said Friday.

The Spirit rover found hematite in a rock at the Columbia Hills after a trek across the plains of the Gusev Crater region, where it previously had seen geologic evidence of only limited past moisture.

Spirit's twin, Opportunity, found hematite soon after landing on the other side of the planet, leading scientists to believe that area was once drenched in water, and conditions there could have been suitable for life.

Patrols for illegal immigrants: The Border Patrol launched an unmanned drone Friday that uses thermal and night-vision equipment to help agents spot illegal immigrants trying to cross the desert into the United States.

The stepped-up surveillance is part of a mission that officials hope will stem the tide of illegal immigrants that has made Arizona the busiest illegal entry point along the 2,000-mile border with Mexico.

War on terrorism

Jailed CIA contractor: A federal judge has ordered former CIA contractor David Passaro to remain jailed until his assault trial after prosecutors said witnesses would testify Passaro beat an Afghan detainee so badly he begged to be shot.

Following a detention hearing Friday in North Carolina, U.S. Magistrate Judge William Webb connected a 1990 assault by Passaro when he was a Connecticut police officer and the alleged beating of Abdul Wali in an Afghanistan prison. Webb said the Connecticut case "started a pattern I see repeated here of structuring stories, setting plans."

Passaro faces four counts of assault and assault with a dangerous weapon — a large flashlight. Wali, who was 28, died at a U.S. base in Afghanistan on June 21, 2003.

Yee benefit: James Yee, left, stands with his father, Joseph Yee, at a dinner organized by the East Coast "Justice for James Yee Ad Hoc Committee" held at New York's Chinatown on Friday to raise funds to cover his legal fees. Accused of espionage at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served as a Muslim chaplain, Yee was placed under arrest and imprisoned for 76 days. Eight months later, the military's charges against Yee have been dropped. New York City Council members and dinner attendees demanded the U.S. government begin an immediate inquiry into the handling of the Yee case.

World

Beheaded South Korean: The body of a South Korean hostage beheaded in Iraq returned to his hometown Saturday, his coffin draped in the national flag and escorted by a police honor guard in white dress uniforms.

Kim Sun-il, a 33-year-old worker at a company supplying the U.S. military, was killed by militants on Tuesday after the South Korean government refused to bow to their demand that it stop its troop deployment there.

Violence in Kashmir: Suspected Islamic rebels raided a village Saturday in Indian-controlled Kashmir and shot to death 12 Muslims while they slept, police said, a day before talks between India and Pakistan on easing tensions in the Himalayan region.

A woman and a 3-year-old were among the dead in the village of Surankot, police said, but most of those killed were members of a military-trained local village security force often targeted for helping government forces.

Terrorist groups list: Philippines Foreign Minister Delia Albert said the government will not help communist rebels get off lists of terrorist groups in the United States and the European Union.

The government will look at other issues raised by the rebels during last week's peace talks in Norway, including the release of political prisoners and social and economic development projects, "but the issue on the terrorist list is not negotiable," she said Friday.

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Yokosuka feeling cost-of-war cuts

MWR prices go up as first step to save money

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The brunt of the burden for fighting the Iraq war has fallen mostly on soldiers and Marines. But Yokosuka sailors and their families also have started to pay, though in a less onerous way.

Starting several weeks ago, hours were reduced at the base auto and craft hobby shops. Prices for movies climbed from $2 to $3, user fees for activities such as softball teams increased and the price for a dip in any of the base swimming pools went from nothing to $2.

The reason?

"Cost-of-war cuts," said Capt. King Dietrich, base commander. "We took a pretty good cut in MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation). We had cuts all across the region, cuts that I think went across the Navy. We have a bill to pay for continuing in Iraq, and everybody took a bogey."

The Iraq war is not the sole reason for the cuts, Dietrich added, nor was MWR the only account whose budget was sliced.

The Navy has begun to look to bases to save money in a variety of ways on shore so that more can be spent at sea to modernize the fleet, Dietrich said, and that's an effort that will continue for years. So the recent cuts could foreshadow more in the future.

"CNFJ is looking at every program at every base to find ways to do things better, eliminate excesses, streamline processes and just basically to operate as a more effective business," said Cmdr. John Wallach, Commander Naval Forces Japan spokesman. "We are really taking a fiscal look at everything we do in the region. This is going to be an ongoing thing for years and years to come, where we try to squeeze more money out of the bases to give to the modernization effort."

Dietrich said he learned last month that his base MWR budget of about $10 million was cut by $240,000. It was left to him to decide how to account for the decrease. "We said do we want to decrease service or try to generate revenues? We did a little of both," he said.

One of his main goals in deciding how to deal with the cut, Dietrich said, was to keep programs for single sailors affordable. That means MWR funds will continue to subsidize ski trips, tours and the like. But that also meant that cheap or free activities on base were made slightly less so.

The swimming pool fees generated some complaints, Dietrich said, but they are justified by economics and base history — although swimming was free last summer, it has cost money in prior years and costs money at most bases. The pools are expensive to maintain and staff. "I am still losing almost a quarter million dollars to operate the pools," he said. "All I'm doing is trying to lose less."

Additionally, the pools remain free for lap swim from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

One thing that remains free at all hours is the base driving range. That's partly because no one's done the math yet to see if it would make sense to either hire a person or install equipment at the range for fee payment. "It's not off the table for future cuts," Dietrich said.

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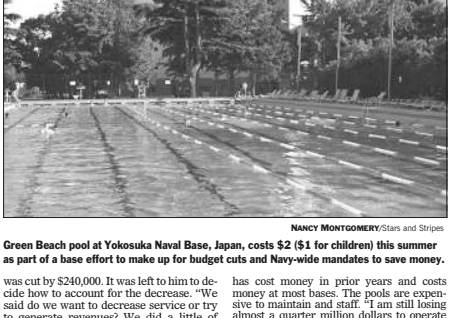

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Green Beach pool at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, costs $2 ($1 for children) this summer as part of a base effort to make up for budget cuts and Navy-wide mandates to save money.

Visiting rites

CHRIS OTSEN/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Vice Adm. Robert Willard, left, the U.S. 7th Fleet commander, shakes hands Wednesday with Capt. R.W. Radloff, the commander of Naval Air Facility, Misawa, Japan. Willard was visiting Misawa to tour base facilities and check out new construction projects.

Misawa newcomers orientation briefing

Newcomers to Misawa Air Base can attend a welcome orientation Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. in the Mutsu Officers' Club Ballroom.

All personnel recently assigned to Misawa must attend this meeting, excluding those going through the Misawa First Term Airman Center. Also required to attend this briefing are new individuals who have not been to a previous session.

Family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call DSN 226-3962.

New scholarship program launched

The Misawa Officers' Spouses Club has launched a new scholarship program.

All spouses and children of active-duty military personnel assigned to Misawa Air Base are eligible. Applications can be picked up at Edgren High School through Thursday.

Call Leslie Carmean at DSN 222-9987 for more information.

From staff reports

Museum backed by Perot Jr. gives up two Air Force planes

Retired jets are still property of U.S. government

BY DAVID KOENIG
The Associated Press

DALLAS — A budding museum backed by Ross Perot Jr., chief executive of the computer-services company started by his billionaire father, has given away two Air Force jets after federal prosecutors warned that the planes belong to the government.

Plans for the planes and the Alliance Heritage Museum were jettisoned after Air Force museum officials learned during a routine inventory of government planes that Perot had purchased two T-38 Talon jets. Under federal law, retired planes remain government property and can be loaned only to approved museums or groups, which Perot's was not.

Museum officials didn't know about the federal regulations when they bought the planes, said Barry McNeil, an attorney for the Alliance museum.

"Alliance thought they were being purchased from private parties and could pass muster," he said.

Perot — the son of H. Ross Perot Sr., founder of Electronic Data Systems Corp. and Perot Systems and a former presidential candidate — spent more than $1 million to refurbish one of the planes so it could fly at air shows, McNeil said.

Under an agreement reached May 31 between prosecutors and museum lawyers, one jet was given to the new Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas — a rival to Perot's hoped-for museum — and the second was sent to an Arizona salvage yard for parts. In return, prosecutors agreed not to pursue claims for damages against the museum or prosecute anyone connected to the case, lawyers said.

Perot, 45, is a former Air Force pilot who was a co-pilot on the first around-the-world helicopter flight. Through a business entity, he owns — legally, the Air Force determined — another military jet that he apparently bought from a foreign government and uses in charity fund-raising events.

The discovery by officials at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, that Perot had the planes led to several months of negotiations.

Pat Quinn, one of two assistant U.S. attorneys in Dayton who handled the case, said the government was satisfied with the outcome. He said anyone who knowingly bought or sold government property could have faced prosecution, but he added that the investigation didn't turn up "any truly criminal behavior."

A spokesman said Perot would not comment.

Separately, the Air Force inspector general is investigating the circumstances of Perot Systems hiring a former Air Force official who had intervened in the dispute over the planes.

Texas Lawyer reported that Col. Steve C. Donnelly arranged a meeting between Perot and two generals to impress upon him that he needed to return the planes.

Donnelly accepted a sales job with Perot Systems in May 2003 but in March 2004, "We all decided it would be best to part company," Reeves said.

A Pentagon spokeswoman confirmed the inspector general is investigating Donnelly's hiring but declined to comment further.

Getting to know the T-38 Talon

Facts and figures about the Air Force T-38 Talon training jet, still popular among Vietnam War-era pilots who trained on it:

- High-altitude supersonic jet used to train U.S. and NATO pilots.
- Useful because of its high performance, ease of maintenance and safety record.
- First flew in 1959. Air Force received more than 1,100 from 1961 to 1972, when production ended.
- Nearly 500 are still in active use by the Air Force, which plans upgrades that could extend their structural life to 2020.
- Built by Northrop Corp.
- Powered by two General Electric turbojet engines with afterburners.
- Top speed: 812 mph.
- Needs only 2,300 feet of runway for takeoff. Can climb to 30,000 feet in one minute.
- Cost: $756,000.

— The Associated Press

Hillah explosion kills 19, as attacks mount

BY FISNIK ABRASHI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An explosion, possibly from a car bomb, ripped through downtown Hillah, a largely Shiite Muslim city south of Baghdad, killing 19 people and wounding around 60, a senior Iraqi police official said.

Meanwhile, militants loyal to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi said Saturday they kidnapped three Turkish workers and threatened to behead them in 72 hours, heightening tensions as President Bush visited Turkey.

The bloodshed and the abduction threatened to cast a shadow over a NATO summit opening in Istanbul Monday, where Bush is seeking the alliance's help in stabilizing Iraq.

The kidnappers demanded that Turkish companies stop working in Iraq or else the hostages would be killed.

Iraq's interim prime minister warned that if security does not improve, it may become necessary to delay national elections set for January — a key landmark in the path to democracy that the United States has tried to enshrine before handing power to the Iraqis on Wednesday.

The Jan. 31 deadline for elections laid out in Iraq's interim constitution is "not absolute yet ... But we hope, and all of us will work toward that objective," Allawi said. "However, security will be (the) main feature of whether we will be able to do it in January, February or March," he said.

In central Baghdad, insurgents killed a U.S. soldier in an attack on a patrol Saturday, the military said.

Gunmen launched new attacks in the city of Baqouba, northeast of the capital, sparking battles that killed six insurgents and three civilians. The city was the scene of fierce fighting in a surprise offensive launched by al-Zarqawi on Thursday.

The Arab television station Al-Jazeera aired a video issued by the kidnappers, showing the three Turkish hostages kneeling on the ground in front of two black-clothed gunmen and a black banner emblazoned "Tawhid and Jihad," the name of al-Zarqawi's organization. The men held up Turkish passports.

In a written statement, the group demanded Turkish companies stop doing business with American forces in Iraq and called for "large demonstrations" in Turkey against the visit of "Bush the criminal."

It said that if Turkey refused their demands the hostages "will receive the just punishment of being beheaded."

Al-Jazeera received the tape Saturday, an employee at the station said. The statement did not say when or where the three were abducted. It appeared the deadline was Tuesday, but the message did not specify what time it runs out.

The three men disappeared two days ago, said a Turkish consular official in Baghdad who asked to be identified only by his surname, Gungor. He said he had no further information.

News of the latest abduction came as body of Kim Sun-Il, a South Korean worker decapitated by al-Zarqawi's followers last week, was brought back to his hometown, Busan.

Last month, al-Zarqawi's group also claimed responsibility for the beheading of American businessman Nicholas Berg. And on Thursday, fighters loyal to al-Zarqawi launched a wave of coordinated attacks in five cities in Iraq, battling with U.S. troops who eventually regained control but only after some 100 people, including three Americans were killed.

The explosion in Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad, came Saturday evening outside the former Saddam Hussein mosque in a shopping area where residents traditionally while away hours in the cool of the evening, said police Brig. Gen. Qais Hamza Aboud, the commander of police in surrounding Babylon province.

Aboud said the blast was caused by a booby-trapped car. He said it was a clear attack on civilians — men, women and children — because there were no police or coalition soldiers in the area. He said nine other cars were set ablaze and that many of the injured suffered severe burns.

Elsewhere, a car bomb exploded in the Kurdish stronghold of Irbil in northern Iraq, killing one person and injuring 18 people, including the culture minister of the pro-American Kurdistan Democratic Party.

In Baqouba, gunmen attacked the offices of two political parties and other buildings.

Insurgents hit the offices of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq — one of the country's biggest Shiite parties — with shoulder-fired grenade-launchers, said party member Maitham Ibrahim. Three party members died and two were injured, hospital officials said.

Gunmen overran the offices of Allawi's political party, the Iraq National Accord, setting off an explosion that sent smoke and flames leaping from the building's third-story windows, witnesses said. No one was hurt.

U.S. Maj. Neal O'Brien, spokesman of the 1st Infantry Division, said four guerrillas — one wearing an explosives-packed vest — also attacked Baqouba's blue-domed government building. Guards fired back, killing the four, he said. Two other insurgents died in an attack on a police station, O'Brien said.

In Mahmoudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad, insurgents killed two Iraqi National Guardsmen in an ambush. Another police officer was killed in a separate attack there, said the director of the Mahmoudiyah general hospital, Dawoud al-Taei.

In the capital, gunmen attacked a police station in the New Baghdad area but officers fought back in a rare show of force. The attackers fled, and police arrested three Iraqis, an Interior Ministry official said.

Meanwhile, repair crews patched up the larger of two southern crude oil pipelines damaged by saboteurs and resumed pumping to offshore terminals, an official with the South Oil Company said Saturday.

Hours after the pumping resumed, attackers blasted another small crude oil pipeline that feeds into domestic storage tanks, near the town of Latifiyah, about 30 miles south of Baghdad, said 1st Lt. Alaa Hussein.

In the wave of violence ahead of Wednesday's transfer of sovereignty, most attacks have been directed at the ill-equipped Iraqi security forces — the foundation of the new government's power.

AP

An Iraqi woman and her children leave their home as U.S. troops from the 1st Infantry Division enter the building during a search for weapons in Baqouba, Iraq, on Saturday.

Poll: War was a mistake

WASHINGTON — For the first time, a majority of Americans say they think the United States made a mistake sending troops to Iraq, according to a poll released Thursday.

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll found that 54 percent of people say the war was a mistake, up from 41 percent who felt that way in early June.

The finding that more than half now think the Iraq war was a mistake recalls the disillusionment of Americans in 1968 with the Vietnam War. The first time a majority said that was a mistake was in August 1968.

In the Persian Gulf War more than a decade ago, the highest that level of concern got was three in 10.

The negative findings on the Iraq war come as the United States prepares to turn over sovereignty of the country to Iraqis. But there are few signs that American troops will be leaving anytime soon, with violence from insurgents on the rise.

As of Thursday, 842 U.S. troops have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Insurgents in Iraq set off car bombs and seized police stations Thursday in an offensive that killed more than 100 people.

The poll of 1,005 adults was taken June 21-23 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

— The Associated Press

Iraqi official: People want Saddam dead

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Iraqis won't feel safe until ousted dictator Saddam Hussein is executed, which would require special legislation, Iraq's top justice official was quoted as saying in an interview published Saturday.

The new Iraqi government is ready to try Saddam and can issue temporary legislation revoking the cancellation of capital punishment in Iraq in order to execute him, interim Iraqi Justice Minister Malik Dohan al-Hassan said in an interview with the Saudi daily newspaper Okaz.

"The Americans, led by President Bush personally, have promised they will turn Saddam over to us for trial," al-Hassan was quoted as saying.

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EU, U.S. back Iraqi plea for NATO help

NATO members reach agreement on aid in training

BY TERENCE HUNT
The Associated Press

NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS, Ireland — The United States and the European Union offered strong support for Iraq's urgent request for NATO military help Saturday.

"NATO has the capability and I believe the responsibility to help the Iraqi people defeat the terrorist threat that's facing their country," President Bush said.

"I think the bitter differences of the war are over," Bush said at the close of a U.S.-European Union summit. "There is a common interest and a common goal to help the Iraqi people."

The United States and the European Union agreed in a joint statement to back Iraq's request for NATO military and support the training of Iraqi security forces, and to reduce Iraq's international debt, estimated to be $120 billion.

NATO nations on Saturday reached an initial agreement on plans to help train Iraq's armed forces.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said the 26 allies would back "strengthening of freedom, democracy, human rights, rule of law and security for all the Iraqi people."

The agreement on training Iraqi troops is expected to be sealed Monday when Bush meets the other NATO leaders on the first day of a two-day summit in Istanbul.

Ahead of the Istanbul summit, diplomats declined to discuss details of what NATO would provide.

The NATO offer of training would be a boost for the United States, which has sought a wider role by the alliance in Iraq.

However, it falls well short of earlier U.S. hopes that NATO would deploy troops to help restore order there.

AP

President Bush, center, European Union Council President and Irish Prime Minister Bernie Ahern, right, and European Union Commission President Romano Prodi walk Saturday at Dromoland Castle in Newmarket-On-Fergus, Ireland, the site of a summit between the United States and Europe.

Opposition led by France and Germany has prevented a NATO military role on the ground in Iraq, although several allies have individually sent troops to help the U.S.-led coalition.

France and Germany both had gone along with the request to help training.

The joint statement from the United States and the European Union made a veiled criticism of abuse of prisoners by American soldiers. "We stress the need for full respect of the Geneva Conventions," the statement said, referring to international accords setting out guidelines for the humane treatment of prisoners. The single sentence was an unstated but obvious reference to the Abu Ghraib prison scandal and the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

EU leaders raised the topic with Bush in their private meetings Saturday, and also aired it publicly during a joint news conference.

"These things unfortunately happened, and of course we wish they didn't. But they do," Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said.

"What's important is how they're dealt with."

Bush said, "It did harm. It did harm." But he said the American investigations will be done openly, as opposed to the secrecy of Saddam Hussein's atrocities. "I don't remember any international investigation of what took place in Iraq" under Saddam, Bush said.

Bush also described the threat posed by Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who has been linked to al-Qaida and is thought to be responsible for hundreds of deaths in Iraq. "He is a problem because he is willing to kill innocent people," the president said.

The U.S.-EU joint statements were largely a victory for Bush, attending the first of two summits over five days. They sent him on to the NATO summit in Turkey with progress in hand: Nineteen of NATO's 26 members are in the EU, so the union's pledge of support could help sway NATO members at their gathering.

The news conference was held outside a 16th-century castle that was heavily guarded against security threats and from the thousands of demonstrators protesting Bush's policies in Iraq.

Associated Press writer Paul Ames contributed to this story.

Presidential priorities

NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS, Ireland — President Bush shrugged off criticism in Europe over the Iraq war, saying Saturday he was more concerned about his standing among the American electorate.

As thousands of people demonstrated against him and the war a few miles away from the European Union summit here, Bush was asked at a news conference about his apparent lack of support in Europe.

"I must confess that the first polls I worry about are those that are going to take place in early November this year," Bush said. The presidential election is Nov. 2.

"I will lead and we'll just let the chips fall where they may," Bush said. "As far as my own personal standing goes, my job is to do my job. I'm going to do it the way I think is necessary. I'm going to set a vision," said the president.

Bush

Bush stressed the positive, saying that the United States is doing $2.2 trillion in trade with the European Union and that "obviously something positive is happening."

In a reference to the prison abuse scandal involving U.S. soldiers in Iraq, Bush said, "I don't like it when the values of our country are misunderstood because of the actions of some people overseas."

Window dressing

NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS, Ireland — Dromoland Castle's presidential suite in west Ireland offers luxurious accommodations for the rich and the powerful, but privacy sometimes is in short supply.

President Bush, on an overnight stay in the $1,500-a-night suite, was spotted by television cameras as he was standing in a T-shirt at his window. He was visible from the waist up, apparently as he was changing clothes.

An embarrassed Irish government quickly tried to prevent the release of the images.

A notice to the news media said, "The host broadcaster inadvertently transmitted pictures of President Bush at the window of Dromoland Castle. These pictures are the property of the Irish presidency and must not be used for transmission by any service."

In April 1998, a news camera zooming in on then-President Bill Clinton's hotel suite in Dakar, Senegal, captured images of him chomping a cigar, tapping an African drum and strumming a guitar.

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N. Korea talks end with little progress

BY SOO-JEONG LEE
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Envoys from six countries ended talks on North Korea's nuclear program on Saturday with a promise to discuss steps toward dismantling it and to meet again by September — but said the U.S. and North Korean positions remained far apart.

There were no breakthroughs in the four-day talks, but diplomats said they agreed to define how the North could move toward disarmament, how such moves could be monitored and what kind of aid the North could expect in return.

One sticking point appeared to be how far North Korea must go to qualify for energy aid and other benefits offered by Washington, which demands that the North dismantle its program completely.

Other participants in the six-nation talks were host China, Russia and South Korea.

"It's difficult to say this round of talks was a big success, but there was some progress, with the United States showing a forthcoming attitude," said Koh Yu-hwan, a professor at Seoul's Dongguk University.

"The talks won't end with one or two more meetings," said Koh. "But I think there will be progress little by little in the future because they were able to make general outlines."

North Korea offered during the talks to freeze its nuclear program in exchange for energy, the lifting of U.S. economic sanctions and its removal from Washington's list of countries that sponsor terrorism.

The North said the freeze would be a step toward eventual dismantling.

But the U.S. proposal requires the North to go further — disclosing all its nuclear activities, helping dismantle facilities and allowing outside monitoring. That plan would withhold some benefits to ensure the North cooperates.

China, the meeting's chairman, said in a statement Saturday that the parties "agreed in principle to hold the fourth round of the six-party talks in Beijing by the end of September 2004."

Lower-level discussions will be held "at the earliest possible date to define the scope, duration and verification ... for first steps for denuclearization" as well as compensation for the North, the statement said.

South Korea's envoy, Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Soo-hyuck, was optimistic despite the differences. He said the talks involved "substantial discussions" on the competing U.S. and North Korean proposals. But China's envoy, Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi, said there were "a number of differences and even opposing ideas" between Washington and Pyongyang, who have no official relations.

"There is still a serious lack of mutual trust," Wang said.

The dispute flared in October 2002, when Washington alleged that North Korean officials admitted their country had a secret weapons program, violating a 1994 agreement.

The United States and its allies retaliated by cutting off the 500,000 tons of free oil they had been giving the energy-starved North each year, among other measures.

Report: Pyongyang may have test-fired missile

The Associated Press

TOKYO — North Korea may have test-launched a short-range missile into the Sea of Japan shortly before six-nation talks in Beijing on dismantling the isolated communist state's nuclear program, a Japanese news report said Saturday.

U.S. Defense Department officials told their Japanese counterparts and other Tokyo authorities about the test, the Kyodo News agency reported. Pentagon and Japanese officials could not immediately confirm the report.

Details on the test launch are believed to be based on spy satellite images, Kyodo said. Kyodo reported that Japanese officials said they believed Pyongyang may have fired the missile to keep its negotiating partners in check at the talks.

Arafat makes offer

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Saturday called for a cease-fire with Israel during the upcoming Olympic games in Greece, but Israel dismissed the offer as insincere.

Arafat issued his call as a top U.S. envoy met with top Palestinian officials to build momentum for Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon wants to evacuate Gaza and four isolated West Bank settlements, which he says will boost Israel's security.

Prime minister quits

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali announced his resignation and the dissolution of his Cabinet on Saturday, after months of speculation that his relationship with the country's military ruler was strained.

Jamali said he hoped the decision would help the nation's political process but didn't elaborate.

Pakistan has been on a long and bumpy road back to democracy since President Gen. Pervez Musharraf staged a bloodless coup in 1999. He remains the nation's ultimate power broker.

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Annan urges U.S. to drop threat to U.N.

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan says he hopes the United States will not withdraw from peacekeeping operations after its failure to win an exemption from international prosecution for war crimes.

The United States abandoned the effort Wednesday after Annan urged the Security Council not to go along. It was a major retreat for Washington in its fight against the International Criminal Court and a rare intervention by the U.N. chief.

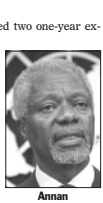
"I think the outcome was a good one for the council, and I think also for the Americans," Annan said during a news conference on Friday.

The secretary-general had raised "serious doubts" about the legality of an exemption and warned against dividing the Security Council. He had said a new exemption "would be a very unfortunate signal to send at any time — but particularly at this time."

Washington argues that the court could be used for frivolous or politically motivated prosecutions of American troops.

When the court was formally established on July 1, 2002, the United States threatened to end its involvement in far-flung peacekeeping operations established or authorized by the United Nations if it didn't get an exemption for American peacekeepers.

The council approved two one-year exemptions but balked at a third, with many council members objecting because of the Iraqi prisoner abuse by U.S. soldiers.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Annan was asked whether he was concerned that the United States might now follow through with the threat and create difficulties for peacekeeping operations.

"I hope everyone will see it as a helpful decision, and I hope the U.S. will not introduce other threats or … carry out this threat made two years ago to withdraw from peacekeeping operations," he said.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters Wednesday that the issue of future peacekeeping operations was still being studied.

The 94 countries that have ratified the 1998 Rome Treaty creating the court maintain it contains enough safeguards to prevent frivolous prosecutions and insist that nobody should be exempt.

In addition to seeking U.N. exemptions, Washington has signed bilateral agreements with 90 countries that bar any prosecution of American officials by the court for alleged war crimes committed on their soil.

Flooding kills five in Bangladesh

500,000 stranded

The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Monsoon flooding in Bangladesh has killed five people, marooned at least 500,000 in their villages and destroyed crops, roads and rail lines, officials said Saturday.

The five drowned Friday in the neighboring Habiganj and Moulvibazar districts, relief officials said on condition of anonymity. The fatalities brought to six last week's death toll in this tropical delta nation of 140 million people, where such flooding is common.

Scores of villages were cut off because of the floods in the two districts, 100 miles northeast of capital Dhaka, authorities said.

Only residents with small boats were able to move about. About 500,000 people were unable to leave their homes.

AP

Cycle rickshaws plow through ankle-deep water Saturday after heavy rain in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Monsoon flood waters have killed five people, marooned at least half a million others in their villages and destroyed crops, roads and rail lines in Bangladesh, officials said.

Surging flood waters swamped roads and railways, severing the northeastern region's transport links with Dhaka.

In the Comilla district, about 55 miles east of Dhaka, authorities deployed soldiers after the rain-swollen Gumti River threatened to burst an embankment.

Three rivers overflowed their banks earlier last week, said officials at Dhaka's Flood Forecasting and Warning Center.

They warned that the flood waters may still rise as monsoon rains continue to lash Bangladesh.

Bomb kills Afghan election workers

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomb tore through a minibus carrying female Afghan election workers in eastern Afghanistan Saturday, killing at least two of them and wounding 13 in the bloodiest attack yet on preparations for the country's first post-Taliban vote.

A purported spokesman for the Taliban, which has vowed to sabotage the September election, claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bus was heading from Jalalabad, 75 miles east of the capital, to take the election workers to register female voters in a nearby district when the blast went off Saturday morning.

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said four of those injured were in critical condition. A U.N. statement said two people were killed, correcting an earlier report that a third person — a child traveling with his mother in the bus — had died.

The attack likely will add to pressure on NATO leaders meeting in Turkey this week to make good on promises to send more peacekeepers to help secure Afghanistan ahead of the vote.

President Hamid Karzai condemned the bombing, blaming "enemies of peace and prosperity" in Afghanistan, and urged voters not to be intimidated.

The U.S. military reported that a homemade bomb exploded near the bus, but U.N. and Afghan officials said the bomb was planted inside it.

A spokesman for the provincial governor said the bus driver, who survived the blast unhurt and fled afterward, was held for questioning.

Abdul Hakim Latifi, who claims to speak for the Taliban, told The Associated Press that the bomb was detonated by remote control, and threatened more violence.

"The Taliban carried out this attack. We will not forgive any man or woman who is supporting U.S. policies. We will continue this kind of attack to make sure the elections fail," he said in a telephone call from an undisclosed location.

Next time, let go faster

BEIJING — A man in south China broke both his legs and an arm when he fell to the ground after a fast-rising kite pulled him 16 feet into the air, the official Xinhua News Agency said Saturday.

The man, identified only by his surname, Zhong, was a spectator Tuesday at a kite-flying festival on the island province of Hainan, Xinhua said.

He joined a group of people flying a 108 square foot hexagonal kite, it said.

As the kite was lifted by strong winds, the others holding it let go, but Zhong was dragged about into the air before he let loose and fell.

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Kerry takes some teasing from supporters

BY NEDRA PICKLER
The Associated Press

MASSILLON, Ohio — Comedian Billy Crystal teased John Kerry, "If you're having a good time, tell your face," but the dour-looking Democrat had an excuse for looking drawn Friday after scheduling 36 hours of nearly nonstop campaigning on both coasts plus a Midwest stop.

Kerry's marathon itinerary included campaigning in down-and-out Stark County, Ohio, sandwiched between swanky fund-raisers in New York City and Los Angeles. The Los Angeles event was an A-list concert with artists such as Crystal, Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond, Leonardo DiCaprio and Ben Affleck.

Kerry

"Can we do this every night?" the presidential candidate said as the show wrapped up about 11 p.m. West coast time. "This is a great way to campaign."

Kerry was speaking two hours before he boarded his campaign charter for a four-hour redeye flight to Ohio, where he had to shrug off his fatigue to stump in this bellwether community that chose Republican George W. Bush four years ago.

"Will you do me a favor, help me get a better plane to sleep on come next November?" Kerry asked to laughter from the crowd of more than 2,000 gathered in a high school gymnasium.

After the rally, Kerry swung by the Pro Football Hall of Fame before he boarded his plane for the third time in 24 hours, this time to New York for a fund-raiser with lesbian, gay, transgendered and bisexual supporters at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Kerry took off late, as usual, then had to circle LaGuardia Airport for more than an hour because of bad weather, putting him 2½ hours behind schedule.

Kerry's primary rival, Howard Dean, warmed up the donors as they waited by telling them he's going to work his tail off for Kerry.

Except he didn't use the word "tail."

"All I can say is if the vice president of the United States is using the f-bomb on the Senate floor, I can use the a-word at an LGTB gathering," Dean said to laughter and applause from the crowd. They donated $1.8 million, split evenly between Kerry's campaign and the Democratic National Committee.

Kerry also joked about Dick Cheney's use of an epithet. "If you think Dick Cheney is cursing today, wait until you hear what he says on Nov. 2," Kerry told the donors.

Less than three hours after Kerry arrived in New York, he was boarding the plane for a flight to his home in Washington and an end to his day-and-a-half tour.

On Thursday, Kerry arrived at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, former home of the Oscars, to find a glitzy crowd of 450 that included his concert entertainment dining on shrimp and filet mignon. He thanked the celebrities for being "willing to put themselves on the line — it's not something that everybody in show business chooses to do."

Kerry then rushed across the street to the Walt Disney Concert Hall, where he was lauded by the Hollywood lineup. Tickets ranged from $2,000 for the concert to $25,000 for a couple to attend the show and dinner.

Streisand and Diamond performed their 1978 hit "You Don't Bring Me Flowers" together for the first time in 24 years. Streisand also sang a special 2004 election version of her song "People."

Crystal delivered a 15-minute standup routine where he made fun of both candidates.

"People say [Kerry] doesn't smile, he's not happy enough," Crystal said. "I kid him a little bit. I said, 'Listen, you're the front-runner, the polls are up, you've raised $200 million. If you're having a good time, tell your face.' "

The crowd roared with laughter, no one more than Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, who bent over laughing and slapped the partition in front of her seat with both hands.

"I'm having fun," a smiling Kerry told Crystal at the end of the show. "And my face got told."

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Residents protest LAPD beating of man

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A police officer caught on videotape pummeling a suspected car thief with a flashlight said he delivered the blows because another officer warned that the man was carrying a gun, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

John J. Hatfield told investigators that another officer attempting to handcuff 36-year-old Stanley Miller after a car chase Wednesday felt a metal object in Miller's pants, the newspaper said, citing anonymous sources.

Hatfield tried to subdue Miller by kicking him and striking him 11 times with a metal flashlight. The object mistaken for a gun was later revealed to be wire cutters in Miller's right front pants pocket.

Hatfield's account was corroborated by two other officers at the scene, the Times reported. Officers were also concerned that Miller may have been concealing a weapon in his left hand, but they later learned he was clenching money.

A defense lawyer was unsure whether Miller had wire cutters but said the beating was unjustified.

"It's a Keystone Kops response to scream 'gun' and pound a guy 11 times with a flashlight when he's already pinned to the ground and then say, 'Oops, guess it was a pair of wire cutters,' " attorney Mark Werksman said.

On Friday, prosecutors declined to file charges against Miller because there were questions about whether the arresting officers would be able to testify against the suspect. But prosecutors did not rule out possible charges in the future.

Morris Griffin, right, grips a flashlight while speaking outside the 77th Street Area Los Angeles Police station on Friday. Residents gathered in protest outside the station to protest the flashlight beating of a man by an LAPD officer.
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El Paso not sweating loads of criticism

Texas city turning up on bottom of several recent surveys including literacy, weight

BY CHRIS ROBERTS
The Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — First it was named one of the least literate cities in the United States, then one of the fattest and the sweatiest. El Paso has had enough.

Residents insist their city is no dumber, fatter or sweatier than any other.

"I would say that this community is particularly misunderstood and it's easy to make generalizations looking from the outside in," said Joseph Bencomo, director of operations at Powerhouse Gym.

To critics, the blue-collar Texas town of about 563,000 on the Mexican border is a poor, immigrant border town with little to offer.

Residents praise its culture, history, low cost of living and the weather, which is mostly sunny with a dry heat. But city leaders say the bad publicity seems to travel farther than the good.

"I try not to take this too personally," said Richard Dayoub, interim president of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. "Having said that, do we like reading about this? Absolutely not."

The bad press began last year, when a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater study rated El Paso the least literate among the 64 cities studied. In January, El Paso was named 24th fattest city in the nation by Men's Fitness magazine.

But city leaders really got hot under the collar about the sweatiest city designation, part of the Third Annual Old Spice Sweatiest City Study released earlier this month.

El Paso Mayor Joe Wardy dismissed the No. 1 ranking as "a publicity stunt."

The city has had some good press, however. In June, Money magazine listed it as one of the seven best places in the United States to retire.

"The city has its own symphony orchestra," Money Magazine wrote. "Franklin Mountains State Park offers 118 miles of trails as well as a scenic backdrop for elegant homes. El Paso's a spectacular place to bargain hunt; a trolley service can take you to Mexico and back."

Morgan Quitno Press, a Kansas-based research company, in November named El Paso as the second-safest among cities of 500,000 or more.

Sterling Bassett, a retired Army colonel, said he came 11 years ago for the low cost of living and the weather.

"To me the climate is perfect," he said, dismissing the rankings. "Nobody really cares outside of El Paso."

El Paso by the numbers

Here is a look at rankings in studies and surveys done in the last year for El Paso and the University of Texas at El Paso. The rankings are listed from the newest to the oldest.

■ Named the Sweatiest City in America, in Old Spice's third-annual study, released in June.

■ Ranked as one of the seven best retirement cities in the nation by Money magazine, released in June.

■ University of Texas at El Paso named second in the nation for awarding bachelor's degrees to Hispanics in the 2002-2003 academic year by Black Issues in Higher Education magazine, released in June.

■ Named 24th fattest city in the nation by Men's Fitness magazine, released in January.

■ Named second-safest city in the United States among cities with a population of 500,000 or more by Morgan Quitno Awards, released in November.

■ Named least literate city among 64 cities with populations of 255,000 or more by a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater study, released in July.

— The Associated Press

Rapper faces slew of charges

Crack cocaine, billy club found in DMX's vehicle after accident

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Prosecutors filed drug and weapons charges Friday against rapper DMX, a day after he was arrested for allegedly impersonating a federal agent and harassing another man in an airport parking lot.

DMX, 33, allegedly crashed his sport-utility vehicle, which prosecutors said was equipped with lights and sirens, through a parking lot gate at Kennedy Airport after telling the attendant to let him leave because he was a government agent.

The complaint also said that the rapper, whose real name is Earl Simmons, ordered a driver at an adjacent parking lot to get out of his vehicle. When the man refused, Simmons allegedly identified himself as an FBI agent, grabbed the driver's seat belt buckle, and tried to pull him from the vehicle.

Simmons, 33, and a friend, Jackie Hudgins, 41, were arrested shortly afterward, said prosecutor Richard Brown.

Police found a billy club and rocks of crack cocaine in the vehicle, Brown said.

According to court documents, Simmons claimed he had been cut off by the other car. Hudgins said he had tried to calm Simmons down, and that if he had paid the $9 parking fee the incident would not have happened.

Hudgins said he had given Simmons the $9 to pay the fee, court documents said. Prosecutors said that when Simmons was taken into custody he had hundreds of dollars of cash on him.

Both men were charged with criminal possession of a weapon and controlled substance. Simmons also is charged with criminal mischief, impersonation, menacing, driving under the influence and other offenses. He also was charged with endangering the welfare of a child because the driver's 13-year-old daughter was in the car at the time.

AP

Rapper DMX, left, leaves the Queens County Courthouse in New York following his arraignment Friday. DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, faces drug and weapons charges and is accused of impersonating a federal agent and harassing another man in an airport parking lot.

Jackson evidence remains sealed

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Celebrity trials require a different standard than others if the defendant is to be treated fairly, the judge in Michael Jackson's child molestation case suggested in explaining why he has shrouded the case in secrecy.

"The difficulty of seeing that an individual in this country gets a fair trial is exasperating when the individual is known around the world," Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said Friday as he rejected a request to unseal much of the evidence collected against Jackson.

The 45-year-old pop superstar has pleaded not guilty to committing a lewd act upon a child, administering alcohol, and conspiracy to commit child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion.

Media attorney Theodore Boutrous Jr. implored Melville to unseal 47 search warrants and the entire grand jury indictment pertaining to Jackson so the public can know the exact charges the entertainer faces and determine whether he is receiving a fair trial.

Outside court, Boutrous told reporters he will consult with his media clients about appealing the judge's refusal to unseal the documents.

Key sections of the indictment against Jackson are blacked out.

From The Associated Press

Spears decides to hit altar one more time

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pop singer Britney Spears is engaged to her dancer boyfriend, a representative of Spears' record label confirmed.

"I can confirm that yes, she is engaged," Sonia Muckle of Jive Records said Friday.

Spears, 22, and Kevin Federline, 26, have not yet set a date, Muckle said.

The two began dating a few months ago, after Spears' wedding to childhood friend Jason Alexander in Las Vegas in January. That marriage was annulled within days.

Federline appeared in the movie "You Got Served" and performed as a backup dancer for singer Justin Timberlake, Spears' former boyfriend.

Spears

He was previously involved with actress Shar Jackson, of TV's "Moesha." They have a 2-year-old daughter together and are expecting another baby in July.

Spears recently canceled her summer tour because of a knee injury she suffered during a video shoot.

Her latest album, "In the Zone," was released in November and has sold more than 2.6 million copies.

FACES 'N' PLACES

Entertainer Wayne Brady holds the Emmy he won for his work on the ABC show "Whose Line is it Anyway?" at the 55th Annual Emmy Awards in Los Angeles in September. Brady's stab at daytime TV, "The Wayne Brady Show," also won him two Daytime Emmys for Outstanding Talk Show Host for two straight years before it was canceled. Brady said he now plans to return to the things that earned him his fame: acting and improvisation. He has movie and theater projects in the works, and he also continues to perform live on tour.

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Brady going back to basics

With talk show canceled, comedian returning to acting, improvisation

BY MIKE LACY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Wayne Brady has made a name for himself through his improvisational comedy on the hit ABC series "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" But his career plans are anything but improvised. Of course, options have a way of presenting themselves when you have a prop box full of talent from which to draw.

He's a proven talk-show host, having won Daytime Emmy awards as best talk-show host for two straight years with "The Wayne Brady Show."

However, this year's presentation was tainted, having come after the announcement that his show had been canceled.

But Brady, a self-described "positive and optimistic person," said "It's nothing but sweet."

In a recent telephone interview from his Hollywood home, he added, "I had a wonderful time doing the daytime show. I went into millions of people's homes every day. The only down part was that the circumstances weren't ideal. I didn't have the complete backing of the parent company (Buena Vista Television) regardless of all the awards. It was a blessing that it was canceled, because if you can't do something right, you probably shouldn't be doing it.

"Now," he said, "it's time to move on. I was an actor before and actor during, and it's time to do some other things."

Those other things include acting in a film that he identified only as "one of those really cool, big Hollywood projects." He also will play the lead role of Billy Flynn in the Broadway production of "Chicago" Sept. 8 though Nov. 30.

He sings. He writes music. He produces. He likes to call himself an actor "who is a jack of all trades."

The Orlando native did a lot of early work in Florida in television, dinner theater and other jobs.

"I tried to be the most versatile guy in the room," he said, "because that was the only way to eat."

However, he remains true to the art form that has made him famous: improvisation.

"You can teach improv skill set," he said, "but you can't teach someone to be funny. Some people think improv is supposed to be funny. Once you learn the skills, then you lay down your own natural funny."

And, good news for those who plan to see Brady in any of his touring stage performances. The stage is where he loves to be.

"I am a live performer, no matter what else I do," he said. "I'm a child of the stage. ... No one is more truthful to you than a live audience."

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Campbell bound for Broadway

After an 11-year break from the theater, **Neve Campbell** is making her Broadway debut.

The former star of television's "Party of Five" and the "Scream" movies will perform in **Allan Knee**'s play "Syncopation," which opens Oct. 24. She previously appeared in the **Toronto** production of "The Phantom of the Opera" during her teen years.

Campbell

"I just feel the urge to get back on stage now," the 30-year-old said Thursday. "I'm sort of disappointed in the scripts I'm reading. I would rather go do a play than sit at home moping. I know it will help me grow as an actor, and it will be good to work my muscles again."

Campbell plays an introverted factory worker in turn-of-the-century **New York** who dreams about dancing. Her character begins taking ballroom dance lessons on the sly, where she meets a man (played by **Michael Hayden**) with similar fantasies. The two fall in love.

Romantic comedy set in Dominican Republic

Randal Kleiser, director of "Grease" and "The Blue Lagoon," will begin filming a romantic comedy in the **Dominican Republic** next week.

Amanda Bynes and **Chris Carmack** will star in "Lovewrecked," production supervisor **Paul Jaconi Biery** said Thursday.

Bynes will play a college student who goes on vacation in the Caribbean. Carmack's character plays in a band and the two meet during a concert at a hotel, Biery said.

Filming, set to begin Monday, will take place around the northern town of **Puerto Plata**, one of the country's most popular tourist areas. Sets will include theme parks, hotels and beaches, said production assistant **Mercedes Rosario**.

From The Associated Press

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Within hours of striking Pearl Harbor, the Japanese military began its takeover of Guam. Find out what happened next in the Stars and Stripes 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam Special Edition.

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YOUR MONEY

Hotmail to add storage space

BY ALLISON LINN
The Associated Press

"Our users haven't cared about storage and we just wanted to take it off the table," he said.

Irving says users are much more worried about other issues, including spam and security. Beginning next month, the Redmond, Wash., software giant also plans to bolster the antivirus protection for its free e-mail accounts.

Previously, Hotmail would scan incoming e-mails for viruses and give users the option to delete infected files. Now, Irving said, the service will offer to clean up the attachment, removing the virus but still allowing viewing of the e-mail.

The company used to offer this service only as part of its paid e-mail offerings.

Microsoft also has previously asked Hotmail users to pay between $19.95 and $59.95 a year to get between 10 and 100 megabytes of storage. Now that those levels of storage will be free, Microsoft says it will charge $19.95 a year for users who want two gigabytes of online storage.

Microsoft's Hotmail service attracted nearly 34.1 million unique users in May, according to Nielsen/NetRatings, trailing Yahoo, which had 40.4 million unique e-mail users.

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp.'s Hotmail will become the latest Web-based e-mail service to increase the amount of storage space available for its free accounts, following similar moves by rivals.

Beginning later this summer, the company plans to increase the amount of storage for its free Hotmail account inboxes to 250 megabytes, up from two megabytes. Users also will be able to send larger attachments, up to 10 megabytes.

The Hotmail changes announced Wednesday follow Google Inc.'s plans for its Gmail service, with 1,000 megabytes of free storage.

The leading competitor in the Web e-mail field, Yahoo! Inc., recently upgraded its free mail accounts to 100 megabytes of storage.

Blake Irving, a corporate vice president with Microsoft's MSN online division, said the company hadn't heard that customers were eager to bulk up storage on Hotmail accounts. But, he said, amid the attention surrounding e-mail storage, the company didn't want competitors to have an edge with larger storage capacities.

Pesky hijackers return

Q. My Web browser has been hijacked so that when I open it the page that comes up is not my desired home page. Everything I do to restore my home page doesn't work once I close and restart the browser. I downloaded a program called "SpyHunter" off the Internet; it claimed to find and delete hijackers, but has failed to live up to its claims.

Can you help me out with getting rid of this pesky thing? — Doug Forbis

A. It's a good thing I'm not in charge of law enforcement around here. I would find every browser hijack creator, toss each and every one into a jail cell and then toss away the key. My dander dusts up big time because browser hijacking not only ranks among the nastiest of spyware attacks, but also can be the most difficult of all to correct. Sometimes fixing them is close to impossible without drastic measures like an operating system reinstallation.

Typically a victim will get a pop-up ad or maybe an e-mail with a link that leads to a Web site that asks the target to approve a change to something or accept free downloaded software. That click of approval allows the troublemaker to change the browser home page and then set up booby traps to make fixing it quite difficult. This works by secreting executable programs all over the hard drive and then making multiple changes in the Windows registry to run the booby traps when the browser is started.

That's why you cannot thwart a hijack by going to Tools, Internet Options and click to change the home page under the General tab.

The most virulent hijacks use a complex system of so-called host files to reach out to the Web and restore hijack settings even if all the other traps are found and killed.

Happily — unless getting forced to spend money to fix things makes you unhappy — many of the larger spyware-prevention programs now include search-and-destroy routines for most hijack schemes. A handy place to find links to the makers of these programs such as AdAware, Spy-Bot and such is at the Spywareinfo Web site: **www.spywareinfo.com/articles/hijacked**.

I point you there, Mr. F, because this site, run by computer enthusiasts who I rank among the good guys, also contains advanced help for those blighted souls who get hijacked by the most virulent perpetrators. I hope it turns out that you're not among them.

Q. My problem might be described as a desire to be sneaky, or maybe you can just say that I am a privacy advocate, but either way I need a way to keep prying eyes away from stuff I like to keep on my Windows desktop.

I don't want casual visitors to see things like files I have downloaded from the Web onto the desktop and files that I moved there while working on them.

— Mike Davis

A. I, too, don't like to have my computer's desktop broadcast my favorite programs and other personal matters.

So here is my solution, Mr. D.: In Windows XP a command to hide the desktop display is itself well-hidden under the commands for arranging icons. I guess Microsoft considers making something disappear a way of arranging it.

So right-click on the desktop and open the Arrange Icons tool and scroll down to the Hide Desktop Icons tool. When activated all icons vanish from the desktop until you backtrack and pick Show Desktop Icons.

Now you've got a new problem, Mr. D. How are you going to find that stuff once so visibly plastered on the monitor screen when you need it? You'll find that using the hide/show commands are a big bother when you are in a hurry.

So my solution is to create a shortcut for the desktop and then place it in the Quick Launch bar' in the lower left of the screen. Clicking on that icon opens a regular folder with the desktop contents in it.

To make a desktop shortcut, right-click on Start and use the Windows Explorer to move to the C: drive, and then Documents and Settings, and then to your own account, where you will find the desktop icon. Give it a right-click and a shortcut icon will be created on your desktop.

Now right-click on the taskbar and select Toolbars and then Quick Launch to let you drag shortcuts for favorite programs onto the taskbar. Finally, drag the ordinary icon for the desktop onto the taskbar, where it will appear as a tiny icon. Now delete the big icon and use the Arrange Icons to arrange for the desktop to disappear.

In the future, you can quickly get stuff moved onto the desktop by clicking on the icon in the Quick Launch area.

Ask Jim

Jim Coates

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FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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52-week High	52-week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
10,753.63	8,871.20	Dow Jones Industrials	10,371.84	-71.97	-.69	-.7%	+15.36
3,144.88	2,352.87	Dow Jones Transportation	3,164.18	+36.92	+1.18	+5.23	+30.91
283.52	229.46	Dow Jones Utilities	279.01	-1.38	-.49	+4.54	+11.82
6,798.12	5,430.77	NYSE Composite	6,571.20	-26.36	-.40	+2.03	+19.27
1,278.81	938.73	Amex Index	1,249.98	-.60	-.05	+6.51	+28.77
2,153.83	1,598.25	Nasdaq Composite	2,025.47	+9.90	+.49	+1.10	+24.62
1,163.23	960.84	S&P 500	1,134.43	-6.22	-.55	+2.02	+16.21
618.46	473.90	S&P MidCap	603.76	+2.75	+.46	+4.82	+25.20
606.42	437.20	Russell 2000	587.70	+6.65	+1.49	+5.53	+30.96
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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	775150	32.16	-1.09
Lucent	419368	3.80	+.13
Pfizer	311545	33.82	-.99
Motorola	227589	18.28	...
ExxonMbl	212606	44.25	-1.02
TitanCp	188620	14.55	-4.07
NortelNtl	183830	4.74	-.03
TimeWarn	174226	17.43	+.01
Calpine	162398	4.56	-.14
AT&T	138183	14.86	+.05

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NovaStlOfr	79097	37.33	+.28
SPDR	290457	113.77	-.64
SemiHTr	188607	37.25	+.18
IntrNAP	39581	1.65	-.02
EagleBnd	83339	1.02	+.15
iShJ2000	32251	116.60	+1.36
iShJapan	48192	10.51	...
DIA Diam	35381	104.05	-.59
RetailHT	19415	92.38	-.56
DevonE	19218	66.60	-.47

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Intel	650861	27.78	-.17
Microsoft	642144	26.57	+.18
Cisco	563872	23.43	-.25
TASER s	408272	42.09	+6.67
SirusSat	327431	3.04	+.03
SunMicro	319582	4.41	+.13
JDS Uniph	295922	3.82	+.13
CiscoCp	283003	3.76	+.27
ApldMatl	226004	19.27	+.40

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

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Alliant Techsystem	...	15	63.66	+.10	+10.6
Armor Holdings	...	55	35.03	+.45	+33.0
Boeing	.80	23	51.30	+.95	+21.7
Comsec Sciences	...	24	26.78	+.25	+13.3
Engineered Sup Sys	.07	26	58.71	+.94	+6.6
General Dynamics	1.44	19	100.60	+1.67	+11.3
General Electric	.80	21	32.18	-1.09	+3.9
Halliburton	.50	18	32.86	+.54	+15.4
Harris Corp.	.40	34	48.83	+.44	+28.7
Allied Signal	.75	23	36.81	+.25	+18.3
L-3 Communications	.40	23	65.70	+.41	+27.3
Lockheed Martin	.88	21	51.97	-.14	+1.1
NorthrpGrs	.52	23	53.02	+.82	+10.3
Raytheon	.80	36	34.67	-.30	+15.4
Rockwell Intl.	.56	21	37.00	+1.15	+3.3
Sequa Corp.	...	44	57.76	-1.39	+17.9
Texas Instruments	.09	29	24.03	-.88	-18.2
Textron Inc.	1.30	35	58.80	+.15	+3.0
United Technologies	1.40	18	89.25	-.75	-5.8

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Fidelity Invest: GroCo	62.35	-.42	+2.6
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	27.87	-.02	+4.6
Fidelity Spartan: Equin	40.78	-.25	+2.1
Putnam Funds A: GrInsp	18.14	-.11	+3.0
Fidelity Invest: Lev Co	18.98	-.12	+.7
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	31.40	+.32	+3.9
AIM Investments A: Const p	21.83	+.12	+1.5
Fidelity Invest: USB	18.98	-.12	+.7
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOppT	28.78	-.12	+2
Fidelity Invest: Overse	31.57	+.46	+.4
Fidelity Advisor T: EqInT	26.98	-.08	+4.6
Scudder Funds S: IncomeS	28.61	-.08	+2.6
AIM Investments A: WeinmA p	12.48	+.02	+1.3
Putnam Funds A: GlbEqty p	7.60	-.04	+1.9
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.25	-.09	+3.0
Merrill Lynch I: BalCapI	26.52	-.06	+1.9
Scudder Funds S: Intl FdS	39.41	-.02	+2.6
Fidelity Advisor T: OverseaT	15.81	-.14	+.1
Lord Abbett A: DevGtA p	15.25	+.23	+1.7
Scudder Funds S: Income S	12.65	...	+.2
Merrill Lynch I: USGvMtg	10.12	...	...
Scudder Funds S: DevS	18.37	+.17	-2.5
Putnam Funds A: GlGvA p	12.20	-.03	-.5

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (June 28)	106.00
S. Korean won (June 26)	1,123.00
Euro	$1.248
British pound	$1.86

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	$1.8265
Canada (Dollar)	1.3488
Denmark (Krone)	6.1214
Egypt (Pound)	6.18
Euro	$1.2164
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7968
Hungary (Forint)	207.99
Iceland (Krona)	72.435
Israel (Shekel)	4.5025
Japan (Yen)	107.63
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	6.8249
Philippines (Peso)	56.07
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.708
S. Korea (Won)	1,149.60
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2492
Thailand (Baht)	40.85
Turkey (Lira)	1,492,537

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Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Free credit reports

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Checking your credit report is a vital step before you invest in a mortgage or take out a personal, business or auto loan.

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MONDAY EVENING / JUNE 28, 2004

MOVIES ● SPORTS

J		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	●ESPNews	Headline News	60 Minutes II (CC)		Cold Case "Fly Away" A coma victim awakens with no memory of her identity and her daughter's murder. (CC)		Without a Trace "Are You Now, or Have You Ever Been..." Jack and the others are interrogated during an internal investigation. (CC)		Headline News	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Lilo & Stitch "Topper" (CC)	Digimon: Digital Monsters (CC)	I Spy "A Rockin' Bronco"	Even Stevens (CC)
8	NEWS	Dateline NBC (CC)				Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS	●(4:00) PGA Golf Booz Allen Classic -- Final Round. (Taped)		●SportsCenter			●Baseball Tonight		●Gymnastics U.S. Olympic Trials. From Anaheim, Calif. (Taped)				●ESPNews
10	SPEC	Average Joe (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Monogamy" A pregnant woman's unborn child is taken from her. (CC)		Monster Garage (CC)		The New Detectives: Case Studies in Forensic Science "Undaunted" An office party turns violent. (CC)		★★½ "First Kid" (1996, Comedy) Sinbad, Brock Pierce, Blake Boyd. A government agent guards the president's bratty young son.			
14	TMC	(:15) ★ "Serving Sara" (2002, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Elizabeth Hurley, Bruce Campbell. A process server helps a woman turn the tables on her mate. PG-13' (CC)				★★★ "What's Love Got to Do With It" (1993, Biography) Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne, Vanessa Bell Calloway. Based on singer-actress Tina Turner's autobiography. 'R' (CC)				★★ "COP" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Jeremy Davies, Angela Lindvall, Elodie Bouchez. An aspiring director is handed the reins to a sci-fi flick. 'R' (CC)			★½ "And God Created Woman" (1988, Drama) 'R'
24	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog "Leaf of Absence." (E!)	Dragon Tales Zak is hurt in racing practice. (E!)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer Days of violence in Iraq. (CC)		Antiques Roadshow Beatles memorabilia; a Japanese cast-bronze elephant sculpture. (Part 1 of 3) (CC)		American Experience "Reagan: An American Crusade" Ronald Reagan's rise to president. (Part 2 of 2) (CC)					Carters: A Conversation
25	SHOW	(4:45) ★½ "Four Dogs Playing Poker" (2000) 'R'	★★½ "Orange County" (2002, Comedy) Colin Hanks, Jack Black, Catherine O'Hara. A teenage writer goes to extremes to get into Stanford. 'PG-13' (CC)			★★★½ "The Hunt for Red October" (1990, Adventure) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin, Scott Glenn. A Soviet nuclear submarine heads toward the coast of Maine. 'PG' (CC)				(:15) ★★½ "K-19: The Widowmaker" (2002, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard. A Soviet submarine's nuclear reactor develops a leak. 'PG-13' (CC)			
27	A&E	City Confidential "Midnight in Miami" Miami detectives arrest a man's wife for contracting a hit on him. (CC)		American Justice "Dancing, Drugs and Murder" A drug dealer is murdered and dismembered. (CC)		Cold Case Files "The Baiting Game" An expert on the human body's rate of decay. (CC)		Family Plots Chuck's ex lends a hand. (N) (CC)	Family Plots Box-Chuck's ex lends a hand. (N) (CC)	Airline "Excess Baggage 3" Behind-the-scenes.	Airline UK A drunk is escorted off a plane. (N)	Crossing Jordan Jordan tries to figure out how her childhood friend died battling a fire. (CC)	
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		Age of Terror		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	(5:50) Ang Tang-ing Ina	Adventures	Insider	The Correspondents		Morning Girls	(:15) Kumikitang Kabuh Ayan	(:40) Masayang Tanghali Bayan			(:10) Trip Kita	(:35) Sarah
30	CNN-I	Larry King Weekend (CC)		CNNI World News	●World Sport	Business International		Asia Tonight	●World Sport	CNNI World News	●World Sport	Biz Asia	Business International
31	GOLF	●European PGA Golf Open de France -- Final Round. From Paris.					●Golf Channel Academy	●Payne Stewart Profile of the late professional golf champion Payne Stewart.			●Golf Central	●Mike Weir's 2003 Masters	●The Comeback at Brookline
32	TLC	Clean Sweep "Last Train From Clutter Town" A couple is rescued. (CC)		In a Fix "The Lost Kitchen" The crew installs a kitchen. (CC)		Trauma: Life in the ER "Desert Crossroads" Doctors at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.		The Residents "Moving On" Reflecting on the year.		Extreme Plastic Surgery		Trauma: Life in the ER "Desert Crossroads" Doctors at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.	
34	TOON	Powerpuff Girls!	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Samurai Jack	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon Cartoons.	2 Stupid Dogs	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter "Reptiles of the Deep: Saurians" Saltwater crocodiles and lizards. (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)	Croc Week "Search for Super Croc" Steve tries to unmask secret reptiles that have survived for more than 60 million years with very little change in their evolution. (N)				Animal Cops Houston "A Soldier's Best Friend" A soldier sends his family a puppy he found in Iraq. (N) (CC)		Croc Week "Search for Super Croc"	
36	COM	Late Night Matthew Broderick; Jeremy Suarez; Demetri Martin. (CC)		The Daily Show Jennifer Love Hewitt. (CC)	★ "Saving Silverman" (2001, Comedy) Jason Biggs, Steve Zahn, Jack Black. Two buddies conspire to prevent another friend's marriage. (CC)				South Park Camping amid an erupting volcano. (CC)	Reno 911! Officers cope with Halloween mayhem. (CC)	Reno 911! Dangle has to leave Reno. (N) (CC)	The Daily Show Actor Stanley Tucci. (N) (CC)	Tough Crowd (N)
40	NGC-A	Wildlife Diary A leopard's territory.	Forgotten Sun Bear	Toyota World of Wildlife	Planet Wild	Be the Creature "Banded Mongoose" Mongoose adventures in Africa.		Elephant Vision Caroline Casey's trek to set up the Aisling Project in southern India.		The Vanishing Tattoo		Built for the Kill "Swamp" A variety of killers lurk below the surface of the water in a swamp.	
42	SPIKE	Horsepower TV "Eclebrock Tour"	Horsepower TV (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Dauphin" (CC)		Star Trek: The Next Generation "Conduit" (CC)		●WWE Raw Scheduled: after effects from Hell in a Cell. (CC)				(:05) MXC "Almost Live"	
43	FOX	Fame (CC)		Blind Date Yoga studio; roller rink. (CC)	Blind Date Short man; former detective. (CC)	North Shore "Pilot" (Series Premiere) (N) (CC)		The Casino (Series Premiere) An introduction to the millionaires, Thomas Brelling and Timothy Poster. (N) (CC)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)		Cagney & Lacey "Organized Crime" A rash of church robberies leads to the slaying of a nun. (CC)	
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				★★ "Trading Places" (1983, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis. Two men's lives are altered by a bet made between tycoons.				Club Comic View Presents		BET Nightly News (CC)	College Hill
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Dirty Laundry" Simone and Sipowicz investigate the murder of a pimp in a Laundromat. (CC)		Cops Tampa, Fla., deputies chase a suspect. (CC)	Cops A heavily armed man threatens suicide. (CC)	The System "Decoy Squad"		Forensic Files	Forensic Files Patient lies to doctor.	The System "A Deadly Enterprise" Investigating a chilling case of deadly insurance fraud.		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice "A Deadly Campaign" Ruthann Aron.	
48	STR-WLD	Baywatch (CC)		The Simpsons (CC)	Cheers (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Just Shoot Me (CC)	The King of Queens (CC)	Still Standing (CC)	Yes, Dear (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Boston Public (CC)	
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls Rose is romantically involved.	The Golden Girls Blanche's grandson visits. (CC)	In Style Celebrity Weddings (CC)		Providence Joanie gets a surprise when Hannah's father comes to her birthday party. (CC)		★★½ "Painful Secrets" (2000, Drama) Sean Young, Kimberlee Peterson, Robert Wisden. Premiere. A teen expresses her self-loathing by mutilating herself. (CC)				The Golden Girls Blanche throws a men-only party.	The Golden Girls Blanche throws a men-only party.
51	ABCFAM	Full House The twins face punishment. (CC)	Full House New crowd is a drag for Stephanie.	7th Heaven "Gossip" Ugly rumors spread about Mary's departure; Simon gets into trouble with twins. (CC)		★★ "Summer Catch" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Freddie Prinze Jr., Jessica Biel, Matthew Lillard. A baseball player falls for a woman who's out of his league. (CC)				Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	The 700 Club Chad Kreuter; All Nations Outreach Center. (N) (CC)	
53	HIST	Tales of the Gun Pistols were used to settle points of honor, often with fatal results. (CC)		Modern Marvels "Pickup Trucks" The pickup truck moves from back roads to main streets. (CC)		Mail Call Flying command and control center.	Mail Call World War II M2A2 half-track. (CC)	Band of Brothers (CC)		(:15) Investigating History "The Curse of King Tut' King Tut's curse. (N) (CC)		(:15) Flying Pyramids Soaring Stones (CC)	
57	STR-MV	(5:15) "Big Spender" (2003, Drama) Casper Van Dien. A convict nurses an ailing Thoroughbred back to health.		(6:55) ★★★ "Wall Street" (1987, Drama) Michael Douglas, Charlie Sheen, Daryl Hannah. A ruthless corporate raider instructs a young stockbroker.				★★ "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" (2001, Romance) Nicolas Cage, Penélope Cruz, John Hurt. An Italian officer strikes a chord with a Greek villager.				(:10) ★★★ "Cherish" (2002) Robin Tunney. A woman under house arrest attempts to track down a killer.	
58	ADV 1	(5:30) Great Indian Railway (Part 2 of 2)	Kilimanjaro -- Summit to Sea		Chasing Time "Dublin" Black and white stout.	Nick's Quest Visiting the Arctic to check global warming's impact on polar bears.		River Caves of Mexico Exploring a passage to a river gorge deep in the Mayan jungle.		●Surfer's Journal	Chasing Time "Dublin" Black and white stout.	Nick's Quest Visiting the Arctic to check global warming's impact on polar bears.	
59	MTV	Dodgeball Movie Special	Faking the Video One PA doggie-sits.	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam	Wild Boyz	Pimp My Ride	Punk'd	Road Rules "Extreme" (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (N) (CC)	Faking the Video Foam tests patience. (N)	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride A 1987 Honda CRX.
60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/SpongeBob SquarePants"	Juice "The Wild Thornberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (EI) (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All That	Even Stevens (CC)	The Brothers Garcia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple

JAPAN TV

Afternoon
1:30 U.S. Movie (1965): The Cincinnati Kid (2:00)(12)
5:50 News (6)

Evening
7:00 News (1)
7:53 Pro Boxing: WBC Strawweight Championship — Eagle Akakura vs. Satoshi Kogumasaka/WBC Super-Flyweight Championship — Masamori Tokuyama vs. Katsushige Kawashima (12)
10:00 News (1)
10:00 Nikita (42)
12:15 Wimbledon Tennis 2004 (1)
12:50 MLB Highlights (6)
1:50 U.S. Movie (1996): Mulholland Falls (2:03)(4)

JAPAN TV-BS7

Morning
7:00 Karrie Webb's Simple Golf (9)
7:30 Football Mundial
8:00 Top News from Around the World
9:00 MLB: New York Mets vs. New York Yankees

Afternoon
12:05 CNN News
12:20 What's on Asia (r)
1:00 World News Hour
2:00 ABC News
3:00 CNN News
4:00 World News Hour
5:00 CNN News

Evening
6:00 Japan Pro Ball: Orix BlueWave vs. Fukuoka Daiei Hawks
9:30 Football Mundial
10:00 MLB Highlights
11:00 BS News
11:30 Economic News
12:16 PGA Golf: Booz Allen Classic, Final Round (r)
1:15 NBA Magazine
1:45 X-Games Asia 2004 (6)
2:05 Asian News
3:25 World Amazing Sports
3:50 ABC News
4:40 Asian News
5:00 Top News from Around the World

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Steven Kovacevich Recital (piano)

Afternoon
3:00 French Movie (1946): Le Pays Sans Etoiles (1:50)

Evening
7:00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (1998): Patch Adams (2:00)
10:00 TV Series: ER IX
12:00 U.S. Movie (1992): City of Joy (2:20)

WOWOW

Morning
6:45 Oswald No. 19
7:30 TV Series: Friends
8:00 U.S. Movie (1974): The Godfather Part II (3:24)

Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek
1:00 Canadian Movie (2002): Liberty Stands Still (1:40)
2:45 British-Australian-German Movie (2001): Charlotte Gray (2:05)
5:30 Oswald No. 19 (r)

Evening
6:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Monday Night Mayhem (1:40)
8:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Quarterfinals (4)
11:15 French Movie (2003): Taxi 3 (1:30)
12:55 Pro Boxing: WBC Light-flyweight Title Match, etc.
2:55 U.S. Movie (1991): The People under the Stairs (1:45)
4:45 U.S. Movie (1999): Compulsion (1:45)

MTV

Morning
6:00 Wake Up
7:00 Guest Friday
8:00 Top Choice
10:00 Pure Music
11:00 Top Choice

Afternoon
12:00 Rocks
1:00 Classic
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
4:00 Rock
5:00 Top Choice

Evening
6:00 French Monday
7:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry
9:00 Top Choice
9:30 M Size All Request
10:00 Rocks
11:00 Live: Travis
11:30 Live: Stereophonics
12:00 Classic '90s
1:00 French Monday
2:00 M Size All Request
2:30 Check the Rhyme
3:00 After Hours

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OPINION

Iraq: What it's really like over there

Joseph L. Galloway

THE WASHINGTON The Internet, which fills our inboxes with spam and scams every day and keeps our delete keys shiny, occasionally delivers a real keeper, such as the words below, which were written by a graduate of West Point, Class of 2003, who's now at war in Iraq.

We tracked down the author, who gave us permission to quote from his letter so long as we didn't reveal his name.

Old soldiers in the Civil War coined a phrase for green troops who survived their first taste of battle: "He has seen the elephant."

This Army lieutenant sums up the combat experience better than many a grizzled veteran: "Well, I'm here in Iraq, and I've seen it, and done it. I've seen everything you've ever seen in a war movie. I've seen cowardice; I've seen heroism; I've seen fear; and I've seen relief. I've seen blood and brains all over the back of a vehicle, and I've seen men bleed to death surrounded by their comrades. I've seen people throw up when it's all over, and I've seen the same shell-shocked look in 35-year-old experienced sergeants as in 19-year-old privates.

"I've heard the screams — 'Medic! Medic!' I've hauled dead civilians out of cars, and I've looked down at my hands and seen them covered in blood after putting some poor Iraqi civilian in the wrong place at the wrong time into a helicopter. I've seen kids with gunshot wounds, and I've seen kids who've tried to kill me.

"I've seen men tell lies to save lives: 'What happened to Sergeant A.?' The reply: 'C'mon man, he's all right — he's wondering if you'll be OK — he said y'all will have a beer together when you get to Germany.' SFC A. was lying 15 feet away on the other side of the bunker with two medics over him desperately trying to get either a pulse or a breath. The man who asked after SFC A. was himself bleeding from two gut wounds and rasping as he tried to talk with a collapsed lung. One of them made it; one did not.

"I've run for cover as fast as I've ever run — I'll hear the bass percussion thump of mortar rounds and rockets exploding as long as I live. I've heard the shrapnel as it shredded through the trailers my men live in and over my head. I've stood, gasping for breath, as I helped drag into a bunker a man so pale and badly bloodied I didn't even recognize him as a soldier I've known for months. I've run across open ground to find my soldiers and make sure I had everyone.

"I've raided houses, and shot off locks, and broken in windows.

"I've grabbed prisoners, and guarded them. I've looked into the faces of men who would have killed me if I'd driven past their IED (improvised explosive device) an hour later. I've looked at men who've killed two people I knew, and saw fear.

"I've seen that, sadly, that men who try to kill other men aren't monsters, and most of them aren't even brave — they aren't defiant to the last — they're ordinary people. Men are men, and that's it. I've prayed for a man to make a move toward the wire, so I could flip my weapon off safe and put two rounds in his chest — if I could beat my platoon sergeant's shotgun to the punch. I've been wanted dead, and I've wanted to kill.

"I've sworn at the radio when I heard one of my classmate's platoon sergeants call over the radio: 'Contact! Contact! IED, small arms, mortars! One KIA, three WIA!' Then a burst of staccato gunfire and a frantic cry: 'Red 1, where are you? Where are you?' as we raced to the scene … knowing full well we were too late for at least one of our comrades.

"I've seen a man without the back of his head and still done what I've been trained to do — 'medic!' I've cleaned up blood and brains so my soldiers wouldn't see it — taken pictures to document the scene, like I'm in some sort of bizarre cop show on TV.

"I've heard gunfire and hit the ground, heard it and closed my Humvee door, and heard it and just looked and figured it was too far off to worry about. I've seen men stacked up outside a house, ready to enter — some as scared as they could be, and some as calm as if they were picking up lunch from McDonald's. I've laughed at dead men, and watched a sergeant on the ground, laughing so hard he was crying, because my boots were stuck in a muddy field, all the while an Iraqi corpse was not five feet from him.

"I've heard men worry about civilians, and I've heard men shrug and sum up their viewpoint in two words — 'F— 'em.' I've seen people shoot when they shouldn't have, and I've seen my soldiers take an extra second or two, think about it, and spare somebody's life.

"I've bought drinks from Iraqis while new units watched in wonder from their trucks, pointing weapons in every direction, including the Iraqis my men were buying a Pepsi from. I've patrolled roads for eight hours at a time that combat support units spend days preparing to travel 10 miles on. I've laughed as other units sit terrified in traffic, fingers nervously on triggers, while my soldiers and I deftly whip around, drive on the wrong side of the road, and wave to Iraqis as we pass. I can recognize a Sadiqqi (Arabic for friend) from a Haji (Arabic word for someone who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca, but our word for a bad guy); I know who to point my weapons at, and who to let pass.

"I've come in from my third 18-hour patrol in as many days with a full beard and stared at a major in a pressed uniform who hasn't left the wire since we've been here, daring him to tell me to shave. He looked at me, looked at the dust and sweat and dirt on my uniform, and went back to typing at his computer.

"I've stood with my men in the mess hall, surrounded by people whose idea of a bad day in Iraq is a six-hour shift manning a radio, and watched them give us a wide berth as we swagger in, dirty, smelly, tired, but sure in our knowledge that we pull the triggers, and we do what the Army does, and they, with their clean uniforms and weapons that have never fired, support us.

"I've given a kid water and Gatorade and made a friend for life. I've let them look through my sunglasses — no one wears them in this country but us — and watched them pretend to be an American soldier — a swaggering invincible machine, secure behind his sunglasses, only because the Iraqis can't see the fear in his eyes.

"I've said it a thousand times — 'God, I hate this country.' I've heard it a million times more — 'This place sucks.' In quieter moments, I've heard more profound things: 'Sir, this is a thousand times worse than I ever thought it would be.' Or, 'My wife and Sgt. B's wife were good friends — I hope she's taking it well.'

"They say they're scared, and say they won't do this or that, but when it comes time to do it they can't let their buddies down, can't let their friends go outside the wire without them, because they know it isn't right for the team to go into the ballgame at any less than 100 percent.

"That's combat, I guess, and there's no way you can be ready for it. It just is what it is, and everybody's experience is different.

"Just thought you might want to know what it's really like."

Joseph L. Galloway is the senior military correspondent for Knight Ridder Newspapers and co-author of the national best-seller "We Were Soldiers Once … and Young."

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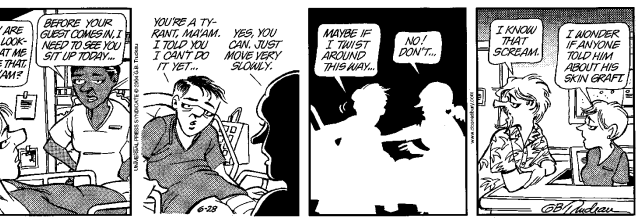
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION/OMBUDSMAN

Social Security's strength shortchanged

BY THOMAS J. HEALEY

Social Security is in dire straits and must be fixed now. How many times have we heard that refrain? To be sure, strengthening the Social Security system has become a national priority, driven by the common perception that the system cannot survive in its current form and that dramatic measures such as an increase in payroll taxes or the introduction of personal investment accounts are the only workable remedies.

It may come as a surprise, then, to learn that Social Security, which pays benefits to 47 million Americans, has shown significant financial improvement in recent years.

How can that be amid so many doomsday forecasts? Consider:

■ In their latest report, released in March, the Social Security trustees estimate that the system's trust funds (its pool of assets from which benefits are paid) will not be exhausted until 2042. This is 13 years later than the 2029 depletion date envisioned in the trustees' 1997 report.

■ In like fashion, the estimated year in which Social Security's annual benefit obligations begin to exceed its tax revenue has also receded, from 2012 in a 1997 report to 2018 in a recent accounting.

■ In 1997 it appeared that Social Security would go bust before the last of the baby boomers had retired. Now the youngest boomer will be 78 by the projected depletion date, which means the system will be able to cover the bulk of the baby boomers' benefits.

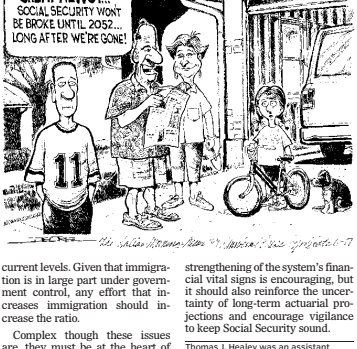
In 1997 this was not expected to be the case.

What does this mean for the long-range health of Social Security? Is the prognosis not nearly as bleak as the public has been led to believe? The honest answer is: No one knows. After an increasingly pessimistic outlook in the early '90s there has been a noticeable improvement in the past seven years.

If the tide seems to have turned in Social Security's favor, no one can say with certainty whether the improvements are permanent. Indeed, looking at a relatively short seven-year period may lead to incorrect conclusions about long-term changes in the actuarial projections. If we are interested in ensuring the viability of a program on which many millions of Americans depend, we must search for more fundamental answers based on a thorough analysis of the assumptions around key demographic and economic indicators.

One of those indicators is the anticipated reduction in the worker-to-beneficiary ratio — the steamroller behind Social Security's projected deficits. (The lower the ratio, the fewer workers available to support the system and the heavier the burden each worker must bear.) The Social Security actuaries project a permanent drop in the number of workers per beneficiary from its current level of 3.3 to 2.0 by 2040. Most of the decline takes place from 2013 to 2030 as baby boomers retire.

How reliable, though, can long-term projections be given the historical variability in fertility rates and immigration levels, both of which have an enormous impact on the worker-to-beneficiary ratio? Social Security projections are based on a conservative, "below-replacement" rate over the next 75 years. Likewise, the level of immigration assumed by the government over that period is well below current levels. Given that immigration is in large part under government control, any effort that increases immigration should increase the ratio.



Complex though these issues are, they must be at the heart of any debate over the future viability of Social Security. The recent strengthening of the system's financial vital signs is encouraging, but it should also reinforce the uncertainty of long-term actuarial projections and encourage vigilance to keep Social Security sound.

Thomas J. Healey was an assistant Treasury secretary under President Reagan. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Discovering whether Stripes stories cover all bases

In April, which marked the first anniversary of the fall of Baghdad to the U.S.-led coalition forces, I undertook an in-depth look at the performance of Stars and Stripes in the coverage of events in the Mideast.

Ombudsman

Joe Ungaro

I have collected tearsheets from the European, Mideast and Pacific editions and plan a series of columns on five topics:

■ Iraq war news divided into two parts. The first would be an overall review of the volume and quality of wire service material. The second would be on the work of Stripes staffers in providing that special information which is of interest primarily to those troops in Iraq — in effect, the military news that isn't covered by any other source.

■ Overall front page display — Is Iraq overplayed or underplayed? Is there a balance of headlines on the front page?

■ Keeping in touch with military forces elsewhere in the world — Has Stripes become preoccupied with Iraq?

■ Letters to the Editor — Has the volume of the first year continued?

■ Presidential politics — How much coverage and is it fair and balanced?

And the plan is to continue to collect material as the columns are being written.

As benchmarks I have been looking at The New York Times, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Providence (R.I.) Journal and my local hometown Westerly (R.I.) Sun, which is on the p.m. cycle and provides breaking Iraq news from The Associated Press that is not in the U.S. morning papers but available for use in some Stripes editions.

Some early reactions:

■ The new Mideast edition: It is limited to 32 pages and very few ads. It is following the long tradition of Stripes publishing as close to the action as possible. It provides a well-balanced news report that meets its mission of being "the hometown paper away from home."

The technology plan put in place with consolidation five years ago makes possible a compete newspaper with late news with virtually no extra staff. It is printed in two locations in the Mideast with pages being sent by satellite from the central office in Washington. A third test of a mini-press that can produce about 500 papers a day is under way at a third location.

■ Iraq war news: Stripes publishes five to seven stories about Iraq each day. At least one — and often two or three — are special military-interest material written by Stripes staffers. One issue I am exploring is the proportion of special-interest material to basic coverage from The Associated Press.

One of the more interesting Iraq stories in May (on the 18th for the European and Mideast editions and the 19th for the Pacific editions) was by The Associated Press. For the European and Mideast editions, the first paragraph read: "A roadside bomb containing deadly sarin nerve agent exploded near a U.S. military convoy, the U.S. military said Monday. It was believed to be the first confirmed discovery of any of the banned weapons that the United States cited in making the case for the Iraq war." Pacific editions got the same first sentence, but the rest of the paragraph was worded differently.

The story properly received mention on the front page of Stripes' Europe and the Mideast editions with reference to the story on Page 5. It also appeared in the U.S. papers I read, but none on the front page. I haven't seen a follow-up. And it will be interesting to see if there will be one.

■ The front page: Stripes uses a distinctive tabloid format and features even in the Mideast edition a balance of headlines that reflects a world that is more than the Iraq conflict. I am still in the process of tabulating the variety of stories on the front page and how many times the main story is about Iraq.

■ Letters: The number published per week is down about 10 percent from the very high number in the early days of the war, but the letter writers remain feisty. But there was only one letter on mail delivery and it was very positive about the service.

■ Presidential politics: The volume has been light but whenever there has been a political issue, both candidates have their say in separate stories under separate headlines.

One unusual note to report from the ombudsman front. I have been receiving in the last couple of months several queries a week from a veteran or his children or grandchildren seeking a copy of the story or picture of him during World War II in Stripes. The veteran always writes how much Stripes was part of his life in those days. The children and/or grandchildren also say their father was fond of Stripes and wishes he had a copy of the story or picture.

The ombudsman sends these queries to the Stripes librarian if there is a specific time frame that can be researched quickly. If not I suggest they go to the Library of Congress or New York Public Library and go through the microfilm to try to find the edition and the page with the story and/or picture.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

That's just art

TX AMARILLO — If you're riding through a wheat field and come across some vintage Cadillacs planted in the ground, don't call for help. It's an art installation, not a car crash.

The old Caddys have been adorned with new coats of paint and graffiti for the 30th anniversary of what started as a three-dimensional environmental sculpture along Interstate 40.

The Cadillacs were painted white for Monday's celebration. Amarillo businessman and art patron Stanley Marsh was the first to spray paint one of the newly coated Caddys.

The Ant Farm, a radical art and design collective, created and installed the landmark in 1974 for Marsh.

Odd incidents on campus

NC RALEIGH — Four men, including three students at North Carolina State University, have been charged with illegally accessing the computers of campus police and changing the daily list of incidents.

Former student David Travis Oakley, 25, of Willow Spring, was in the Wake County jail with bond set at $25,000. He located a password in "a secure area" and passed it to others, according to his arrest warrant.

Jonathon Lee Hamilton, 23, of Raleigh, and Nicholas John Heling, 19, of Nashville, were also arrested, NCSU police spokesman Jon Barnwell said. Hamilton was released after posting $5,000 bail.

Gavin Deare, 19, of Fairfax, Va., had arranged to surrender, Barnwell said.

A member of the media alerted campus police to the bogus postings, which appeared May 15, he said.

Alternatives to force

CO DENVER — Police will rewrite their policies, emphasizing alternatives to using force against suspects after an officer fatally shot a developmentally disabled teen last year. A task force made recommendations that will be enacted immediately.

Low quality of care

IO DES MOINES — A state agency that oversees nursing homes is fielding more complaints about the quality of care. A report shows that in 2003, the office received 977 complaints.

That's double the number of complaints in 2001, and a 19 percent increase from 2002.

Fatal hit-and-run

NY NORTHPORT — An emergency medical technician responding to a fatal hit-and-run accident told police at the scene he might have struck the victim the night before.

Brian Leddy, a captain with the Eatons Neck volunteer fire department on Long Island, was arrested Friday after both he and officers noticed that debris in the road matched his 2003 Dodge truck, police said.

The victim, identified as Thomas Cote, 60, was found at the end of his driveway. Police said Cote was apparently hit while getting mail from his mailbox.

Toxic Hawaii

HI HONOLULU — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says a slight increase has been reported in the amount of toxic chemicals released in Hawaii in 2002.

The EPA said in a news release issued in San Francisco that reportable releases increased by 2 percent over the previous year.

The hike was primarily due to an increase in reporting from federal facilities and electric generating facilities, the agency said.

Thirty-nine facilities in Hawaii reported 3.2 million pounds of toxic chemical releases, ranking the state 49th in total releases nationwide.

Far from home

WA SEATTLE — An arctic fox that apparently survived on garbage for two weeks after becoming an inadvertent stowaway on a ship will go to a zoo, officials say.

The blueish brown fox is believed to have boarded the ship during a port stop in the Aleutian Islands. An employee found the animal in the vessel's trash bin after it arrived at a shipyard last month.

"The first thing I thought was, 'Boy, he's been in here awhile,' " said Cooter Whitaker, a Samson Tug and Barge terminal manager.

Woodland Park Zoo curator Dana Payne said the animal will be the zoo's first arctic fox. About 45 of the animals are found in North American zoos, she said.

It has been quarantined to determined if it has rabies, but could make its public debut by Labor Day.

Lawn cars stay put

KY WHITESBURG — A proposal in Letcher County to ban junk cars on residents' lawns was voted down by magistrates after citizens complained. The ordinance was intended to make the mountain community safer for neighbors and more attractive to tourists.

Easy access to records

TX AUSTIN — It's now easier for Texans to get their driving records.

Copies of driving records are now available online, the Department of Public Safety announced Thursday.

The new service allows eligible driver license and commercial driver license holders to order a driver record using a credit or debit card, the DPS said.

Information from the applicant's current Texas driver's license is needed to use the online service.

GI's sole request

PA ABBOTTSTOWN — An Adams County woman has been visiting countless yard sales to fill an unusual need for her nephew in Iraq.

Dottie Stonesifer, of Abbottstown, said her nephew, 1st Lt. Eric Sloan, a Pennsylvania National Guard member from the Reading area, doesn't only ask for cookies in his e-mails since he was sent to Iraq in February.

Sloan's main request is for shoes, preferably sandals, for hundreds of children he sees walking barefoot through the rubble in temperatures topping 100 degrees.

Stonesifer has collected nearly 100 pairs of shoes — three boxes of sandals and sneakers, but at nearly $50 a box, the problem is finding money to mail them.

Conviction overturned

IL LINCOLN — A woman whose murder conviction was overturned by the Illinois Supreme Court was released from prison after 13 years behind bars.

Elizabeth Ehlert's release comes months after she was diagnosed with lung cancer and years since she originally claimed her innocence in the death of her newborn daughter, but in a phone interview two hours after her release she said she has few regrets about her time in prison.

Ehlert, 45, was charged with murder in 1990 after her infant's body was found in a lake two days after she gave birth at home. She claimed the baby was stillborn but was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Nice, even strokes

Chris Van Dyne, left, and Charles Scott team up to paint the side of a house in Martinsburg, W.Va. The two are part of a group of Berkeley County, W.Va. school teachers who are spending the summer painting houses for extra income.

What a rush

William Schwieder hits a pool of water on Meadow Run in Ohiopyle State Park, south of Uniontown, Penn., while visiting the natural water slides.

Feeding frenzy

Five white geese rush to find morsels of food as a lone carp struggles to get his share at Goose Harbor Marina along the Arkansas River in Van Buren, Ark.

Pucker up

Marbles King Aaron Nees, 13, of Palisade, Colo., leans in to kiss Marbles Queen Carly Miller, 12, of Pittsburgh, following their wins at the 81st annual National Marbles Tournament in Wildwood, N.J.

My, what big teeth you have

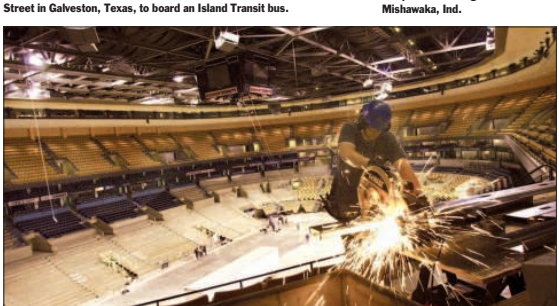
A man talks is framed by the jaws of a prehistoric shark during "Dinosaurs and other Prehistoric Creatures at Auction," assembled by Guernsey's auction house in New York.

Little wet around the ankles

A passenger wades across Market Street in Galveston, Texas, to board an Island Transit bus.

Flyin' high-five

Reece Treber, 6, springs into action to give his coach, John Cheney, a high-five during football camp at Marian High School in Mishawaka, Ind.



Sparking progress

A construction worker creates sparks while cutting through steel on the seventh level of the FleetCenter in Boston as work continues to transform the 19,600-seat sports arena into a convention hall for the upcoming Democratic National Convention

Blue about insurance

ID POCATELLO — Fourteen counties are suing BlueCross and BlueShield for allegedly trying to run the counties' self-insurance program out of business. BlueCross and BlueShield deny the allegations. The counties say the Blues want to resume charging excessive premiums.

Just one murder

MA BOSTON — Martin Guy, who is serving a life sentence for the 1999 murder of Christopher Payne, pleaded innocent to another killing. Guy was indicted last week for the 1998 murder of Irene Kennedy, 75, after his DNA matched material on her body.

Police beating payoff

MN MINNEAPOLIS — The city will pay nearly $1 million to Michael Polley who lost his colon and part of his small intestine after he claims he was beaten by police. Two police officers arrested Polley during a domestic dispute at his home in March 2003.

Tuition increase

TN KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee approved a 7.9 percent tuition increase, marking the seventh straight year that the cost of attendance has gone up. President John Peterson said further increases may be needed to maintain a quality education.

Stone thief charged again

NY DELHI — A New York City millionaire serving prison time for stealing century-old capstones from historic stone walls, cemeteries and church sidewalks has pleaded guilty to additional charges.

Stanton M. Cagney, 59, admitted in Delaware County Court to also stealing fieldstones valued around $3,000 from numerous sites in 2001 and 2002.

Cagney told Judge Carl Becker he stole the fieldstones to line his trout pond. Becker sentenced Cagney to an additional two to four years in prison. That sentence will run concurrently with the three-to-six-years he is serving for the capstone thefts.

KKK complaint

FL OCALA — A black school bus driver filed a complaint with authorities after seeing two children dressed in Ku Klux Klan robes and carrying a cross at one of her stops.

Claudette Johnson told the Marion County Sheriff's Office that she spotted the pair among a group of students waiting for the bus. Johnson made eye contact with the two as the other students boarded her bus, but said the robed students did not speak.

The children in robes then crossed the street and handed the cross to another child, who dragged the cross away, the complaint said.

Needle assault

TX TYLER — A man who stabbed two police officers with a methamphetamine-filled needle during a scuffle has been sentenced to life in prison.

Shane Ray Dykes, 29, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated assault on a police officer with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to two life sentences that will be served concurrently.

Dykes, who is 6-foot-4 and weighs 280 pounds, stabbed officers Steve Black and Dale Feuquay in December while four officers were trying to subdue him.

Officers had confronted him after responding to a call of a suspicious vehicle idling behind a movie theater. Dykes tried to flee, but the officers hung from his pickup's doors and managed to stop the truck. Dykes then got out and stabbed the officers in the hand, according to police.

Coors and drinking age

CO DENVER — Republican Senate candidate and brewery magnate Peter Coors has reiterated his support for lowering the drinking age to 18, saying that young people drink anyway and the government has made them criminals.

During a debate with primary opponent Bob Schaffer on, Coors didn't back down from remarks he made several years ago in support of lowering the drinking age from 21. Coors said it could help teenagers learn to drink responsibly.

Spared, with life in prison

OH CLEVELAND — A man convicted of killing two people was spared the death penalty in a case that was filmed from start to finish for a documentary — including jury deliberations.

Jurors recommended that Mark Ducic, 47, serve life in prison for killing his ex-girlfriend and friend. The same jury convicted him earlier of killing the two with drug overdoses.

Cuyahoga County Judge Nancy McDonnell sentenced Ducic to back-to-back life terms without possibility of parole.

Ducic thanked the jury for sparing his life but insisted that he did not kill Barbara Davis, 41, and Donald Ehrke, 44. He said the overdoses were self-inflicted.

Seattle monorail idling

WA SEATTLE — The city's fire-damaged monorail is likely to remain closed through the summer tourist season, officials said, and some downtown merchants said it's hurting business.

Fire Marshal John H. Nelsen said that operation of the one-mile elevated line between downtown and the Seattle Center can resume only after a fire investigation is completed and at least one of the two trains gets a safety retrofit.

The line has been shut down since May 31, when a smoky fire stranded about 100 riders. The fire is believed to have started from an electrical spark. There were no serious injuries.

The Monorail, built for the 1962 World's Fair can draw as many as 23,000 riders a day.

At Westlake Center, a shopping complex at one end of the line, merchants say they have felt the shutdown in their tills.

One merchant put Monorail-related losses at more than 20 percent.

Photos and stories from The Associated Press

Horoscope

Joyce Jillson

The slinky, sexy Scorpio moon flits perfectly with the other water-sign persuasions overhead. Psychic senses are turned way up, and you don't have to know much about a situation to know if it's right for you or not. Consider how you're coming across. Everyone is in the mood to help out someone gracious and chic, so keep this in mind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 28). This year brings so many emotional highs, you'll be bursting with self-expression. New talents emerge in July that cause you to make changes at work. Finances turn for the better in August. Travel is featured in the early fall — singles find romance while out of their element. Work on your physical self gives you confidence in October.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're so likeable, it would be hard to find anyone who could side against you now. But as a Mars-ruled individual, you'll still go looking! Life without conflict is boring, right? Your love life benefits from figurative thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Welcome controversy. Friends who don't agree can be the luckiest relationship you've got now. Somewhere between your differing points of view may lie the elusive answer to a question that affects more than one area of your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your reputation proceeds you. Find out 1) if what people are saying is accurate and 2) if it's the impression you want to give. How would you like to hear yourself described? There's a chance to alter people's perception of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your faithfulness leads you down a path different from the one followed by those who are less devoted. You'll be rewarded for standing in your truth, even if it seems like a treacherous road.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You go from bubbly to sassy to crazy, and it's all adorable to the one who's nuts about you. Make a smart change at work. Doing your job the same way every day is one sure way to become obsolete.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Prepare for anything to happen. You could get held up by someone with a notoriously cavalier attitude toward time. Singles on the prowl have luck making a connection if willing to be the one to get the party started.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It will be a challenge to put your head into work when your mind is busy spinning on more pleasurable pursuits. Since it's nearly impossible to control that gray matter now, give in to the muse. But try to look busy!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A possessive relationship can make you feel incredibly important and insanely restricted all at once. It's lucky to stop and wonder what this co-dependent sweetie is so worried about — could be there's a basis for that fear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Self-control is the issue — you've got plenty, but there are people around you losing it! You may have to stand up for someone who is unable to defend himself or herself. Ah, well, another day, another heroic move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're all business! Goods will be produced and services delivered as efficiently as possible. "I'll get to it later" simply won't do! Hone communication skills — the sexiest set of tools you could use to attract a quality romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The more people you involve in your collaboration, the more compromising you'll have to do — are you really willing? Your love life is improved by a change of schedule.

Being hard to reach is part of why you're so desired.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're in a rather serious mood. The more emotionally removed you are from a conflict, the stronger your position will be. The connection you share with a Libra person is remarkable.

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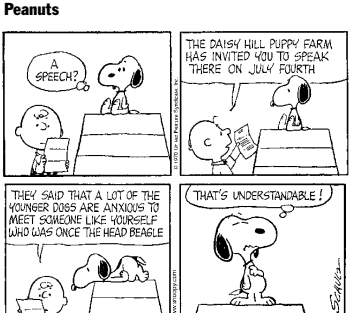

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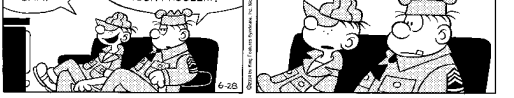

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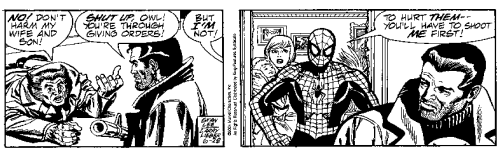

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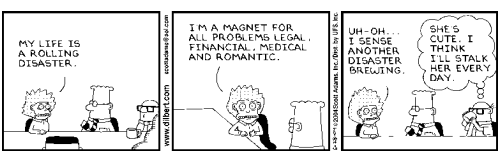

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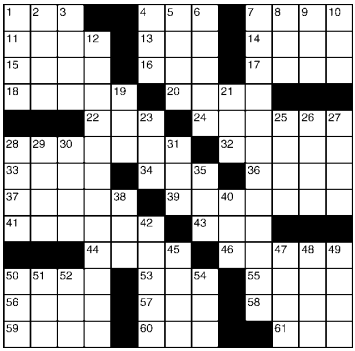

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE OWNER OF A HAIRPIECE MANUFACTURING PLANT MUST REALLY BE CONSIDERED A BIGWIG.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals L

Mom wants dog away from kids

Dear Abby: My sister-in-law bought a pit bull. Because I have small children and am concerned about their safety, I asked her not to bring the dog to my house. She agreed.

However, my in-laws frequently baby-sit our children.

Although my mother-in-law promised that she would not allow the pit bull there when my children are at her home, my father-in-law now says that this places him in an awkward position. He doesn't want to choose between seeing his daughter — who likes to bring her pit bull with her everywhere — and having my kids there.

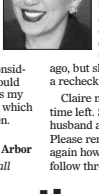
He has asked me to reconsider. I feel strongly that I should stand firm, even if it means my in-laws no longer baby-sit, which will be a loss to my children. What is your advice?

— Worried Mom in Ann Arbor

Dear Worried Mom: Small children should not be left unsupervised with any breed of dog. Children are unpredictable and could unwittingly do something to frighten or agitate the animal.

It would be nice if you and your sister-in-law could coordinate the visits of the kids and the dog. However, if that is not possible, unless you are absolutely certain that your children would not be injured, it's better to err on the side of caution and stand firm.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I have a friend in her early 40s who is dying of cancer. "Claire" had a Class II pap test years ago, but she never went back for a recheck.

Claire now has only a short time left. She leaves an adoring husband and three teenagers. Please remind your readers once again how important it is to follow through as instructed by their physician. My friend's death might have been prevented.

— Grieving in California

Dear Grieving: Sometimes people with many responsibilities place themselves low on their list of priorities. Your friend may have been one of those — or she may have been afraid to return to the doctor. But one thing is certain, whatever bad news the doctor might have to deliver, the WORST is that because the patient procrastinated the condition has become so advanced that it's impossible to treat.

P.S. Test results are usually available in about a week.

If a patient hasn't heard from the doctor's office by then, the patient should contact the doctor.

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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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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

A: THE "" ?

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GRIME WAGER CARNAL FERRET
Answer: Where the hockey player with liberal views played — AT "LEFT" WING

Young mother gets no respect

Dear Annie: I am 18 years old and have a 6-month-old son, "Jack."

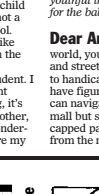
I realize I am rather young, but I love my child as much as any mother. My problem is the response I get when we are out together in public.

At the park one evening last week, a middle-aged woman walked over and said, "That child is too little for a swing. Did his mother give you permission to put him in it?" I was furious. At our county fair, I overheard a woman behind me say to her companion, "Oh my goodness! Do you see that child with a baby? I'll bet she's not a day out of junior high school. They shouldn't let people like that leave the hospital with the poor infant."

Annie, I am a college student. I work hard and get excellent grades. Because I'm young, it's assumed I am a terrible mother, and it's not true. I am a wonderful mother, and I make sure my son has everything he needs. Do I have to wear a bag over my head? What do I say to these people?

— Young Mother in California

Annie's Mailbox



Dear Mom: You don't have to say anything to these people. It's not their business. If they question your authority as a parent, simply tell them, "I'm his mother. Thanks for caring enough to ask" — because that actually is what these people are doing, albeit rudely.

Don't worry. In a few years (too few), you'll love being so youthful that you are mistaken for the baby sitter. Hang in there.

Dear Annie: Like most of the world, you two are book smart and street dumb when it comes to handicapped parking. I never have figured out how someone can navigate around a three-acre mall but still require handicapped parking. If you can't walk from the middle of a parking lot, how can you walk around the mall? I think handicapped parking is one of the most grossly misused, politically correct privileges ever allowed. You would think a guy in my position would be more sensitive, but I see the abuses every day. Handicapped parking should be reserved for wheelchairs.

— President of an Assisted Health Care Service in Kansas

Dear President: Whew. Hope you feel better now. We aren't as stupid as you think. We know the system is abused. Nonetheless, we're sticking with our position.

A person who can barely breathe, yet does not require a wheelchair, can manage a certain number of steps before rest becomes necessary. Insisting that he or she walk from the middle of the parking lot adds to that distance, making shopping an impossibility, or a chore that requires major recuperation.

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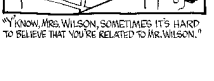
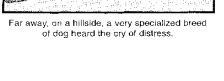
"No, I think I UNskinned it."

Dennis the Menace

The Far Side



"Y'KNOW, MRS. WILSON, SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE RELATED TO MR. WILSON."



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Autos for Sale - Japan 146

1989 Corolla ED, Power windows/locks - digital AM/FM stereo, Automatic transmission. JCI till August 2004. Only asking $200 OBO. Located in Camp Zama. Call 263-7882 if interested.

1989 Nissan Skyline - GTS-T, black, HKS intake, new spark plugs, straight pipe, $1,800.00 OBO. Call 090-9312-3810.

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1994 Toyota Tracer - Black, 2-door, cold A/C, 5 disc CD changer, JCI due September 2005. $2000.00 OBO. Call 622-5321.

1995 Honda Civic - Blue in color, 4-doors, automatic, cold A/C, JCI until March 2005, $12,00.00 OBO. Call Rachel 626-0323.

1995 Toyota Calisha Station Wagon - Cold A/C, seats 5, comfortably, great family car! Selling for $2,200 or best offer, JCI until August 2005. Call 645-4454 or email skibakers@yahoo.com

1995 Toyota Celica - $2,500.00. Automatic, tan, 2-door, exterior, sunroof. In good condition. JCI until Dec 2004, road taxes paid Call 935-2056.

1995 Toyota RV4 - Excellent condition, cold A/C, power everything automatic, keyless door entry, fog lights, AM/FM/CD player, cassette player, great vehicle for day-tripping on Okinawa. Asking $5000.00. Available July. Call 646-5566.

1996 Mitsubishi Pajero - White in color, JCI until April 2005, 4-wide door, 5-speed manual, power steering, power brakes, tinted windows, cold A/C, CD player, new wheels/tires, low milleage, very fast and runs great! First $4,500.00 or best offer taken. Call Rick at 645-2010 (W), 893-7440 (H) or email villanueva@palripis.cod.mil

1997 Mazda Demio - Like new, 4-door hatchback, 5-speed A/C, only 46,000 km, non-smoker, 5 speed standard, JCI until Feb 2006. Asking $4,300.00. Call Harold 637-3000 or 972-9918 or 090-6423-4790. Available immediately.

1997 Yamaha YZF R1 - $5,500.00 PCI'ng soon, 6,500 miles, JCI until Jan 2006, new rear tire, aftermarket exhausts, runs great and very fast. Call Chad minkse@ok10.med.navy.mil or call 623-7400 (W), call 090-7587-5456.

88 Toyota Lite Ace - 4 wheel drive, van, brown, 1,500cc, cold A/C, automatic, great condition, JCI until Oct 2005. $3,000.00. Call 637-2607 or email pacific_link@hotmail.com

91 Nissan Bluebird - Excellent condition, cold A/C, well maintained, non-smoker, tinted power windows, CD player. Asking bie 26 June. $800.00 OBO. Call Angela at 633-9804 or 090-9785-8217

91 Toyota Corona For Sale, $2000 OBO Great shape, strong engine, FRESH JCI 6/06. Clean Car. Contact Kevin or Leah 633-2693

92 Nissan Primera 2.0 - JCI thru Dec 2004. Excellent condition & well maintained with only 76 km, cold A/C, power windows & locks, CD player with aftermarket speakers. Great looking car runs perfectly. If you want a reliably fast car this is your ride $2,000. OBO. Call 633-1969 ask for Jamie or leave message.

92 Toyota Camry - Great car for the price! Cold A/C, all power, very well maintained, JCI until May 2005. Excellent condition! Only $1,800.00 OBO! If interested, contact Nolan Nurse at 637-3945, 636-3038 or email at nina30@konnect.net

93 Toyota Carina - 4-door sport, 1,8LT, 88k km, automatic, cold A/C, 5 CD sound system, excellent condition, JCI until 2005, $2,000.00. Call 633-3228 or 090-4222-9272.

Camp Courtney - 1991 Toyota Levin - Very good A/C, JCI due August 2005. Call 098-965-5185.

Autos for Sale - Okinawa 152

93 Toyota Chaser - Silver in color, automatic, power windows and locks, cold A/C, CD player, runs great, available June 30, road tax paid through April 2005, JCI until Feb. 22, 2005 $995.00 Call Roger at 267-6117 after 5 p.m. or email (feed) bam@rsa.atmil.mil

94 Nissan Silvia Q's, 5-speed, cold A/C, apex air intake, cusous adjustable suspension, volk racing wheels, custom paint, aftermarket front lip, new brakes, runs great, clean paper, auto, and cut, will have new JCI & road tax. $3,500.OBO. Call 090-3794-6837

94 Skyline R33 GTS-T Type M - 5-speed, 2 tone teal and charcoal with cloth seats, GTR body kit and wing, 17" carbon fiber wheels, tinted windows, apex air intake, blitz BOV bar, cold A/C, head lumr. $6,700.00. Call 090-3794-6837.

Camp Buffer - 1994 Honda - 250cc, JCI until March 2005, just runs great, cold A/C, owner maintained, $1,500.00 or best quick. $500.00 OBO. Call 622-6502.

Camp Foster - 1990 Toyota Hilux-JCI Dec. 2005, road tax paid, newly changed A/C, less than 1 year old tires, offroad features, automatic, power everything, clean runs and looks great! PCS'ing in July to sell ASAP. Priced low $2,500 OBO. Call Luiz 646-5238.

Foster - 1991 Nissan Primera, Black, JCI until March 2006, runs great, cold A/C, just had oil filter and tune up, $1,800 Asking $2,800.00 OBO. Call 090-3124.

Futenma, Okinawa - 1990 Honda Prelude: Silver, 5 speed, automatic, power windows, sunroof, runs terrific, good tires, new spares, JCI until Feb 2005, $450.00 OBO. Call Steve at 636-2869 (daytime) or 636-2946 (evenings).

Great car for the price! 92 Mitsubishi Galant, cold A/C, all power, very well maintained, JCI May 2005. Excellent condition! Only $1800.00 OBO! If interested, contact Nolan Nurse at 637-3945 or 636-3038, or email at nina30@konnect.net

Okinawa - 1992 Toyota Camry - AC, Automatic, CD player, power windows, power locks, window tinted, JCI until August 2004, good condition, need to sell, $1,500.00 OBO. Call Romel (CP) 090-9784-1465 or (HP) 633-5863.

Kadena Airbase - 1995 Toyota - 2-door hatchback. Perfect island car, great gas mileage, spotless interior, cold air, and top condition. Available now. $2,250.00. Call 932-6691, Extension 405.

Kadena Airbase - Free To Good Home! 93 Toyota Tercel Camina - Needs JCI in July, it runs great but still need some work to pass JCI. Call 633-5090.

Kadena, Okinawa - 1990 S13 Silvia - Black, 5-speed, 18 auto trans, aftermarket front bumper, side skirts, rear pieces, exhaust, front suspension, Kenwood CD player & 10" subs, power windows, power locks, cold A/C, tint, 6 much more, road tax paid until July 2005 available June 15th. $2,500. OBO. Call 633-1241.

Kadena, Okinawa - 89 Skyline 5 speed GTS-T, very fast, lowered suspension, boost gauge, air-fuel ratio gauge, water temp gauge, HKS turbo timer, super SPCL new twin plate HKS clutch, blitz down pipe, blitz B.O.V, test pipe, GTR exhaust, HKS intake, exterior is black, interior is red. Custom hood 3 vents, shaved front and mach grill, also comes with Blitz power suspension, and working blue strobe lights. That's lot of stuff and I'm only asking $4,000.OBO. Keep in mind I will negotiate. Ask for Jamie. Call 633-9935 or 090-9785-7528.

Autos Wanted 156

Yongsan, Korea - WANTED: Purchase the Train cars, trackes, buildings in gently used condition. Email: staver@hawaii.edu

Motorcycles - Japan 166

Atsugi, Japan - 1993 Kawasaki ZZR 250 - JCI until June 2005, $900.00 OBO. Call Dedrick at 264-5353 or 080-5487-0503.

Atsugi, Japan - 2003 GSXR 750 - blue, JCI until February 2005. $7,000.00 OBO. Call Dedrick at 264-5353 or 080-5487-0503.

Motorcycles - Japan 166

Sagamihara - 98 Kawasaki ZZR400: 14,500 km, new intake manifold, new pad front brakes, JCI until June 2006. Selling for $3,000.00. Call Amy at 674-8126 or email tomhoward@hotmail.com

Zama - 2001 Sportster 1200 XLH - low mileage, black, drag bars, saddlebags, access $8,000. Call Ken at 263-8845 or email ken1.hirata3@usaca.army.mil

Motorcycles - Okinawa 170

1999 Yamaha 1100 Dragstar - Black, low miles stored inside excellent condition, comes with windshield and cover. Must see! Only $4,500.00. Call 937-2320 and leave a message.

2001 Harley Davidson 883 Custom - Black, JCI until May 2005, and road tax paid, 2 helmets. Ready to go. Hate to get rid of. House is priority. Keep inside always. $6,200.00 OBO. Call Guy at 637-3000 or 645-7450 (W) or email gfogale@hotmail.net.

2002 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster, aftermarket pipes, tire, low miles, lots of JCI. Comes with cover and helmet. Must sell! Best offer over $4,000. Call 634-4100 (W) or 090-9786-5692.

94 Red Mitsubishi RVR - Low milleage only 48 kilometers, good condition, JCI until June 2005. $1,750.00 OBO. Call 646-5904.

Okinawa - Yamaha YZ 250, $1,400.00, Honda RM 80, $900.00. Both need tune up and minor repairs. Will negotiate. $250.00. PCS'ing soon. Please call 633-0241.

Baby Items 200

Camp Foster, Okinawa - Children baby crib jenny lily yjma certified (mattress included), all mattress $75, and grace open swing, bouncer, and baby bath all almost new, $50. Contact Lisa at 090-3524-0272 or 634-7640.

Camp Foster, Okinawa - Crib for sale with mattress used 2 or 3 times. Baby always slept on tatami) white, height adjustable, $70. Infant car seat $30. Call Mike for information 646-4433.

Camp Kinser, Okinawa - Walker $15 and bouncer $15 or both for $25, both like new, spent 3 months in TMO, also other infant toys for sale. Call Steven or Tamara 637-5294.

Kadena, Okinawa - Double jogging stroller: Used and works GREAT! $60.00 OBO. Call 633-2585.

Kadena - Baby stuff - Double stroller $15, jumper $15, walker $10, bouncy seat $5; swing with cradle and chair $35; outdoor swing $5; infant car seat with base $20. Call 6748-1260 or call 011-9671-1260.

Okinawa - Luxury stroller, European design, gives baby a bedder up to 5 years old, comfort in basinet & fully reclining seat. Lots of extra: rain cover, bug net, bag, umbrella etc. $140.00. Come see and email/call us for details. 090-9532 or kaidog@kda.atmil.ne.jp

Bicycles 220

Kadena, Okinawa - Bicycle for sale; Giant, 6 zone 29" $250 obo. Come check out and make an offer. Call Sonia at 633-1245.

Kadena, Okinawa - Specialized Allez road bike Asking $500.00. Call 633-6325.

Misawa, Japan - GT full suspension mountain bike 2 mos. old. Front suspension (Rock Shox Judy) Rear (Fox Racing vanilla fast) Shimano Deore components. Extra set of brand new tires (Mt) size, 26 x 2.1, Great for beginning / intermediate MTB enthusiast lightweight. Asking $550.00 OBO. Call 222-3458 or e-mail kasashig@msa.atmil.ne.jp

Boats 240

Okinawa - 24 ft boat with cuddy cabin with 115hp Evinrude, VHF radio, fish finder, rod holders, bait tank/game tank, and more. Trailer and spot at Kadena Marina, great boat for Scuba, fishing or just taking the family out. $8,000.00. Call Matt at 645-5396 or email Diverman21@aol.com.

Clothing 320

Korea - Large assortment of maternity clothing, summer & winter clothes, new and used women sizes. Reasonable prices/OBO. Call Amy at 674-8126 or email tomhoward@hotmail.com

Yongsan - Ladies size 10 Gap boot-cut jeans (2 pairs); size 10 low cut converse jeans, 10 Petite Lee boot-cut khakis, and sizes 9 or 10 Gondola Mondesh classic khaki slacks. Pants $5 each, also some cute shoes and tops. All items like new. Bought in January 2004. Call 6748-1260 or call 011-9671-1260

Collectibles 350

Camp Zama, Japan - Collectibles: Baseball, football, and basketball cards for sale. Items signed autographs baseballs photos, cards, swatches and more. Large collection only. Slide show available upon request. Call 0428-55-2720 or email 0446460801@docomo.ne.jp

Computers 360

Kadena, Okinawa - 15" Computer Monitor: Will sell for $35.00. Call Greg at 633-6242.

Kadena, Okinawa - Epson Perfection 1240U color scanner with all manuals, software, and original box. Perfect shape, excellent scans. $60.00. Call 633-6243.

Kadena, Okinawa - Gateway 19 inches color monitor: Excellent condition, HP 1.3 GHz RM 80 $900.00. Both need tune up and minor repairs. Will negotiate. $250.00. PCS'ing soon. Please call 633-0241.

Furniture 510

Camp Hansen, Okinawa - Ashley furniture eight piece bedroom set, king size bed, king size canopy bed, two night stands, dresser, chest of drawers, armoire, chest of drawers, over $8000 in store, $4000 OBO. Call 090-3189-4177

Camp Zama, Japan: Rosewood Entertainment Center: custombuilt, glass doors, fits up to 36" TV. Zama Bazaar; twin towers in bridge, beautiful glass doors, storage space, lights and pull out tray; Chinese sideboard: Only $2,999 OBO - over $2000 from original price. Please contact jon88dc90@hotmail.com or 090-9786-3071 (H) or 090-9786-3071 (W) or email Candice-Michel@kadena.af.mil

Foster, Okinawa - Couch & Love seat: Must go! Dark blue pin stripes. Had pets. Will clean or throw in rug. Just bought new last year, $350 no less than $300 must pick up. Call Candice 090-9786-3071 (W) or email Candice-Michel@kadena.af.mil

Foster, Okinawa - Full size futon set, black with gold trim, with small flowers in staggered rows, with matching futon armrest and back of armrest. Very nice, good condition. $250.00. Call Jeff or Sharon at 646-5225.

Japan - White Oversized couch for sale, excellent condition, will only fit thru sliding glass doorway, $75 OBO, 35" fence post condition 350.00 OBO 227-7322

Kadena Airbase, Okinawa - Full size green plaid couch, slight mildew smell, and $50.00. Call 633-0370.

Kadena, Okinawa - Kitchen Island: Great for off base housing. Bought at foster furniture store for $300.00 Will sell for $200.00. Call Lisa or Ryan 633-6056 or email Lisa.Loughrin@kadena.af.mil.

Furniture 510

Kadena, Okinawa - White Resin benches that fold over to make a picnic table, new still sealed in original box, purchased for $70 each, must sell to reduce weight for PCS move, will sell for $90 for both or best offer $110.00. Call Greg at 633-6242.

Okinawa - Available Now!!! Entertainment center, Mfg by Saunders. Purchased at furniture mart in 2000. Moving, can sell only $150.00, paid $299.00. Excellent shape, can be seen at Kinser Towers. Call (H) 637-2298 Paul Rodriguez

Okinawa - Desk, (we used for computer), measures approximately 29" x 48" wide by 29" high. Has a shelf underneath. We have a computer hutch. Selling for $20.00. Call 646-6591

Okinawa - FREE!!! Blue Wood chest of drawer - Needs a little bit of work but still has life left! Call 633-6280, 090-3797-9962 or email robnmyr@kda.atmil.ne.jp Atmil.ne.jp.

Okinawa: Light blue with gold tweed Lazy-Boy recliner 6 months old, comfortable, superior condition. Asking $300.00 OBO. Call 646-3700 evening. Also selling other furniture, tables, mahogany stained. Asking $50.00.

Okinawa: Medium-colored pine hacienda bedroom set (no mattress or nightstands) (they have wore Waterbed). California king bed, dresser with mirror, chest and armoire, 2 years old in original box. Perfect shape, excellent scans. $60.00. Call 633-6243.

Okinawa - Modern black with glass doors entertainment center. $50.00 Perfect condition! Holds all stereo equipment, CDs, tons of storage space. See photo http://dereporte.photosite.com/image/62591652 make offer to lejhnson@yahoo.com or lejabaez@kda.attmil.ne.jp

Okinawa - Old furniture for sale. Bedroom set and TV/Stereo set. Make an offer. Must pick up. Email AAnderson_ok@hotmail.com

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Okinawa - PCS'ing!!! We have a 5-month leather with carved wooden and tiger fabric sofa and couch. Old English style. Must sell! Paid $2,700.00 Asking $2000.00. Still have all boxes. Call Rhonda Stephens. For more information call 633-1983.

Okinawa - Plastic pastel color chest drawers. Very cute for little girl's room. Call Robin 090-3797-9962 or email robnmyr@kda.atmil.ne.jp.

Okinawa - Smoke colored coffee table. Available now PCSing 17 July. Asking price $30.00. Call 633-9804 or 090-9785-8217

Okinawa - Table for child's room or playroom. Large table, seats 4 with bench and chair. Colors are pastel green, pink, and blue. 633-6280, 090-3797-9962 or email robnmyr@kda.atmil.ne.jp

Okinawa - Large Armoire TV cabinet. Shelf holds full size TV, VCR/DVD, plus 2 large drawers. Will hold anything else. Beautiful piece of furniture. $50. 227-4015 or linda_robb_@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - King-size feather mattress pad, brand new, $30. 227-4015 or linda_robb_@hotmail.com

Home Electronics 570

Camp Zama, Japan - B&W Matrix 805 speakers, brand new 250-watts; walnut-brown; continuous sound reproduction, effortlessly fine condition and flawless performance. Brand new $1,000 - almost $1,000 off original retail. Please contact jon88dc90@hotmail.com or call 263-7250 (M-F, 0700-1600).

Kadena Airbase, Okinawa - Small microwave, white, 2 years old $35. Email gmarcisco@hotmail.com or call 636-7079.

Kadena, Okinawa - 20" Samsung TV: Perfectly good with remote. Still looks new. Nothing wrong with it, but I'm moving. Paid $130. I'll sell it for $100.00 OBO. Call Sheila at 633-2391 or 090-9789-9086.

Kadena, Okinawa - Looking to purchase the BOSE 3-2-1 system. Please contact Marc at 633-6118 and let me know what you are asking for it.

Home Electronics 570

Kadena, Okinawa - Panasonic DVD player, paid $300 for it, will sell it for $95. Call Greg 633-6242.

Okinawa - 20GB Dell DJ MP3/WMA player includes in In-Line remote, earphone, charger, USB cord, carrying case, action jacket sport case, cassettes, and software have than 2 months old. Excellent condition. Asking $275. $100.00 retail! Call Jeff at 633-1092 or email jmoorejr60@yahoo.com.

Okinawa: Chest Freezer - 34"h x 35"w x 21 ½"d. can't fit more than two weeks of groceries in the gov't freezer of your fridge? This has been one of the best things I have bought while on the Island! $100.00. Call 622-2666.

Okinawa: Do you have a vacuum sealer I can borrow or rent? I will purchase own bags. I want to send items to deployed husband and don't want to purchase the $120 vacuum sealer at the BX. gmarcisco@hotmail.com or call Wendy at 633-0991 thanks!

Okinawa - Kipsch quintet micro theater THX certified black speaker set. 1 center and 4 identical satellite speakers, includes 2 matching stand and monitor cable XP HT THX speaker wire. $250.00. Call Clint after 5pm at 633-0746 or email stonesan25@yahoo.com

Okinawa - PS2 games - Final Fantasy X, Tony Hawk's 3, ATV off road duty, Monster Jam, Spider Man, Grand Theft Auto III, Defender, Artic Thunder, City Crisis, Star Wars Star fighter Crazy Taxi, Crash Maddion 2001. Selling for $20 each. Call 633-9804

Okinawa - Sony CDP-CX350 300 disc CD player & changer with LCD display remote $125.00. Sony MVD-D3 mini disc recorder/CD player dual deck $125.00. Call Clint after 5pm at 633-0746 or email stonesan25@yahoo.com

Okinawa - Sony STR-DA5ES 100 watts per channel receiver. Awesome power and sound. Will output Analog and SPDIF. Call after 5PM at 633-0746 or email stonesan25@yahoo.com

Okinawa - Three large capacity speakers $80.00 each. Call 633-3238 or 090-4222-9272.

Yokota, Japan - 32-inch RCA Premier television, free local deliver, $275.00. Call 227-9150

Yokota, Japan - Humidifier by Holmes, for large room, $35 227-4015 or linda_robb_@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Lawnmower rear bagger, large rear wheels, less than one year old, $75 227-4015 or linda_robb_@hotmail.com

Yokota - Large Whirlpool Upright Freezer, 21 cubic, good condition, $120.00, and small Whirlpool refrigerator selling for $25.00. Call 227-2666.

Home Electronics 570

Yokota - Mitsubishi TV, selling for $75.00. Call 227-2666.

Musical Instruments 740

Okinawa - Bass guitar bought it 3 months ago. Sounds and looks great. Paid $365.00, asking for $265.00, with 15-watt amp. Selling for $325.00. Call 646-3439 after 4:30pm

Okinawa - Selling an acoustic electric bass guitar $200.00 with 15-watt amp. Call Scott at 646-3439.

Kadena, Okinawa - Mobile Basketball Hoop: Chief shape, hardly used, not rusted at all. $75.00 OBO. Call Scot at 633-8071 or email spward@kda.atmil.ne.jp

Korea - Exercise bike, computerized, like new $50.00 firm. Call Michael 016-893-6422

Okinawa - 2 1997 Kawasaki 1100 STX 3-seater Jet Ski, sold by side trailer, brand new factory OEM cushions, brand new fuel mats/seat covers. Will throw in some life jackets and gas cans that fit on trailer. Asking $10,000 willing to negotiate. Must see. Call 633-2124.

Okinawa - AB Door II with videotape. Selling for $30.00. Call 633-9804

Okinawa - Perform 385 personal trainer treadmill, barely used, $250.00 OBO. Call Otis or Michele at 632-3463

Okinawa - Wanted Treadmill must be in good condition, $125 or less. Call 632-3013

Yokosuka, Japan 1994 4-Runner, imported from California, never registered in Japan. Take back to states on your PCS. Many extras. $7000 OBO. Call Gary, 090-5334-0503.

Yokota - Bowflex motivator, equipped with 210-pound capacity, lat bar, leg extension attachment, overhead assembly for back training, hanging back and all equipment at original purchase price. $800.00 OBO. Call 227-6232.

Services Offered 952

KING'S WELDING & HAULING 633-6608

Sporting Goods 980

Foster, Okinawa - 2002 Kawasaki 900 STS Jet Ski: Excellent condition with cover, 3 "slippery" vest, great trailer, and extras. $5,800.00 OBO. Call 646-6272 for more information.

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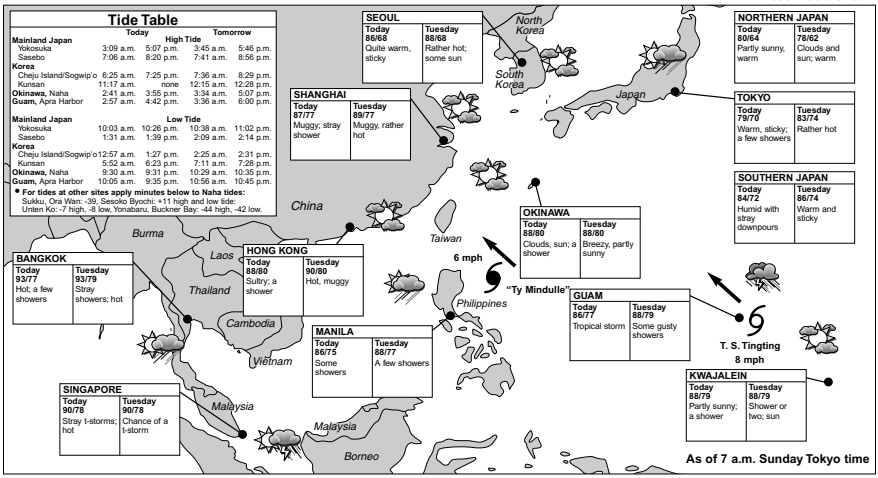


Tide Table

	Today		Tomorrow	
Mainland Japan		**High Tide**		
Yokosuka	3:09 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	3:45 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Sasebo	7:06 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	7:41 a.m.	8:56 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	6:25 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	7:36 a.m.	8:29 p.m.
Kunsan	11:17 a.m.	none	12:15 a.m.	12:28 p.m.
Okinawa, Naha	2:41 a.m.	3:55 p.m.	3:34 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	2:57 a.m.	4:42 p.m.	3:36 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Mainland Japan		**Low Tide**		
Yokosuka	10:03 a.m.	10:26 p.m.	10:38 a.m.	11:02 p.m.
Sasebo	1:31 a.m.	1:39 p.m.	2:09 a.m.	2:14 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	12:57 a.m.	1:27 p.m.	2:25 a.m.	2:31 p.m.
Kunsan	5:52 a.m.	6:23 p.m.	7:11 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
Okinawa, Naha	9:30 a.m.	9:31 p.m.	10:29 a.m.	10:35 p.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	10:05 a.m.	9:35 p.m.	10:56 a.m.	10:45 p.m.

- **For tides at other sites apply minutes below to Naha tides:**
  Sukku, Ora Wan: -39. Sesoko Byochi: +11 high and low tide:
  Unten Ko: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.

SEOUL
Today 86/68 — Quite warm, sticky
Tuesday 88/68 — Rather hot; some sun

SHANGHAI
Today 87/77 — Muggy; stray shower
Tuesday 89/77 — Muggy, rather hot

NORTHERN JAPAN
Today 80/64 — Partly sunny, warm
Tuesday 78/62 — Clouds and sun; warm

TOKYO
Today 79/70 — Warm, sticky; a few showers
Tuesday 83/74 — Rather hot

SOUTHERN JAPAN
Today 84/72 — Humid with stray downpours
Tuesday 86/74 — Warm and sticky

OKINAWA
Today 88/80 — Clouds, sun; a shower
Tuesday 88/80 — Breezy, partly sunny

BANGKOK
Today 93/77 — Hot; a few showers
Tuesday 93/79 — Stray showers; hot

HONG KONG
Today 88/80 — Sultry; a shower
Tuesday 90/80 — Hot, muggy

GUAM
Today 86/77 — Tropical storm
Tuesday 88/79 — Some gusty showers

MANILA
Today 86/75 — Some showers
Tuesday 88/77 — A few showers

KWAJALEIN
Today 88/79 — Partly sunny; a shower
Tuesday 88/79 — Shower or two; sun

SINGAPORE
Today 90/78 — Stray t-storms; hot
Tuesday 90/78 — Chance of a t-storm

As of 7 a.m. Sunday Tokyo time

Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 78.
Thursday: Showers, high 86, low 72.

KADENA
Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 80.
Thursday: Showers, high 88, low 82.

SEOUL
Wednesday: Showers, high 83, low 66.
Thursday: Showers, high 82, low 62.

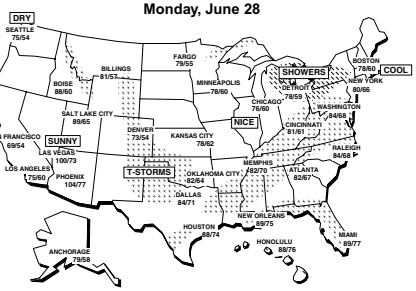
MANILA
Wednesday: Thundershowers, high 88, low 77.
Thursday: Thundershowers, high 90, low 75.

HAGATNA
Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 79.
Thursday: Showers, high 88, low 77.

Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	87/62	Los Angeles	81/63
Amarillo	81/60	Little Rock	83/66
Anchorage	80/59	Louisville	78/59
Asheville	79/61	Miami	90/80
Baltimore	84/57	Milwaukee	72/56
Birmingham	83/70	Nashville	80/63
Bismarck	72/47	New York	82/62
Boise	93/62	Omaha	75/58
Boston	73/60	Orlando	94/75
Brownsville	92/74	Philadelphia	84/62
Buffalo	71/50	Phoenix	109/84
Burlington	74/53	Pittsburgh	74/52
Charleston, SC	88/73	Portland, OR	75/57
Charlotte	85/63	Portland, ME	70/50
Cleveland	71/54	Salt Lake City	86/63
Columbus, OH	76/56	St. Louis	79/61
Duluth	67/46	San Antonio	81/70
El Paso	95/68	San Diego	75/63
Hartford	79/52	San Juan	90/77
Helena	77/51	Tampa	93/77
Indianapolis	77/57	Tulsa	84/66
Jacksonville	92/73	Washington	86/63
Kansas City	77/59	Wichita	77/63

Monday, June 28



U.S. Extended Forecast

Showers and thunderstorms will develop across the Southeast and parts of the central Appalachians Monday as a storm system slowly moves northeast. A few showers and thunderstorms will also develop near a stationary boundary across the southern Plains and the Rockies. Sunny and comfortable conditions will overspread the northern Plains and much of the Northeast. On Tuesday, a few showers and thunderstorms will move into the Northeast as a storm system moves off the East Coast. Showers and thunderstorms will develop near a cold front across the Southeast and Gulf Coast states. Afternoon thunderstorms will once again develop across the southern Plains and the Rockies.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	93/77	Iwakuni	83/71	Sasebo NB	84/72
Beijing	92/70	Kadena AB	88/80	Sapporo	80/64
Camp Casey	83/67	Kunsan AB	82/70	Seoul	86/68
Christchurch	52/38	Kwajalein	88/79	Shanghai	87/77
Diego Garcia	81/74	Manila	86/75	Singapore	90/78
Hagatna	86/77	Misawa AB	69/59	Sydney	71/50
Hanoi	91/77	Osan	83/68	Taegu	87/70
Hong Kong	88/80	Perth	64/48	Taipei	91/74
Honolulu	88/76	Pusan	80/68	Tokyo	79/70

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/77	Budapest	82/59	Kabul	100/63	Nairobi	72/48
Athens	86/70	Buenos Aires	68/54	Kiev	70/48	New Delhi	103/87
Auckland	56/47	Cairo	102/68	Kuwait	111/80	Oslo	63/48
Baghdad	109/74	Cancun	86/73	London	67/51	Paris	71/52
Barbados	90/73	Cape Town	61/44	Madrid	98/72	Rio de Janeiro	76/62
Barcelona	84/70	Geneva	80/62	Mexico City	74/54	Rome	91/71
Berlin	70/50	Istanbul	78/62	Montreal	69/55	St. Petersburg	63/47
Bermuda	86/73	Jerusalem	91/62	Mogadishu	78/68	Stockholm	66/46
Brussels	72/51	Johannesburg	65/39	Moscow	75/50	Warsaw	72/49

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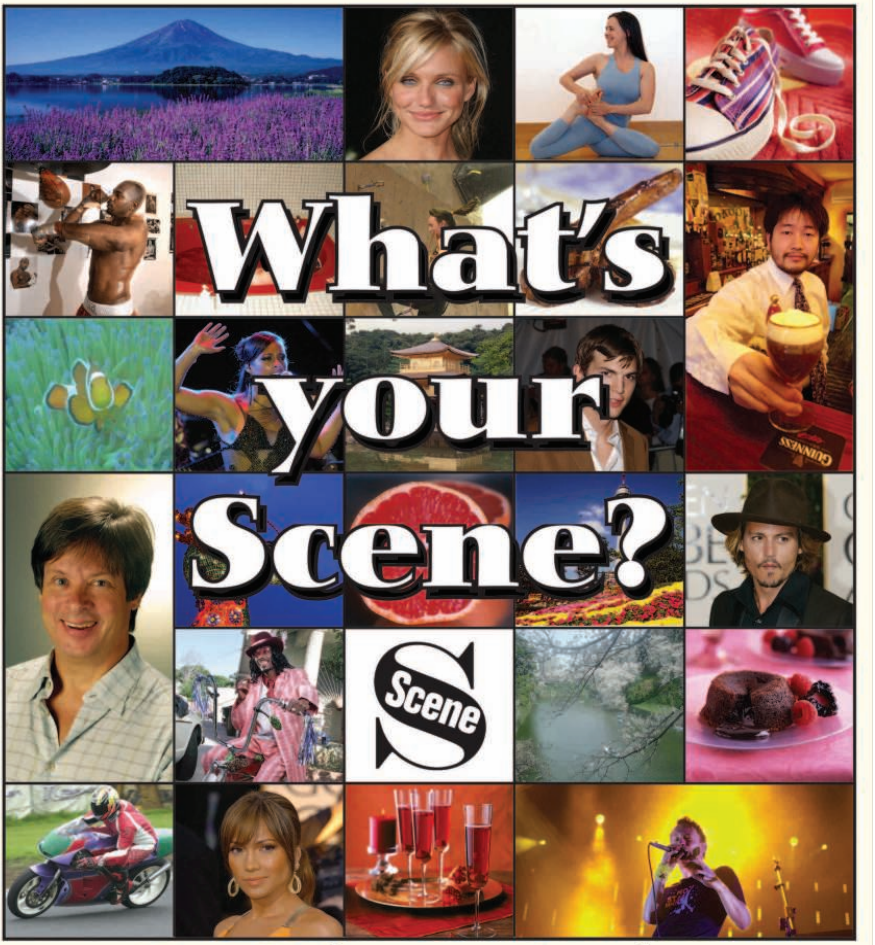

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SCOREBOARD

AFN schedule

Times listed are Japan and Korea Standard Time, Guam is one hour ahead; Singapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind. Schedule subject to change without notice.

Television

AFN-Pacific/AFN-Korea

MON., June 28, at 2 a.m. — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, Day 7.

MON., June 28, at 5 a.m. — Pro football-Arena League playoffs: ArenaBowl XVIII, San Jose vs. Arizona.

AFN-Atlantic

MON., June 28, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Teams to be announced.

MON., June 28, at 5 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup Dodge-SaveMart 350.

TUE., June 29, at 8:30 a.m. — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, Day 9.

AFN-Sports

MON., June 28, at 2 a.m. — Gymnastics: U.S. Olympic trials.

MON., June 28, at 4 a.m. — College baseball-2004 World Series: Championship, Texas vs. Cal State Fullerton, Game 2.

MON., June 28, at 9 a.m. — Pro baseball: N.Y. Mets vs. N.Y. Yankees.

MON., June 28, at 4 p.m. — Pro golf-PGA Tour: Booz Allen Classic, final round.

MON., June 28, at 9:30 p.m. — Gymnastics: U.S. Olympic trials.

TUE., June 29, at 2 a.m. — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, Day 8.

TUE., June 29, at 8 a.m. — College baseball-2004 World Series: Championship, Texas vs. Cal State Fullerton, Game 3, if necessary.

TUE., June 29, at 11 a.m. — Pro baseball: Texas vs. Seattle.

TUE., June 29, at 4 p.m. — Drag racing: NHRA Sears Craftsman Nationals.

TUE., June 29, at 7 p.m. — Pro baseball: Teams to be announced.

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
MetroStars	5	3	4	19	21	20
Chicago	4	3	5	17	15	12
D.C. United	4	5	5	17	16	19
Columbus	4	3	3	15	17	21
New England	2	7	3	9	13	21

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	6	4	3	21	17	12
Los Angeles	6	5	3	21	24	24
San Jose	4	3	4	16	20	16
Dallas	4	4	2	14	14	15
Colorado	2	3	6	12	7	9

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

Wednesday's game
MetroStars 3, Los Angeles 0

Saturday's games
D.C. United 1, Dallas 1, tie
Colorado at Columbus
MetroStars at New England
Kansas City at San Jose

Sunday's game
Los Angeles at Chicago

Wednesday, June 30
Colorado at MetroStars

Saturday, July 3
MetroStars at D.C. United
Chicago at Columbus
Dallas at Colorado

Sunday, July 4
New England at Colorado
San José at Los Angeles

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	7	5	.583	—
Indiana	7	5	.583	—
Connecticut	7	7	.500	1
Charlotte	6	6	.500	1
New York	6	7	.462	1½
Washington	5	6	.455	1½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	8	3	.727	—
Los Angeles	8	6	.571	1½
Phoenix	6	5	.545	2
Houston	7	7	.500	2½
Minnesota	5	7	.417	3½
Sacramento	4	7	.364	4
San Antonio	3	9	.308	5

Friday's games
Connecticut 71, Detroit 67, OT
Indiana 71, Los Angeles 67
Sacramento 61, Houston 55

Saturday's games
Indiana at Charlotte
New York vs. Seattle at Spokane, Wash.
San Antonio at Phoenix

Sunday's games
Washington at Houston
Los Angeles at Minnesota
Connecticut at Detroit
Phoenix at Sacramento

Pro hockey

NHL Draft

Saturday
At RBC Center, Raleigh, N.C.
First Round

1. Washington, Alexander Ovechkin, lw, Moscow Dynamo (Russia).
2. Pittsburgh, Evgeni Malkin, c-w, Magnitogorsk (Russia).
3. Chicago, Cameron Barker, d, Medicine Hat (WHL).
4. Carolina (from Columbus), Andrew Ladd, lw, Calgary (WHL).
5. Phoenix, Blake Wheeler, rw, Breck School, Robbinsdale, Minn.
6. New York Rangers, Al Montoya, g, Michigan.
7. Florida, Rostislav Olesz, c, Vitkovice (Czech Republic).
8. Columbus (from Carolina), Alexandre Picard, lw, Lewiston (QMJHL).
9. Anaheim, Ladislav Smid, d, Liberec (Czech Republic).
10. Atlanta, Boris Valabik, d, Kitchener (OHL).
11. Los Angeles, Lauri Tukonen, w, Blues (Finland).
12. Minnesota, A.J. Thelen, d, Michigan State.
13. Buffalo, Drew Stafford, rw, North Dakota.
14. Edmonton, Devan Dubnyk, g, Kamloops (WHL).
15. Nashville, Alexander Radulov, rw, Moscow Dynamo (Russia).
16. New York Islanders, Petteri Nokelainen, c-w, SaiPa (Finland).
17. St. Louis, Marek Schwarz, g, Sparta (Czech Republic).
18. Montreal, Kyle Chipchura, c, Prince Albert (WHL).
19. New York Rangers (from Calgary), Lauri Korpikoski, w, TPS (Finland).
20. New Jersey (from Dallas), Travis Zajac, c, Salmon Arm (BCHL).
21. Colorado, Wojtek Wolski, lw, Brampton (OHL).
22. San Jose (from New Jersey through Dallas), Lukas Kaspar, rw, Litvinov (Czech Republic).
23. Ottawa, Andrej Meszaros, d, Trencin (Slovakia).
24. Calgary (from Toronto through New York Rangers), Kris Chucko, lw, Salmon Arm (BCHL).
25. Edmonton (from Philadelphia), Rob Schremp, c, London (OHL).
26. Vancouver, Cory Schneider, g, Phillips-Andover Academy, Salem, Mass.
27. Washington (from Boston), Jeff Schultz, d, Calgary (WHL).
28. Dallas (from San Jose), Mark Fistric, d, Vancouver (WHL).
29. Washington (from Detroit), Mike Green, d, Saskatoon (WHL).
30. Tampa Bay, Andy Rogers, d, Calgary (WHL).

Tennis

Wimbledon show court schedules

Sunday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
Wimbledon, England
Centre Court

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, vs. Thomas Johansson, Sweden
Tim Henman (5), Britain, vs. Hicham Arazi (32), Morocco
Serena Williams (1), United States, vs. Magui Serna, Spain

Court 1

Nathalie Dechy (25), France, vs. Jennifer Capriati (7), United States
Taylor Dent (26), United States, vs. Andy Roddick (2), United States
Amelie Mauresmo (4), France, vs. Ludmila Cervanova, Slovakia
Raemon Sluiter and Martin Verkerk, Netherlands, vs. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Max Mirnyi (3), Belarus

Court 2

Meghann Shaughnessy (32), United States, vs. Karolina Sprem, Croatia
Fernando Gonzalez (24), Chile, vs. Mark Philippoussis (11), Australia
Tatiana Golovin, France, vs. Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Switzerland

Japan baseball

Central League

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Chunichi	36	26	1	.581	—
Yomiuri	36	32	0	.529	3
Hanshin	33	33	0	.492	5½
Hiroshima	30	34	0	.469	7
Yokohama	29	33	2	.468	7
Yakult	28	33	1	.459	7½

Saturday's games
Hiroshima 11, Yokohama 4
Chunichi 9, Hanshin 1
Yomiuri 8, Yakult 2

Pacific League

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Daiei	44	26	2	.629	—
Seibu	43	28	1	.606	1½
Nippon Ham	33	36	1	.478	10½
Kintetsu	32	38	2	.457	12
Lotte	29	41	2	.414	15
Orix	28	40	2	.412	15

Saturday's games
Orix 5, Nippon Ham 4, 10 innings
Seibu 9, Lotte 2
Kintetsu 3, Daiei 1

College baseball

College World Series

At Rosenblatt Stadium
Omaha, Neb.
Championship Series
(Best-of-three)
Saturday, June 26
Texas (58-13) vs. Cal State Fullerton (45-22)
Sunday, June 27
Texas vs. Cal State Fullerton
Monday, June 28
Texas vs. Cal State Fullerton, if necessary

Auto racing

Black Cat Fireworks 200

NASCAR Trucks
Friday
At The Milwaukee Mile
West Allis, Wis.
Race distance: 200 miles, 205 laps

1. (1) Ted Musgrave, Dodge, 205, $53,885.
2. (2) Chad Chaffin, Dodge, 205, $30,500.
3. (12) Dennis Setzer, Chevrolet, 205, $23,465.
4. (10) Steve Park, Dodge, 205, $14,550.
5. (7) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 205, $15,025.
6. (3) Bobby Hamilton, Dodge, 205, $12,075.
7. (19) Terry Cook, Ford, 205, $10,275.
8. (9) Mike Crawford, Ford, 205, $13,775.
9. (14) Rich Crawford, Ford, 205, $10,150.
10. (16) Matt Crafton, Chevrolet, 205, $11,900.
11. (6) Jon Wood, Ford, 205, $10,700.
12. (5) Shane Hmiel, Chevrolet, 205, $10,415.
13. (22) Jimmy Spencer, Dodge, 205, $10,015.
14. (13) Hank Parker Jr., Toyota, 205, $9,965.
15. (17) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 205, $9,840.
16. (25) Andy Houston, Dodge, 204, $9,790.
17. (20) Chris Wimmer, Ford, 204, $7,590.
18. (18) Shelby Howard, Toyota, 204, $8,440.
19. (23) Tim Schendel, Dodge, 203, $7,390.
20. (8) Carl Edwards, Ford, 202, $8,340.
21. (24) Kevin Lepe, Ford, 202, $7,315.
22. (11) Kelly Sutton, Chevrolet, 197, $7,290.
23. (26) Erik Darnell, Chevrolet, 200, $7,265.
24. (27) Chase Montgomery, Dodge, 198, $7,240.
25. (35) Jeff Jefferson, Dodge, 189, too slow, $7,215.
26. (15) Mike Skinner, Toyota, 179, $7,190.
30. (26) Paul White, Chevrolet, 169, $7,165.
31. (34) Ken Weaver, Chevrolet, 158, accident, $7,140.
32. (34) David Reutimann, Toyota, 139, accident, $7,115.
33. (20) David Starr, Chevrolet, 138, accident, $7,140.
34. (27) Bill Lester, Toyota, 18, accident, $7,065.
35. (4) Jack Sprague, Chevrolet, 110, engine failure, $7,040.
36. (21) Robert Huffman, Toyota, 100, accident, $7,017.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 83.230 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 27 minutes, 47 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 1.479 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 8 for 45 laps.

Lead Changes: 9 among 6 drivers.

Lap Leaders: T. Musgrave 1-21; B. Hamilton 22-47; T. Musgrave 48-61; S. Sieg 62; T. Musgrave 63-103; J. Sprague 104; T. Musgrave 105-128; T. Kvapil 129-178; D. Setzer 179-196; T. Musgrave 197-205.

Top 10 in Points: D. Setzer - 1,439; C. Edwards - 1,398; B. Hamilton - 1,286; R. Crawford - 1,230; T. Musgrave - 1,221; C. Chaffin - 1,187; M. Crafton - 1,181; J. Wood - 1,172; T. Kvapil - 1,154; M. Skinner - 1,143.

Golf

Booz Allen Classic

Saturday
At the Tournament Players Club at Avenel
Potomac, Md.
Purse: $4.6 million
Yardage: 6,987; Par 71
Third Round

Tim Herron	69-68-68-205	-8	
Bo Van Pelt	69-68-68-205	-8	
Jeff Sluman	68-71-66-205	-8	
Michael Bradley	70-65-70-205	-8	
Ben Crane	70-70-66-206	-7	
Aaron Barber	70-68-68-206	-7	
Craig Barlow	69-68-69-206	-7	
Harrison Frazar	67-69-70-206	-7	
Steve Stricker	67-68-71-206	-7	
Vaughn Taylor	68-71-68-207	-6	
Ryan Palmer	70-69-68-207	-6	
Scott Hend	66-72-69-207	-6	
Chris Riley	72-66-69-207	-6	
J.J. Henry	69-69-70-207	-6	
Danny Ellis	67-69-71-207	-6	
Bill Haas	69-65-73-207	-6	
Bill Glasson	72-69-67-208	-5	
Joe Durant	69-71-68-208	-5	
Esteban Toledo	69-71-68-208	-5	
Tom Pernice, Jr.	68-71-69-208	-5	
Danny Briggs	70-69-69-208	-5	
Corey Pavin	70-68-70-208	-5	
Carl Pettersson	67-71-70-208	-5	
Guy Boros	68-69-71-208	-5	
Notah Begay III	72-65-71-208	-5	
Frank Lickliter II	67-69-72-208	-5	
Hidemichi Tanaka	70-65-73-208	-5	
John Cook	71-69-69-209	-4	
Rich Barcelo	71-69-69-209	-4	
Garrett Willis	71-68-70-209	-4	
Mark Wilson	69-72-69-210	-3	
Michael Allen	70-71-69-210	-3	
Luke Donald	72-68-70-210	-3	
Mark Hensby	68-72-70-210	-3	
Charley Hoffman	69-70-71-210	-3	
David Branshaw	69-70-71-210	-3	
Jeff Brehaut	71-69-71-211	-2	
Matt Gogel	69-70-71-210	-3	
Glen Day	68-72-70-210	-3	
Daniel Chopra	72-69-70-211	-2	
Lee Mattiace	71-69-71-211	-2	
Jonathan Kaye	70-70-71-211	-2	
Brad Faxon	74-66-71-211	-2	
Pete Jordan	72-67-72-211	-2	
Brent Geiberger	71-68-72-211	-2	
Richard S. Johnson	72-67-72-211	-2	
Billy Andrade	68-71-72-211	-2	
Steve Allan	69-67-75-211	-2	
Billy Mayfair	66-70-75-211	-2	
David Edwards	68-73-71-212	-1	
Tommy Tolles	69-72-71-212	-1	
David Morland IV	69-71-72-212	-1	
Mike Grob	72-68-72-212	-1	
Hunter Mahan	69-70-73-212	-1	
Geoff Ogilvy	70-68-74-212	-1	
Pat Bates	70-71-72-213	-1	
Kelly Gibson	71-70-72-213	-1	
Heath Slocum	70-69-74-213	E	
Carl Paulson	71-68-74-213	E	
Aaron Baddeley	67-74-74-215	+2	
Dicky Pride	68-71-76-215	+2	
John Daly	70-70-76-216	+3	
Jay Don Blake	69-70-77-216	+3	
Patrick Sheehan	68-71-77-216	+3	
Steve Pate	68-73-76-217	+4	
Kelly Mitchum	72-69-76-217	+4	
Tom Byrum	72-69-76-217	+4	
Cameron Beckman	70-68-79-217	+4	

Rochester LPGA

Saturday
At Locust Hill Country Club
Pittsford, N.Y.
Purse: $1.25 million
Yardage: 6,204; Par 72
Third Round

Kim Saiki	66-66-68-203	-13	
Rosie Jones	69-68-67-204	-12	
Candie Kung	67-68-73-208	-8	
Patricia Meunier-Lebouc	71-71-66-208	-7	
Mi Hyun Kim	72-67-70-209	-7	
Annika Sorenstam	72-66-71-209	-7	
Becky Morgan	69-67-73-209	-7	
Rachel Teske	70-70-70-210	-6	
Catriona Matthew	70-70-70-210	-6	
Pat Hiskey	68-69-73-210	-6	
Paula Marti	72-69-70-211	-5	
A.J. Eathorne	70-74-68-212	-4	
Christina Kim	70-71-71-212	-4	
a-Paula Creamer	69-71-72-212	-4	
Moira Dunn	73-70-70-213	-3	
Jeong Jang	72-68-73-213	-3	
Jamie Hullett	73-73-68-214	-2	
Suzann Pettersen	72-74-68-214	-2	
Mi Hyun Kim	73-71-70-214	-2	
Brandie Burton	73-71-70-214	-2	
Kelly Robbins	74-69-71-214	-2	
Carin Koch	71-72-71-214	-2	
Laura Davies	70-73-71-214	-2	
Allison Finney	70-72-72-214	-2	

Notables

Betsy King	70-74-72-216	E	
Lorena Ochoa	70-73-73-216	E	
Se Ri Pak	69-74-73-216	E	
Jennifer Rosales	71-72-75-218	+2	
Pat Hurst	76-71-72-219	+3	
Beth Daniel	72-71-76-219	+3	

Bank of America Championship

Saturday
At Nashawtuc Country Club
Concord, Mass.
Purse: $1,550,000
Yardage: 6,729; Par 72 (36-36)
Second Round

Tom Purtzer	65-68-133	-11	
John Jacobs	68-67-135	-9	
Walter Hall	67-68-135	-9	
Jerry Pate	68-68-136	-8	
Bob Murphy	67-69-136	-8	
John Harris	66-70-136	-8	
Doug Tewell	69-68-137	-7	
Jay Sigel	68-69-137	-7	
Craig Stadler	68-69-137	-7	
Allen Doyle	71-67-138	-6	
Graham Marsh	69-69-138	-6	
Dana Quigley	68-70-138	-6	
Mike McCullough	67-71-138	-6	
Isao Aoki	72-67-139	-5	
Ed Fiori	70-69-139	-5	
Tom Watkins	70-69-139	-5	
Des Smyth	70-69-139	-5	
John Morse	69-70-139	-5	
Sammy Rachels	69-70-139	-5	
Eamonn Darcy	68-71-139	-5	

Notables

D.A. Weibring	70-70-140	-4	
Gary McCord	69-71-140	-4	
Sam Torrance	73-67-140	-4	
Lanny Wadkins	68-72-140	-4	
Jim Thorpe	70-71-141	-3	
Bob Charles	76-66-142	-2	
Ben Crenshaw	72-71-143	-1	
Bruce Fleisher	73-70-143	-1	
Bobby Wadkins	73-72-145	+1	
Larry Nelson	73-73-146	+2	
Gary Player	75-73-148	+4	
Chi Chi Rodriguez	77-75-152	+8	
Arnold Palmer	77-80-157	+13	

French Open

Saturday
At Le Golf National, Albatross Course
Versailles, France
Purse: $3.6 million
Yardage: 7,202; Par 71
Third Round, Leading Scores

Jean-Francois Remesy, France	69-67-65—201	
Paul Broadhurst, England	68-70-66—204	
Ian Woosnam, Wales	67-69-72—208	
Richard Richardt, South Africa	66-72-70—208	
Gary Evans, England	72-70-68—210	
Paul Eales, England	70-71-69—210	
Peter O'Malley, Australia	73-67-70—210	
Nick O'Hern, Australia	73-68-70—211	
Paul McGinley, England	76-68-67—211	
David Lynn, England	72-71-68—211	
Paul Casey, England	72-67-72—211	
Jonathan Lomas, England	73-70-69—212	
John Bickerton, England	73-67-72—212	
Marcel Siem, Germany	71-73-69—213	
Jarmo Sandelin, Sweden	71-74-68—213	
Robert Allenby, Australia	76-68-70—214	
David Howell, England	71-69-74—214	
Thomas Levet, France	72-72-68—212	
Miguel Angel Martin, Spain	73-74-68—215	
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	75-72-68—215	
José María Olazabal, Spain	74-72-69—215	
Trevor Immelman, S. Africa	74-68-73—215	
Mark Roe, England	70-71-74—215	

Notables

Thomas Levet, France	76-66-75—217	
Jean Van de Velde, France	74-68-75—217	
Colin Montgomerie, Scotland	74-75-73—222	
Justin Rose, England	75-71-77—223	

Deals

Friday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Activated RHP Aaron Sele from the 15-day DL.
Optioned RHP Derrick Turnbow to Salt Lake City of the PCL.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed LHP Scott Schoeneweis on the 15-day DL.
Recalled RHP Felix Diaz from Charlotte of the IL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned LHP Chris George to Omaha of the Triple-A PC.
Mike Tonis to Wichita of the Texas League.
Recalled OF David DeJesus from Omaha.
Transferred C Kelly Stinnett from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
MINNEASOTA TWINS—Recalled LHP J.C. Romero from Rochester of the IL. Optioned INF Alex Prieto to Rochester.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Sent SS Ramon Santiago to Tacoma of the PCL.
Recalled LHP Matt Thornton from Tacoma.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Called up OF Joey Gathright from Durham of the IL. Designated INF/OF Jose Bautista for assignment.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Named Len Brown assistant team counsel.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed RHP Josh Beckett on 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Michael Tejera from Albuquerque of the PCL.
BASKETBALL
American Basketball Association
CAROLINA THUNDER—Signed G Chris Robinson. Named Derrek Hamilton assistant coach.
PHILADELPHIA SQUIRES—Named Jeffrey Wilson general manager.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed WR-DB Bobby Sippio.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed OL Shane Olivea to a three-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Named Gerard Gallant coach and Dean Blais associate coach.
DALLAS STARS—Acquired D Shawn Belle from St. Louis for G Jason Bacashihua.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed Claude Julien, coach, to a contract extension.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Named Peter Chiarelli assistant general manager.
COLLEGE
ARKANSAS—Announced it has released G Mike Hargrow from his basketball scholarship.
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON—Named Troy Wheless administrative assistant for the men's basketball coach.
LA VERNE—Announced it is discontinuing the men's volleyball program.
MASSACHUSETTS—Suspended Don Brown, football coach, for three games.
MICHIGAN STATE—Named Matt Weise rowing coach.
MONTANA—Named Andy Hill men's assistant basketball coach.
UTAH—Named Daron Park women's assistant basketball coach.
WPI—Named Gilbert Lefort II assistant athletic trainer.

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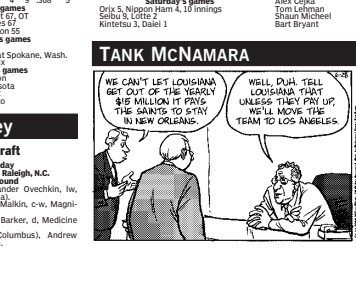


Bryant trial to begin on Aug. 27

The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colorado — The sexual assault trial of NBA All-Star Kobe Bryant will begin Aug. 27, more than a year after he was accused of raping a 19-year-old woman.

The trial date was set Friday by Judge Terry Ruckriegle. It is expected to last three to four weeks, including the process of questioning and choosing jurors.

Bryant, 25, has pleaded not guilty, saying he had consensual sex with the woman at a Vail-area resort June 30, 2003. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

Earlier in the day, the major issue in the case revolved around transcripts of a closed-door hearing in the case, accidentally released to the media by a court reporter which set off a battle between the judge and media organizations that received the documents.

Ruckriegle issued an order late Thursday threatening contempt of court if the material was published. The news organizations that received the transcripts, including The Associated Press, contended the order was unconstitutional, but none immediately reported on any of the material.

The organizations said they will appeal the order to the Colorado Supreme Court on Monday.

The transcripts were from a two-day closed-door hearing earlier this week that dealt primarily with witness testimony and evidence on the accuser's sex life.

Media attorney Tom Kelley noted that the media organizations had not sought the transcripts, which were sealed by the judge. In such cases, it is up to the organizations to decide whether to publish the material, not a judge or any other government official, he said.

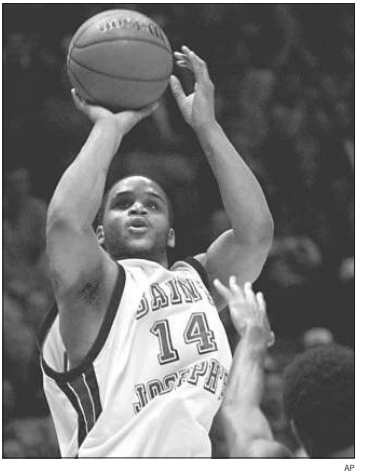
"Regardless of what information may be contained in this hearing transcript, and regardless of whether any individual media outlet ultimately decides to publish it, these members of the press seek to vindicate this fundamental principle, one that lies at the heart of our system of government," Kelley said.

The transcripts were of a hearing earlier this week.

The court reporter intended to e-mail them to the judge and other court staff, but accidentally used the wrong group of addresses, state courts spokeswoman Karen Salaz said.

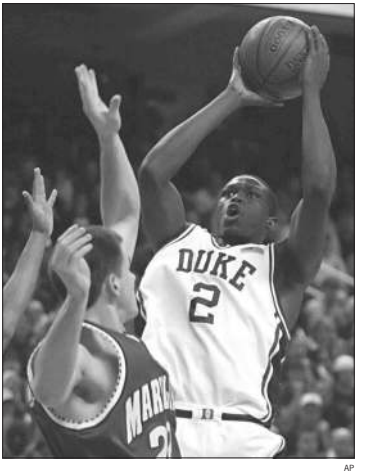
Shortly after he learned of the mistake, Ruckriegle issued an order saying the transcripts were not for public dissemination and that any revelation of their contents could bring a contempt of court citation.

The judge had anticipated the order would be challenged, Salaz said.



AP

The Orlando Magic took prep star Dwight Howard with the top pick and acquired No. 20 pick Jameer Nelson, above, in a trade with Denver.



AP

Luol Deng, who was acquired by the Chicago Bulls after being chosen seventh overall by the Phoenix Suns, is an athletic small forward.

Bulls, Magic still are top two

Chicago, Orlando score high marks for selections in NBA Draft

BY MARC NARDUCCI
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Another NBA Draft has been completed, and grading the teams has become more difficult. That's because, with eight high school first-rounders and other unknown quantities, even many of the teams aren't really sure what they have. Still, it's possible to offer an initial evaluation:

The big winners

Chicago. Ben Gordon may not be a pure point guard, but with Kirk Hinrich also in the backcourt, maybe he can play the off-guard despite his height (6-foot-1). He is a confident player who will be able to score. Luol Deng has been described as a potential Scottie Pippen-type player, one who will give the Bulls intelligence and better-than-expected athletic ability at the small-forward spot.

Orlando. Depending on whom the Magic receive for disgruntled Tracy McGrady, they might be a competitive team next season, even with Johnny Davis as their coach. Top pick Dwight Howard isn't ready to be an NBA star but should contribute as a rookie. Jameer Nelson could see immediate time at point guard unless Steve Francis or some other big-name point guard is acquired for McGrady. Brazilian forward Anderson Varejao was considered a first-round talent, but Orlando got him with the first pick of the second round. In all, Orlando made some serious progress in the draft.

Analysis

Washington. For a team that traded its first-round pick, the Wizards made great improvement. Antawn Jamison, whom the Wizards acquired from Dallas, will give them a serious offensive option. Plus, they were able to rid themselves of Jerry Stackhouse and Christian Laettner. That is addition by subtraction. Surrendering the No. 5 pick in the deal with Dallas was difficult, but Jamison is better right now than anybody who was in the draft. And 7-1 center Peter John Ramos of Puerto Rico could be one of the best second-round picks.

Charlotte. Any first-year expansion team that can get a character and high-quality player such as Emeka Okafor to build around is on the right track.

To be determined

Dallas. The Mavericks didn't own a first-round pick at the beginning of the week but ended up with two of them. They took point guard Devin Harris with the pick they got from Washington and acquired the No. 21 pick, 7-5 center Pavel Podkolzine, from Utah. Of course, they are trying to get Shaquille O'Neal, so those guys may not be Mavs for very long.

76ers. Before everybody bashes the picking of a player who averaged just 12.9 points per game in college last season, remember that Andre Iguodala was expected by many to be drafted much higher than No. 9.

Few players in the draft are better athletes. The Sixers, who looked slow and tired last season, wanted to become more athletic.

Plus, Iguodala is known as a tenacious defender, which makes him ideal for a Jim O'Brien-coached team. He has to work on his jumper, but he has a promising upside that may not be evident immediately, especially because he should be heading into his junior year at Arizona.

Biggest reach

Toronto. The Raptors took center Rafael Araujo with the No. 8 pick. The Brigham Young center had worked out for the Sixers, and O'Brien had talked about how he was far from becoming even a competent NBA-level defender. He also isn't overly quick. Some people suggested that he could have gone much lower in the draft, but Toronto didn't have a lower pick, and it liked him.

Biggest gambles

Portland. The Trail Blazers surprised many by taking high school point guard Sebastian Telfair with the No. 13 pick, especially with Jameer Nelson still on the board. Telfair is a high-risk, high-reward player who could be a future all-pro or a washout. The Blazers also selected Viktor Khryapa and Sergei Monia, a pair of forwards who were teammates in Russia. Anybody in the NBA who says he can predict how this draft will turn out for the Blazers is either lying or the smartest person in the league.

Seattle. The Sonics chose 7-foot high school center Robert Swift, whose stock went up although he refused to work out for teams before the draft. That's how crazy the NBA has become. It says here that workouts would have exposed him.

Wait and see

Boston. The Celtics had three first-round picks and chose high school forward Al Jefferson at No. 15, St. Joseph's guard Delonte West at No. 24 and Oklahoma State guard Tony Allen at No. 25. Allen looked ordinary at the Chicago pre-draft champ, while West obviously boosted his stock there. Celtics fans shouldn't look for immediate results.

All three players are works in progress with potential.

Utah. The Jazz added freshman forward Kris Humphries of Minnesota at No. 14 and shooting guard Kirk Snyder of Nevada at No. 16.

Humphries can shoot, but there are questions about his athletic ability. Snyder is a great athlete who isn't known as a shooter. If they work on their weaknesses, they could become good players.

Underrated move

Phoenix traded the seventh pick to Chicago for a future first-rounder, cash considerations, and the Bulls' second-rounder. The second-rounder turned out to be Jackson Vroman, a 6-9 power forward whose motor is always running. He is somebody who should pick up the intensity level of the Suns.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	26	.634	—
Boston	41	32	.562	5
Tampa Bay	35	35	.500	9½
Toronto	32	41	.438	14
Baltimore	30	39	.435	14

Central Division

Minnesota	41	31	.569	—
Chicago	37	33	.529	3
Cleveland	35	37	.486	6
Detroit	33	39	.458	8
Kansas City	28	42	.400	12

West Division

Texas	41	29	.586	—
Oakland	40	32	.556	2
Anaheim	40	33	.548	2½
Seattle	29	42	.408	12½

Friday's interleague games

Chicago Cubs 7, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 3, Montreal 1
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., Rain
Detroit 2, Arizona 1
Colorado 10, Cleveland 8, 10 innings
Boston 12, Philadelphia 1, 7½ innings, Rain
Tampa Bay 2, Florida 0
Baltimore 5, Atlanta 0
Texas 3, Houston 1
Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 5, Kansas City 2
San Diego 3, Seattle 2
San Francisco 6, Oakland 4
Anaheim 13, Los Angeles 6

Saturday's interleague games

Philadelphia 9, Boston 2
N.Y. Mets 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Montreal at Toronto
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox
Houston at Texas
Anaheim at Los Angeles
Atlanta at Baltimore
Florida at Tampa Bay
Arizona at Detroit
Colorado at Cleveland
Milwaukee at Minnesota
St. Louis at Kansas City
San Francisco at Oakland
San Diego at Seattle

Sunday's interleague games

Montreal (Lehnerdt 4-7) at Toronto (Hentgen 2-7)
Colorado (Jennings 6-6) at Cleveland (Eiarton 0-0)
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 7-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 4-3), 1st game
N.Y. Mets (Ginter 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 8-6), 2nd game
Florida (Pavano 8-2) at Tampa Bay (Gaudin 1-1)
Atlanta (Wright 5-5) at Baltimore (Riley 1-3)
Arizona (Sparks 3-4) at Detroit (Maroth 5-5)
Houston (Oswalt 5-6) at Texas (Drese 4-4)
Philadelphia (Myers 5-4) at Boston (Schilling 9-4)
Milwaukee (D.Davis 7-5) at Minnesota (Lohse 2-5)
St. Louis (Marquis 6-4) at Kansas City (Gobble 4-4)
Chicago Cubs (Maddux 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 7-3)
San Diego (Eaton 3-7) at Seattle (Moyer 6-3)
San Francisco (Hermanson 2-2) at Oakland (Hudson 7-3)
Anaheim (Colon 5-6) at Los Angeles (Ishii 8-3)

Monday's games

Toronto at Tampa Bay
Baltimore at Kansas City
Texas at Seattle

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	39	34	.534	—
Philadelphia	38	34	.528	1
New York	36	36	.500	2½
Atlanta	39	39	.455	3½
Montreal	24	47	.338	14

Central Division

St. Louis	44	29	.603	—
Chicago	41	32	.562	3
Cincinnati	41	32	.562	3
Houston	38	35	.521	6
Milwaukee	34	38	.514	8½
Pittsburgh	27	43	.386	15½

West Division

San Francisco	42	32	.568	—
San Diego	38	35	.520	3
Los Angeles	37	34	.521	3½
Colorado	28	44	.389	13
Arizona	27	46	.370	14½

Friday's NL game

Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 4

Saturday's NL game

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

Sunday's NL game

Pittsburgh (Fogg 4-6) at Cincinnati (P.Wilson 7-1)

Monday's NL games

Montreal at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Pittsburgh
Florida at Atlanta
San Diego at Arizona

Friday

Cubs 7, White Sox 4

CHICAGO (NL)

	AB	R	H	BI
Grdzln 2b	5	1	1	Rwand cf
DeLee 1b	5	0	0	TPerez ph
Alou lf	5	0	1	Uribe 2b
SSosa rf	4	1	1	Thmas dh
ARmrz 3b	4	0	0	CLeiter lf
Hndrcks dh	2	2	1	Valentin ss
Barrett c	4	0	1	Knerko 1b
CPtrson cf	4	1	1	Glaser ss
REMtiz ss	2	2	1	Burke rf
				Crede 3b
				Olivo c
				Wharrs ph
Totals	**36**	**7**	**8**	**7 Totals**

CHICAGO (NL)

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Prior W,2-1	5	2	1	1	3	6
Leicester	2	2	0	0	1	0
Farnsworth	1⅓	3	3	3	1	1
Mercker	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hawkins S,10	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2

CHICAGO (AL)

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Garland L,5-5	5	6	5	5	1	3
Cotts	2⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Miackson	1	1	2	1	0	0

Mercker pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
WP–Prior, Hawkins. T–2:58. A–39,596 (40,615).

Blue Jays 3, Expos 1

MONTREAL	AB	R	H	BI	TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI
Wilkrsn lf	3	1	0	0	HClark dh	3	0	2	0
EChavez cf	4	0	2	0	OHudsn 2b	3	0	0	0
Vidro 2b	4	0	1	0	Jhnson cf	4	0	2	2
Kendall c	4	0	2	0	WMrtnez dh	4	2	0	1
Ochoa ss	4	0	2	1	Lauzon c	3	0	0	0
CEvrtt dh	4	0	1	0	Gomez 1b	4	0	1	0
TBtista 3b	4	0	0	0	Wdwrd ss	4	0	1	0
Schndr c	4	0	1	0	Rios rf	4	0	1	0
Sledge rf	4	0	0	0	Berg lf	4	2	2	0
Totals	**34**	**1**	**8**	**1**	**Totals**	**31**	**3**	**9**	**3**

Montreal 000 000 010–1
Toronto 000 020 10x–3

DP–Montreal 2, Toronto 1. LOB–Montreal 8, Toronto 8. 2B–Johnson (13), Berg (1). 3B–Schneider (3). SB–Ochoa (2), Rios (1).

Montreal	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Day L,5-8	6⅔	8	3	3	4	3
Biddle	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Tucker	1	1	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Towers W,2-2	7	6	1	1	1	3
Chulk	1	2	0	0	0	1
Frasor S,7	1	0	0	0	0	0

Towers pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP–by Day (Zaun). Balk–Towers. T–2:19. A–16,484 (50,598).

Red Sox 12, Phillies 1 (7½, rain)

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI
Rollins ss	4	0	0	0	Damon cf	4	1	1	0
Franco 2b	4	0	0	0	Billerm 2b	4	1	1	1
BAbreu rf	3	0	0	0	DOrtiz dh	4	3	2	1
Thome dh	3	1	1	1	Millwd ss	4	1	1	5
Burrell lf	3	0	0	0	Kapler lf	1	0	0	0
Utley 1b	3	0	0	0	Ramrez 3b	4	1	1	1
DaBell 3b	3	0	0	0	Crespo ss	5	0	0	0
Wooten 3b	0	0	0	0	Youkils 1b	5	2	2	2
KThmas c	3	0	0	0	Varitek c	4	2	3	1
Glnville cf	3	0	0	0	Valdes 2b	4	1	2	2
Totals	**26**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**Totals**	**34**	**12**	**13**	**12**

Philadelphia 000 000 10x–1
Boston 011 008 20–12

One out when game was called.

DP–Philadelphia 1. LOB–Philadelphia 4, Boston 6. 2B–DOrtiz (2), Ramirez (22), Youkilis 2 (9). HR–Thome (25), DOrtiz (18), RMarnrez (20).

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Madrid L,0-2	5⅔	7	5	5	2	3
RHernandez	0	2	3	3	1	0
Powell	1⅓	4	4	4	0	1
Geary	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Boston						
PMartinez W,8-3	7	2	1	1	2	2
Arakkiar	1	0	0	0	0	0
RHernandez pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.

HBP–by PMartinez (Glanville), WP–Powell. T–2:27. A–35,059 (35,095).

Tigers 2, Diamondbacks 1

ARIZONA	AB	R	H	BI	DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI
RAlmr 2b	4	0	0	0	ASnchz cf	4	1	1	0
SFinley cf	4	0	0	0	Hggnsn rf	3	0	0	0
DBitista rf	3	0	0	0	Polanco 2b	4	0	1	0
LGnzlz lf	2	1	1	0	DYong 1b	2	0	0	1
CWilbrn 1b	3	0	0	0	Ordonez lf	3	0	0	0
Tracy 3b	3	0	0	0	CPena dh	3	1	1	0
Durbin dh	3	0	0	0	Inge 3b	4	0	2	1
Cintron ss	3	0	0	0	Inge 3b	1	0	0	0
Brito c	3	0	0	0	Infante 2b	3	0	0	1
Hirsch rp	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**28**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**Totals**	**23**	**2**	**4**	**2**

Arizona 000 010 000–1
Detroit 100 010 00x–2

DP–Arizona 2. LOB–Arizona 6, Detroit 2. 3B–LGonzalez (5). S–Inge 2. SF–DYoung.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Webb L,3-8	8	4	2	2	2	4
Detroit						
Johnson W,5-7	8	1	1	1	1	5
Urbina S,11	1	0	0	0	0	2

T–1:54. A–32,573 (40,120).

Rockies 10, Indians 8 (10)

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI
Miles 2b	6	0	1	0	Billtard 2b	5	0	1	0
Clayton ss	6	1	2	2	Sizemor lf	4	0	1	0
Helton 1b	5	2	3	0	Lawton cf	4	0	0	0
Burnitz rf	6	1	1	0	Grvrut rf	3	0	0	0
LWalkr rf	4	4	5	4	Hafner dh	3	1	0	0
Castilla 3b	6	0	1	1	Blake 3b	3	1	1	1
Burnitz dh	6	1	1	0	Gerut rf	3	2	2	0
Hilliday lf	4	1	1	1	Crisp cf	3	0	2	0
CPhson c	3	1	1	1	BrsrdJr 1b	4	1	2	5
MaSwy ph	1	0	0	0					
Greene c	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**45**	**10**	**15**	**10**	**Totals**	**35**	**8**	**7**	**8**

Colorado 000 000 106 000 01–10
Cleveland 040 103 000 0–8

E–Clayton (6), Vizquel (20). DP–Colorado 1, Cleveland 1. LOB–Colorado 12, Cleveland 7. 2B–LWalker (2), Gerut (18), Broussard (12), 3B–Gerut (3). HR–LWalker 3 (3), Blake (2), Broussard (3). SB–Clayton (6), Vizquel (7). S–Vizquel.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fassero	6	6	8	7	2	3
Jarvis	1	1	0	0	0	1
JrLopez	1	0	0	0	0	0
SReid W,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chacon S,16	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland						
JaDavis	5⅔	8	5	5	1	7
Betancourt	⅓	2	2	2	1	0
Bartosh	0	0	0	0	1	0
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	1
RWhite	1	0	0	0	1	1
Riske	1	3	0	0	0	4
JJimenez L,1-6	1	2	2	2	0	1

Bartosh pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP–by Fassero (Thahner). WP–Betancourt. T–3:29. A–22,642 (43,389).

Orioles 5, Braves 0

ATLANTA	AB	R	H	BI	BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI
Furcal ss	4	0	0	0	BRbrts 2b	2	0	1	0
NGreen cf	4	0	0	0	Mora 3b	2	1	1	1
JDrew rf	4	0	2	0	Newhn 3b	1	1	1	1
CJones 3b	4	0	3	0	Tejada ss	3	0	1	2
JuFrco dh	3	0	2	0	RPlmo 1b	4	0	0	0
Giambi 1b	4	0	0	0	Conine rf	4	0	0	0
Thmas lf	3	0	0	0	Gbbons dh	4	0	1	1
Hssmn 1b	3	0	0	0	Matos cf	4	0	0	0
EddPrz c	2	0	0	0	Bigbie lf	4	2	3	0
					Hrst Jr rf	4	0	0	0
					Hlzdr c	0	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**Totals**	**30**	**5**	**10**	**5**

Atlanta 000 000 000–0
Baltimore 100 010 21x–5

DP–Baltimore 2. LOB–Atlanta 4, Baltimore 7. 2B–Tejada (14), Bigbie 3 (11). 3B–JuFrco (2). HR–Mora (5), Tejada (18), Bigbie (11). SB–Matos (11). S–Roberts, Hairston Jr., SF–Tejada.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Byrd L,1-1	6⅔	6	3	3	3	2
Mcconnell	⅓	2	2	2	0	0
Gryboski	1	2	1	1	0	0
Baltimore						
Cabrera W,4-3	9	4	0	0	2	6

T–2:13. A–33,579 (48,286).

Rangers 3, Astros 1

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI
Biggio lf	4	0	0	0	MYoung ss	4	0	2	0
ABurrs ss	4	0	0	0	Blalock 3b	2	0	0	0
Beltran cf	4	1	2	0	ASrano 2b	4	1	1	0
Berkmn rf	4	0	0	0	Fldmr dh	4	0	0	0
JKent dh	1	0	0	1	Txeira 1b	4	1	1	0
Bgwell 1b	3	0	0	0	Dllucci lf	3	0	1	1
Ensbrg 3b	3	0	1	0	Braggs c	3	1	1	0
Asmus c	3	0	0	0	Mathws cf	4	0	0	0
Frntldt 2b	3	0	0	0	Mench rf	4	0	0	0
Totals	**28**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**Totals**	**30**	**3**	**6**	**2**

Houston 000 000 100–1
Texas 010 100 10x–3

E–ABurrs (7). DP–Texas 1. LOB–Houston 2, Texas 10. 2B–Beltran (1). 3B–Dellucci (1). HR–ASorano (11). SB–MYoung (7). CS–MYoung (2). SF–Kent.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
WMiller L,7-7	5⅓	5	2	1	6	2
Gdwin	⅔	1	0	0	0	1
Harville	⅓	1	1	1	1	0
Weathers	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Rogers W,10-2	9	3	1	1	1	3

HBP–by Harville (Fullmer). T–2:27. A–46,088 (49,115).

Twins 6, Brewers 3

MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI
BClark cf	4	1	2	0	CGzmn ss	4	4	3	1
Spivey 2b	4	1	2	2	Mntkw 1b	4	1	1	0
Jenkins lf	4	0	2	0	Ford lf	4	0	3	2
Ovrbay 1b	4	0	0	0	Koskie 3b	3	0	1	1
BHall 3b	4	0	1	0	Thrrd lf	4	0	0	0
RGintnr dh	4	0	1	0	Jjones rf	4	1	1	0
Grieve rf	4	0	0	0	LeCroy dh	4	0	1	0
GBrntt c	2	0	0	0	Rstvch dh	0	0	0	0
Liefer ph	1	0	0	0	Mauer c	3	0	1	1
Cansel ss	3	0	0	0	Ortiz ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**7**	**2**	**Totals**	**34**	**6**	**11**	**5**

Milwaukee 000 000 003–3
Minnesota 101 120 10x–6

E–BHall (5), Rivas (2). LOB–Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 6. 2B–BHall (6), CGuzman (9), Jones (11). HR–Spivey (6), CGuzman (3). SB–LFord (9). SF–Koskie.

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Obrmlr L,3-3	4⅓	9	5	4	0	3
Rivas	2⅔	2	1	1	1	2
Kieschnick	1	1	0	0	1	1
Minnesota						
Santana W,6-4	7	4	1	1	0	10
Rincon	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan S,22	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP–Obermueller. T–2:47. A–24,160 (45,423).

Cardinals 5, Royals 2

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI
Wmack 2b	4	1	0	0	DJesus cf	4	0	2	0
Rnteria ss	5	0	1	0	Rlaford 2b	4	1	2	0
Pujols 1b	4	1	1	0	MSwy dh	4	1	2	0
Dsbn 3b	4	1	1	0	Harvey 3b	4	0	0	0
Edmnd cf	4	1	0	0	Stairs rf	4	0	0	0
MAbrjo lf	4	1	1	1	Berroa lf	4	0	1	0
RSndrs rf	4	0	0	0	DBrwn lf	4	0	0	0
Tguchi rf	1	0	0	0	Sweeney cf	3	0	0	0
YMlina c	4	1	3	0	Buck c	3	0	0	0
MAndrsn dh	4	0	0	0					
Totals	**37**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**Totals**	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**

St. Louis 003 100 010–5
Kansas City 000 000 020–2

E–Rentería (6). DP–St. Louis 1. LOB–St. Louis 7, Kansas City 5. 2B–Rentería (16), Rolen (16). HR–Rolen (18), Mabry (4), MSweeney (13).

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Morris W,8-6	8	6	2	2	2	8
Isringhs S,16	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Greinke L,1-4	5	6	4	4	2	6
Santana	2	2	1	1	0	2
Sullivan	1	2	0	0	0	1

Greinke pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. T–2:42. A–40,628 (40,785).

Padres 3, Mariners 2

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI
Brrghs 3b	4	1	0	0	ISuzuki rf	4	0	0	0
Loretta 2b	4	1	1	0	Winn cf	4	0	0	0
Bgles rf	3	1	0	0	Aurilia ss	4	0	0	0
Nevin 1b	4	0	1	2	Olerud 1b	4	0	3	0
Klesko dh	2	0	0	0	Blmqist 1b	0	0	0	0
Long lf	3	0	0	0	BBoone 2b	4	0	1	0
Payton cf	3	0	0	0	Hansen dh	2	1	1	0
Qntero c	3	0	1	0	Bchca pr	0	0	0	0
Greene ss	3	0	0	0	JoCbra lf	3	0	0	0
					Spiezio 3b	4	1	1	2
					DWilsn c	3	0	1	0
					EMrtnz ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	**28**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**Totals**	**33**	**2**	**8**	**2**

San Diego 000 000 000–3
Seattle 000 000 200–2

DP–Seattle 2. LOB–San Diego 1, Seattle 7. 2B–Spiezio (8). CS–Burroughs (3). S–JoCabrera.

Young: Texas atop West without Rodriguez

Young has since had a major part in the in-season response of the Rangers, who were alone at the top of the AL West in June for the first time since 1999 — when they won their last division title. They were last by this point each of the past four seasons, 21½ games back last year.

After Texas was swept last week in a three-game series at Cincinnati, Young sat with Showalter for part of the flight to Florida.

"He came up and talked for a while. It picked me up," Showalter said. "Talking to him and watching him play picks me up if I'm down."

Pessimists waiting for the Rangers to collapse thought that was the beginning of the fall. Texas instead won a season-best six games in a row, sweeping the World Series champion Florida Marlins and Seattle.

"There's a great chemistry on this club and that's probably the driving force," said Young, the only Ranger to start every game.

"Winning is addictive. Once you start winning, that's all I care about."

A minor league shortstop, Young was moved to second when the Rangers got Rodriguez. He started 102 games as a rookie in 2001, and in 2½ years became one of the AL's top second basemen.

Last season, his .987 fielding percentage (10 errors in 786 chances) was third among AL second basemen and his .306 batting average was the best. He led the Rangers with 204 hits.

After consecutive throwing errors in this season's home opener at shortstop, Young went 27 games (132 chances) without an error.

While he's already got more errors (11) than last season, his offensive numbers have improved for the fourth straight year.

"He has been very impressive. The guy's all about winning. He's their ignitor and the key to getting this offense going," Marriners manager Bob Melvin said. "I've always been impressed by the way he goes about his business. He's a guy deserving of an All-Star selection."

With just a few days left in fan balloting for the All-Star Game, New York's Derek Jeter led AL shortstops. Boston's Nomar Garciaparra, despite missing the first 2½ months injured, was second ahead of Young.

Young will have to be voted in by his peers or selected by AL manager Joe Torre of the New York Yankees. But missing the All-Star Game may be the only way to get him a break.

Even when the Rangers play 14 road games in 14 days before the All-Star Game, Young doesn't plan to take time off.

"Mentally, I'm prepared to do it. I came into the season ready to play every game," he said. "It's something that I take pride in. I want to be the type of player that my teammates can really lean on."

He already is.

Giants 6, Athletics 4

SAN FRANCISCO	AB	R	H	BI	OAKLAND	AB	R	H	BI
Drham 2b	5	1	1	0	Byrnes lf	4	0	1	0
Tucker rf	3	0	1	0	MCumr 3b	2	0	0	0
Sexson cf	5	1	0	0	Kotsay cf	3	1	1	0
Bonds dh	2	1	0	0	Dye rf	4	0	0	0
Alfonzo 3b	3	0	1	0	Hbberg 1b	4	2	2	2
DCruz ss	4	1	1	3	Durazo dh	4	0	1	2
Feliz 1b	4	1	2	1	Crosby ss	4	1	2	0
Przyns c	4	0	0	0	DMiller c	4	0	2	0
Mohr lf	4	1	0	0	Scutaro 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	**34**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**Totals**	**32**	**4**	**8**	**4**

San Francisco 500 010 000–6
Oakland 000 000 202–4

E–Crosby 2 (10). DP–San Francisco 3, Oakland 1. LOB–San Francisco 6, Oakland 4. 2B–Durham (7), Durazo (13), DMiller (14). HR–DCruz (11), Feliz (13), Hatteberg (10), Crosby (10), SF–Tucker, Alfonzo.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Schmidt W,10-2	8⅓	6	4	4	3	4
Eyre	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nen S,30	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Oakland						
Zito L,4-5	7	7	5	4	1	3
Duchscherer	1	0	0	0	0	1
Leiter	1	1	1	1	1	0

Eyre pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. T–2:37. A–48,189 (43,662).

Devil Rays 2, Marlins 0

FLORIDA	AB	R	H	BI	TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI
Pierre cf	3	0	0	0	Crwfrd lf	4	1	2	0
LCstillo 2b	3	0	0	0	Hrndzez 2b	4	0	1	0
Cbrera rf	4	0	0	0	BaGrdl dh	3	0	1	1
Lowell 3b	4	0	1	0	Huff 1b	4	0	1	0
Conine lf	3	0	0	0	JoCruz rf	3	0	0	0
Choi 1b	2	0	0	0	Lugo ss	3	0	0	0
Mrdcis pr	0	0	0	0	Fick 3b	3	0	0	0
AGnzlz ss	3	0	0	0	Blum 3b	0	0	0	0
Eiarts dh	4	0	0	0	THall c	3	0	0	0
Rdmnd c	2	0	0	0	RSnchz 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**28**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**Totals**	**27**	**2**	**5**	**2**

Florida 000 000 000–0
Tampa Bay 000 000 02x–2

DP–Tampa Bay 1. LOB–Florida 8, Tampa Bay 3. 2B–Lowell (12), SB–Crawford (12), Huff (8).

Florida	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Burnett L,0-3	6	4	3	2	2	1
Tampa Bay						
Brazelton W,1-0	7⅔	1	0	0	6	5
Geisler S,1	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1

HBP–by Burnett (Gathright), by Brazelton (AGonzalez). T–2:18. A–25,157 (43,969).

Angels 13, Dodgers 0

ANAHEIM	AB	R	H	BI	LOS ANGELES	AB	R	H	BI
Eckstin ss	3	0	0	0	DRbrts cf	3	0	1	0
Salmon rf	2	0	1	0	Izturis ss	3	0	0	0
Figgins 3b	4	0	2	0	SHrnrn 1b	3	0	1	0
Glaus 1b	3	2	1	1	Vrtura 3b	3	0	0	0
DVnon rf	2	0	1	0	Beltre 3b	3	0	0	0
Gardnr cf	4	1	3	0	Ramrez lf	3	0	0	0
Quinlan lf	4	1	0	0	Drifort p	0	0	0	0
Xzilien 1b	4	3	2	2	Cora 2b	1	0	0	0
Anderson p	2	0	0	0	LBlack c	2	0	0	0
Erstad 1b	5	2	3	4	Ross c	1	0	0	0
Molina c	5	2	3	1	JGrcia rf	2	0	0	0
Turnbw p	1	0	0	0	Grbwsk rf	1	0	0	0
AKndy 2b	5	2	4	1	Werth lf	1	0	0	0
Wshbrn p	3	0	1	1	JHrndz 2b	2	0	0	0
Paul c	1	0	0	0	Lima p	1	0	0	0
					Snchez p	0	0	0	0
					Mrtnez ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**46**	**13**	**22**	**13**	**Totals**	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**

Anaheim 001 134 004–13
Los Angeles 000 000 000–0

E–AKendry (8). DP–Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 1. LOB–Anaheim 12, Los Angeles 7. 2B–Figgins (11), BMolina (6), SHernrn (2). HR–VGuerrero (18), JQuilin (13), Erstad (1), AKennedy (4). S–Washburn, SF–Paul.

Anaheim	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washburn W,8-3	7	3	0	0	1	3
Turnbow	2	1	0	0	3	2
Los Angeles						
Lima L,6-3	4	11	8	8	2	0
Snchez	2	1	4	4	1	0
TMartin	1⅓	4	1	1	0	2
Drifort	⅓

Homer barrage proves Walker as good as ever

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — On Larry Walker's previous visit to Jacobs Field, he participated in a home-run hitting contest.

He returned Friday night, and he's still swinging for the fences.

Walker hit three home runs — his last a two-run shot in the 10th inning — to power the Colorado Rockies to a 10-8 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Walker, playing in just his fourth game this season after being sidelined 68 games by a groin injury, drove the first pitch from former teammate Jose Jimenez (1-6) into the right-field seats.

"It's a shock to me what I did tonight," Walker said.

Not to anyone else.

"Anybody who has spent time any time with Larry knows what he's capable of," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "That's some kind of special night."

Walker's laser shot into the lower right-field seats in the 10th scored Todd Helton, who led off with his third single.

Walker also connected for solo homers leading off the second and sixth innings for the Rockies, who trailed 5-2 after five before scoring six times in the sixth.

The 37-year-old Walker is 3-for-3 with three homers and eight RBIs in his career against Jimenez. The right-hander gave up two three-run homers to Walker the last time the Canadian outfielder hit three in a game, on April 28, 1999 in St. Louis.

Walker credited an adjustment he made during pregame batting practice with shaking some of the rust off his swing. Don't bother asking what change he made.

"It's a secret," he said with a smile. "I change things all the time."

Ben Broussard had five RBIs and Casey Blake homered for the Indians, who had won 12 straight weekend — Friday, Saturday and Sunday — home games.

Steve Reed (1-1) pitched a scoreless ninth, and Shawn Chacon worked a perfect 10th for his 16th save in 22 tries.

"I think it's his first 1-2-3 inning since spring training," Hurdle said jokingly.

Walker's three homers traveled an estimated 1,255 feet on a cool night in Jacobs Field, which for a few innings played a lot like the Rockies' Coors Field in mile-high Denver.

In 1997, Walker went deep 19 times to finish second to Tino Martinez in the All-Star weekend's home run derby.

"I guess I like it here," Walker said.

He wasn't thinking about a home run when he came up in the 10th. Sleep was on his mind.

"Victor (Martinez) asked me how I was doing," Walker said, referring to the Indians catcher. "I said, 'I'm tired.' That's the longest game I've been in since September."

AP

Larry Walker is congratulated by teammate Todd Helton after the first of his three home runs against the Cleveland Indians on Friday night.

For five innings, the Rockies were treated rudely on their first visit to Cleveland by Indians starter Jason Davis, who matched a career high with seven strikeouts in 5½innings.

Walker led off the sixth with his second homer off the right-hander to make it 5-3, igniting a six-run outburst — helped by four consecutive walks — that gave the Rockies a 7-5 lead.

Walker's blast to straightaway center to start the sixth rattled around in the picnic tables beyond the outfield wall, an estimated 449 feet away.

"They were all hit pretty good," Hurdle said. "I don't think it would have mattered what park we were playing in."

Boone signs a two-year agreement with Tribe

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Free agent third baseman Aaron Boone signed a two-year contract with the Cleveland Indians on Saturday.

Boone, whose 11th-inning homer in Game 7 of the AL championship series last season put the New York Yankees in the World Series, hasn't played since injuring his left knee during a pickup basketball game in January.

The Indians, who outbid several other teams for Boone, announced the signing after Boone passed a physical. Boone had surgery before being released in February by the Yankees. He had agreed in December to a one-year $5.75 million deal with New York, but the contract prohibited him from playing basketball. So, the Yankees only had to give Boone 30 days termination pay — $917,553.

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Boone, acquired by New York in a trade from Cincinnati, batted .254 with six homers and 31 RBIs last year for the Yankees and .267 with 24 homers and 96 RBIs overall.

Boone's grandfather, Ray, played for the Indians from 1948 through 1953.

Miller back with Orioles

BALTIMORE — Ray Miller returned to the Baltimore Orioles as pitching coach on Saturday, replacing Mark Wiley, who was reassigned after his beleaguered staff compiled the worst ERA in the American League.

Miller, out of baseball since the end of the 1999 season, was in uniform for Saturday's game against the Atlanta Braves.

Miller was Baltimore's pitching coach from 1978-85 and in 1997 before being hired as manager in 1998. He lasted two seasons, going 157-167 before being replaced by Mike Hargrove.

Under Wiley, the Orioles led the league with 323 walks and ranked last with a 5.34 ERA. He becomes a scout.

In Miller's first tour as Orioles pitching coach, the Orioles had two Cy Young Award winners (Mike Flanagan and Steve Stone) and five 20-game winners (Flanagan, Stone, Jim Palmer, Scott McGregor and Mike Boddicker).

In 1997, Orioles pitchers were second in the AL with a 3.91 ERA after finishing ninth in 1996 at 5.14.

Stinnett faces surgery

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Catcher Kelly Stinnett will have reconstructive elbow surgery and miss the rest of the season, the Kansas City Royals said Friday.

Stinnett, a nine-year veteran, was hitting .305 with three home runs and seven RBIs in 20 games for Kansas City.

He had been playing behind Benito Santiago before Santiago went on the disabled list June 18 with a broken hand.

Baseball confirms andro ban and testing

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Six years after Mark McGwire made andro famous during his 70-home run season, the steroid-like supplement has been banned by major league baseball and its players.

The ban, which began this season, was never announced by the commissioner's office or the players' union. Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, referred to it Friday in a panel discussion during the annual meeting of the Associated Press Sports Editors.

"I think it's a good thing," New York Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina said later in the day. "It's still one of many things to be done."

The Food and Drug Administration banned the sale of androstenedione as of April 12. Baseball's decision, confirmed by management lawyer Frank Coonelly and union lawyer Michael Weiner, took effect the same day and means players who test positive for andro face penalties, including suspensions after two positive tests.

Coonelly and Weiner said that, based on the FDA decision and a study conducted by Harvard in 1999 that was financed by baseball, the union and management concluded andro acted like an androgenic anabolic steroid and should be added to the sport's list of banned substances.

Andro is used by the body to make testosterone. Congress is considering legislation that would designate andro and more than two dozen other steroid-like supplements as controlled substances — making them available by prescription only under certain conditions.

In survey tests for steroids last year, 5-7 percent of player samples were positive, triggering testing with penalties this year.

A first positive test would result in treatment, a second in a 15-day suspension or fine of up to $10,000. The length of suspensions would increase to 25 days for a third positive test, 50 days for a fourth and one year for a fifth. These suspensions also would be without pay.

"I think it's a good move, but I thought it was already done," the New York Mets' Todd Zeile said. "I thought they had done it the year after Mark McGwire in 1998."

McGwire stopped taking andro the following year, saying he did not want kids to follow his lead.

"When they were making the big stink about McGwire, I didn't see what the big deal was," Baltimore player representative Jay Gibbons said. "You have to ban it now. Obviously, there's some concern if they took it off the shelves."

Also appearing on the panel were Dr. Gary Wadler, a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency's medical research committee; former Pittsburgh Steeler Steve Courson, who has admitted using steroids; and Steve Holman, a former middle-distance runner who is an athlete ambassador for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

Courson referred to the investigation of BALCO, the California lab at the center of the federal probe. Greg Anderson, trainer for San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, was among four men indicted by the grand jury. All have pleaded innocent, and Bonds has denied using illegal steroids.

Tim Montgomery, who testified before the grand jury, was one of several sprinters who received a letter Wednesday from USADA warning they could face punishment for alleged steroid use. Marion Jones, who won five medals in the Sydney Olympics, also is being investigated.

Jones and Montgomery have denied using prohibited drugs.

Courson said it's a myth that there are "only a few bad apples."

"BALCO shows us that some of the people under suspicion are some of the greatest athletes in the world," he said. Courson said that if Montgomery is banned for life, "there are probably 100 sprinters waiting in line who are using the same drugs."

Thome hits 26th homer; Phils rout Red Sox

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Jim Thome hit his major league-leading 26th home run and the Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of a season-high four errors to score five unearned runs and beat the Boston Red Sox 9-2 on Saturday.

Saturday baseball

A day after Boston broke out with an eight-run inning and 12 runs in all — Philadelphia's worst loss of the season — the Phillies responded with a big inning of their own. They scored five in the fourth to break open the game. Four of the runs were unearned, thanks to errors by pitcher Bronson Arroyo and first baseman Kevin Millar.

Johnny Damon had two errors for Boston. He had only one in each of the past two seasons.

Thome's homer was his 14th of the month, one shy of the franchise record by Cy Williams in May, 1923. Bobby Abreu reached base four ways: on a walk, a single, an error and hit by pitch.

Randy Wolf, who had been on the disabled list since June 6 with left elbow tendinitis, was activated before the game and threw 74 pitches. He left after four innings with a 7-1 lead, having allowed one run on seven hits and a walk while striking out three.

Ryan Madson (5-2) allowed four hits and struck out four in $2^{1}/_{3}$ innings.

Bronson Arroyo (2-7) allowed seven runs, only two of which were earned, on seven hits and three walks. He struck out five in five innings and lost for the sixth time in as many starts.

Manny Ramirez, who went 3-for-4 with a homer and five RBIs on Friday night, had two of Boston's 14 hits, including an RBI double.

The Phillies had 13 hits, but made them count.

AP

Major league home run leader Jim Thome watches his 26th of the season clear Fenway Park's Green Monster on Saturday. Thome's two-run homer helped Philadelphia beat the Boston Red Sox 9-2.

In a rare showing of strength for Fenway Park visitors, Phillies fans chanted Thome's name during his at-bats and cheered when he homered in the fourth. It was his 10th homer in 13 interleague games this year. His 44 since interleague play began in 1997 is the most in the majors.

Philadelphia took a 2-0 lead in the second when Todd Pratt singled with runners on first and second. One run scored and Damon's throw to third hit the runner and got away, allowing Jason Michaels to score.

In the fifth, Michaels and Pratt singled before Jimmy Rollins grounded the ball off Arroyo's leg for an error. After Placido Polanco's sacrifice bunt, first baseman Kevin Millar booted Abreu's grounder. The ball caromed into short right field and two runs scored.

Thome followed with a two-run homer over the Green Monster in left to make it 7-1.

In the seventh, Lenny DiNardo walked Chase Utley, David Bell doubled and Michaels singled to score Utley and make it 8-1. After a wild pitch and a strikeout, Rollins singled to center and Damon's throw home bounced past Jason Varitek.

Michaels saw the ball trickle behind the plate and broke for home but DiNardo, backing up the catcher, scooped up the ball and dived to tag out the runner.

Mets 9, Yankees 3: Al Leiter escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning and the Mets beat up rookie Brad Halsey in a six-run fourth.

In his first major league game against Hideki Matsui, Kaz Matsui — who is not related — hit a two-run single that opened a 6-2 lead. Jose Reyes had a big single and a key stolen base, and every Mets starter except Mike Cameron had a hit.

The Mets finished with 12 hits and stopped a seven-game losing streak against their crosstown rival.

Shortstop Derek Jeter, celebrating his 30th birthday, was a quiet 2-for-4 for the Yankees, who are 24-13 against the Mets in the regular season since interleague play began in 1997. Alex Rodriguez, in his first game against the Mets since he was dealt to the Yankees last winter, was 0-for-5 and stranded seven runners, including five on second or third. The Yankees were just 1-for-11 with runners in scoring position.

Gary Sheffield, who missed three starts because of bursitis in his left shoulder, hit a two-run homer for the Yankees and Hideki Matsui had a solo shot. Cliff Floyd homered for the Mets in the seventh.

Leiter (3-2) has pitched fabulously this season, compiling a 2.34 ERA, but the Mets had scored just 29 runs in his first 10 starts.

Before a sellout crowd of 55,303, the Yankees immediately put on pressure when Bernie Williams walked leading off and Jeter singled. But Rodriguez hit a weak grounder to first, Sheffield was intentionally walked, and Leiter escaped by throwing a called third strike past Jason Giambi and retiring Jorge Posada on a slow roller to the third-base side of the mound.

Leiter allowed three runs, five hits and four walks in $6^{1}/_{3}$ innings. Ricky Bottalico and Jose Parra followed with one-hit relief.

Halsey (1-1), who beat Los Angeles a week earlier in his major league debut, had awful control and it cost him. He walked five — three of those runners scored — and allowed seven runs and five hits in $3^{1}/_{3}$ innings. One of the runs was unearned because of a throwing error by catcher Posada.

After Ty Wigginton singled with one out and Todd Zeile walked, Jason Phillips doubled past Rodriguez for a 3-2 lead. Reyes followed with a run-scoring single to left, then was caught off first but wound up stealing second as first baseman Jason Giambi decided not to throw. Kaz Matsui then singled in two runs to make it 6-2.

Tanyon Sturtze came in, Matsui went to second on the Mets' third steal of the inning and Mike Piazza and Richard Hidalgo boosted the lead with RBI singles around Cliff Floyd's groundout.

The Mets had gone ahead 2-0 in the second after Halsey walked the first two batters. Posada's pickoff attempt went to the foul side of third, too far off the bag for Rodriguez to get to, and Phillips hit a sacrifice fly.

Sheffield tied it in the third with a two-run homer after Williams doubled high off the wall in left-center.

Brazelton flirts with no-hitter as Tampa rolls on

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Dewon Brazelton savored the moment rather than look back.

Friday baseball

A year ago Friday, the highly regarded Tampa Bay prospect was demoted from the majors all the way to Class A Bakersfield. On Friday, the young pitcher flirted with a no-hitter in a performance that suggests his career is back on track.

Brazelton held the Florida Marlins hitless until Mike Lowell doubled with two outs in the eighth inning Friday night and the surging Devil Rays beat the defending World Series champions 2-0 for their 12th straight interleague victory.

"What happened last year, happened last year," Brazelton, the third pick in the 2001 draft, said. "I really don't think about it anymore."

Brazelton went 1-6 with a 6.89 ERA in 10 starts before the Devil Rays pulled the plug on his rookie season last June. He spent the rest of the year in Bakersfield, where he worked on his mechanics and tried to regain his confidence.

Unable to make the starting rotation in spring training, he began this season at Triple-A Durham, where he enjoyed moderate success before being recalled this month to fill a spot in the Devil Rays' struggling rotation. Six days after failing to make it through the three innings against Arizona despite being staked to a 7-0 lead, Brazelton bounced back with the best performance of his career.

"I've been through a lot. But everybody in here has been through a lot," the 24-year-old right-hander said.

The victory was the 14th in 15 games for Tampa Bay, which improved to a major league-best 25-7 since May 20 and — at 35-35 overall — joined the 1899 Louisville Colonels as the only major league teams to reach .500 after being 18 games below at any point during a season.

The Devil Rays also are a major league-best 12-1 in interleague play, a startling turnaround from 2003 when they went 3-15 against NL opponents for the most losses by one team in a season.

Brazelton walked six, struck out five and hit a batter. Danys Baez got four outs for his 14th save in 16 opportunities, allowing a single to Hee Seop Choi in the ninth before finishing the combined two-hitter.

Giants 6, Athletics 4: Jason Schmidt (10-2), who hasn't lost since dropping his first two starts, allowed four runs and five hits, struck out four and walked three in $8^{1}/_{3}$ innings. Matt Herges got two outs for his 20th save for the visiting Giants, who have won 11 of 12 to lead the NL West.

Oakland's Barry Zito (4-5) allowed six runs — one earned.

Rangers 3, Astros 1: Kenny Rogers threw a three-hitter and the host Rangers spoiled Carlos Beltran's Houston debut, beating the Astros for their seventh straight win. Rogers (10-2) retired 13 straight before Beltran's leadoff double in the seventh.

Tigers 2, Diamondbacks 1: Jason Johnson (5-7) allowed one hit in eight innings and the host Tigers sent Arizona to its season-high seventh straight loss.

Orioles 5, Braves 0: Rookie Daniel Cabrera (4-3) pitched a four-hitter for his first major league shutout, and the visiting Braves lost their seventh in nine games.

Cubs 7, White Sox 4: Mark Grudzielanek hit his first homer, a three-run shot, and drove in his first runs of the season as the visiting Cubs beat the White Sox.

Blue Jays 3, Expos 1: Josh Towers (2-2) allowed six hits and a run in seven-plus innings and Reed Johnson had two RBIs for the host Blue Jays.

Red Sox 12, Phillies 1 (8): Manny Ramirez hit his AL-best 20th homer, drove in five runs and made an impressive diving catch in host Boston's rain-shortened win.

Pedro Martinez (8-3) allowed one run — Jim Thome's major league-leading 25th homer — on two hits in seven innings.

Cardinals 5, Royals 2: Scott Rolen had a homer and three-run double and Matt Morris (8-6) pitched eight innings for St. Louis.

Twins 6, Brewers 3: Johan Santana (6-4) struck out 10 to win his fourth straight start and Cristian Guzman homered and scored four runs in homestanding Minnesota's third consecutive victory.

Padres 3, Mariners 2: Brian Lawrence (9-5) earned his ninth win, Phil Nevin hit a two-run single and visiting San Diego held off Seattle when pinch-runner Hiram Bocachica was caught making a wide turn off third for the final out.

Angels 13, Dodgers 0: Darin Erstad hit his first homer and drove in four runs, Jarrod Washburn and Derrick Turnbow combined on a four-hitter as the visiting Angels handed Los Angeles its fifth straight loss.

Reds 6, Pirates 4: Pinch-hitter Wily Mo Pena capped a six-run seventh with a grand slam, lifting the host Reds.

Bumpy road leads J. Gordon to pole

BY MIKE HARRIS
The Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — Jeff Gordon could hardly believe it.

After an unusually aggressive qualifying lap Friday at Infineon Raceway, the four-time NASCAR champion found himself on the pole for the Nextel Cup race on Sunday.

"I felt like I left the door wide open for some of those guys to put us back a few spots," Gordon said.

His lap included a trip through the dirt in Turn 2, bouncing over numerous curbs and nearly banging off the concrete wall on the outside of the final turn on the 1.99-mile, 10-turn road course.

"We're on a mission," Gordon said. "We're not happy with the way things have been going for us lately and all we can do is attack, attack, attack."

The Chevy driver took his second pole in a row, third of the season and 49th of his career with a time of 1 minute, 15.968 seconds, breaking the record of 1:16.522 set last year by road-racing specialist Boris Said. Gordon's speed was 94.303 mph.

Gordon, the 10th of 42 drivers who made qualifying attempts for the Dodge/Save Mart 350, chalked up the record to the newly repaved track and a new tire from Goodyear. But he was surprised nobody was able to beat a lap he acknowledged wasn't pretty.

"I got off the track a little bit over there in turn two," Gordon said. "I can't seem to get away from that spot on the racetrack. That's the same thing we did last year, just not quite as far off the track."

NASCAR's leading road race winner with seven victories has won three times here — twice from the pole.

Rusty Wallace and Kurt Busch also were quicker than Said's record, but couldn't match Gordon.

Wallace, driving a Dodge, was disappointed after running a lap of 1:16.072.

"When I saw [Gordon] go off course over there, I thought I could beat that," Wallace said. "I thought I threw a pole away with that one. I didn't have any problem, but I looked down and thought I had the emergency brake on. I just thought the car had a lot more in it."

Gordon waited nervously for other contenders, including Said, defending race winner Robby Gordon, Ricky Rudd and Tony Stewart to take their shot.

Jeff Gordon said he told crew chief Robbie Loomis, "I can't believe we're going to get this pole."

But all of them had problems, with Rudd qualifying 12th, Stewart 17th, Said 19th and the other Gordon 24th.

Robby Gordon, who also won the road race last summer in Watkins Glen, N.Y., shrugged off the poor qualifying effort.

"It doesn't matter," he said. "It's one lap. On Sunday, you just keep the fenders on the car and you'll be OK. It will make it exciting, though."

Dodge/Save Mart 350 lineup

NASCAR Nextel Cup
Friday's qualifying race Sunday
At Infineon Raceway
Sonoma, Calif.
Race distance: 218.9 miles, 110 laps
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 94.303 mph
2. (2) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 94.174.
3. (97) Kurt Busch, Ford, 93.852.
4. (6) Mark Martin, Ford, 93.701.
5. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 93.561.
6. (39) Scott Pruett, Dodge, 93.454.
7. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 93.435.
8. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 93.344.
9. (01) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 93.248.
10. (18) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 93.193.
11. (42) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 93.043.
12. (21) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 92.950.
13. (99) Jeff Burton, Ford, 92.824.
14. (0) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 92.713.
15. (5) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 92.680.
16. (38) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 92.540.
17. (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 92.459.
18. (49) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 92.361.
19. (36) Boris Said, Chevrolet, 92.326.
20. (8) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 92.144.
21. (19) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 92.124.
22. (12) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 92.113.
23. (88) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 92.004.
24. (31) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 91.898.
25. (22) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 91.891.
26. (40) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 91.885.
27. (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 91.823.
28. (30) Jim Inglebright, Chevrolet, 91.812.
29. (41) Casey Mears, Dodge, 91.801.
30. (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 91.777.
31. (50) P.J. Jones, Dodge, 91.631.
32. (61) Austin Cameron, Chevrolet, 91.260.
33. (77) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 91.245.
34. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 91.146.
35. (72) Tom Hubert, Chevrolet, 90.713.
36. (43) Jeff Green, Dodge, 90.591.
37. (02) Brandon Ash, Ford, 89.823.
38. (59) Klaus Graf, Dodge, 86.636.
39. (25) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, Provisional.
40. (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, Provisional.
41. (10) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, Provisional.
42. (32) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, Provisional.
43. (98) Larry Gunselman, Dodge, Provisional.

Failed to qualify

44. (89) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge.DNS.

Series leader Jimmie Johnson, whose car owner is Jeff Gordon, fared even worse, qualifying 34th. Dale Earnhardt Jr., who trails Johnson in the standings by just seven points, will start 20th.

"It's different because the track is a lot faster," Earnhardt said. "You've got to try to take it easy and not get over your head."

Yokota opens season with rare victory over Yokosuka

Stars and Stripes

USFJ-AFL roundup

If there's a changing of the guard under way in the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League, Yokosuka coach Isaac Lee isn't buying it, even after a landmark season-opening loss.

Jake Dowdell threw two first-quarter touchdown passes and the Yokota Raiders hung on to edge Yokosuka 14-10, securing their first win over the Seahawks since a 64-0 rout five seasons ago.

"We won't concede defeat," said Lee, whose Seahawks lost a season opener for the first time since 1996. "We don't want to be counted out just yet."

Meanwhile, James Coleman ran for 150 yards on 18 carries and scored on runs of 2 and 15 yards as the Misawa Marauders overwhelmed the Atsugi White Dolphins 52-0 in Saturday's other opener.

Yokota 14, Yokosuka 10

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Dowdell, the Raiders' offensive coordinator, hooked up with Xavier Reyes on a 47-yard scoring pass then tossed a 40-yard TD strike to Bruce Turner.

With both sides passing on nearly every play, the four-time defending champion Seahawks cut their deficit to 14-6 at halftime on Justin Victor's 57-yard scoring pass to Robert Trisby. Then Yokosuka's defense registered two safeties, one by Aaron Clay and the other by D.C. Preston.

With under four minutes remaining, the Seahawks took possession at Yokota's 40-yard line. But Victor scrambled for 9 yards on fourth and 10 with 2:32 left. The Raiders ran out the clock.

"The heart of a champion — when you get knocked down, you've got to get back up," said Lee, whose team hosts Atsugi on July 10.

Misawa 52, Atsugi 0

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Marauders dominated the line of scrimmage, paving the way for its season-opening blowout on a chilly, rainy afternoon.

"The offensive line did an outstanding job," Coleman said. "It was their show. I was just along for the ride."

"Everything went well," Misawa coach John Hemphill said. "We were pretty much able to do what we wanted."

Atsugi coach Ray Shabazz admitted his team couldn't overcome Misawa's menacing line or the rough conditions.

"They were physical on the line. You can see they've been hitting the weights," said Shabazz, adding that the day-long rain and coolish weather, with the temperature in the 60s, "kind of threw our game off."

Quarterback Andre Rice threw touchdown passes of 45 yards to Mike Jackson and 27 yards to three-time All-League receiver Terry Lang. Rice added a 1-yard TD run.

James Garcia contributed a 22-yard scoring run, John Pappas scored from 11 yards and Rodney McCullough ran 6 yards for another TD. Brandon Williams had a safety and Josh Rose made 11 tackles and intercepted a pass.

Williamses, Roddick to play in Olympics

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Serena and Venus Williams, Martina Navratilova, Jennifer Capriati and Andy Roddick head the U.S. Olympic tennis teams that were announced Saturday at Wimbledon.

Navratilova will be making her Olympic debut at 47, while Capriati will represent the United States in international team competition for the first time since a falling out with former Fed Cup captain Billie Jean King in April 2002.

The Williams sisters won the women's doubles in the 2000 Sydney Games, and Venus won the singles gold. They'll play singles and doubles in the Aug. 13-29 Athens Olympics. Capriati and Chanda Rubin will play singles, while Navratilova and Lisa Raymond will be the other doubles team.

Roddick, the U.S. Open champion who's ranked No. 2, will be joined on the men's squad by No. 20 Mardy Fish, No. 30 Vince Spadea and No. 31 Taylor Dent in singles, plus the top-ranked doubles team of twins Bob and Mike Bryan.

Roddick and Fish will play doubles together.

Greece '90 percent ready' to safeguard Games

ATHENS, Greece — Greece's top law enforcement official declared Saturday that security forces were "90 percent ready" to safeguard the summer Olympics and Athens will gradually lock down beginning July 1.

There have been more than 200 security exercises so far, testing hundreds of scenarios from hostage crises to attacks by chemical, biological and radiological weapons, Public Order Minister Giorgos Voulgarakis said.

"The Olympic security period" starts in five days to prepare for the Aug. 13-29 Games, he said. "The deployment of officers to their positions will have been completed."

"We are very pleased with the level of improvement that has been achieved so far, which has led us to be 90 percent ready and more," Voulgarakis said.

Athens will deploy 70,000 police and soldiers while also receiving help from NATO.

Texans, LB Babin agree to multiyear deal

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have agreed to terms with first-round pick Jason Babin, signing the linebacker out of Western Michigan to a multiyear deal.

Babin is the first first-round pick to agree to terms with an NFL team, the second time in three seasons the Texans have been the first team in the league to lock up a first-round pick.

Financial terms weren't immediately available.

Babin, a 6-foot-2, 260-pounder who was a star defensive end at Western Michigan, has agreed to a six-year contract, a league source said Saturday.

Red Wings coach Lewis signs one-year deal

DETROIT — Dave Lewis signed a one-year contract to return as coach of the Detroit Red Wings.

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The deal was announced Saturday during the NHL Draft in Raleigh, N.C. Terms were not revealed. Lewis' contract expired after the Red Wings were eliminated by Western Conference champion Calgary in the second round of this year's playoffs.

"We are very pleased to have Dave back in the fold for another season," General Manager Ken Holland said. "He has done a good job for us over the last two seasons and we look forward to him being back behind the Detroit bench next year."

Lewis, a former Red Wings assistant and player, became head coach after Scotty Bowman retired the night Detroit won its 10th Stanley Cup two years ago.

Lewis led Detroit to a 96-41-21-6 record in two seasons, but won only one playoff series. Both years, the Red Wings lost to the eventual West champion.

Harding takes pounding in boxing ring

EDMONTON, Alberta — Tonya Harding's new career as a boxer took a severe beating Friday, along with her face, as she was knocked out by Amy Johnson.

Boxing fans booed the self-styled spitfire of U.S. sports when she entered the ring and leapt to their feet cheering as she was pummeled by the 22-year-old Johnson.

Harding, 33, of Portland, Ore., was hoping to use Friday's bout as a launching pad for a big money title fight after trading in her figure skates for boxing gloves two years ago. But that dream took a bruising in the third round when she was pushed up against the ropes by Johnson and punched repeatedly in the face.

The fight was stopped at 1:04 of the round.

Harding, who made $25,000, said before the fight she hoped to exploit her bad-girl image in the ring.

"People made money off the bad-girl image and now it's my turn," said Harding. "I'm hoping that eventually I'll be able to pay my bills and that'll last for a couple months at a time and things like that."

Police investigate rape allegations at La Salle

PHILADELPHIA — Police were investigating a rape accusation against two members of the La Salle University basketball team and were also investigating an allegation of an attack by another player more than a year ago, police Commissioner Sylvester M. Johnson said Friday.

No charges were filed immediately in either case.

A 19-year-old woman told police that she was assaulted in a dormitory at about 1:30 a.m. Thursday, Johnson said. One man was questioned by investigators and released after giving a DNA sample and police were hoping to question the other one soon, Johnson said. Neither was identified.

"While there, they were informed that there was a possibility of another rape that occurred during April of 2003," Johnson said.

Another Wimbledon washout

Rainout erases break in fortnight; Ivanisevic retires

BY STEPHEN WILSON
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Wimbledon organizers scheduled play on the middle Sunday for only the third time in the tournament's 127-year history after rain washed out all matches for the second time this week.

After Saturday's rainout, All England Club chief executive Christopher Gorringe announced that matches will be held Sunday — traditionally a rest day in the two-week championships — to reduce the backlog.

The last time that happened was 1997, after no matches were played on the Thursday and Friday of the first week because of rain. The only other time matches were held on the middle Sunday was 1991.

"Ultimately, it's the club that makes the decision, but obviously we need to work with a lot of key people like the police and like the local authority," Gorringe said. "It's obviously a huge inconvenience for a lot of people."

Rain delayed play on Monday and Tuesday, and all matches were wiped out Wednesday in the first Wimbledon washout since 1997.

"We know the neighbors are not keen on us playing on the middle Sunday," Gorringe said. "We realize we live in a residential area. This is something which we ... have never wanted to do, but we're having to do it in order to try to conclude the championships on schedule, which is our main aim."

The decision clears the way for another so-called "People's Sunday" — with Wimbledon packed with thousands of fans who wouldn't usually have access to tickets. Prices are $64 for tickets at Centre Court, $55 for Court 1 and $27 for the outside courts.

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The second rainout in a week forced Wimbledon officials to schedule play in the middle Sunday of the event for only the third time in the tournament's 127-year history. The last time it happened was 1997.

"I think it's good for Wimbledon because it so often brings a different type of person to the championships, which is good," Gorringe said. "The experiences which we've had in the past have been very, very good. It should be very interesting and a good day tomorrow. Much younger."

On Friday, Goran Ivanisevic ended his colorful 15-year career on the same court where he won his only Grand Slam title as an unseeded wild card in 2001, beating Pat Rafter in a dramatic five-set Monday final.

Ivanisevic, who missed Wimbledon the past two years because of injuries, walked off Centre Court for the last time to a standing ovation after losing in straight sets to 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt.

"I still don't believe it's over, but I couldn't pick a better place, a better court," the 32-year-old Croat said after the third-round defeat.

Elsewhere, Andy Roddick and two-time defending champion Serena Williams won in straight sets, while French Open champion Anastasia Myskina and men's French Open runner-up Guillermo Coria were upset. Second-seeded Myskina was eliminated 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 by Amy Frazier and No. 3 Coria lost to Germany's Florian Mayer 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Ivanisevic was unable to defend his title in 2002 after undergoing surgery on his left shoulder and withdrew in 2003 after a knee injury. He struggled to get back this year for a 15th and final appearance. Even a one-sided 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 loss didn't dampen the moment.

"It was a victory for me to come here, play two matches and lose to a guy who is a Wimbledon champion," Ivanisevic said. "Everything was perfect — the weather, the crowd, the court. I just enjoyed myself."

The capacity crowd gave Ivanisevic a two-minute ovation. He soaked in the applause, saluted the fans and, at one point, took a long look around the arena.

"I focus on every inch of this court," he said. "I have great memories of this court and some bad memories. I lost three finals, but I think the last one was the best one."

Ivanisevic slipped on a No. 10 Croatian soccer shirt, drawing good-natured boos from the English fans, still smarting from their national team's quarterfinal elimination by Portugal in the Euro 2004 championship. But the cheers returned as Ivanisevic left the court for the last time.

"I'm going to miss everything," he said. "I'm going to miss the guys that I spent so many years with. I'm going to miss serving ace on 15-40, 30-40. I'm going to miss talking to the umpire, sometimes bad, sometimes good. I'm going to miss waiting for the rain to stop."

But he's also looking forward to taking it easy.

"No more painkillers, no more practicing, no more exercising," he said. "I just want to enjoy and be proud of myself, everything I did in the last 15 years."

Ivanisevic, who made his first appearance here in 1988, lost in the finals in 1992 (Andre Agassi), 1994 (Pete Sampras) and 1998 (Sampras). Then, ranked No. 125, he came out of nowhere in 2001 to become the first wild card to win a Grand Slam title.

TPC champ Scott leads Booz Allen

The Associated Press

Golf roundup

POTOMAC, Md. — Records continue to fall in the Booz Allen Classic, in which a day and a half of perfect conditions and impeccable greens helped Adam Scott post a 14-under-par score after two rounds.

Scott's 128 total bettered the 36-hole course record of 130 set by Fred Funk in 1998. Scott's bogey-free round of 62 on Friday included nine birdies, and he paused more than once trying to remember them all.

"That's a nice problem to have," said the 23-year-old Australian, the Players Championship winner in March. "At the start of the week, I thought there were birdies out there. I think the guys are going to keep it going for the weekend."

Charles Howell III set an 18-hole TPC at Avenel record with a 61 on Thursday. He followed with a second-round 69 and was two strokes off the lead, tied with Olin Browne (66).

Glen Day nearly outdid everyone. He was 10-under through 15 holes Friday, having holed out with a lob wedge from 88 yards for an eagle on the par-5 sixth. He needed two birdies in his last three holes to match the PGA Tour record of 59.

But a storm stopped play for nearly two hours. All that time to think — plus the wind that had kicked up by the time he resumed — helped doom Day to a par-bogey-par finish. He carded a 62 to match 1999 champion Rich Beem (67) at 11-under.

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Adam Scott's 36-hole score of 14-under 128 broke the tournament record of 130 set by Fred Funk in 1998.

Frenchman leads French Open

VERSAILLES, France — Jean-Francois Remesy matched the course record of 6-under 65 Saturday to take a three-shot lead after three rounds of the French Open.

Remesy, with a 12-under 201 total, will try to become the first Frenchman in 35 years to win this event.

Remesy's 65 over the remodeled Albatross course at French National equaled the course record set earlier in the day by England's Paul Casey.

Australia's Richard Green was second after a 66 gave him a 9-under 204 total. Ian Woosnam, the second-round co-leader with Remsey, struggled to a 73 and was at 5-under 208.

Saiki tops LPGA field

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Kim Saiki remained on course for her first LPGA victory in 13 years on tour, shooting a 4-under 68 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Rosie Jones after the third round of the Rochester LPGA.

Candie Kung, a three-time tour winner who was tied with Saiki after the second round, shot 73 and was five behind Saiki.

Annika Sorenstam managed only a 71 and was tied for fourth — six strokes back — with Becky Morgan of Wales, Mi Hyun Kim of South Korea and France's Patricia Meunier-Lebouc, who shot a 65, the day's best round.

Wie reaches semifinals of U.S. Women's Publinx

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Defending champion Michelle Wie played her best round of the week, beating No. 2 qualifier Jenna Pearson 5 and 4 on Saturday to reach the semifinals of the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship.

Capitals take coveted Ovechkin first in NHL Draft

BY MARGARET LILLARD
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Alexander Ovechkin became the second Russian player selected first in the NHL Draft when he was picked by the Washington Capitals on Saturday.

Ovechkin, 18, was the top-rated European skater by the NHL's Central Scouting department. He was praised by scouts for his speed, size and stickhandling as well as his willingness to play physically and defensively.

Washington earned the right to the top pick by winning the draft lottery following the regular season. After entertaining as many as 15 trade offers by clubs looking to move up to No. 1, the Capitals decided the best move was to draft Ovechkin.

"Ovechkin has always been number one," Capitals General Manager George McPhee said. "We could have done a trade for volume, but none of those players would have been as good as this guy."

He and Ilya Kovalchuk are the only Russian players to be chosen with the first pick. Kovalchuk, who tied for the NHL goal lead this season with 41, was picked by Atlanta in 2001.

"I'm very happy," Ovechkin said.

In 53 games last season for Moscow Dynamo, Ovechkin had 23 points (13 goals, 10 assists). His father, Mikhail, is a former professional soccer player and his mother, Tatiana, won Olympic gold medals in basketball in 1976 and 1980.

The Pittsburgh Penguins made it 1-2 for Russian players when they selected forward Yevgeny Malkin with the second pick. The 17-year-old forward had three goals and nine assists last season for Magnitogorsk.

Chicago chose the first North American, top-ranked defenseman Cam Barker of Canada, with the third pick. Barker, 18, had 21 goals and 44 assists last season for Medicine Hat of the World Hockey League and was captain of Canada's under-18 national team.

He has drawn comparisons to New Jersey All-Star Scott Stevens, a hard hitter.

"I know Scott Stevens is a great player," Barker said. "To even be mentioned in the same sentence is a great honor."

Carolina traded up with Columbus to the fourth spot to choose left wing Andrew Ladd, the top-ranked North American skater. Ladd, 18, had 30 goals and 45 assists last season for the WHL's Calgary Hitmen.

The Hurricanes gave their eighth and 59th spots in the first round to the Blue Jackets, prompting prolonged cheers from the near-full house at the RBC Center.

Last year, they got Eric Staal — also the top-rated North American skater — with the second overall pick.

Phoenix chose the first U.S. player with the No. 5 pick, taking Blake Wheeler of Minnesota. The right wing, ranked 17th among North American skaters, had 45 goals and 55 assists for Breck School last season.

The high school junior was projected to go late in the first round.

The New York Rangers took the draft's top-ranked goaltender, Al Montoya of the University of Michigan, with the sixth pick.

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No A-Rod? No problem

Young making sure Rangers don't have shortfall at shortstop

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas

The bucket of fan mail in the Texas shortstop's locker overflows with baseball cards and other memorabilia awaiting his signature.

No, it's not leftovers from Alex Rodriguez.

Michael Young has replaced the departed AL MVP as the fan favorite in Texas. More importantly for the surprising Rangers, he has made sure A-Rod hasn't been missed on the field.

Young switched to shortstop and is still one of the league's top hitters. He's also taken on an expanded leadership role for a team that isn't on the bottom in the AL West anymore.

"He's really grown as a team leader," first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "He speaks out when he has to. But the best leader is someone who leads by example. The best example he sets is when he's on the field."

Through the first 69 games, Young played all but four innings and was hitting .331 (fifth in the AL) with a league-best 34 multi-hit games from the leadoff spot. He had 10 homers and 45 RBIs, one more than Rodriguez had batting third in the New York Yankees' lineup. A-Rod hit .292 with 18 homers his first 69 games.

"He's having the same kind of year he had last year. He played Gold Glove second base and his production keeps going up," said Rodriguez, who doesn't believe his departure is the reason for the attention on Young. "It's the fact that they're winning," he said. "That brings more focus and attention to what you're doing."

Young refuses to call himself A-Rod's replacement. They were teammates and remain good friends, talking two or three times a week.

"I go out and try and play hard and do the things I know I can do well," Young said. "That's an added benefit of playing on a good team. I'm not really focused on what I'm doing."

When Rodriguez got his wish to be traded just two weeks before spring training, plenty of questions were raised for the Rangers:

■ Who would play shortstop?

■ What to do with two top-notch second basemen? Young had established himself as one of the league's best playing beside Rodriguez, and Texas got two-time All-Star Alfonso Soriano from New York in the deal.

■ How would the Rangers respond after losing one of the game's best players, the one just tabbed the second captain in franchise history?

A day before the first full-squad workout at spring training, Young answered the first two questions. He went unsolicited into manager Buck Showalter's office and said he'd play shortstop.

"That avoided a big stink for everybody. By doing so, he took a load off of a lot of people, but put a load on his back," outfielder Rusty Greer said. "I think his shoulders are wide enough to carry that load."

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Through the first 69 games of the season, Texas Rangers' Michael Young, above, had a higher batting average (.331) than Alex Rodriguez (.292), who Young replaced at shortstop when Rodriguez left the Rangers to sign with the New York Yankees during the offseason.

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