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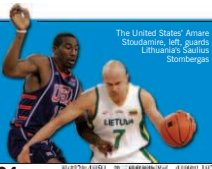

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Japanese protest carrier

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A flotilla of Japanese protesters surrounds the U.S. aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis as it sails into Sasebo Harbor in southern Japan on Saturday.

USS Stennis' arrival has citizens worried about nuclear carriers in Japan

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Protesters look out from one of about 20 fishing boats that encircled the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis as it arrived Saturday morning in Sasebo for a port visit to Sasebo Naval Base, Japan. "We don't know whatever it is they're protesting ... ," said Airman James Burks with Strike Fighter Squadron 115. "All their signs are written in Japanese. ... So we just wave."

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WTC American flag: An American flag that flew over the post office across from the World Trade Center was returned to Ground Zero on Thursday during a rededication ceremony for the newly restored post office.

The flag, which was found in the rubble of the trade center after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack, will be mounted in the lobby of the post office at 90 Church St. as a memorial.

National D-Day Memorial: The official who raised money to build the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal fraud charges.

Richard B. Burrow, 57, is accused of manipulating banks and the state of Virginia as part of an aggressive scheme to build the $25 million monument before its supervising foundation had enough money to pay for it.

The memorial already was in debt before President Bush helped dedicate it on July 6, 2001, the 57th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II. In the following months Burrow stepped down, and foundation officials acknowledged they owed $7 million.

Courtney Love case: Courtney Love pleaded innocent Friday in Los Angeles to a felony assault charge for allegedly attacking a woman with a liquor bottle at her ex-boyfriend's home in April.

The mercurial rocker was composed in court, responding to Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Dennis Mulcahy's questions with "yes" or "no." Outside, she appeared shaken while talking with reporters.

A preliminary hearing was set for Oct. 7.

Abandonment case: U.S. State Department officials learned that seven American children had been abandoned at a Nigerian orphanage but waited more than a week to check on the youths, who were suffering from malnutrition, malaria and typhoid.

A person whom the State Department would only identify as a "local contact" in Nigeria told the consulate in Lagos about the children on July 30.

But a consular official saw the children for the first time on Aug. 7.

State Department spokeswoman Kelly Shannon said she did not know why it took so long for a consular official to personally check the Nigerian government's assurances that the three boys and four girls were safe and well cared for.

Nader's candidacy: Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader suffered setbacks this week as election officials in Virginia, Maryland, Illinois and Missouri all denied him access to state ballots this fall.

In each case, officials said Nader campaign workers either did not submit enough valid signatures on ballot petitions or failed to follow proper procedures.

Pakistani immigration case: The immigration case against a Pakistani citizen arrested by a police officer who spotted him videotaping uptown Charlotte, N.C., skyscrapers could go before a federal grand jury Monday.

An attorney for Kamran Akhtar, George Miller, had until Friday to request a probable cause hearing for his client on immigration charges.

Miller did not request such a hearing, said Suellen Pierce, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office. Miller did not return a telephone message left at his office Friday.

The next step for prosecutors is to present the case to a grand jury, Pierce said.

Mars rovers: A view from one of the two rovers exploring the planet Mars is shown during a news conference on the latest findings at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. After spending 160 days traversing a plain and climbing a steep hill, the Mars explorer Spirit is finding the first strong indications of significant quantities of water at Meridiani Planum. Spirit's twin, Opportunity, has found evidence of water halfway around Mars in Gusev Crater, but until now Spirit has had less success.

Business

Enron trials: Enron founder Kenneth Lay doesn't want to go to trial alongside his one-time protégé, former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

The feeling is mutual.

Both argue in court filings — Skilling in papers filed Friday, Lay last week — that the allegations against them thinly overlap if at all, so they should be tried separately.

World

Pinochet secret account: A Chilean judge has questioned Gen. Augusto Pinochet about the former dictator's secret bank account in the United States containing as much as $8 million, judicial officials said Friday.

Pinochet, 88, answered questions during an appearance last week before the judge investigating the source of the money, said a court official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Congo war crimes: Leaders of a Burundian rebel group have said they are ready to defend themselves in an international court against war crimes charges after taking responsibility for the massacre of 163 refugees.

The spokesman for the National Liberation Force, Pasteur Habimana, continued to claim responsibility for the massacre of the Congolese Tutsis, who were living in a U.N. camp inside Burundi.

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Stennis greeted by protesters in Sasebo Harbor

By Greg Tyler
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Approximately 150 Japanese protesters riding in about 20 fishing boats expressed their opposition Saturday morning to the arrival of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis.

As the massive carrier and crew of about 6,200 eased into Sasebo Harbor, the protesters' boats cut through the water along both sides of the ship while they shouted phrases such as "Get away carrier!" into megaphones.

The Japan Coast Guard and a unit of riot police in a small motorboat were in position between the Stennis and the protesters, each fishing boat plastered with bright red flags and banners, some with English slogans including, "We protest CVN-74 carrier in! [sic]"

Military helicopters buzzed overhead the entire time keeping an eye on the protesters' movements below.

Despite all the activity surrounding the Stennis, there was no discernible reaction to the protest from the ship and sailors. Crewmembers wearing white uniforms stood at parade rest around the edges of the 4.5-acre flight deck as the ship dropped anchor.

"I just kind of look at the protesters as if they're saying, 'Hi.' Then I just wave back," said Airman James Burks with Strike Fighter Squadron 115. "Honestly, we don't care.

"Really, nobody pays much attention. We don't know whatever it is they're protesting and don't care. All their signs are written in Japanese; whatever they're saying is in Japanese. So we just wave," the Huntsville, Ala., native, said after a quick shopping stop at Sasebo's Navy Exchange Mini-Mart.

"Last time I was here, when I was on the Lincoln (USS Abraham Lincoln, August 2002), some of them threw apples at us," he said. "Of course, they couldn't throw them that far, and the Japan Coast Guard stopped it pretty quickly."

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One of about 20 fishing boats carrying Japanese protesters who oppose the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis visiting Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, cuts through the Sasebo Harbor water about 150 yards from the ship as it arrives Saturday morning.

Spokesman Lt. Corey Barker said Saturday was the first time the Stennis has seen any protesters while deployed.

"The demonstrators are expressing their right of free speech, which is guaranteed them in a free society. The U.S. Navy and the JMSDF (Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force) serve to protect those very freedoms," Barker said.

The less-than-cordial greeting in the harbor seems to have done little to dampen the crew's excitement about the port visit.

"The officers, men and women of the USS John C. Stennis are very excited to be visiting Sasebo," said the ship's commander, Capt. Dave Buss.

"For many, including myself, this will be our first visit to this part of Japan. We have heard nothing but wonderful things about the warm hospitality, rich history and vibrant culture associated with Sasebo City and Nagasaki Prefecture," Buss said.

The Stennis will remain anchored in Sasebo through Tuesday; none of the ship berthing areas along the India Basin is suitable for an aircraft carrier.

The protest organizers — leaders from the Social Democratic Party of Japan and Peace Action Center of Nagasaki — believe the Stennis port call, considered with the Lincoln's 2002 visit, points to the U.S. Navy planning the permanent basing of a nuclear aircraft carrier in Japan after the USS Kitty Hawk is decommissioned in 2008.

Cmdr. John Wallach, spokesman for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan, wrote Friday in response to a Stars and Stripes query that there is no decision about the location of a nuclear-powered carrier in Japan.

"No final decisions have been made regarding the replacement of USS Kitty Hawk. The U.S. Navy routinely evaluates options regarding assignments for Pacific Fleet ships, including forward deployed naval forces," he stated.

The San Diego based-aircraft carrier, along with Carrier Air Wing Fourteen, the destroyer USS Howard and the replenishment ship USNS Ranier are visiting Sasebo through Tuesday, and the frigate USS Ford is in port in Tokyo, according to CNFJ.

The purpose of the port visits, Navy officials say, is to allow the ships to replenish and conduct maintenance while giving crewmembers a chance to participate in friendship and goodwill activities.

Masato Shinozaki, one of the protest organizers, said he isn't sure why the ship has a port call in Sasebo.

"To tell you the truth, I don't know," Shinozaki said. "Japanese newspapers report … the nuclear carrier has been participating in an exercise for about a month, and there needs to be a place to rest the crew and to supply the ship."

However, he said, Sasebo is not configured to handle an aircraft carrier. "Maybe it would be better if the ship went to port elsewhere, such as Pusan, South Korea, Hong Kong or the Philippines." This leads him to believe there are "other reasons" for the visit, Shinozaki said, adding there would be other protests about the Stennis visit.

"One possible reason, as many say, is to show their presence to the people in Japan with the home port of a nuclear carrier in mind after the USS Kitty Hawk is retired in 2008. I can't agree with that idea; I am against nuclear carriers because of safety reasons," he said.

"I am against using force of arms to achieve peace," he added. "And I am opposed to using armed forces as means in achieving stability in East Asia."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Eaton, who's transferring to a shore duty in California directly from the Sasebo port call, agreed with shipmate Burks about protests.

"We see this kind of thing on occasion — sometimes. It just depends on where we are," said the Bakersfield, Calif., native.

"I think they probably think we carry nuclear weapons," Eaton said.

"[The ship] is no more dangerous than nuclear power plants, and there are so many safety precautions … and I understand about half of Japan is powered by those,"said Burks.

"But this is 'American' nuclear power," he said, "and not 'Japan' nuclear power."

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Group helps Misawa spotlight first nonstop trans-Pacific flight

By Jennifer H. Svan
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — A group of Americans from Washington state is working with Misawa city officials to bring attention to the first nonstop trans-Pacific flight.

In 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon Jr. took off in Bellanca "Skyrocket" airplane from Sabishiro Beach in Misawa, and 41 hours and 15 minutes later landed in Fancher Field in Wenatchee, Wash.

The feat was the basis for a friendship that developed years later between the two cities, both of which now send delegations to each other's countries every year for a week of cultural exchange.

Thirty-two civic leaders, parents, teachers and students from Wenatchee arrived in Misawa last week and stayed with host families. They also toured Misawa Air Base on Friday, where they ate lunch with servicemembers, tried on flight suits and saw an F-16 up close.

In Misawa city, the Americans slept on futons, ate miso soup, learned about proper tea ceremony etiquette and practiced writing kanji — all because of one flight more than 70 years ago.

And while that Pacific jaunt holds special meaning for two cities on opposite shores, Pangborn and Herndon — unlike Charles Lindbergh, the first pilot to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo — are virtual unknowns, said Bob Parlette, a pilot and Wenatchee attorney who was among the Washington state delegation.

"No one knows the story in the U.S. except real history buffs," he said last week during a stop at Misawa Air Base.

Parlette and the Spirit of Wenatchee Committee want to change that. Parlette led efforts by Wenatchee's local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association to rebuild a replica of Miss Veedol, the name given to Pangborn and Herndon's plane. It took five years and more than $400,000; Misawa donated about $70,000 to the cause and a Tokyo businessman gave about $250,000, Parlette said.

The Spirit of Wenatchee Committee now wants to reenact Pangborn's and Herndon's journey around the world, including the trans-Pacific flight from Misawa to Wenatchee; Parlette notes that the pilots fell short on their attempt to circle the globe.

Committee members hope to launch the Miss Veedol replica, with a retired Air Force pilot at the controls, from Misawa next summer. But Parlette concedes it might not be until 2006, since the committee is having trouble acquiring liability insurance for the plane in certain countries.

Parlette said that by reenacting the flight, the committee wants to give Pangborn and Herndon their due place in the history books and strengthen the ties between the people of Japan and Wenatchee.

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Tech. Sgt. Chance Nichols, a lead standardization crewmember with 35th Maintenance Group at Misawa Air Base, Japan, shows Wenatchee, Wash., resident Sam Couey F-16 ammunition at Misawa on Friday.

"We sell timber, apples and fresh produce to Japan," Parlette said of Washington state. "We're hoping that this effort will strengthen the friendship and economic ties between the two areas."

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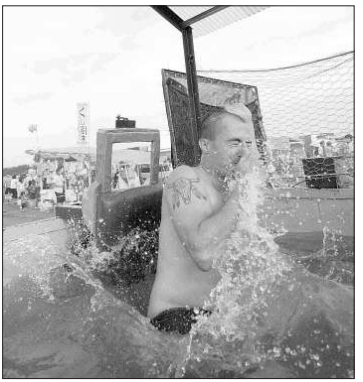
Japanese visitors flock to Yokota festival



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Staff Sgt. Adam Light, from the 374th Maintenance Squadron, takes a plunge in the dunk booth during the Friendship Day Festival on Saturday at Yokota Air Base, Japan. The base expected to host more than 100,000 visitors during the two-day festival featuring aerial demonstrations, aircraft displays, music, food and games

BY VINCE LITTLE
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Tens of thousands of visitors poured through Yokota's Supply Gate and onto the base flightline Saturday for the opening day of the 54th annual Japanese-American Friendship Festival.

The two-day event was expected to draw up to 140,000 people.

The festival's first day included aerial demonstrations, static aircraft displays, live entertainment on indoor and outdoor stages, karate and more than 200 booths featuring games, food and concessions. Relatively moderate weather also enhanced the setting, unlike a year ago when organizers and participants battled temperatures in the upper 90s.

"Everything is flowing really well today," said 1st Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman. "The Japanese people are very courteous, and they're happy to get what you can give them. It's been great.

"I expected it to be pretty hectic, but we've had no major problems at all. Took me by surprise a little, but so far, everything has been awesome."

There were no serious heat-related incidents Saturday, he added, and only a handful of people had to be treated for minor cuts and bruises. Adequate medical facilities were set up, complete with translators, and an ambulance from a nearby Japanese hospital was also in place to handle any emergencies.

A highlight Saturday showed up in the skies overhead, when a Japanese Air Self-Defense Force parachute team jumped out of a C-130 — along with other skydivers from the Army and Navy.

"For the first time ever, the JASDF jumped out of a U.S. C-130 on a U.S. air base in Japan," Comer said. "They did regular static jumps and a HALO (High-Altitude, Low-Opening) jump from 10,000 feet, with maneuverable parachutes on. That was pretty neat."

Along the flightline, Japanese visitors flocked to the booth put together by the 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron, standing in line for up to 90 minutes Saturday to get a steak dinner that included corn, chips and a drink — all for $10.

"That's been the same price for the last five years," said Maj. Richard Hirsch, the squadron's commander. "I've seen lines that take two hours. We've been using this same ugly booth for five years now. ... The folks tell us they come back because they recognize it, and they know what they're going to get.

"These guys work hard to make it all happen. They grill a good steak, and it smells good."

Standing over the sizzling rows of meat, Tech. Sgt. Eric Birnbaumer said the squadron will serve about 2,000 steaks during the festival.

"It's the best steak in the house," he said. "You see that line — it's gonna be like that all day long. Tomorrow, too."

On Sunday afternoon, a highly popular Japanese rock band called The Cools was scheduled to film a music video at the festival.

"They have a big following here," Comer said, "and they wanted to film their new video right here at the Friendship Festival.

"All the bands have been really big. We had to turn some away because we were overwhelmed by the initial requests to play here."

The festival's fireworks finale was slated for Sunday night over the Yokota runway near Hangar 15.

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Above: A pilot shakes hands with visitors to the Friendship Festival while sitting in the cockpit of an A-10 Thunderbolt.
Left: Festival attendees wait in a line to board a C-130 Hercules.

Typhoon Aere expected to swoop by Okinawa on Thursday

Typhoon Chaba causes Kitty Hawk, Gary to cut short Guam visit, leaving sailors behind

BY DAVID ALLEN
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — On Saturday, military bases on Okinawa started bracing for the "storm."

Typhoon Aere, which means "storm" in the language of the Marshall Islands, was located some 635 miles south-southwest of Okinawa on Saturday night and traveling northeast at 14 mph, according to the 18th Weather Flight on Kadena.

The storm was upgraded to typhoon status at 3 p.m. Saturday, with winds at the center blowing a steady 75 mph and gusts whipping up to 95 mph. A forecaster at the weather flight said winds of 57.5 mph or greater were expected on Okinawa all day Thursday. The strongest winds were expected to peak at about 86 mph at noon Thursday.

According to a forecast issued Saturday night, bases on Okinawa were expected to enter Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness 3 early Tuesday and TCCOR 1-Emergency by midnight Thursday.

Rain was forecast from Monday night to late Thursday. Typhoon Aere is expected to make its closest pass some 95.5 miles to the southeast at noon Thursday.

A forecaster at the 18th Weather Flight said Typhoon Aere is being followed a bit further to the southeast by Typhoon Chaba, which was located about 410 miles east of Saipan on Tuesday night and traveling to the west at 12.6 mph. Winds at the center of the storm, named for the Thai word for the hibiscus flower, were clocked at 80.5 mph.

Chaba also caused the USS Kitty Hawk and frigate USS Gary to cut short their port visit to Guam on Saturday. Due to their unplanned early departure, "a small number of the ships' crew did not return to the ships in time for departure," according to a Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas press release. Those members who missed their ships' departure were directed to a local hotel according to the release.

"When two storms are in such proximity, they can have the tendency to influence each other, to either build in intensity or rotate around each other," a forecaster said Tuesday night. "But at this moment we do not see that happening. They are maintaining their own environment."

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Shiite militants hold fast to Najaf shrine

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI
The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr kept their hold on a revered shrine Saturday as they bickered over the terms of its transfer to religious authorities, further prolonging more than two weeks of fighting with U.S. forces here.

As the crisis persisted, brief but heavy clashes broke out near the Old City and Najaf's vast cemetery, the center of much of the previous violence. Witnesses said a blast hit the street more than 50 yards from the sacred Imam Ali Shrine compound. The cause of the explosion was not clear.

The clashes, punctuated by gunfire and explosions, lasted about 45 minutes before petering out. Marine Capt. Carrie Batson said U.S. troops came under mortar attack in the Old City and destroyed two militant mortar positions with gunfire and an Apache helicopter attack. Still, the level of fighting in the city in recent days — as the militants made moves to end the crisis — was far less than it had been.

Meanwhile, a series of attacks targeting U.S. and Iraqi forces throughout Iraq on Saturday killed a U.S. soldier, a Polish soldier and five Iraqis. Militants have been using car bombs, assassinations, sabotage, kidnappings and other attacks in a 16-month insurgency aimed at destabilizing the country.

But the violence in Najaf, which had spread to other Shiite communities, posed the greatest risk to the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. Government officials had threatened to raid the mosque to set an example to other insurgent groups, but such an operation risked turning the nation's majority Shiites against the government.

The crisis appeared on the verge of resolution Friday, when insurgents decided to remove their weapons from the shrine, where they had been taking refuge, and turn the holy site over to representatives of Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani.

But the transfer bogged down Saturday amid arguments over its implementation; al-Sadr aides said they tried to give the shrine's keys to al-Sistani's representatives, who refused to accept them.

"If the brothers in the office of ... al-Sadr want to vacate the holy shrine compound and close the doors and hand over the keys, then the office of the religious authority in Najaf will take the keys for safekeeping until the crisis ends," Sheik Hamed Khafaf, an al-Sistani aide, said from London, where the cleric is undergoing medical treatment. "We cannot receive the shrine compound unless they agree to this formula."

Sheik Ali Smeisim, al-Sadr's chief lieutenant, said the militants would not leave until a delegation from al-Sistani's office inspects the shrine to ensure its treasures are intact, so they could not be accused of taking anything.

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Followers' faith in al-Sadr starting to fade

Onetime loyals criticize cleric's use of shrine in battle against U.S. troops

By Todd Pitman
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr has emerged from a bloody, two-week showdown with U.S. forces with his militia intact but his heroic image in question.

Now that the fighting is over, some Shiites are criticizing al-Sadr as a dangerous maverick who threatened one of their faith's most-cherished shrines.

Battles between al-Sadr supporters and American troops erupted in Najaf on Aug. 5 but eased substantially Friday as al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia withdrew its weapons from the holy city's Imam Ali Shrine, which they used as a refuge for launching attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces.

al-Sadr

Al-Sadr — young and street-smart — was never popular in Najaf, where older clerics including Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, hold sway.

Now, after devastating violence that killed scores of civilians and chipped a wall surrounding the beloved, gold-domed shrine, the firebrand cleric is liked even less.

"Najaf … now serves as an example of war and destruction. This is all because of Muqtada and his followers," said 37-year-old Najaf resident Mohammed Saad. "They have brought us destruction. We hope they'll leave the city as soon as possible."

During the standoff, Iraq's interim government threatened to raid the shrine compound and destroy al-Sadr's militia as an example to other insurgents throughout the country. But such a raid would have been risky; any serious damage would infuriate the world's 120 million Shiite Muslims and could turn even moderate, middle-class Shiites who shun the radical cleric against the government.

But al-Sadr is a legend among impoverished Shiites who see him as a champion of the underdog. His star shines brightest in the slums of Baghdad's Sadr City — named for his late father — and in poor areas of the Shiite south.

His survival after a second bout with U.S. forces — he led a two-month uprising in the spring — could only increase his following.

"Without any doubt, it's making him a hero," Juan Cole, a University of Michigan expert on Iraqi Shiites. "He's become a symbol of opposition to the continuing American occupation of Iraq."

But even in Sadr City, support for al-Sadr may be slipping.

Backed by helicopter gunships, U.S. forces have battled Mahdi Army fighters in the district for nearly two weeks in fighting that has left dozens dead and cut off most electricity.

"His followers are hiding among our houses and causing a lot of damage by their random shooting," said Jassim Mohammed, a 27-year-old college student. "Nobody respects him now."

So far at least, al-Sadr has managed to keep his militia intact, despite a government ban. And by Saturday, his militants remained in the shrine — though reportedly without weapons.

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A Mahdi soldier reads prayers from the Imam Ali shrine Saturday during clashes between Muqtada al-Sadr's loyalist and U.S. and Iraqi forces in the besieged city of Najaf. The radical Shiite cleric's use of the shrine as a fortress for his militia has alienated many Shiites and Najaf residents.

Al-Sadr's uprising has proved to be a serious thorn in the interim government's side, but National Security Adviser Mouwaffaq al-Rubaie told CNN the government didn't view al-Sadr as strategic threat or a terrorist on level with Sunni insurgents waging a guerrilla campaign since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

Al-Rubaie reiterated the government's long-standing demand that al-Sadr disband his militia and fight his battles in the political arena.

"The political process and democracy in Iraq is so accommodating that it can and will accommodate even the most extremist group, including Muqtada al-Sadr," he said.

Al-Sadr's rebellion began after the U.S.-led occupation authority closed his newspaper, arrested a key aide and announced a warrant for his arrest in the April 2003 murder of a moderate cleric in Najaf.

U.S. commanders who once vowed to "capture or kill" al-Sadr have tacitly agreed to let Iraqi authorities deal with the cleric and Iraq has made no move to arrest him.

Al-Rubaie said he was not aware of any outstanding warrant against al-Sadr.

Oil experts chide KBR

AMMAN, Jordan — Iraqi oil experts on Saturday rebuked an American firm helping rehabilitate Iraq's oil industry, saying it has failed to do an adequate job in the vital sector.

KBR, which was contracted through the U.S. Department of Defense, "has not done an excellent job, it has not done a good job at all," said Mohammed Aboush, a former director-general of the Iraqi Oil Ministry.

Mustafa al-Bazergan, an Iraqi oil expert, said the United States allocated $809 million through KBR — based in Houston, Texas — for rebuilding Iraqi oil installations and rehabilitating the oil industry. "But very little was achieved, less than 10 percent," he said.

Iraqi air force debuts

BAGHDAD — Iraq's new air force took to the skies this week for the first time since the U.S. invaded last year and disbanded the country's armed forces, the U.S. military said.

Iraqi pilots on Wednesday flew two Seabird Seeker SB7L-360 reconnaissance aircraft on what the U.S. military described as "limited operations missions intended to protect infrastructure facilities and Iraq's borders."

The two light reconnaissance planes are the first of a fleet that will eventually number 10 aircraft, the military statement said Friday.

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IN THE STATES

Kerry, Bush camps trade barbs over ads

Polls show attacks on military record hurting Kerry, who files complaint with FEC

BY DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attacks on John Kerry's war record may be beginning to have an impact, polls suggest, amid raised voices and new TV ads on a subject at least temporarily dominating debate in the close U.S. presidential race.

Democrats are laboring to deflect the questioning of Kerry's record with fresh ads touting his fitness for national command, even as the White House mocks the Massachusetts senator as "losing his cool" over claims he lied to win military medals in Vietnam.

Kerry wasn't going to let such claims pass, spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter shot back on Friday, saying, "John Kerry is a fighter and he doesn't tolerate lies from others."

The anti-Kerry group that provoked the furor with a recent commercial distributed a second ad to the news media and said it would begin airing it next week in Pennsylvania, Nevada and New Mexico. The ad mixes clips of a youthful Kerry talking about war atrocities in testimony to Congress in 1971 with images of veterans condemning his remarks.

The Kerry campaign filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission that alleged the group behind the ad was illegally coordinating its efforts with the Bush-Cheney campaign. It cited "recent press reports" and the group's own statements.

Kerry

The Bush campaign denied the allegation, as did the organization that aired the ad.

Campaigns often file complaints with the FEC, but the commission rarely intervenes quickly enough to alter the course of a race.

The intense late-August back-and-forth underscored the closeness of the race for the White House and came as polls offered the first hint that the questioning of Kerry's medal-winning service in the Vietnam War — allegations that he strongly condemned this week as lies — were taking a political toll.

One poll found that more than half the voters questioned had seen or heard of an ad by Swift Boat Veterans For Truth that accused Kerry of lying about events that earned him five medals a generation ago.

The University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election Survey also found that 44 percent of self-described independent voters found the ad at least somewhat believable.

Separately, a CBS poll found a sharp drop in Kerry's support among veterans since the end of the Democratic National Convention that highlighted his war record.

Bush

Polls after the convention indicated Kerry had made considerable progress toward the campaign's goal of establishing him as a battle-tested veteran ready to assume command in an era of terrorism. Several veterans who served with him have campaigned alongside him, strongly supporting his combat record and calling him a hero.

In a new commercial that officials said was filmed Thursday, the Democratic Party showed retired Air Force Gen. Merrill A. McPeak saying he had endorsed President George W. Bush four years ago but was backing Kerry now.

"Nothing is more important to me than protecting America," says McPeak, a fighter pilot in Vietnam who rose to become Air Force chief of staff during the first Persian Gulf War in 1991.

"John Kerry has the strength and common sense we need in a commander in chief."

That message is sharply at odds with the image portrayed in the anti-Kerry ad that the nominee denounced Thursday when he said Bush was relying on front groups to "do his dirty work."

"I do think that Senator Kerry losing his cool should not be an excuse for him to lash out at the president with false and baseless attacks," White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters in Crawford, Texas, on Friday.

"We've already said we weren't involved in any way in these ads," he said. "We've made that clear."

Kerry's campaign then trumpeted a political flier from Florida advertising a "pro-USA political rally" that appeared to show the veterans' group and the local Bush-Cheney campaign as sponsors.

Records show that Bob Perry, a Houston homebuilder who is helping to finance the anti-Kerry commercials, was well-enough known to Bush to earn an invitation to visit the then-Texas governor.

"I hope all goes well with you," Bush said in an April 15, 1997, letter. "Should you ever come to Austin, please come by and say hello."

Bush wrote in response to a letter asking him to veto legislation that would have placed new restrictions on title companies if it made it out of the Texas Legislature.

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Mistaken identity

Hundreds report false no-fly list matches

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A United Airlines representative assists travelers at Chicago O'Hare International Airport earlier this month. Hundreds of passengers have complained to the Transportation Security Administration about their names erroneously being on the government's watch list.

BY SARA KEHAULANI GOO
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For more than a year and a half, Rep. John Lewis has endured lengthy delays at the ticket counter, intense questioning by airline employees and suspicious glances by fellow passengers.

Airport security guards have combed through his luggage as he stood in front of his constituents at the Atlanta airport. An airline employee has paged him on board a flight for further questioning, he said. On at least 35 occasions, the Georgia Democrat said, he was treated like a criminal because his name, like that of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., appeared on a government terrorist watch list.

While Kennedy managed to get security officials to end his airlines hassles after three weeks of trying, Lewis had no luck for months.

Then he found his own way around the security mess.

Lewis added his middle initial to his name when making his airline reservations. The computer system apparently didn't flag tickets for "Rep. John R. Lewis," and the hassles suddenly ended.

"The 'R' is the only thing that has been saving me," Lewis said from Atlanta on Friday.

Hundreds of passengers — possibly thousands — have contacted the Transportation Security Administration complaining that the government's secret watch lists are unfairly targeting innocent travelers and causing travel headaches. Just last month, more than 250 passengers sought to have their names removed from the list.

But even more disconcerting, some of these travelers and security experts say, is that the system can be easily circumvented by a simple adjustment to one's name.

"The no-fly list assumes that dangerous people are going to use the same name the government thinks they use. If I'm Osama bin Laden, I'm going to use a fake ID when I go on an airline and hijack it," said Aaron H. Caplan, attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union. "The whole notion that keeping a list of names contributes to safety is kind of questionable, especially when terrorists use aliases all the time."

Some passengers who were told that their names matched others on the watch lists said they have been tipped off by airline employees who were embarrassed and apologetic about having to delay them when the passengers were known to the employees.

John W. Lewis, a 76-year-old doctor who lives in Camden, Maine, said he was stopped and questioned before several Continental Airlines flights to Houston, where he teaches a course. When he arrived for his usual flight in June, airline agents had some advice for him. "They said, 'You're not on the list, but your name is, and if you change your name, it will be okay' " Lewis said.

So he changed the name on his credit card and his airline tickets to "Dr. John W. Lewis," but it has not eliminated the problem entirely, he said. Airline agents still stop him when he checks in at the ticket counter, he said. But no one raises any questions on the return trip. He said he has contacted Maine Sen. Susan Collins (R) and Rep. Lewis to try to fix the problem permanently. "I can't believe we are all on the hit list," he said, referring to people named John Lewis.

The no-fly list is a collection of names from the FBI and intelligence agencies that is managed by the TSA and delivered to airlines. Each airline has its own system for matching the names.

A Department of Homeland Security official said that Kennedy and Rep. Lewis were not on the no-fly list but that similar names had popped up on another, more extensive airline terrorist watch list.

Security experts said the government's no-fly list and other watch lists of known terrorists come up with false matches because they are based on antiquated technologies and are unevenly administered by airline employees instead of security personnel.

"What is flawed in the identification system is the administration of this list," said TSA spokeswoman Yolanda Clark. The agency is working to replace the existing system with one that is more ambitious, but it is not clear when it will be ready.

Firehouse sex reported

NEW YORK — A woman accused several firefighters of raping her in their firehouse, though police later said it was unlikely any charges would be filed.

Fire officials said Friday that the woman had acknowledged to investigators that the sex was consensual. Two firefighters were suspended.

The 34-year-old woman called an ambulance early Friday morning and reported that she had been raped by several firefighters inside the quarters of a firehouse in the Bronx, the officials said, on condition of anonymity.

Doubts about the woman's story developed during the day, and police said there was insufficient evidence of a crime.

Texas inmate goes free

LUFKIN, Texas — A 76-year-old man who spent nearly every day of the last four decades in prison walked free after a judge found that deputies extracted his confession to a 1962 robbery by crushing his fingers between cell bars.

After walking out of the Angelina County jail Tuesday with his wife, Robert Carroll Coney said he was not bitter.

"I'm going to try to pick up the pieces," Coney said. "If I was angry, what could I do about it?"

Coney was convicted of robbing a Safeway supermarket in 1962 and sentenced to life in prison. Many times he escaped from facilities in other states — including South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi — only to be recaptured each time. He was returned to the Texas prison system last year.

Coney said his identity had been confused with a man he had carpooled with through Lufkin on the day of the robbery.

Storm injures campers

HAMPTON FALLS, N.H. — A powerful storm ripped through a family campground, trapping campers under downed trees and injuring at least nine people.

Police said the narrow, localized thunderstorm cell caused extensive damage at the park.

He said it took about an hour to free one camper after a tree landed on his trailer.

From The Associated Press

IN THE WORLD

Bangladesh bombs kill 14 and injure hundreds at rally

BY FARID HOSSAIN
The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A series of bombs exploded at an opposition rally in Bangladesh's capital Saturday, killing at least 14 people and injuring hundreds, witnesses and news reports said.

The blasts occurred as the main opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina, was addressing the rally from atop a truck outside her Awami League party's headquarters in central Dhaka. She was unhurt, her party said.

At least 14 people were killed and more than 300 injured, including senior opposition members, United News of Bangladesh reported.

The death toll could increase as some of the injured were in critical condition, hospital doctors said, adding that one opposition member, Ivy Rahman, had lost her legs.

No one claimed responsibility for the blasts, but Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil claimed they targeted Hasina. Visibly shaken, Hasina crouched low in the truck soon after the first blast, a witness said.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia condemned the "dastardly attack on a political rally," and said her government will try to find those responsible.

"People were covered with blood. Many injured were crying for help," said Mohammad Yasin, a rickshaw driver near the scene of the blasts.

"It was so ghastly and so terrible that I've no words to describe," said Farook Khan, an opposition lawmaker who was standing close to Hasina.

"It seemed to me that some of the bombs were thrown from multistory buildings near the scene," he said, estimating that at least 15,000 people were at the rally when the explosions happened.

Doctors at Dhaka's state-run hospital appealed for blood and said they were overwhelmed with the arrival of so many injured people.

Angry opposition supporters smashed or burned dozens of passing vehicles to protest the attack. Police fired tear gas to disperse the rampaging crowd, witnesses said.

Police and paramilitary troops patrolled the streets in central Dhaka as protesters took to the streets, shouting anti-government slogans. Violence spread to a dozen other cities and towns, where protesters smashed vehicles and attacked shops, witnesses said.

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An Awami League activist cries after a series of bomb blasts hit Saturday in Dhaka, Bangladesh. At least 14 people were killed and hundreds hurt, including senior opposition members.

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Elderly visitors look at a carved relief of Deng Xiaoping on Saturday in Guangan, Deng's hometown, in southwest China. Deng, former leader of China from 1978 to 1989, was born Aug. 22, 1904, in Sichuan Province; several official events will be carried out for the 100th anniversary of his birth nationwide.

China's late, revered leader Deng gains status as pop culture icon

BY STEPHANIE HOO
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Known as the father of a two-decade-long economic boom and crusher of the 1989 pro-democracy movement at Tiananmen Square, Deng Xiaoping has an unlikely new role: pop culture icon.

His face beams from wristwatches and tea sets. He's the star of a popular Beijing exhibit. His hard-scrabble hometown has been turned into a tourist attraction with a museum to his storied career.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the late supreme leader's birth Sunday, China's government is pulling out all the stops to promote the image of the chain-smoking communist guerrilla.

The Communist Party pins its claim to legitimacy on rising public prosperity, and riding on Deng's coattails helps promote loyalty to the party at a time of public discontent with corruption and official abuses.

The propaganda campaign is a paradoxical fate for Deng. He disdained the cult of personality cultivated by communist founder Mao Zedong, whom he succeeded in 1976 but whose portrait still hangs in homes throughout the country.

In a sense, Deng still rules from beyond the grave following his death in 1997, having picked not just his successor, Jiang Zemin, but China's current president, Hu Jintao.

For all those who mourn the bloodshed of the military attack on the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests, Deng's commitment to "reform and opening up" has lifted millions out of poverty.

At the National Museum, Deng fans jostle for free tickets, crowd the souvenir stand and snap each other's picture in front of a giant poster of the leader, who was barely 5 feet tall.

In Guang'an, Deng's hometown in the southwestern province of Sichuan, the government has built parks and a concert stage.

Study: Plantlike creature may be oldest animal form

BY DAVID PERLMAN
San Francisco Chronicle

They look for all the world like feathery plants anchored to the bed of an ancient, long-vanished sea, but to fossil hunters they are the oldest evidence of complex life forms that ever emerged on Earth.

And — most probably — they represent the world's first true animals, according to Guy Narbonne, a paleontologist at Queen's University in Ontario who discovered the latest examples of the strange and controversial creatures.

Known as rangeomorphs, they were a worldwide clan that lived and evolved nearly 600 million years ago, thrived briefly, and then faded to extinction long before a time — millions of years later — when animal forms in all their variety exploded into existence and began the long eons of evolution.

Narbonne reports that he has found "an exquisitely preserved fossil assemblage" of the creatures in a rock formation along the fogbound shore of northeastern Newfoundland. When alive, they must indeed have been animals, he concludes in a report published in the current issue of the journal Science.

James Valentine, a noted University of California-Berkeley expert on the evolution of long-extinct organisms, agrees that the fossils were once truly living animals — feeding and reproducing but not necessarily moving from place to place. They are perhaps descended from even more ancient sponges, he said.

The rangeomorphs lived from 560 million to 575 million years ago, in a geologic period known as the Ediacaran. As Narbonne said in an interview Thursday, "They ruled the earth for 15 million years before they vanished inexplicably."

The succeeding period, the Cambrian, took center stage from 460 million to 543 million years ago. That was a time, known as the "Cambrian explosion," when virtually every variety of ancestral animals — hard-shelled, leggy or soft-bodied — emerged in what to geologists and paleontologists classify as a brief time span.

The origins and evolution of complex organisms have long been a subject of great controversy among scientists who seek the enigmatic fossil evidence for early life.

But in a commentary on Narbonne's report, also published in Science, two Oxford University paleontologists say his discovery suggests that "the study of the life history and growth plan of these fossil animals could provide a Rosetta stone for decoding [ancient] animal evolution."

Oxford's Martin Brasier and Jonathan Antcliffe declare Narbonne's strange plantlike creatures "were not ancestral to Cambrian life at all," but "were uniquely fashioned beasts that met their doom at the end of the Precambrian" — a broad span of time from Earth's formation to the beginning of the Cambrian period.

FACES 'N' PLACES

Queen of Soul to fete Clinton library

Little Rock, Ark., will get a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T when **Aretha Franklin** performs Nov. 16, as part of the festivities leading up to the Clinton Presidential Library's grand opening.

"This is huge," **Skip Rutherford**, president of the nonprofit foundation building the $165 million library, said Wednesday. The library's grand opening will be two days after Franklin's concert.

"The challenge has always been to get people here. This concert helps. It will add to the national stature of Little Rock and Arkansas, add to the city becoming a cultural masterpiece," he said.

Franklin is slated to sing for more than 80 minutes, accompanied by the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and her own band.

Anniversary party for the Ramones

Hey! Ho! Let's Go! ... to the **Ramones'** anniversary party.

On Sept. 12, the punk band will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a concert at the Avalon Theater in **Hollywood, Calif**. The previously announced "very special guest band" will be the **Red Hot Chili Peppers**, concert producer **Arturo Vega** said Thursday.

CJ Ramone

CJ and **Marky Ramone** will perform the band's classics such as "I Wanna Be Sedated" and "Blitzkrieg Bop." They will be joined by special guests **Eddie Vedder, Henry Rollins** and **Pete Yorn**. **Rob Zombie** will host the concert.

The 30th anniversary of the Ramones is traced back to what the band considers its birth: its first concert at New York's CBGB on Aug. 16, 1974.

New Benji recovering from eye surgery

After undergoing cataract surgery, the canine star of "Benji: Off the Leash!" is doing press stops this week with writer-director **Joe Camp** to promote the movie's national release.

The 3½-year-old **Benji**, who still has an inflamed left eye, appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" to promote the latest installment of the popular dog saga.

Benji

"It will probably be a couple of weeks before we have a real prognosis on how much of her sight will return," Camp said Wednesday.

He said Benji's medical problems occurred while they were touring the country, screening the film in select cities.

"Benji: Off the Leash!" tells a tale similar to the real Benji, who wandered the streets before being picked up by county animal control. She was "discovered" at the Humane Society of Southern **Mississippi** in 2001.

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MANILA $488~ 8/26-9/17,20,24 (MON,THU,FRI)
EUROPE $798~ 8/22-9/20 (MON,THU,FRI)
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(W ECONOMY+HOTEL) 9/1-17,21-20 (SUN-FRI)
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LOS ANGELES $710~ 9/24-9/30
BANGKOK $775~ 9/1-9/30
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HONG KONG $650~ 9/1-9/30
HONOLULU $660~ 9/22,29
SEOUL From AOMORI $440~ 9/1,8,15,22,29
EARLYBIRD SPECIAL From MISAWA
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MANILA $710~ 10/1-10/31
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TOKYO 2DAYS $328~
OSAKA/KYOTO 3DAYS $390~
OKINAWA 3DAYS $473~
INTERNATIONAL PACKAGE
*INCLUDES AIR & HOTEL (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) TRANSPORTATION (AIRPORT AND HOTEL)
*TAX IS NOT INCLUDED
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From Misawa HONG KONG 4DAYS $808~
From Misawa SINGAPORE 4DAYS $825~

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YOUR MONEY

Satirical Onion branching out

Weekly newspaper plans to expand distribution to new markets

BY LEON LAZAROFF
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Sean Mills doesn't get upset when people look at his product and laugh. In fact, sometimes he can't keep a straight face himself.

After a particularly long July day working on the launch of a new Twin Cities edition of his wacky weekly, The Onion, president Mills glanced at the latest copy of the paper and broke into a smile. The headline read, "Devious Rabbit Tricks Bush Into Signing Gun Ban."

"You have these hard days and then you have those 'ah-ha' moments that remind you that you work at The Onion and the product you sell is like nothing else out there," said Mills, 31.

"We are huge believers in satire, but kidding aside, this comes down to marketing and advertising, just like any other business."

The move into Minneapolis-St. Paul marks The Onion's first new market since its editorial staff relocated from Madison, Wis., to Manhattan in mid-2001. Yet if Mills has his way, it won't be the last.

The Onion started a Milwaukee edition in 1994 and did the same in Chicago four years later. The newspaper also is localized for Madison; Boulder, Colo.; Denver; and New York City.

By early 2006, Mills would like to expand to San Francisco, Boston and Austin, Texas. Further down the line, Atlanta, Washington and Ann Arbor, Mich.

Those lofty goals are likely to be the free tabloid's greatest challenge in its 15-year history. Other publications with an eye for satire, such as National Lampoon, Spy and the Clinton-era spoof, Slick Times, were unable to sustain their initial popularity.

"The Onion began as this small, avant-garde publication, and if they do anything to lose that feel, say getting too big or too flashy, they could lose their readership," said Melissa Pordy, an independent media consultant in New York. "They have to be very strategic."

Adds Samir Husni, a University of Mississippi journalism professor and expert on magazines: "Once The Onion establishes itself as something of a chain, they are going to find that the local alternative weeklies in each of these cities are going to step up their competition for local advertising dollars."

The move into the Twin Cities had been put off for nearly two years. But a 30 percent jump in first-quarter advertising revenue over the same period in 2003 gave Mills and majority owner Michael Schafer confidence that an expansion could be financed.

This year, holding company Onion Inc. says The Onion newspaper, Web site, book publishing, The Onion Radio Network and merchandise sales will generate about $7 million in revenue. Starting next year, company revenues will grow at a rate of 25 percent, said Schafer, chairman of the $1 billion Schafer Cullen Capital Management fund, and Onion Inc.'s revenues should hit $21 million by 2009.

"For years, they had done a great job using a little cash here and a little cash there to keep it running. But that's not a long-term strategy," said Schafer, an Indiana native who first bought into Onion Inc. in 2000. "It just needed some discipline on the business side."

That meant working more directly with advertising agencies and paying closer attention to expenses.

A lot has changed since The Onion was first published in 1988 by two University of Wisconsin-Madison students on notebook-size paper with advertising that consisted of coupons for draft beer and pizza deliveries.

These days, the lampoon distributes 320,000 copies a week. Mills said each copy is read by at least three people, producing a total "passalong" rate of roughly 1 million.

The Web site, he said, receives about 3.6 million unique visitors a month. A more meaningful count than the old "hits," unique visitors are individual computer users who logged onto the site one or multiple times during a certain period.

Though The Onion is based in New York City, advertising and entertainment listings give it the feel of a local publication.

A reader picking up an edition in Chicago or Boulder will find about two-thirds of its advertising from local establishments: an assortment of nightclubs, restaurants, tattoo joints and laser hair removal shops.

If advertising revenue, both local and national, can continue to grow, Mills said The Onion can do more things and create more business opportunities.

"We're a little bit better staffed than a few years ago," Mills said. "Instead of people wearing 20 hats, now they wear 10."

Learning alphabet of laptop language

Q. In looking for a new laptop, I have come across "802.11s capabilities" and no one seems to know what it means. Can you tell me? — Burt Brown

A. Cutting to the chase, it's a fine rule of thumb to assume that whatever flavor computer manufacturers offer for 802.11 wireless computer networking devices will be adequate for regular Internet use.

Here's some background: Wireless computer networking started with 802.11a, which had a small range because of issues that experts say has to do with the 5-gigahertz frequency used and with the way this standard slices and dices data as it moves across relatively short distances. Devices built to this standard can move data quite fast, up to 54 million bits per second but lack the range of 802.11b.

With 802.11b, wireless networking became almost a household word because it used the better-focused (so I am told) 2.4-GHz frequency and because it relies on a simpler method to move data that extends the range to 100 to 150 feet.

The next wireless development, 802.11g, builds on the b flavor but moves data five times faster. This makes it possible to use 802.11g equipment as full-fledged computer networks rather than mere Internet receiving stations. The 802.11b standard peters out at 11 megabits per second, which still is far faster than the roughly 1.5 mbps that data is delivered from the Internet.

The big deal about 802.11s is that it is a "meshed" standard, and it all boils down to the idea that it tolerates what the scientists call hip-hopping of signals. Thus, it can stay connected to devices like cell phones and the new Bluetooth gear that moves data wirelessly only a couple of feet.

The good news is that most 802.11 standards are backward-compatible, so whatever you get works with the rest of the stuff even if it doesn't move information as fast.

Ask Jim

Jim Coates

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FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week High	52-week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
10,753.65	9,226.47	Dow Jones Industrials	10,110.14	+69.32	+.69	-3.29	+6.14
3,212.45	2,605.50	Dow Jones Transportation	3,090.87	+38.44	+1.26	+2.79	+17.01
288.27	234.84	Dow Jones Utilities	286.97	+.79	+.28	+7.52	+21.44
6,798.12	5,533.35	NYSE Composite	6,414.67	+42.04	+.66	-.40	+14.65
1,278.81	956.65	Amex Index	1,225.99	+4.04	+.33	+4.47	+26.53
2,153.83	1,706.93	Nasdaq Composite	1,838.02	+18.13	+1.00	-8.25	+4.12
1,163.23	983.57	S&P 500	1,098.35	+7.12	+.65	-1.22	+10.60
618.46	497.10	S&P MidCap	572.96	+7.47	+1.32	-.53	+12.84
606.42	471.92	Russell 2000	547.92	+10.48	+1.95	-1.61	+12.85
11,371.14	9,510.91	DJ Wilshire 5000	10,665.33	+87.99	+.83	-1.24	+10.95

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Lucent	335167	3.19	+.02
NortelN lf	278894	3.86	+.12
GenElec	162572	32.65	-.30
Rouse	159931	66.45	+16.94
HewlettP	133488	18.11	+.40
Pfizer	132695	31.74	+.26
MicronT	127264	11.96	+.40
FordM	123749	14.11	+.30
ExxonMbl	116390	45.25	+.16
Motorola	113910	16.05	+.43

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGold rs	75987	14.00	+.39
SPDR	441568	110.44	+.73
SemiHTr	154888	30.29	+.95
QMkt2000	57389	109.02	+1.90
BernaGold	53314	2.66	-.02
DIIA Diam	51160	101.25	+.40
WheatR g	31668	2.86	+.05
Nabors	29395	43.05	+.75
RetailHT	28119	89.94	+.40
ChkIspan	26127	9.87	+.19

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel	537193	21.25	-.39
Cisco	566931	18.88	-.22
Microsoft	439386	27.20	+.08
CienaCp	255761	2.07	+2.6
ApldMatl	251293	16.02	+.14
Oracle	238340	12.23	-.11
Qualcom s	214684	37.20	+1.69
Cybernetic	193393	16.10	+4.63
Yahoo s	170538	28.61	+.50
MarvellT s	161344	23.58	+2.26

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Alliant Technosystem	...	14	58.52	+.38	+1.3
Armor Holdings	...	35	36.50	+.49	+37.6
Boeing	.80	16	50.46	+.21	+19.7
Computer Sciences	...	16	45.07	+.37	+10.1
Engineered Sup Sys	.07	19	42.35	+1.26	-23.1
General Dynamics	1.44	18	97.44	+.24	+7.8
General Electric	.88	22	32.65	-.06	+5.4
Halliburton	.50	...	28.75	+.55	+10.6
Harris Corp.	.40	23	46.71	+.76	+23.1
Allied Signal	.75	22	35.41	+.46	+5.9
L-3 Communications	.40	15	69.45	+.34	+10.8
Lockheed Martin	.88	21	54.26	+.21	+5.6
Northrop s	.52	20	51.41	+.31	+7.6
Raytheon	.80	75	34.69	+.89	+15.5
Rockwell Intl.	.52	20	38.30	+.42	+7.6
Sequa Corp.	...	38	50.80	+1.32	+3.7
Texas Instruments	.20	20	19.90	+.05	-32.3
Textron Inc.	1.30	33	63.33	+.46	+11.0
United Technologies	1.48	18	94.02	+1.23	-.9

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	YTD %Ret.
Fidelity Invest: Growinc	35.64	+.23	+.3
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	67.66	+.54	+.8
Amer Century Inc: Ultra	26.15	+.22	-1.9
Fidelity Spartan: Equin	39.05	+.26	+.5
Putnam Funds A: GrInA p	17.77	+.14	+.3
Fidelity Invest: Asset Mg	13.91	+.06	+.2
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	29.14	+.34	-3.0
AIM Investments A: Const p	20.24	+.16	-5.9
Fidelity Invest: USBI	11.51	-.01	+2.4
Fidelity Invest: Oversea	30.27	+.05	-3.3
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOpgT	27.62	+.18	-3.6
Fidelity Advisor T: EqInT	26.19	+.21	+1.5
Scudder Funds S: GrowCS	19.91	+.11	-.5
Putnam Funds A: GlbEqty p	7.40	+.03	-.8
AIM Investments A: WrldgA p	11.52	+.09	-4.0
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	11.87	+.06	-.3
Merrill Lynch I: BalCapI	26.44	+.14	+.5
Scudder Funds S: Intl FdS	37.68	-.16	-2.3
Fidelity Advisor T: OverseaT	15.14	+.03	-4.3
Lord Abbett A: DevGtA p	13.50	+.27	-10.0
Scudder Funds S: Income S	12.52	-.01	+2.3
Merrill Lynch I: USGvrMtg	10.28	--	+.8
Scudder Funds S: Dreyl	17.18	+.19	-.3
Putnam Funds A: GlGvA px	12.49	-.03	+1.5

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Aug. 23)	107.00
S. Korean won (Aug. 21)	1,126.00
Euro	$1.2669
British pound	$1.87
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	$1.8179
Canada (Dollar)	1.2971
Denmark (Krone)	6.0505
Egypt (Pound)	6.2300
Euro	$1.2307
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7992
Hungary (Forint)	203.42
Iceland (Krona)	71.045
Israel (Shekel)	4.5372
Japan (Yen)	109.19
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2945
Norway (Krone)	6.7090
Philippines (Peso)	55.77
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7500
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7083
S. Korea (Won)	1153.20
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2517
Thailand (Baht)	41.44
Turkey (Lira)	1,470,588.00

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

PRECIOUS METALS

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Gold	$413.20
Silver	$6.866

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.50
3-month bill	1.49
30-year bond	5.03

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

Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Shop around for airfare

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — When it comes to buying airline tickets, it often pays to shop around.

Where you'll get the best value depends on what you're looking for, according to Richard Copland, president and chief executive of the American Society of Travel Agents.

Most Internet travel sites are commodity-based, so finding a cheap flight usually is quick and easy.

But if you're looking for a hassle-free itinerary, a travel agent can provide support and alternatives if weather or any other unplanned events alter your trip.

If your trip is as simple as hopping one flight from point A to point B, you can probably make those arrangements yourself.

"You don't need a rocket scientist for that," Copland said. But when you can't get a non-stop flight, he added, a travel agent can help coordinate connecting flights — finding the shortest layover, the shortest total flight time or the cheapest fare.

Check the prices you find on the well-known travel sites against the prices at the airline's own Web site. The airline may not have the lowest price, but it may offer additional benefits, such as free miles or an upgraded seat if you book directly through the carrier.

The Wall Street Journal reports that you should also compare prices for different fare classes. Some carriers offer last-minute deals on first-class seats.

One caveat to booking online: Travel scams abound. If a fare sounds too good to be true, or the Web site seems less than professional, double-check the price with the airline.

MONDAY EVENING / AUGUST 23, 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	Pacific Report	60 Minutes (CC)		Cold Case "Disco Inferno" Rush and Valens discover a bullet-riddled body in a burned-out discotheque. (CC)		24 "Day 3: 5:00-6:00 PM" Jack starts a riot to break Ramon Salazar out of prison. (CC)		Pacific Report	Late Show (CC)		Guiding Light (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today Today's anchors perform Olympic feats; Joan Read. (CC)				Recess (EI) (CC)	Digimon: Digital Monsters (CC)	DragonflyTV (CC)	Even Stevens "Gutter Queen"
8	NEWS	Fox Magazine		Access Hollywood (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS	•(4:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.		•SportsCenter		•XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Diving final, women's platform; track and field finals, men's 100m, high jump, triple jump, hammer throw, women's marathon, wheelchair, 400m hurdles semifinals.							
10	SPEC	Average Joe: Adam Returns Runner-up Adam Mesh gets a second chance at love. (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Justice" A notorious judge's stepdaughter is raped and murdered. (CC)		Monster Garage "Hearse Revisited" The team from the first hearse show is resurrected to fix mistakes. (CC)		Scientific American Frontiers Astronomers discuss dark matter and dark energy. (CC) (DVS)		★★★ "Play Misty for Me" (1971, Suspense) Clint Eastwood, Jessica Walter, Donna Mills. A psychotic listener develops a fatal attraction for a DJ.			
14	TMC	(:15) ★★ "Chasing Holden" (2001, Drama) DJ Qualls, Rachel Blanchard, Colin Fox. A troubled student goes in search of author J.D. Salinger. 'R' (CC)				★★★ "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (1988, Comedy) Steve Martin, Michael Caine, Glenne Headly. A British con man challenges an American rival to a contest. 'PG' (CC)				★★½ "When a Man Loves a Woman" (1994, Drama) Andy Garcia, Meg Ryan, Lauren Tom. Alcoholism threatens to tear a San Francisco family apart. 'R' (CC)			
24	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog The Howards move.	Dragon Tales Cassie can't win at the fair. (E)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer Struggle for stability in Iraq. (N) (CC)		Antiques Roadshow "Boston, Massachusetts" An antique French fashion doll with clothing and accessories.		The Bicycle Corps: America's Black Army on Wheels (CC)		The Magic Never Ends: The Life and Work of C.S. Lewis (CC)		Charlie Rose Robert S. McNamara. (N) (CC)	
25	SHOW	(6:15) ★★ "Ghoulies" (1985) Peter Liapis. 'PG-13'	(:45) ★ "A Guy Thing" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Jason Lee, Julia Stiles, Selma Blair. A groom-to-be wakes up next to his fiancee's cute cousin. 'PG-13' (CC)				★★½ "Barbershop" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson, Cedric the Entertainer. A barbershop owner considers selling his establishment. 'PG-13' (CC)			(:15) ★★½ "Martin Lawrence Live: Runtaldat" (2002, Comedy) Martin Lawrence. The comic performs his standup routine in Washington, D.C. 'R' (CC)			
27	A&E	City Confidential Bill McArthur is suspected of murdering his wife but never indicted. (CC)		American Justice "Deadly Magnolia" Patricia Allanson allegedly pushed her husband to kill. (CC)		Secret Life of a Serial Killer Bodies buried in yard. (CC)		Family Plots Celebrating Emily's birthday. (CC)	Growing Up Gotti Victoria gains weight. (N) (CC)	Airline An elderly woman may miss her plane. (N)	Airline "Times Change" Retiring pilot's last flight.	Crossing Jordan "Perfect Storm" Snowed in, Jordan and Garret search for a cure for a mysterious toxin. (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	(:15) Tanging Ina		Misadventures of Ariel and M	(:45) The Correspondents		Good Morning Kris	(:15) Kumikitang Kabuh Ayan	(:40) Masayang Tanghali Bayan			(:10) Sarah...Teen Princess	(:40) Mangarap Ka
30	CNN-I	Larry King Weekend (CC)		CNN World News	•World Sport	Business International		Asia Tonight	•World Sport	CNNI World News	•World Sport	Biz Asia	Business International
31	GOLF	•PGA Golf Nationwide Tour -- Alberta Calgary Classic -- Final Round. From Calgary.					•Golf With Style	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•Golf PGA Championship -- Final Round.	
32	TLC	Clean Sweep "Ready? Set? Purge!" Placing enthusiasts' messy house is spiraling out of control. (CC)		In a Fix (CC)		Trauma: Life in the ER "The Long Haul" Trauma team at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Ore.		Body Work (N)		Body Work "My Big Ears" Keeping the practice number one.		Trauma: Life in the ER "The Long Haul" Trauma team at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Ore.	
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon Cartoon shorts.		Scooby-Doo All Star Laff-A-Lympics	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries One of Steve's oldest and dearest animal friends passes away. (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)	Growing Up... "Clouded Leopard" Surrogate raises clouded leopard cubs. (N)		Animal Games Animals compete in Olympic-like events.		Miami Animal Police "Cockfighting Crackdown" A gator heads for a mall; cockfighting farm put out of business.		Growing Up... "Clouded Leopard" Surrogate raises clouded leopard cubs.	
36	COM	Late Night Jada Pinkett-Smith; Sahara Hotnights. (CC)		The Daily Show Natalie Portman. (CC)	Mad TV Melina Kanakaredes guest stars. (CC)	★★½ "Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie" (2003, Comedy) Performances by Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and others. (CC)				Blue Collar TV "Family" (CC)	Blue Collar TV "Real Bachelors"; "Rescue 911."	The Daily Show Bill Clinton. (N) (CC)	Tough Crowd (N) (CC)
40	NGC-A	Mission Wild Zoo rebuilds tamarin population.	Africa From the Ground Up Young white rhino.	Toyota World of Wildlife "Caribbean"	Planet Wild	Be the Creature "Lemur" Searching for lemurs.		Earth Report "Sri Lanka"	Animal Edens "Giants in a Shrinking World"	Realm of the Great White Bear Polar bears from Svalbard find their home in the Arctic.		Built for the Kill "Poison" Animals that carry poison.	
42	SPIKE	Real TV (CC)	Real TV (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		•WWE Raw Scheduled: Triple H continues to wreak havoc. (CC)				(:05) The Joe Schmo Show "T.J. Needs TP"	
43	FOX	Fame Danny plans to help his childhood hero, Bronco Bob, regain his self-esteem.		Blind Date Editor; trapeze. (CC)	Blind Date Temporary tattoos; bowling. (CC)	North Shore "Burned" Nicole needs cheering up after leaving her fiance at the altar. (N) (CC)		Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy Wives from opposite coasts trade houses and spouses. (CC)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)		Cagney & Lacey "To Sir With Love" Lt. Samuels is selected to receive a coveted award. (CC)	
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"			BET.com Countdown	★★★ "Sequeza" (1997, Drama) Tyrone Burton, Eddie Cutanda, Phuong Duong. Three teens run for their lives after a botched drug deal.				Club Comic View Presents		BET Nightly News (CC)	College Hill
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Taillight's Last Gleaming" Sipowicz's feelings about his firstborn son's murder surface. (CC)		Cops Follows five cops at work and at home. (CC)	Cops Follows five cops at work and at home. (CC)	Nancy Grace Live Peterson trial. (Live)		Forensic Files Crime-fighting computers.	Forensic Files A brother shoots his sibling.	The Investigators "JonBenet: A Second Look" JonBenet Ramsey, 6, is found murdered in her home.		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice "Miami Vices" Dead rich man's wife accused of conspiracy.	
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Just Shoot Me (CC)	The King of Queens (CC)	Still Standing (CC)	Yes, Dear (CC)	Becker (CC)	Boston Public (CC)		Just Shoot Me (CC)	The King of Queens (CC)
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls Dorothy and Sophia take a trip.	The Golden Girls Sophia invests in a lighter. (CC)	"Wounded Heart" (1995, Drama) Paula Devicq, Stuart Whitman, Jon Hensley. A Wall Street whiz returns to Texas after her dad's stroke. (CC)				★★½ "Miracle Run" (2004, Drama) Mary-Louise Parker, Aidan Quinn, Zac Efron. Premiere. A single mother fights for her autistic twins' education. (CC)				The Golden Girls The neighbors' marriage falters.	The Golden Girls The ladies adopt an elderly pig.
51	ABCFAM	Full House Jesse and Joey go camping. (CC)	Full House D.J.'s new job has its price. (CC)	7th Heaven "Regarding Eric" Lucy's developmentally challenged friend wants to join traveling puppeteers		★★★ "Top Gun" (1986, Drama) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Anthony Edwards. Navy pilots take to the skies to compete for high honors.				Whose Line Is It Anyway? News-casters. (CC)		700 Club Improve your golf game. (N) (CC)	
53	HIST	The Gunboats of Vietnam (CC)		Modern Marvels "Cannons" The self-propelled Crusader. (CC)		UFO Files "Crop Circle Controversy" Crop circles. (CC)		Deep Sea Detectives Japan's new secret weapons sends a U.S. ship to the bottom. (CC)		Investigating History Lithuanian construction workers uncover a Napoleonic mass grave. (CC)		Vanishings! Official may have faked suicide. (CC)	Vanishings! Pilot disappears in 1935. (CC)
57	STR-MV	(5:40) Movie			(:20) Movie			Movie				(:15) Movie	
58	ADV 1	•(5:30) Himalayan Encounters	Into the Dragon's Teeth Climbers travel to Vietnam to climb "Dragon's Teeth."		Chasing Time "Hasya Yoga laughter club.	Return to Everest Sir Edmund Hillary and the people who live near Everest.		Going to Extremes: Wet		•Surfer's Journal The surfing films of John Severson.	Chasing Time Hasya Yoga laughter club.	Return to Everest Sir Edmund Hillary and the people who live near Everest.	
59	MTV	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Direct Effect		The Assistant	The Assistant	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (N) (CC)	The Assistant (N)	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica
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

Morning
8:35 Olympics: Women's Marathon (1)
Afternoon
1:30 U.S. Movie (2000): Submerged (2:00)(12)
2:05 Olympics: Track and Field, Women's Wrestling, Women's Marathon, Diving -- Springboard (1)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 News (1)
7:00 Ultimate Fighting: Pride GP 2004 (8)
7:30 Olympics Highlights (1)
9:45 News (1)
10:00 Nikita (42)
10:00 Olympics: Women's Wrestling, Synchronized Swimming, Gymnastics (12)
10:25 Olympics: Softball (1)
12:15 Olympics: Track and Field (1)
12:50 MIL Highlights (6)

JAPAN TV (BS7)

Morning
7:00 World News Hour
8:00 Olympics: Basketball Women: Japan vs. Greece/ Track and Field/ Tennis
Afternoon
12:00 Olympics: Marathon Women
2:30 CNN News
2:35 World Golf Championship: NEC Invitational
4:00 Olympics: Track and Field
Evening
7:00 Olympics: Diving
8:20 Olympics: Basketball Men: U.S.A. vs. Angola
10:20 Olympics: Wrestling
11:15 CNN News
11:20 Olympics: Wrestling
2:20 Olympics: Gymnastics
5:00 Olympics: Diving/ Beach Volleyball

JAPAN TV (BS11)

Morning
8:25 World News
9:50 Aerobics
10:00 Classical Music: Juilliard Concert in New York
Afternoon
3:00 British Movie (1961): Mysterious Island (1:45)
Evening
7:00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (1976): Murder by Death (1:40)
10:00 TV Series: ER IX
1:05 U.S. Movie (1985): Young Sherlock Holmes/ Pyramid of Fear (1:50)

WOWOW

Morning
6:45 Oswald #50
7:30 TV Series: Friends
8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): About Schmidt (2:10)
Afternoon
1:00 U.S. Movie (2001): The Last Castle (2:14)
3:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Prince William (1:34)
5:30 Oswald #50 (r)
5:50 U.S. Movie (1976): Rocky (2:01)
Evening
10:00 Ultimate Fighting Championship
12:00 U.S. Movie (1968): Monterey Pop (1:24)
1:30 U.S. Movie (1972): Fillmore (1:50)
3:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Path to War (2:50)

MTV

Morning
6:00 Wake Up
7:00 Guest Friday
8:00 Top Choice
9:00 Pure Music
10:00 Special: Punk'd Marathon #5
10:30 I-Catch Special
11:00 Top Choice
Afternoon
12:00 Rocks
1:00 Classic
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Avril Lavigne: Summer Sonic 2004 Special
2:30 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
4:00 Top Choice Selection: Rock
5:00 buzzASIA Concert in Korea
Evening
6:00 Fresh Monday
7:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry
9:00 Summer Sonic 2004 Express #1
10:00 Rocks
11:00 Live
12:00 Classic 90's
1:00 M Size Fresh Monday
2:00 Top Choice
2:30 Check the Rhyme
3:00 After Hours

The Pacific Forecast

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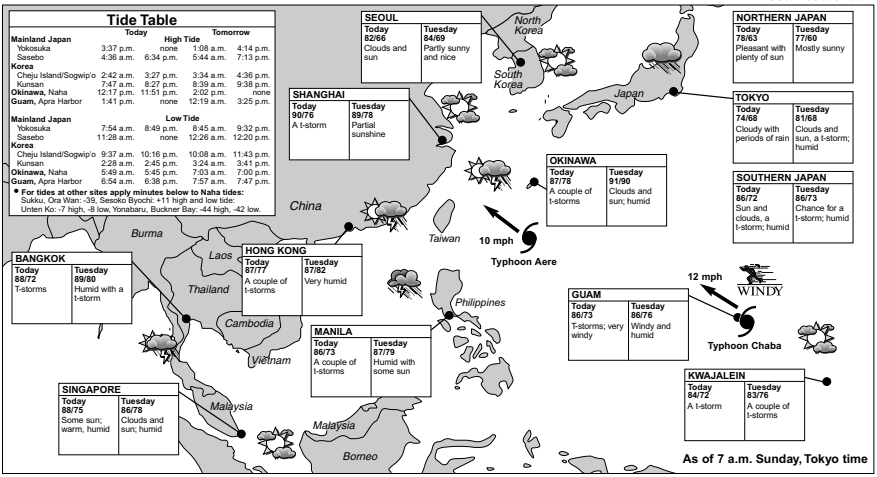
Tide Table

	Today		Tomorrow	
Mainland Japan		**High Tide**		
Yokosuka	3:37 p.m.	none	1:08 a.m.	4:14 p.m.
Sasebo	4:36 a.m.	6:34 p.m.	5:44 a.m.	7:13 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	2:42 a.m.	3:27 p.m.	3:34 a.m.	4:36 p.m.
Kunsan	7:47 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	8:39 a.m.	9:38 p.m.
Okinawa, Naha	12:17 p.m.	11:51 p.m.	2:02 p.m.	none
Guam, Apra Harbor	1:41 p.m.	none	12:19 a.m.	3:25 p.m.
Mainland Japan		**Low Tide**		
Yokosuka	7:54 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	8:45 a.m.	9:32 p.m.
Sasebo	11:28 a.m.	none	12:26 a.m.	12:20 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	9:37 a.m.	10:16 p.m.	10:08 a.m.	11:43 p.m.
Kunsan	2:28 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	3:24 a.m.	3:41 p.m.
Okinawa, Naha	5:49 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	7:03 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	6:54 a.m.	6:38 p.m.	7:57 a.m.	7:47 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.



Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high 79, low 69.
Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 78, low 71.

KADENA
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 96, low 87.
Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 92, low 82.

SEOUL
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 70.
Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 71.

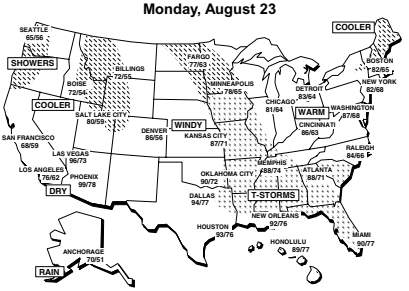
MANILA
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 91, low 78.
Thursday: Showers, high 90, low 76.

HAGATNA
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 89, low 77.
Thursday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 77.

Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	82/62	Los Angeles	80/64
Amarillo	81/62	Little Rock	84/68
Anchorage	74/56	Louisville	80/58
Asheville	80/61	Miami	92/78
Baltimore	83/58	Milwaukee	68/56
Birmingham	83/68	Nashville	82/62
Bismarck	90/54	New York	86/62
Boise	92/63	Omaha	81/63
Boston	82/60	Orlando	92/74
Brownsville	96/79	Philadelphia	84/62
Buffalo	69/49	Phoenix	103/80
Burlington	73/49	Pittsburgh	75/50
Charleston, SC	90/73	Portland, OR	75/62
Charlotte	85/66	Portland, ME	74/54
Cleveland	72/51	Salt Lake City	83/64
Columbus, OH	79/55	St. Louis	81/64
Duluth	68/55	San Antonio	94/76
El Paso	93/68	San Diego	75/66
Hartford	79/55	San Juan	90/78
Helena	89/59	Tampa	90/77
Indianapolis	78/58	Tulsa	88/66
Jacksonville	91/73	Washington	84/64
Kansas City	81/63	Wichita	85/65

Monday, August 23



U.S. Extended Forecast

The Pacific Northwest will be unsettled Monday as a cold front with showers moves onshore in Washington and Oregon. Showers will develop in the Rockies, as well, with the highest elevations cold enough for some wet snow. Pleasant, cool weather associated with high pressure will ease into the Northeast and the mid-Atlantic, but the Southeast will remain hot and muggy with afternoon thunderstorms. More showers will dampen the Rockies and the Pacific Northwest Tuesday. A cold front driving through the northern Plains and Upper Midwest will generate thunderstorms over parts of the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. A typical August pattern will continue in the Southwest with afternoon monsoon thunderstorms.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	88/72	Iwakuni	86/72	Sasebo NB	86/74
Beijing	81/68	Kadena AB	87/78	Sapporo	78/63
Camp Casey	82/65	Kunsan AB	79/67	Seoul	82/66
Christchurch	42/23	Kwajalein	84/72	Shanghai	90/76
Diego Garcia	81/73	Manila	86/73	Singapore	88/75
Hagatna	86/73	Misawa AB	76/58	Sydney	67/44
Hanoi	90/78	Osan	82/67	Taegu	77/64
Hong Kong	87/77	Perth	65/48	Taipei	92/74
Honolulu	89/77	Pusan	78/69	Tokyo	74/68

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	92/76	Budapest	75/55	Kabul	101/63	Nairobi	78/50
Athens	87/68	Buenos Aires	63/48	Kiev	66/47	New Delhi	85/70
Auckland	54/40	Cairo	102/74	Kuwait	114/84	Oslo	63/46
Baghdad	113/76	Cancun	90/74	London	67/52	Paris	73/54
Barbados	88/73	Cape Town	56/38	Madrid	93/64	Rio de Janeiro	79/68
Barcelona	78/66	Geneva	76/60	Mexico City	77/53	Rome	83/66
Berlin	67/56	Istanbul	76/61	Montreal	72/59	St. Petersburg	67/47
Bermuda	84/73	Jerusalem	91/64	Mogadishu	85/71	Stockholm	59/45
Brussels	69/55	Johannesburg	78/55	Moscow	85/60	Warsaw	65/48

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to Rumsfeld

In response to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's "Letter to the troops" (July 25):

■ Our "coalition": Two members, Palau and Costa Rica, have no armies; after seeing the futility of this war, Spain, the Philippines and others have removed their troops.

■ The "liberation": A recent Iraqi poll indicated that the majority of citizens prefer Saddam Hussein back in power rather than the United States as occupier.

■ The "ultimate sacrifice" many soldiers have made: Lost lives would be acceptable for a legitimate purpose; invading a country that hadn't threatened us and couldn't have harmed us isn't acceptable.

■ The "threat we face": Saddam had a third-rate army, devastated by sanctions.

■ The brutality of the Iraqi insurgency: Of the more than 10,000 Iraqi innocents who were killed by U.S. weapons, how many were decapitated or otherwise mutilated? Just because we didn't videotape the carnage doesn't mean it wasn't barbaric. Should we expect Iraqi victims to be less brutal than we are?

■ America being "safer and more secure": How can that be when virtually the entire Arab world now hates us?

Michele Winter
Würzburg, Germany

She's proud to serve

War today is very different from wars in the past. There is no longer a clear front line or enemy.

Being in combat doesn't necessarily mean fighting face to face with the enemy. The debate on whether women should be allowed in combat no longer seems justifiable. The issue should be whether someone is qualified to do the job. A woman may not be qualified to be part of a Special Forces unit, but she is qualified to fly an F-16 and drop bombs on the enemy firing at that unit.

I find offensive the letter "Sending women to war is wrong" (Aug. 15) saying that the women in our military are tricked into joining.

The letter writer is implying that female servicemembers are ignorant and gullible by stating they were misled by telling them only of "the benefits of college and other schooling and an additional paycheck" while the "real mission, which is to engage the enemy in the violence of warfare in order to defeat that enemy, is never emphasized."

I knew exactly what I had committed myself to when I signed up. I am proud to serve my country, the same as my grandfather, uncles, cousins and my own mother have.

As for the comment about "only in America do we send our women to war," I think he needs to do some research. Women serve in the military in many countries around the world, not "only in America."

Staff Sgt. Brandi K. Taylor
Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

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Some offended over everything

I could not agree more with the writer of "Offensive song?" (Aug. 19).

I'm not sure what has happened to this world, but it appears to me that people are so bored that they find the need to be offended over everything they can get their hands on. Just as in the case of the parent (note the singular form) who was offended by the Pledge of Allegiance in schools: Instead of depriving the rest of us our freedoms, why can't the offended "one" sit out the act that he or she finds so terribly offensive?

I also don't understand how one person's tantrum can dictate what the majority of us can and cannot do. As far as the sergeant major who was offended by "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," I am disappointed that a superior did not have enough common sense to tell him to wait outside until the song was finished.

Funny, I never hear anyone complain about using the American dollar. Nor have I heard a servicemember complain when taking the oath of enlistment. After all, both contain the word "God." I'm sure that will be next.

Michelle Duncan
Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Because they're Americans

In reference to Tom Philpott's article on infantry recruits (Aug. 8): Perhaps he should have gone to Fort Benning, Ga., and talked with some trainees, instead of settling for a phone interview with the Infantry Training Brigade deputy commander.

If so, he would have found out why combat arms recruiting hasn't dipped. They are Americans. They understand we are in a just war. They can't just sit around at home and wait for the enemy to come to us — again. Like their parents and grandparents before them who served in U.S. Army Europe or Korea, they understand the best place to defend America is not on our coasts, but far away. They understand duty and discipline and are ready to grow up. They are willing to earn their education benefits.

I am proud that my older son is one of those 20-year-olds going through 11B training, who knows he will deploy before his enlistment is over.

Sgt. Maj. Eddie Gilbert
Baghdad

Kerry 'vague and flaky'

I have been deployed to Iraq for a little over five months now. In the last several months I have heard Sen. John Kerry talk about how much of a difference he would make if he were president.

In your Aug. 9 interview with him, your reporter asked him a number of questions. Out of the 16 questions that were asked of him, I got an incomplete answer to all of them. He was so vague and flaky in his answers, all he did was scoot around them. Kind of like his whole campaign.

Kerry said, "I can guarantee that within my first term I will have a substantial reduction in troops in Iraq." Well, in 4½ years I am sure that President Bush will have a great reduction of troops in Iraq, too.

Kerry has not stated one thing that he is for or against. He keeps talking about the United States going to war, not because we want to but because we have to. Unless I am wrong, he voted for this war; his vice presidential candidate did not, but he did.

He keeps talking about how we did not find the weapons of mass destruction. Once again, he was on the Senate Intelligence committee, the same one that viewed the information that President Bush made the case for war on. At that time the war was a popular idea in the United States for the most part, so Kerry jumped on the bandwagon.

Now that the war is not popular, Kerry jumped off, and he is now criticizing the war and the current administration's policies. So far, he has made many promises that deal with the military, from the extra soldiers to getting us out of Iraq.

For his sake, if Kerry does somehow win this election, I hope that he can fulfill these promises because if he does not, he will be a prime and proven example of how Democrats cannot run a country in a wartime situation.

Staff Sgt. Timothy O'Donnell
Baghdad

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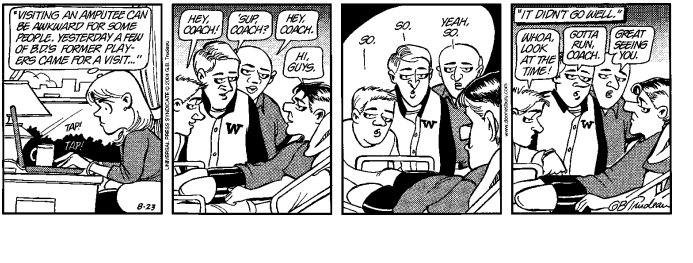
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Government interference only fuels oil woes

By Sheldon Richman

If the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates were forbidden to offer proposals based on collectivist economic thinking, they would have to keep mum the entire campaign.

We are in for three months of unrelenting nonsense from President Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry. That wouldn't be so bad if most people recognized it as nonsense. But since education these days is intended more to create quiescent "good citizens" than skeptical thinkers, most people will be taken in by these charlatans.

Last week Kerry did what presidential candidates love to do: promise "energy independence." Run like the wind when you hear that term. It is a euphemism for the central planning of our economic activities. Kerry has not yet learned why socialism failed.

Kerry's energy plan differs from Bush's in only minor ways. In response to rising oil prices and instability in the Middle East, Kerry proposes that the government lead an effort to de-emphasize foreign oil, lower gasoline prices (and oil company profits), increase efficiency and stimulate the development of alternative fuels.

According to a campaign news release, "The Kerry-Edwards energy plan will harness the full force of American ingenuity to create the energy of the future and make America independent of Middle East oil. While taking a series of short-term steps to help families and businesses by bringing down energy prices, their plan will undertake a comprehensive, long-term strategy for energy independence that also creates new, good-paying jobs in the process." What will he do on Jan. 21, create a perpetual-motion machine? What is not said is that even attempting this would require massive government power to manipulate private economic activities. Kerry assumes that his nationalistic appeals, oil-company bashing, and promises of low prices and high-paying jobs will distract us, much as an infant can be distracted by the sound of a rattle. Close examination of his plan should cause concern to anyone who understands freedom and the virtues of free enterprise.

For example, Kerry promises to set up a $20 billion trust fund, financed from existing offshore oil and gas royalties, to increase the fuel efficiency of vehicles and promote the development of alternative fuels. He apparently learned nothing from economics and history. As long as energy is scarce, the free market will contain the right incentives for personal conservation, increased efficiency, and entrepreneurship aimed at more secure and alternative sources of energy. To propose that government should direct these activities is to believe that bureaucrats know more and will make wiser decisions than hundreds of millions of people with intimate knowledge of their own needs and capacities in the decentralized marketplace. In other words, it's like believing in Santa Claus.

Where was Kerry during the late 1970s when the Carter administration poured millions of dollars into synthetic-fuel programs with nothing to show for it? Has he bothered to look at the results of mandated fuel-efficiency for cars? When the cost of driving goes down, people drive more, so no gasoline is saved. But when cars are made lighter and smaller, which is partly how efficiency has been achieved, they become less crash-worthy and highway deaths increase.

Regardless of what Kerry says, government does not know best. Its economic record is dismal. Bush has no edge here. His energy plan also puts government at the center, handing out subsidies and tax incentives to those who pursue the administration's objectives. Both are big-government men.

In a sense, we do need an energy policy — to undo the pervasive government control that exists today. The military presence in the Middle East is a subsidy from the taxpayers to the oil companies. If they want that oil, let them pay the full price for it, including security. Of course that will mean consumers will pay, but that's as it should be. If the price is too high, consumers will conserve and entrepreneurs will be motivated to produce more-efficient products and find cheaper sources of energy, oil and otherwise. For this to happen, however, all energy regulations should be repealed.

A rational energy policy would consist of six words: Government, get out of the way.

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Electoral college holds key to elections, again

By John Baer
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Want a good picture of where the race for president stands today? Might surprise you.

Forget about the many national polls showing a close up-and-down John Kerry/George Bush contest.

State polls are fun, including two new ones in Pennsylvania, the Keystone Poll and the Quinnipiac Poll. But, heck, that's just one state.

No siree, what you need is a look at all the states, but state-by-state, so you can figure out electoral votes.

You might recall from the last election the Electoral College determines the president.

Al Gore beat Bush by half-a-million votes (543,895 to be exact), but Bush won the presidency by winning more electoral votes — the number of votes apportioned each state on the basis of population.

And this number, when projected from polls done within each state, shows a race very different from numbers in national samples.

Two Web sites, one pro-Kerry, one pro-Bush, are tracking state polls, then assigning corresponding electoral votes and showing results on color-coded maps.

Both show Kerry way ahead.

On the pro-Kerry site, **www.electoral-vote.com**, for example, Kerry has 317 electoral votes (270 are needed to win) and Bush 202.

On **www.electionprojection.com**, the pro-Bush site, Kerry has 327 and Bush 211.

This is based on strong Kerry leads in large states such as New York, Illinois and California, which together total 107 electoral votes, and weak Kerry leads in key states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, which count for another 68 electoral votes.

Kerry also holds slim leads in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri, which offer a combined 48 electoral votes.

Solace, I'd suggest for the Kerry camp.

Especially when contrasted to national polls offering solace for either camp.

This month, a Zogby Poll has Kerry up 7 percent; Gallup has Bush up 3; Time has Kerry up 7; and CNN/USA Today has Bush up 4.

How do pollsters like tracking the electoral count? "Oh, it's a rip," says Pennsylvania Keystone Poll director G. Terry Madonna. "They use real numbers from real polls" and get a "more valid" measure of the race than national polling.

Clay Richards of the Quinnipiac Poll is concerned that not all polling in all states is solid, but says, "The idea is sound."

Predictably, the campaigns aren't solid.

Pennsylvania Kerry director Tony Podesta says, "It's graphically interesting, clever, well-done ... it's August and too early to order inauguration tickets."

Kevin Madden of the Bush campaign says, "It's an interesting snapshot analysis but it fluctuates, too, and the most important poll is on Election Day ... we're more concerned with getting our grass-roots voting-day efforts in place."

Does this stuff mean much at this point? Probably not. Things happen. Things change.

But a look at the only numbers that count, electoral votes in key states, gives a better picture than single polls of where things stand.

And today that picture favors Kerry a whole lot more than President Bush.

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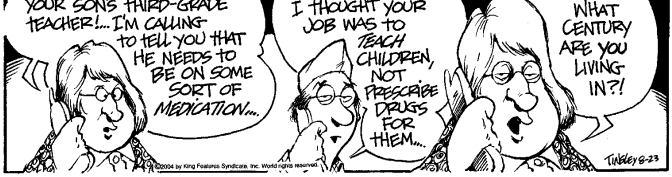
Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Jersey thief Lynched

FL TAMPA — A man was charged with stealing computer equipment, autographed footballs and jerseys from the John Lynch Foundation after a police officer noticed he was wearing one of the missing No. 47 jerseys, officials said.

Paul Dana Doucette, 37, of Boston, was charged with the burglary and grand theft Wednesday after police arrested him in an unrelated robbery and noticed his attire.

"He was wearing a brand-new John Lynch jersey," said police Sgt. Buddy Brogden. "You know how ... they still have the creases in them because they haven't been washed? This was it."

The jerseys, footballs, and computer equipment, worth $60,000, were stolen from the Tampa office of the former Buccaneer's charity for children on Aug. 13 during the evacuation for Hurricane Charley.

"Some of these criminals, it's obvious they aren't thinking," Brogden said.

Suspected dog slaughter

HI HONOLULU — Police and the Hawaiian Humane Society said Thursday that they believe some dogs on Oahu may have been slaughtered for their meat.

The agencies have received calls about dogs being stolen and their meat sold.

"We are looking to see if anyone knows about an organized pattern of stealing and butchering it and marketing that dog flesh for food and some sort of area that would feed it to other individuals," Detective Letha DeCaires said.

Calls have come from all over the island, including Waikiki, she said Dog owners are disgusted.

"There's a lot of cruelty to animals besides this, but this is just appalling," pet owner Joanne Humphreys said.

Island illness

OH PUT-IN-BAY — More than 300 people appear linked to a mysterious illness including nausea, fever and vomiting in recent weeks on Lake Erie's South Bass Island, health officials said.

Health officials have documented 301 cases and are investigating 94 other claims of illnesses, Ohio Department of Health spokesman Kristopher Weiss said Thursday.

Most of the people had visited the island in the first two weeks of August, but some cases go back to early June, he said. So far, health officials have not found a source.

Symptoms including nausea, chills, fever, abdominal cramps and vomiting have generally lasted about 24 hours. Most people said they became sick within two or three days of visiting the island.

Weird phenomenon

NJ NEWARK — New Jersey is not the only weird state.

Weird N.J., the cult newsletter that became a magazine that became a best-selling book, has broadened its abnormal horizons, as a new book, "Weird U.S.: Your Travel Guide to America's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets."

After publishing the Weird N.J. newsletter and then magazine for a decade, Bloomfield-based authors Mark Moran and Mark Sceurman last year compiled the state's weirdness in a book, "Weird N.J."

Now, the success of the book has led the pair to catalogue some unexplained, creepy, offbeat places and folklore throughout the country in "Weird U.S.," published by Barnes & Noble Books, and due out in October.

How will readers know where to draw the line between fact and fantasy in the book? "That's up to you," the authors suggest. "We document them because we believe they are an important and intrinsic part of our modern American culture and worthy of recognition as such."

Sweet college housing

MO HANNIBAL — How's this for swank student housing: Come live in the president's place! The president of Hannibal-LaGrange College and his wife have turned their home over to about a dozen female students due to a housing crunch.

It's the first time in a half-century that someone other than the president has lived in the president's house.

Woodrow Burt and his wife, Katherine, an English professor, have opted for temporary housing, and said they'll look soon for something more permanent.

The students who will live in the president's house are seniors.

Feeding time

Jenna Adams, of Myakka, Fla., feeds by syringe a 2-5 day old squirrel that was dropped off at the animal rescue facilty D.A.R.T. in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Alleged ring

TX AUSTIN — A federal grand jury has indicted an Austin woman who authorities say ran a prostitution ring using women and girls smuggled into the United States from Mexico.

Maria Magdalena Lopez-Torres had been sought by federal authorities for about a year on human smuggling and weapons charges before she was arrested last month when she tried to renew her resident status in San Antonio.

Lopez was born in San Luis Potosi and is a permanent resident of the United States.

The federal indictment handed up Tuesday charges Lopez with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a stolen firearm and importation of aliens for immoral purpose. She faces up to 10 years in prison on each count.

Rabid otter attack

NY PUTNAM VALLEY — A rabid otter latched onto, and bit, a 6-year-old boy who was taking swimming lessons at a small public lake Wednesday.

Police said Ethan Pederson emerged from the water with the otter hanging onto his back and legs. Lifeguards wrestled it off, but the animal ran in and out of the water several times, chasing after others in the class, police said.

Putnam County Sheriff's deputies were called to the lake about 11:15 a.m. Lifeguards finally trapped the animal under a plastic crate, and a deputy shot it dead. Police said the Putnam County Department of Health reported a positive rabies test.

Pederson was treated for hand and back wounds as well as for rabies.

Boulder crushes teen

CA MURRIETA — A 17-year-old high-school senior was crushed to death when the large boulder he was standing on suddenly broke loose from its base, threw him to the ground and rolled over him, witnesses and authorities said.

The dead teenager, Andrew Hahn, was boulder-hopping with his brother and two friends when the accident took place. Police Sgt. Jim Ganley said the accident occurred in a rugged and inaccessible section of the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve.

Naked, or nude colored?

UT SALT LAKE CITY — A sheriff's deputy under investigation for allegedly sitting naked in public has resigned. Prosecutors have declined to file charges in his case, citing lack of evidence.

Sheriff Aaron Kennard received Deputy Darrell Magee's resignation letter, which stated "he was basically rethinking his career," said sheriff's Sgt. Rosie Rivera.

Magee allegedly took off his clothes and sat naked, cross-legged, for 30 seconds on a lawn Tuesday morning, according to two witnesses who talked to police. He then got dressed and drove off. Magee claimed he wasn't naked. He told detectives he was wearing an undergarment similar to his skin color as he conducted a short religious ritual.

Cool present

Mei Sheng, the San Diego Zoo's giant panda cub, gets a grip — and a tongue — on an ice sculpture of a number one to celebrate the cub's first birthday.

Fountain fun

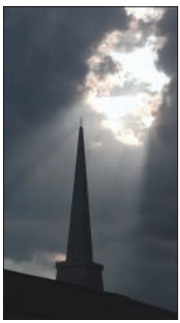
Brother and sister Garrick Green, 6, left, and Justice Green, 5, play chase while running around the Centroplex fountain, enjoying the pleasant weather in Baton Rouge, La.

In hog heaven?

A sow pig stands in floodwater on Cindy Grabrian's farm in Thornton, Colo. Grabrian's farm flooded due to heavy rains the day before in the Denver, dropping up to 3 inches of rain in some areas.

Drink up

A black swallowtail butterfly perches on a zinnia as it takes a drink of nectar at Sunflower Farms in Westminster, Md.



Ray of light

Evening sunlight breaks through the rain clouds to bathe the First Baptist Church steeple in Kempner, Texas.

Not just for plowing anymore

A passer-by watches as a John Deere motor from 1910 churns buckets full of ice and other ingredients into ice cream to be sold at Newell's Homemade Ice Cream at the Rooks county fair in Stockton, Kan.

Times Square debris falls

NY NEW YORK — Two people were slightly injured when a marble tile fell from the facade of the Times Square building that hosts the famed New Year's Eve ball drop.

Renovations were under way at One Times Square when debris fell from the tower at about 9:20 a.m. Thursday, authorities said. Two pedestrians, a man and a woman, suffered cuts and bruises, according to newspaper reports. The fire department said no one was hospitalized.

The city's Buildings Department said the building's owner, Sherwood Equities, did not have a permit for the work. The department ordered the renovations stopped and issued a citation for work without a permit.

The 25-story tower has hosted New Year's Eve celebrations since its 1904 opening, with the ball drop beginning three years later.

Louisiana airport plans

LA LAPLACE— The Louisiana Airport Authority said a team of Canadian and U.S. companies is ready to move forward on a proposed multibillion-dollar airport project. The authority is attempting to develop a huge cargo airport and transportation hub between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The Canadian team will refine the master plan created in recent years by the authority.

Texaco spill settlement

MT GREAT FALLS— A Cascade County jury has ordered Texaco to pay $15 million to finish cleaning up a 1955 gasoline pipeline spill in the small town of Sunburst, and $25 million in punitive damages for not doing it sooner. The class-action lawsuit involved an underground plume of contaminants at the now-defunct Sunburst Works Refinery.

Underground tank checks

NJ TRENTON— The state has started regular inspections of its 22,000 underground storage tanks, thanks to voters' approval of a referendum setting aside funds. The $2 million per year is paying 18 inspectors to make sure each tank is checked every three years.

Officials say millions of New Jerseyans get their drinking water from aquifers that are vulnerable to pollution from leaking tanks.

Unemployment optimism

IL CHICAGO— Illinois' unemployment rate rose to 6.1 percent in July, yet state officials said Thursday that the figure reflects a rebounding economy. Officials at the Illinois Department of Employment Security said July's rate mirrors a three-month average unemployment rate of 6.1 percent. The agency also says jobs have steadily opened up in several sectors, including educational and health services, and trade, transportation and utilities.

Prison growth rate slows

SD PIERRE — The state prison population continues to expand, but the rate of growth has slowed. The prison population averaged 3,059 in the past fiscal year, a growth rate of 3.6 percent, according to Laurie Feiler, the deputy state corrections secretary. That's half the annual pace of a decade earlier. Feiler said the growth rate has slowed because inmates are getting shorter sentences and more are being paroled.

Couple found fatally shot

CA SAN FRANCISCO — A soon-to-be married couple reported missing when they didn't return to their jobs as camp counselors were found shot to death on a beach, apparently in their sleep, authorities said.

The bodies of Lindsay Cutshall, 23, of Ohio, and Jason Allen, 26, of Michigan, were discovered in sleeping bags by sheriff's deputies who were rescuing a stranded hiker.

Police believe the couple had been camping in the Jenner area, about 75 miles up the coast from San Francisco, since Saturday. Authorities do not know when the couple was killed.

The two were spending the summer working at a Christian adventure camp in Coloma, in the Sierra foothills about 50 miles east of Sacramento.

Teacher bonuses

AR LITTLE ROCK — As many as 500 college students will get up to $6,000 annually if they agree to become teachers in understaffed subjects and areas of the state, Lt. Gov. Win Rockefeller said. The State Teacher Assistance Resource, or STAR, program will award money on the condition that students agree to teach math, science or a foreign language or to focus on special education, or if they are willing to work in areas of Arkansas with critical teacher shortages.

Indian voter registration

ID LAPWAI — The National Congress of American Indians is working to register Nez Perce tribal members to vote. The movement is part of a nationwide effort led by the National Congress of American Indians to get 1 million of the nation's 2.7 million eligible Indian voters to the polls in November. The effort is billed as bipartisan, but the group also intends to provide candidate score cards relating to important Indian issues.

TV-watching record

MI GRAND RAPIDS — A pair of teenagers who spent more than two straight days publicly glued to a television set say they have set a new world record for uninterrupted TV viewing.

Chris Dean, 16, and Mike Dudek, 17, both of Grand Rapids, logged 52 consecutive hours of viewing time.

The teens, who are incoming high school seniors, surpassed the Guinness World Records mark of 50 hours and seven minutes by nearly two hours — giving new meaning to "must-see TV."

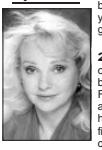
The teens set up their television inside an International House of Pancakes restaurant because it is open 24 hours a day and the management was willing to participate.

According to rules set by Guinness, Dean and Dudek were required to remain awake with their eyes always on the screen.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Joyce Jillson



With the sun newly exploring Virgo, it's an atypical Monday.

Instead of dread, we feel mostly excitement about getting to work. If all is handled well, the rewards for our efforts seem glorious, even if they are the same benefits we've been getting all along. The Sagittarius moon helps out like a double shot of espresso — we start in high gear.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 23). It's a sensational year for breaking out of your shell and showing the world your best you. Share your dreams with everyone in the next five weeks. Help comes from crazy places. In business, the brilliant innovation you show will put you in front. You'll make great money because you're so ahead of the curve! Lucky love signs are Pisces and Taurus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your heart is on your sleeve, which attracts all kinds of emotional appeals for sympathy and help. You will probably hear more than one sob story and will wonder if you're getting the full truth. Guard your resources.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It would be lovely to live in a world where you could take everything at face value, but you've been around the block a few times and are far too wise for that — some might even say you're skeptical. Test, assess and analyze.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in a unique position to help others. If it looks like it will only take an hour, just say "yes." Your rewards are fabulous — an increased self-esteem and the radiant confidence that comes from knowing you're useful and generous.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a super-active day, and you're right on top of it. You may go so far as to wonder what good patience serves. While one person stands quietly by, enduring the wait, the squeaky wheel is getting greased.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll come to a fork in the road of a relationship and wonder whether or not you can really trust someone.

Past experience tells you one thing, but Pollyanna wishing paints an alternate picture. Somewhere in the middle is the truth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Rise to the occasion in every respect, though it will be no easy task. Those who show they're made of true grit will be rewarded. You don't want to look back on this day and wish you had been more gracious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take care of your body, and your body takes care of you. Friends are in the know about improvements in health, nutrition and fitness, from which you can benefit. Also, activities involving an Aries or Gemini will give you a boost.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The key to your success is in the preparation stage. Anticipating the obstacles you'll be faced with is key. Besides thinking things through, though, actually rehearse what you'll say and do should the situation dictate it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are so many things to contemplate that you could spend the day in the clouds and get nothing accomplished. Home in on one particular task that needs to get done, and finish it as early in the day as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If it looks like hard work, don't back off. There are definite benefits that will far outweigh a momentary muscle ache. Making a competition out of things could be the key to motivating yourself — and everyone else.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're masterful! You'll be stretching time and speeding it up at your will — it's like an experiment in quantum physics The seconds feel like minutes, or the day goes by in a moment as you fit desired events into your schedule.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Usually a modest person, you find it embarrassing to have to sell yourself. The trouble is, you may not be doing business with folks who are as intelligent and sensitive as you are, so tooting your own horn will likely be necessary.

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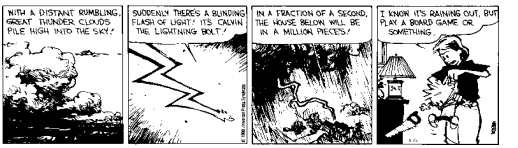

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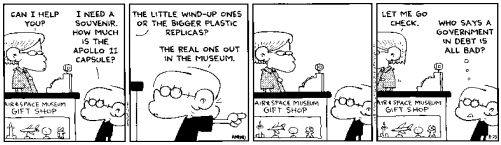

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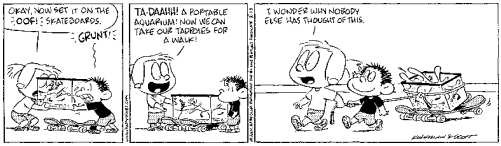

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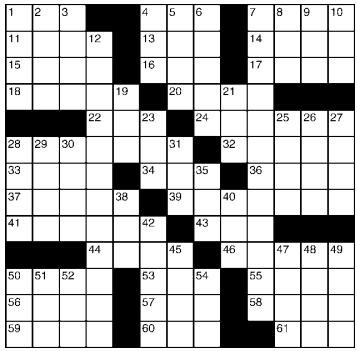

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

Mom's presence makes 3 a crowd

Dear Abby: Owen and I have been married for 30 years. My mother has lived with us for 27 of them. We moved in with Mom to help her with expenses after Dad passed away. Five years later, we bought our own house and invited her to come with us. She has always been helpful. Other than a lack of privacy, the arrangement has worked out well. Somewhere in the back of my mind, I always thought she would remarry.

Owen lost his job of 28 years a year ago, and I recently was laid off from the place I had worked for 15 years. I recently took a part-time job to pay for groceries.

My two sisters and brothers have done nothing to help in the support of our mother. I feel that Owen and I have been cheated out of a normal marriage. Our children are grown now, so when is it OUR time? Mom is in her mid-70s. I would never tell her how I feel because it would hurt her terribly. When she finally passes away, I don't think I'll ever speak to my siblings again because the older I get the angrier I become.

The only reason I see them now is because Mom wouldn't understand my disgust with them. What should I do?

— Bitter Up North

Dear Abby

Dear Bitter: Your mother has been living with you for so long that your siblings probably have no idea that you feel the frustration you have described. They may need to be reminded that your financial situation has changed and that you need their monetary help, or just a break from your mother and some private time with your spouse.

You are a devoted daughter, but please do not continue to suffer in silence. I'm not suggesting that you talk about this to your mother, but a conversation with your siblings is long overdue.

Dear Abby: I don't know what to do. My friend and I were told by someone that stealing is just borrowing without asking and it's OK. So we "borrowed" candy from a vendor and ate it.

We now know this is wrong. What should we do — apologize? We don't want to get caught.

— Misled in California

Dear Misled: For the record, "borrowing" is taking something with the lender's permission and then returning it.

In your case, you and your friend ate the vendor's candy and the person suffered a loss. That's stealing.

You owe the vendor an apology and payment for the candy you stole. Ideally, it should be done in person. However, if you are afraid or ashamed to face the vendor, write him or her an anonymous note of apology and include payment for what you took.

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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Clear the air with smoking visitor

Dear Annie: My father-in-law, "Steve," and his wife, "Sally," live several states away and visit us once or twice a year. They are both wonderful people, but Sally is a chain smoker. When Steve first brought Sally to our home, we were incredulous that she lit up inside without first asking if it was OK. (She carries her own ashtray with her.) In fact, she likes to light up at the dinner table, ruining the meal for the rest of us, so we have to eat quickly when she's here.

Other than the cigarettes, Sally is a lovely person, and our kids adore her. She and Steve never stay more than a few days, and we air out the house after they leave. However, we recently built a new home and would rather not have Sally smoke like a chimney during the entire visit.

I am fairly certain that if we ask her not to smoke in the house, neither Steve nor Sally will visit anymore, which would sadden all of us. Having them stay at a hotel is irrelevant because Sally still smokes when she comes to the house. We've also noticed Steve has been having some respiratory illnesses, and although we told him the smoke is probably making it worse, nothing changed.

Annie's Mailbox

Do you think we should say something or just continue as we have been? I hate that our decision could affect how much time our children get to spend with their grandfather.

— Smoker's D-I-L

Dear D-I-L: Sally is quite addicted. Try approaching her with love.

Tell her you think she is a wonderful person and your children adore her. Explain that you know how important smoking is to her and you have no intention of asking her to give it up, but you are trying to maintain a better environment in your new home and it would be healthier for the children if she could smoke outside. We hope she'll have enough respect for you that she will make the effort.

Dear Annie: I am 14 years old and think I should get a bra. The problem is, I don't know how to tell my mother. The first time I had my period, it took me five hours before I worked up the nerve to tell her.

I've given Mom hints that I need some "support," but she doesn't get it. Should I just save up some money and purchase one myself?

— Too Embarrassed to Ask

Dear Too Embarrassed: Do you have a sister or a close friend who can help you out? Your mom sounds oblivious, so you need to be more direct with her. Say, "Mom, can you help me pick out a bra?" If you cannot do this, or if Mom ignores you, it's OK to select one on your own.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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

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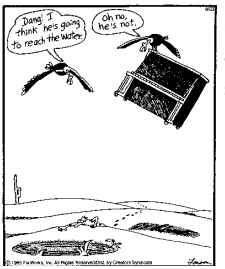

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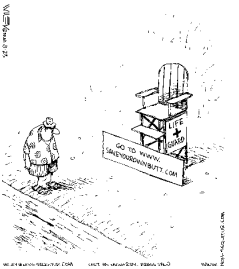

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Kadena, Okinawa - (1) 2000 watts Transformer Tora pack converts 100 to 120 volts. Better than 2000 watts transformer available in the PX for $150.00. Comes with 4 individual plugs. Yellow color with carrying handle, like new for $80.00. Call 633-8211 or 090-6861-1910.

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Yokota - 1989 Toyota Corona - four door, factory A/C, automatic (Toyoglide) transmission, 123,750 actual miles, excellent condition. $7,500.00. singer@wans.net

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Autos for Sale - Japan 146

Yokota - 1989 Mitsubishi Pajero 4X4 turbo diesel, 1 yr old Bridgestone AT tires, new rear shocks, JCI until March 2006. Runs excellent. A/C blows very cold. $1700 obo. Will deliver to you. Call 227-2361 for info.

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Zama - 92 Mercedes Benz 190E JCI until May 2005, $3,800.00 OBO. Call 263-4387 or email kestrel@zama.attmil.ne.jp

Autos for Sale - Korea 148

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Korea - 1994 Kia Potentia, Loaded with many options, perfect family car. W 765-8405. H 054-972-3167 $2500 OBO

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Taegu - 1995 Chevy Lumina APV 7 passenger mini-van, automatic, w/ front & rear, power windows & locks, CD player, roof rack, 4 new tires, transmission rebuilt 2003, $1995.00 obo Call Jennifer @ 016-506-7071

Autos for Sale - Okinawa 152

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Futenma - 1988 Toyota Lite Ace: $300.00. Runs good, Had Reason for selling, I don't need it anymore. Call Jason at 636-3119 (work), 636-5082 (home) or 090-8789-97 (cell).

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Kadena - 1991 Toyota Corona Exiv: 5-speed, power locks, power windows, power steering, AM/FM/CD, 4 door, CD player/AM-FM radio. JCI until December 2004. Runs great. Selling for $500.00 or best offer. Call Brenda at 634-6720 (home) or 634-4139 (work).

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Kadena - 1993 Toyota Cresta: automatic, white exterior, brown interior, $2,500.00 OBO, JCI until January 2005, driver airbag, power door locks, power windows, AM/FM radio, CD player, air conditioner, power sunroof, power steering, power windows. Call Sgt Christine at 633-2391 or 632-7068.

Kadena - 94 Skyline: $2,400.00 OBO, JCI until August 2006, Exterior red, anti-lock, CD player, air conditioner, power steering, power windows, spoiler; Contact If willing to take over payments of $176.00 would be great!! Call Jason at 892-8879/632-4885 or email joe.cainkadena.af.mil for information.

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Torii Station, Okinawa - 1992 Drift Sil-80: Aftermarket front bumper and side steps, full aftoki and torsion bars, new OS twin plate clutch, diff, 2 sets of wheels, E-85 injectors, a14 turbine, tuned ecu, green with black roof and hood $3,500.00. Call 644-4559 or email dbpfeiffer@hotmail.com

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Motorcycles - Japan 166

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Motorcycles - Okinawa 170

Courtney - 2002 Honda VTR Sport-Tourer(cover) 250CC 4-stroke, 8-valve/V-twin engine. $2,300.00. Always kept covered. Call Chris at 622-8714 (H) or 623-7679 (W).

Courtney - 2005 1200 custom Harley Davidson: Two tone blue/black. Asking for only $11,000.00. Has screaming eagle exhaust and air cleaner kit. Only 300 miles with new JCI. Call Jeff at 622-5399 or 090-6864-3611.

Foster - 2003 Honda CRF 450: Excellent condition many after market parts. $3,500.00 OBO. For pictures email christynedward@hotmail.com or call 646-2350, cell 090-6860-3891

Kadena - 1997 Honda CBR 600 F3, black for sale. Its in great condition has new tires, new paint and has D&D exhaust system. Beautiful bike! Asking $3,500.00 OBO. Contact Dwain 633-4271.

Kadena - 2001 HD Sportster: JCI until May 2005, like new only 1100 miles. Kept indoors! Too many after market items and chrome to mention, includes 2 helmets. Steal at $7,900.00. Call Matt at 090-6860-5878 or 634-7384. For pictures email matthew.balogh@kadena.af.mil

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Kadena, Okinawa - 1992 Kawasaki ZZR blue and black new chain, sprocket, brake pads, JCI until April 2005, 2-helmets, runs great looks good. $240.00 OBO. Call Drew at 633-4393 or email lester.Andrews@kadena.af.mil

Kadena, Okinawa - 93 Honda Shadow with steel 600cc. A must see. Drag pipes, K & N hyper charger ram air kit, dial-a-jet fuel system, extended forks, and rear lowering kit, custom grips & mirrors. Looks like a Harley. Not another Honda like it on island. $3,000.00. Call 633-3268 or email asmeadows@hotmaiol.com

Motorcycles - Okinawa 170

Kinser - 2001 Honda CBR F4i: American Specs, 6,600 miles, excellent condition, 2 new matching helmets, 2 jackets, and 2-pairs of gloves, $6,000.00. Call 637-3836 or 090-6864-7297.

Kinser, Okinawa - 2002 blue HD 883 Sportster Hugger: new JCI, lots of after market parts, bike took second place in the foster show, $7,200.00 OBO. Call 6 3 7 - 4 5 7 0 or e m a i l wenricks@connect.net

Auto Parts 180

Foster, Okinawa - Euro tail lights for $50.00 and selling a body kit with (front with red trim) for a 1988 to a 1990 Honda Civic Hatchback. $150.00 OBO. It also includes the back hatch and 2 side windows, already tinted black. Call 646-4942 ask for Brian.

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Kadena, Okinawa - Parts car an 180sx, lets make a deal. Call 098-932-8978/090-9785-7528 or call 098-932-8978 / 090-9785-7528

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MCB Butler, Okinawa - Wanted: Stock gray passenger fender for 180sx, manual ecu for sr20det. Contact Tony at danger@mcb-butler.usmc.milau

Baby Items 200

Foster - Evenflo Trail Tech backpack child carrier. It was used a maximum of two hours, excellent condition. Still in box for easy storage. Paid $75 originally, selling for $45. 646-5507

Foster, Okinawa - 2-Midnight blue safe line sitting, stroll stroller car seat combination. Comes complete with mesh bags. One has sunshade in original box. $150.00 each. No JCI/PCS bargaining. Call 645-5560 Chris or email jennifer.stewart@asstewards.com for pictures www.babyontheffy.com

Kadena, Okinawa - Costco Eddie Bauer ED double stroller for sale: Very clean and in great condition, GreenCe-ream colored. Will bring to you if needed. $100.00. Call 633-6743 or email amandasmommie817@yahoo.com

Kadena, Okinawa - Jeep Cherokee stroller, $50.00, and Umbrella stroller, $5.00. Call Darla 633-0557 or email allkasgirl@yahoo.com

Kinser, Okinawa - White wooden crib, it turns into a toddler bed. Selling for $40.00. Call 637-3739.

Okinawa - Infant girls bed set for sale. Bumper, dust ruffle, comforter, sheets, and diaper hanger. Sweet as a daisy theme paid 300.00 4 months ago, and have never slept on. Want to change theme. In her room. Asking 150.00 OBO.646-4436

Bicycles 220

Kadena, Okinawa - 2 Girls mountain bikes hardly used. Huffy marine and Magna Night Hawk both 17 inch, halogen light and bell front, reflectors front and back, water holders with bottle. Asking $40 each. Call 6 3 3 - 8 0 4 4 or e m a i l mindboodyspirit03@aol.com

Bicycles 220

Kadena, Okinawa - Huffy: main girls mountain bike 17 inches, Halogen light front, reflectors back and front, water bottle frame, hardly used! Paid $110, Asking $40.00. Call 633-8044 or e m a i l mindboodyspirit03@aol.com

Kadena, Okinawa - I have 1 front Magura Clara hydraulic disk brake caliper with about 60% pad life left. I lost the mounting hardware and rotor. $25. Contact Nathan at 633-3311 or at flores@kda.afmil.ne.jp

Kadena, Okinawa - Magna silver mountain bike for sale. Asking $75 works great barely used. Call Karina at 633-6143.

Kinser, Okinawa - Bicycle Trailer great condition, holds two children, 5-point harness system, bug guard, rain guard, top folds for easy storage. $500.00 firm. Call 637-6085.

Boats 240

Foster, 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 fishing or fishing on the reef, the family out. $8,000.00. Call "Matt" 645-3000 or email Diverman21@aol.com.

Kadena, Okinawa - Last kayak left, $500.00 package include paddle 7 vest. Very good condition, fish and dive, goals for out-of-reach dive spots or deep-er fishing apart from crows. Call jay or Christine at 633-2391 or 632-7068.

Book Stores 250

Atsugi, Japan - English teaching books, CD, cassettes, card, and games for children to adults. Great for parents and lots of teaching information, and extras. Call Denise Dutton at 046-242-4428 or email ddinjapan@yahoo.com.jp

Foster, Okinawa - UMUC Textbooks for sale! New; Accounting 220, $75; Accounting 221, $55; Biology 101 7 Biology 102(lab), $85; Mathematics 140, book and solution's manual, $65; CTC Textbooks, college algebra book and solution's manual, $65. Call Jeffrey 645-4721 or bjokes16@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - College Books: Sociology 100 book, $70; Math 009 book, $95.00 OBO; and Psychology 100 book, $40.00 OBO. Call 227-8934.

Clothing 320

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Kinser, Okinawa - Small Maternity clothes for sale. Have pictures of motherhood, baby and me. Take nine etc brands. Great summer shirts, dresses, swimwear available. $5, $10, $15 prices are firm. Call 6 3 7 - 4 3 8 6 o r e m a i l jenn8164@yahoo.com

Okinawa - Must get rid of. Tons of clothes, sizes 9-14.Some J's some women. All in great condition. Don't fit anymore. Take all for 70.00 or pick and choose.646-4436

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Computers 360

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Courtney, Okinawa - In need for a home. Don't have kids to spend. If you are willing to sell furniture for a reasonable price please call me at 622-8449 or email me at that@worldnet.att.net

Courtney, Okinawa - Kitchen island with stools for sale. Bought at foster furniture for $300 + the cost of 2 white stools. The Island has an aluminum top with out knife holder, towel rack, 2 drawers for utensil, and 2 cabinets, $175.00. Call 622-5304.

Foster, Okinawa - Large Wicker Trunk Like new condition. Paid $230 selling for $200. Has child safety catch to prevent injury to little fingers. Call 646-5293 or email martinessopha@hotmail.com for pictures with large trunk in subject line

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Foster, Okinawa - Solid Oak Rocking Chair in like new condition. We need to downsize. $150.00 firm. Call 646-5283 or email martinessopha@hotmail.com for pictures. Please put Rocking Chair in subject line

Kadena, Okinawa - Bun Bed, with new mattress, white in color, $200.00. Call 632-3465

Kadena, Okinawa - Computer desk with matching bookshelf, $75.00 OBO; Coffee table with 2 end tables, $50.00 OBO; and TV cart, $25.00 OBO. All in good condition and fairly new. Call Mike or Christine at 633-2541.

Kadena, Okinawa - Dark wood coffee table and matching end table: Paid $110.00 in the states for the two and will sell for $35.00. Call 633-5796.

Kadena, Okinawa - dining table with four chairs blue, white and light oak. $220.00. Call 633-5174

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Kadena, Okinawa - Entertainment cabinet: Souder woodworking, oak color, large size 78 inches tall X 75 inches wide. Fully assembled will fit a TV 28 inch wide X 22 inches tall, very solid and heavy, $150 only. Call 6 3 3 - 6 4 4 1 or email emeraldscents@yahoo.com for pictures.

Kadena, Okinawa - Entertainment center light oak, fits 32" TV, has glass cabinets, shelves and cabinets underneath for storage. Great shape $30.00 OBO. Call Nicole at 632-3107.

Kadena, Okinawa - Microwave stand, bought at Foster furniture less than 1 year ago, lightwood finish with silver plated table top, $50.00. Call Ren at 633-7129 or e m a i l m e a t s p o r s t e r @ y a h o o . c o m for pictures.

Kadena, Okinawa - Queen mattress and box spring just waiting to find a new home. Selling for $200.00 OBO. Call 633-1703.

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Kadena, Okinawa - Queen Mattress box spring and solid oak headboard for sale: Good condition, no stain on mattress. Was used as a guest bed and don't have room anymore. Asking $300.00 OBO for all 3 pieces. Call 633-5796 for more information or to see.

Kadena, Okinawa - Red metal twin/full combo frame. Mattresses not included. $50.00 OBO. Call 633-0557.

Kadena, Okinawa - Step-tansu: Korean antique looking teak piece, with brass hinges & handles. These pieces with bottom tray, lots of storage areas. Like new $500.00 or best offer. Call 633-6441 or email emeraldscents@yahoo.com for pictures.

Kadena, Okinawa - Television stand great with shelves to hold components, CD storage slots, and movie storage on either side. Black and wood color. Paid $70.00 in the states and will sell for $40.00 OBO. Call 633-5796.

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Kadena, Okinawa - Toddler bed with mattress for $30.00. Call 633-0557.

Kadena, Okinawa - Two side tables and one coffee table for sale. Cherry colored wood. Very pretty. $180.00. Call 633-5174

Kadena, Okinawa - We have a love seat and a sofa about 2 years old for sale. Need to sell ASAP, new baby has arrived and we have no room. Selling them both for $250.00 OBO. They are in good condition and ground-in-grey in color. Please call 633-0558.

Kinser, Okinawa - Overstuffed Recliner, navy blue, less than 6 months old. Very comfy, full recline, heat and massage and storage arms. Perfect condition. Sells for $400 at the Furniture Store. Need to make room $250.00 OBO. Call 637-5047.

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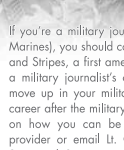

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Kadena, Okinawa - 2- Brass and black lamps, $40 for both. Needs light bulbs works perfectly. Call Kenia at 633-6164 if you would like to see or buy.

Kadena, Okinawa - 2 beautiful queen size comforters one is a purple rose print they sell at the PX for $360.00, and another velvet quilt like paid $200.00 make an offer. Call Deena 632-3203

Kadena, Okinawa - Dishes one set, fruit print looks hand painted, 6 large and small plates, 6 coffee cups, and 6 bowls. Second set in blue speckled 6 large, medium, and small plates, 6 bowls, $80.00 per set. Call 633-5174.

Kadena, Okinawa - For sale rug and matching runner burgundy cream, and sage green, Floral print. $80.00. Call 633-5174.

Kadena, Okinawa - I have two black floor lamps with 3 bulbs each in excellent condition. Paid $40, will sell for $20. I also have two black table lamps, $10 for both. Call Gail at 633-8154. Leave message.

Kadena, Okinawa - Jaguard purple rose bed set seen at PX for $300.00 will sell cheap makes an offer includes everything and 2 decorative pillows. Email me for pictures deenagilkeson@aol.com or call Deena at 632-3203.

Kadena, Okinawa - Large Turkish rug with reds and blues bought in Germany well cover your entire bedroom floor. $200.00 firm. Call 633-5174.

Kadena, Okinawa - Large blue and white oriental vase. Selling for $120.00 OBO. Call Darla at 633-0551 or email: dlikangel@yahoo.com.

Kinser, Okinawa - Zebra. Hard large area rug. Zebra print comforter and bed skirt for sale. $45.00 take it all. Call Kristi at 637-3739 to take a look.

Home Electronics 570

Ahsug, Japan - For Sale! Nintendo 64 with some games included. $45.00. Super Nintendo with some games included. $40.00. and APN Disc for $40.00. Call Steve at 264-3021 or 6912.

Foster, Okinawa - 27 inches TV with s-video and RCA jacks. $50.00. Call Jason at 646-6187.

Foster, Okinawa - 2-Sealion 12" speakers in a box already. 1 Sealion amp 1000 watt All for $350.00. Interested call Matt at 646-4163 or email: matthew.anderson5@kinawa.usmc.mil

Humphries - ATN satellite - complete $40.00 OBO. Call 011-833-3627 Ask for Mike.

Kadena, Okinawa - Denon flagship AVR-3000. Awesome unit that does it all with lots of clean power, both remotes and manual. $500.00 OBO. Call 633-5185 or email: ardmary@hotmail.com for pictures.

Kadena, Okinawa - DVD player works great, missing remote control $50.00 OBO. HF- 633-6120 or email: rgarcia256@gmail.at.mil

Kadena, Okinawa - Old 1Hz Master's Voice" Radio HMV 1121 from 1950 with original repair manuals/schematics and spare valves. Not in working order at this time but great restoration project. $200.00 OBO. Please call only if serious: 633-6441 (evening)

Kadena, Okinawa - Toshiba 24" TV with remote. Bought back in the states for $500.00, selling it for $450.00 Only one is half year old and still in perfect condition. Call me at 633-3488. Ask for Tony.

Kadena, Okinawa - Two 18 inch Television Zenith. One with remote $40.00, and One without remote $20.00. Call Steve at 633-7481.

Home Electronics 570

Kinser, Okinawa - Kenwood 5 piece surround sound system with speaker stands. $50.00 Contact Essence or Dominique at 637-3839 or email: dominiqueessence@hotmail.com

Jewelry 610

Kadena, Okinawa - 20-inch 24-karat gold Thai baht chain with extra 24-karat gold charm. This chain is much nicer and more intricate that the usual square block baht chain. The BX sells for over $500, yours for only $300! Call Andy at (WK) 634-8353 or (H) 636-5984

Merchandise Wanted 700

Kadena, Okinawa - I want to buy a mini-fridge for a reasonable price. If you have one please call Ken at 633-7120 or email me at sportster@yahoo.com

Kadena, Okinawa - Looking for a cheap or free tutor. Please call Deena at 632-3203 or email deenagilkeson@aol.com

Okinawa - Wanted: Beer approved chain link fence. 125 ft. or more. Call 646-8760 or email cynical35@hotmail.com

Outdoor Living 775

Okinawa - Lawnmower for sale- in great shape. Blade probably needs to be sharpened but other never any problem. Asking $50.00. Call Jason at 646-8187

PCS Sale 780

Kadena, Okinawa - PCS Sale- Transformers 2000!! for $65, 1400W for $50 or $100 for both. Rally 3 Ton Hydraulic floor jacks, $45 all work great. Call 632-6787 or email: martin7@cossa.mediais.net

Kadena, Okinawa -PCS Sale- Large Panasonic Microwave like new condition, $50.00. Large Panasonic toaster oven $20.00. Mr. Coffee 12 cup coffee maker with clock/auto brew feature $20.00. All items black and in excellent condition. Call Brian 633-7072 or 090-7686-3874

Pets 820

Kadena - Shiba male needs loving and playful family. Great with children. Asking $300 or best offer. Please call Ami at home 633-3699 or cell 090-9785-5191

Okinawa- 7 mo. female Shiba-Inu. Housebroken. Has some vaccinations. Good with kids. Asking $400, includes kennel. Call 622-5399. Leave message if no answer.

Yokota, Japan - Pug for adoption: 4-year old female She-pug needs a free to a good home. Owner friendly, well trained, excellent watchdog, not good around other pets, very sensitive. Call 267-6449 or email yokohap@hotmail.com

Photography 830

Kadena, Okinawa - Fuji Finepix S602 Zoom, still selling at the BX for $599.00 yours for only $450.00 OBO in almost new condition. Includes $30.00 Fuji case for free. Please call 633-6441 (evening)

Toys 945

Kinser, Okinawa Car set for sale, late use like new, green pistol and base is blue, with car base. Graco $40.00 or best offer call 645-4990

Sporting Goods 980

Kadena, Okinawa - 3-Surfboard for sale: Two 7'2" and one 6'8" $200-$300. Call Mike 633-2123.

Kadena, Okinawa - Cross Trainer Bike $70. It's new and still in original box. Great for your home gym, it covered $300, will sell it for $225 to reduce weight for PCS move. Call 633-6242.

Kadena, Okinawa - TUSA mask fins & snorkel. 3 divas only. Selling for $100.00 Call 633-2452

Kadena, Okinawa - Weider 8510 Home Gym. Like new condition. Only used a few times. Selling to make room in our home. $100.00. Call Brian or Stephanie at 633-1745 or email s.m.r.t.o.r.r.e@hotmail.com

Kinser, Okinawa - Bowflex motivator with leg extension for sale used only a few times. 3 months old sells in PX for over $[illegible] yours for $550.00 OBO. Call 637-4579 leave message or email wernicke@connect.net

Sagamihara - Golf clubs for sale! Dunlop Black Ti irons, 3-PW, irons are + 1 inch long. $150.00 Set Taylormade R580 Driver, Stiff flex, 9.5, $150.00 OBO. Irons are in good condition, driver is in very good condition. Contact Tim at 257-6234

Miscellaneous 1040

Foster, Okinawa - DSM IV-TR Diagnostic manual for mental disorders. $84 shrink-wrap $60.00. Call 646-8872 or email carter1021@hotmail.com

Kadena, Okinawa - I have 3-pampered chef food choppers/ Brand new, never been opened I will sell to you for a discount. $25 each Call Stephanie at 633-2120.

Yokota, Japan - 1-lawn mower, 20 inch, 3.5 horse power, only 1 year old, for only $25. 1-black shelf cabinet (17Rom)W) X 74cm(W) X 42cm(D), with 2 glass double doors and 2 wooden drawers, great shape, only $25. Call (0)-267-7000

Yokota - Swivel rocker, $75.00, cherry color, like new, $170.00 armoire, fits 27-inch TV, $50.00, CD storage tower, $10.00, child's vanity and chair, $10.00. Call 227-6000

Zama - Large Japanese refrigerator $300 OBO still under warranty, Japanese gas range $50 OBO, queen size mattress & box spring $200 OBO, 29" Hitachi TV $300 OBO. All items purchased in March '04. Call 0993-176-4149 or email: cernarbin1020@hotmail.com

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Buckhalter's injury spoils Owens' coming-out party

Eagles RB likely out for season with torn knee tendon

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Correll Buckhalter's injury overshadowed Terrell Owens' spectacular debut with the Philadelphia Eagles.

NFL roundup

Owens caught an 81-yard touchdown pass from Donovan McNabb on Philadelphia's first play, and rookie J.R. Reed returned a kickoff 88 yards for a score, leading the Eagles over the Baltimore Ravens 26-17 in an exhibition game Friday night.

The victory was costly for Philadelphia, which lost Buckhalter after he tore the patella tendon in his right knee in the first quarter. Eagles coach Andy Reid said he's "99 percent" sure the running back will need surgery and miss the season.

"It's sad to see," Reid said. "Correll came in in great shape."

A fourth-year pro, Buckhalter sat out the 2002 season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the team's first mini-camp. The Eagles were counting on Buckhalter and third-year pro Brian Westbrook to share the running duties after Duce Staley signed with Pittsburgh in the offseason.

"It's hard for us to swallow," Owens said.

Will Demps returned a lateral for a TD, and quarterback Kordell Stewart ran for a score for Baltimore.

"The only good thing about something like that is the learning you can get out of it," Ravens coach Brian Billick said.

While exhibition games usually attract little interest, most eyes focused on Owens and Ray Lewis, who exchanged verbal jabs after the four-time Pro Bowl receiver spurned the Ravens, forcing a trade to the Eagles after the San Francisco 49ers initially dealt him to Baltimore.

AP

Terrell Owens (81) caught an 81-yard touchdown pass on Philadelphia's first play from scrimmage on Friday night.

Upset by Owens' rejection, Lewis warned the outspoken receiver not to go across the middle. Owens responded by saying Lewis isn't the hardest hitter to play in the league.

The feud didn't live up to its hype as the players hardly crossed paths in one half.

"We did come together and I told him I loved him and he told me he loved me," Owens said. "Ray is my friend."

In their first game at home since losing their third straight NFC title game, the Eagles gave fans what they've been wanting to see for years — a big play from a receiver.

After the Ravens went three-and-out on their first possession, the Eagles took over at their 19. Owens blew past cornerback Gary Baxter, caught McNabb's pass and outran three defenders to the end zone, briefly slowing near the 10 to mockingly hold the ball out.

McNabb finished seven of 14 for 158 yards, one TD and one interception. Owens had just the one catch.

Baltimore made it 10-10 when Ed Reed stepped in front of a pass intended for Owens, returned it 27 yards and laterated to Demps, who ran the final 15 yards for the score.

Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller was 10 of 20 for 97 yards and one interception. Jamal Lewis ran for 39 yards on eight carries.

In other games on Friday:

Falcons 27, Vikings 24: Matt Schaub threw three touchdown passes in relief of Michael Vick to lead the host Falcons.

The rookie from Virginia completed 16 of 19 passes for 205 yards and no interceptions.

Daunte Culpepper and Gus Frerotte had long TD passes for the Vikings (1-1), who had leads of 17-0 and 24-13 before the Falcons rallied behind Schaub and the rest of the reserves.

Randy Moss caught three passes for 89 yards for Minnesota, including a 67-yarder for a score.

Vick completed five of nine passes for 55 yards and ran three times for 18 yards.

Jaguars 14, Bucs 6: John Henderson set the tone for a dominating first half by intercepting a pass on the first play from scrimmage, and the host Jaguars overcame early mistakes on offense and special teams.

Quinn Gray threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Matthew Hatchette and Rich Alexis ran 1 yard for a TD for Jacksonville, which missed three field goals and failed to take advantage of two turnovers deep in Bucs territory in the first quarter.

Tampa Bay, limited to 21 yards on 19 plays in the first half, was held without a first down until Chris Simms completed a 15-yard pass to Will Heller midway through the third quarter. The second-year quarterback led two scoring drives in the last 25 minutes. Simms went 13 of 23 for 104 yards and ran four times for a team-high 22 yards.

Source: DE Ogunleye to join Bears

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Chicago Bears agreed Saturday to trade receiver Marty Booker to the Miami Dolphins for unsigned Adewale Ogunleye — if the Bears can reach contract terms with the Pro Bowl defensive end, a source close to the negotiations said.

NFL briefs

The source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said Ogunleye and the Bears were not yet close to a deal, but talks were continuing. Ogunleye led the AFC with 15 sacks last season and made the Pro Bowl for the first time.

Dolphins General Manager Rick Spielman would not confirm that a deal was pending.

Bears spokesman Scott Hagel said the team had no news to report.

Ogunleye's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined to comment.

For the Dolphins, the deal would shore up a receiving corps depleted by injuries, including David Boston's season-ending knee injury. The Bears have been seeking to upgrade their pass rush.

Source: McGahee wants trade if he's not starting

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Running back Willis McGahee has asked the Buffalo Bills to trade him if he is not their starter on opening day, a source told The Associated Press on Friday.

McGahee's request was not issued as an ultimatum, but the player made clear he won't be happy backing up Travis Henry, said the source, who is close to McGahee, and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Bills spokesman Scott Berchtold said, "There is no truth to that whatsoever."

Team president Tom Donahoe denied the report. "There's nothing to it," Donahoe said Friday. "Willis is making progress and is very happy. We have no intention of trading him. We need them both."

McGahee was not available for comment. McGahee's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined comment.

In his exhibition debut, McGahee had 13 carries for 58 yards, a 9-yard reception and a touchdown.

Cink in the driver's seat at Firestone

Leads Woods, DiMarco and Toms by five shots in NEC Invitational

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Stewart Cink is making Ryder Cup captain Hal Sutton's decision look better than ever.

Golf roundup

Five days after becoming a captain's pick for the U.S. team, Cink seized control of the NEC Invitational with six straight one-putt greens and a chip-in from 50 feet for birdie on the 18th hole Saturday for a 2-under 68, giving him a five-shot lead over a trio of Ryder Cup teammates.

As Tiger Woods and David Toms lost ground over the closing holes at Firestone South, Cink marched along with a steady diet of fairways and greens and finished at 11-under 199.

It was the largest 54-hole lead in this World Golf Championship event since Woods led by nine shots in 2000.

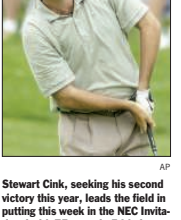
Woods struggled off the tee. He grazed a boy's head on the eighth hole, but really lost it on the final holes. He nearly shanked an iron to the right on the 17th and made bogey, then badly pulled his drive on the 18th beyond the trees and needed a great escape to save par for a 70.

"I hit it so great this morning it was scary," Woods said, who made three straight birdies to finish his second round in the rain-delayed tournament. "Then all of a sudden, I come out here and play like an idiot."

Toms ended his round with a double bogey for the second time this week, and this one was costly. He was two shots out of the lead when he pulled his tee shot on the 18th under a tree, advanced it into the rough, came up short of the green and then chipped 10 feet long and missed the putt. He shot 69.

Chris DiMarco, who played his way onto his first Ryder Cup team last week in the PGA Championship, had a 67 and will play in the final group with Cink on Sunday.

Cink, one of only five Ryder Cup players to have won this year, can break new ground. He has never won in six tries when he had at least a share of the 54-hole lead. In fact, he has never broken 70 in those final rounds.



AP

Stewart Cink, seeking his second victory this year, leads the field in putting this week in the NEC Invitational with 75 putts in 54 holes.

He gave himself an extra cushion on the 18th. After going from the right rough just over the green, his chip was true all the way, and Cink thrust both arms in the air when it dropped.

"You don't always get a chance to do that in front of a lot of people," Cink said.

Cink can become only the eighth wire-to-wire winner in the 50 years the PGA Tour has been played at Firestone, and he looked solid throughout his 26 holes of golf Saturday. He birdied the first two holes in the morning as he completed a second-round 68, giving him a three-shot lead over Woods and Rory Sabbatini.

Woods kept it close by doing much better than his bogey-bogey-bogey finish in the first round. This time, he birdied his first three holes to close out a 66 in the second round and cut the margin to three shots.

Still, Cink set the tone early once the third round began under sunny skies.

After missing a 12-foot birdie putt on the opening hole, Cink didn't miss another putt until he faced a 30-footer on the eighth hole.

Three times he got up and down from the bunker, one of those for birdie on the par-5 second. Another time he pitched perfectly from short of the fifth green. And after his only bad chip, on No. 7, he holed a 12-foot par putt to keep his distance.

Pettersen ahead in Wendy's Championship

DUBLIN, Ohio — Playing through heavy showers on Friday, Suzann Pettersen took a one-stroke lead in the Wendy's Championship for Children through two rounds. More than an inch of rain pounded Tartan Fields Golf Club, suspending play for the second straight day.

Pettersen, bogey-free through 36 holes, shot a second-round 68 and was at 9-under 135.

Defending champion Hee-Won Han and Reilley Rankin were one shot back. Also moving into contention were teenage amateurs Paula Creamer and Michelle Wie. Both were at 2-under 142.

Pavin leads rain-delayed Reno-Tahoe Open

RENO, Nev. — Corey Pavin shot his best round of the season Saturday, a 7-under-par 65 that gave him a one-stroke lead after two rounds of the rain-delayed Reno-Tahoe Open.

Pavin, the 1995 U.S. Open champion who hasn't won on the PGA Tour in more than eight years, had four birdies in a six-hole stretch to complete consecutive bogey-free rounds at 11-under 133, one ahead of rookies Vaughn Taylor and Roland Thatcher at Montreux Golf and Country Club.

Joe Ogilvie, who shot a tournament-best 64 Friday, Scott McCarron, Hunter Mahan, Hidemichi Tanaka, Carl Petterson and Steve Allan were at 8-under.

Johnson, Gordon in friendly battle

By Mike Harris
The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Jeff Gordon is Jimmie Johnson's teammate, mentor, friend and the co-owner of his car — and he's also one of the guys trying to beat out Johnson for the NASCAR Nextel Cup championship.

Gordon has been through this before, racing Hendrick Motorsports teammate Terry Labonte head-to-head for the 1996 title, and losing by only 37 points.

"I wasn't as close to Terry as I am to Jimmie," Gordon said. "We had just come off a championship the year before and there was definitely some heavy rivalry going on within the organization. It got very intense."

The drive to win is still there for four-time series champion Gordon, but this championship battle is different.

"I want one of us to win that championship," Gordon said. "If I can't win it, I certainly want him to win it."

Johnson said he feels the same way.

"We each want the championship for our own reasons," Johnson said. "Jeff wants to chase (Dale) Earnhardt's mark of seven (titles) and I want my first one.

"There's a lot of competition there, but the most important thing is that we respect each other through all the competition. And, regardless of how it turns out, we're still going to be teammates at the end of it. We're still going to be friends."

Going into Sunday's GFS Marketplace 400 at Michigan International Speedway, Gordon trails points leader Johnson by 40 points. But both drivers need to regain momentum with only four events remaining until the new 10-race "Chase for the Cup" showdown begins.

For the first time, only the top 10 drivers after the 26th race of the season — Sept. 11 in Richmond, Va. — will be eligible to race for the title over the final 10 events.

Gordon said the biggest competition within the Hendrick team right now is not between the drivers, but rather between the crews of Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet and Johnson's No. 48 entry.

"Those guys are in the shop day in and day out," Gordon said. "I know the intensity is building in the shop. Those guys love the fact both teams are where they're at.

"If it continues like this down the closing few races, then it's definitely going to get interesting."

Since winning his fourth race of the year at Pocono, Johnson has faltered the past two weeks, finishing 36th at Indianapolis because of engine failure and 40th on the road course at Watkins Glen due to a broken transmission. Gordon won for the fifth time this season at Indianapolis, but he also had late-race transmission trouble at The Glen and wound up 21st.

Johnson's lead over runner-up Gordon has been reduced from 232 points after Pocono to 40, while third-place Dale Earnhardt Jr. trails by 128. Those three will be at the front of the field Sunday, with all the other contenders for championship chase right behind, thanks to rain washing out qualifying and the lineup determined mostly by car owner points.

Kyle Busch wins Busch race

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — It took Kyle Busch 27 laps to work his way to the lead Saturday despite starting second. After that, there was little doubt who was the fastest driver in the Cabela's 250 NASCAR Busch Series race.

The 19-year-old Busch, younger brother of Nextel Cup driver Kurt Busch, led 87 of the 125 laps on the 2-mile oval at Michigan International Speedway. Three times he had leads of more than five seconds wiped out but still beat runner-up Mark Martin by 3.861 seconds — nearly half a straightaway.

Martin, a longtime Cup star, started last in the 43-car field in his first Busch race since 2000.

Series leader Martin Truex Jr., who led the first 22 laps after starting from the pole, finished third but saw his lead over runner-up Busch cut from 117 to 87 points. It was the series-leading fifth victory of the season for Busch.

Truex was followed across the finish line by Cup regulars Casey Mears, Kasey Kahne and Rusty Wallace.

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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.

AFN-Pacific/Korea/Atlantic

MON., Aug. 23, at 9 a.m.-2004 Summer Olympic Games: Gymnastics gold-medal finals, individual event; track and field gold-medal finals, men's 100, men's high jump, men's triple jump; diving gold-medal finals, women's platform; women's beach volleyball, USA vs. Australia.

MON., Aug. 23, at 1:35 p.m.-2004 Summer Olympic Games: Track and field gold-medal finals, men's hammer throw; track and field semifinals, women's 400 hurdles; beach volleyball, quarterfinal; cycling gold-medal finals, track.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 1:30 a.m.-2004 Summer Olympic Games: Track and field: diving, men's springboard competition; beach volleyball, semifinal; men's water polo, Team USA vs. Serbia-Montenegro.

TUE., Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-2004 Summer Olympic Games: Gymnastics gold-medal finals, individual event; track and field gold-medal finals, men's 400, men's discus, women's 800; track and field, decathlon Day 1; beach volleyball, semifinal; weightlifting gold-medal final, men's 206.8-pound.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 1:35 p.m.-2004 Summer Olympic Games: Men's volleyball, Team USA vs. Brazil; track and field gold-medal finals, women's 5,000, women's triple jump; weightlifting gold-medal final, men's 206.8-pound.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 7 p.m.-Pro football-NFL preseason: St. Louis vs. Kansas City.

AFN-Sports

MON., Aug. 23, at 4 a.m.-Pro golf-World championship: NEC Invitational, final round.

MON., Aug. 23, at 9 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup GFS Marketplace 400.

MON., Aug. 23, at 4 p.m.-Pro baseball: Boston Red Sox vs. Chicago White Sox.

MON., Aug. 23, at 8 p.m.-2004 Summer Olympic Games: Canoeing; men's basketball, Team USA vs. Angola.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 1:30 a.m.-Auto racing: Indy League: Honda Pikes Peak 225.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 4 a.m.-Amateur golf: U.S. championship.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 8 a.m.-Pro football: ESPN NFL Monday Night Countdown.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 9 a.m.-Pro football-NFL preseason: St. Louis vs. Kansas City.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 1 p.m.-Drag racing: NHRA O'Reilly Midsouth Nationals.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 4 p.m.-Pro baseball: Minnesota vs. Texas.

TUE., Aug. 24, at 8 p.m.-2004 Summer Olympic Games: Equestrian gold-medal final, team jumping, first round.

WED., Aug. 25, at 2 a.m.-Pro football-NFL preseason: St. Louis vs. Kansas City.

Radio

Korea-AFN Thunder-AM

MON., Aug. 23, at 2:30 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup GFS Marketplace 400.

MON., Aug. 23, at 9 a.m.-Pro baseball: Los Angeles vs. Atlanta (joined in progress).

TUE., Aug. 24, at 8 a.m.-Pro baseball: Los Angeles vs. Mexico.

Okinawa-AFN Surf 648-AM

MON., Aug. 23, at 2:30 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup GFS Marketplace 400.

MON., Aug. 23, at 9 a.m.-Pro baseball: Los Angeles vs. Atlanta (joined in progress).

Soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
MetroStars	9	7	5	32	35	35
Columbus	7	5	8	29	22	21
D.C. United	6	8	7	25	29	33
New England	6	8	7	25	29	32
Chicago	5	9	7	22	21	28

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	9	6	7	34	35	31
Kansas City	9	7	5	32	29	22
Dallas	8	5	7	29	25	28
Colorado	7	7	8	29	20	21
San Jose	6	7	7	25	33	28

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

Wednesday's game

Columbus 2, Kansas City 1

Saturday's games

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

Saturday, Aug. 28

D.C. United at New England
Chicago at Dallas
Colorado at San Jose

Auto racing

Cabela 250

Race Saturday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles

1. (8) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet
2. (5) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet
3. (21) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet
4. (00) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet
5. (60) Greg Biffle, Ford
6. (37) David Green, Pontiac
7. (2) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet
8. (25) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Ford
9. (22) Jason Keller, Ford
10. (38) Kasey Kahne, Dodge
11. (26) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet
12. (46) Ashton Lewis Jr., Chevrolet
13. (59) Stacy Compton, Ford
14. (31) Tim Fedewa, Chevrolet
15. (99) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet
16. (23) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet
17. (14) Casey Atwood, Chevrolet
18. (32) David Stremme, Dodge
19. (27) Johnny Sauter, Pontiac
20. (07) Robert Pressley, Ford
21. (1) Casey Mears, Dodge
22. (4) Mike Wallace, Ford
23. (55) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet
24. (02) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet
25. (87) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet
26. (72) Bill Eversole, Chevrolet
27. (10) Gus Wasson, Chevrolet
28. (49) Derrike Cope, Ford
29. (74) Tony Raines, Dodge
30. (39) Tina Gordon, Ford
31. (36) Travis Geisler, Chevrolet
32. (24) Steve Grissom, Chevrolet
33. (17) Carl Long, Chevrolet
34. (51) Kim Crosby, Chevrolet
35. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford
36. (98) Jeff Fuller, Chevrolet
37. (44) Justin Labonte, Dodge
38. (43) John McCarthy, Dodge
39. (56) Eric McClure, Chevrolet
40. (91) Stanton Barrett, Chevrolet
41. (61) Tracy Hines, Dodge
42. (60) Rusty Wallace, Dodge
43. (9) Mark Martin, Ford

Failed to Qualify

44. (81) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet
45. (11) Neil Bonnett, Chevrolet
46. (67) C.W. Smith, Chevrolet
47. (35) Shelby Howard, Chevrolet
48. (7) Todd Szegedy, Chevrolet
49. (19) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet
50. (71) Kevin Legage, Chevrolet

Tennis

Legg Mason Classic

Friday
At William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center
Washington
Purse: $500,000 (Intl. Series)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Quarterfinals

Lleyton Hewitt (2), Australia, def. Cyril Saulnier (7), France, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5).

Robby Ginepri (4), United States, def. Raemon Sluiter, Netherlands, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Andre Agassi (1), United States, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-4, 6-2.

Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Michel Kratochvil, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-2.

Western & Southern Women's Open

Saturday
At The ATP Tennis Center
Mason, Ohio
Purse: $170,000 (Tier III)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals

Lindsay Davenport (1), United States, def. Marion Bartoli (4), France, walkover.

Friday
Quarterfinals

Amy Frazier (3), United States, def. Selima Sfar, Tunisia, 6-3, 6-1.

Marion Bartoli (4), France, def. Laura Granville, United States, 6-3, 6-1.

Lindsay Davenport (1), United States, def. Flavia Pennetta (7), Italy, 6-2, 6-2.

Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-2, 6-2.

Golf

NEC Invitational

Saturday
At Firestone Country Club
Akron, Ohio
Purse: $7 million
Yardage: 7,360; Par: 70
Third Round

Stewart Cink	63-68-68—199	-11
Chris DiMarco	68-66-67—201	-9
David Toms	69-66-69—204	-6
Tiger Woods	68-66-70—204	-6
Scott Verplank	69-69-67—205	-5
Rod Pampling	68-67-70—205	-5
Rory Sabbatini	68-66-71—205	-5
Luke Donald	71-70-65—206	-4
Jerry Kelly	69-73-64—206	-4
Angel Cabrera	69-70-67—206	-4
Charles Howell III	71-67-68—206	-4
Bob Tway	67-73-67—207	-3
Lee Westwood	69-69-69—207	-3
Robert Allenby	71-67-69—207	-3
Todd Hamilton	69-67-71—207	-3
Stephen Leaney	73-67-68—208	-2
Stuart Appleby	69-70-69—208	-2
Stephen Ames	69-70-69—208	-2
Sergio Garcia	68-70-70—208	-2
Davis Love III	68-68-72—208	-2
Fredrik Jacobson	69-72-68—209	-1
Darren Clarke	71-70-68—209	-1
Fred Couples	72-68-69—209	-1
Shigeki Maruyama	69-68-72—209	-1
Paul Casey	72-70-68—210	E
Jay Haas	70-69-71—210	E
Alex Cejka	72-67-71—210	E
Mike Weir	70-67-73—210	E
S.K. Ho	70-67-73—210	E
Jesper Parnevik	69-72-70—211	+1
Thomas Levet	68-73-70—211	+1
Jim Furyk	68-72-71—211	+1
Joey Sindelar	70-70-71—211	+1
Zach Johnson	65-73-73—211	+1
Chris Riley	73-69-70—212	+2
Tim Clark	71-70-72—213	+3
Miguel A. Jimenez	71-70-72—213	+3
Niclas Fasth	71-69-72—212	+3
K.J. Choi	71-73-69—213	+3
Brett Rumford	71-73-69—213	+3
Brad Faxon	72-72-69—213	+3
Phil Mickelson	70-75-68—213	+3
Adam Scott	71-67-75—213	+3
Vijay Singh	73-67-73—213	+3
Nick Price	69-73-72—214	+4
Trevor Immelman	73-69-72—214	+4
John Daly	71-69-74—214	+4
Paul McGinley	73-72-69—214	+4
Colin Montgomerie	69-71-75—215	+5
Fred Funk	69-75-71—215	+5
Phillip Price	72-70-74—216	+6
Shaun Micheel	71-72-73—216	+6
Peter Lonard	71-69-76—216	+6
Justin Leonard	73-71-72—216	+6
Steve Flesch	75-70-71—216	+6
Kenny Perry	72-75-69—216	+6
Carlos Franco	69-73-74—216	+6
Scott Drummond	69-75-73—217	+7
J.L. Lewis	73-71-73—217	+7
Barry Lane	67-77-73—217	+7
Thongchai Jaidee	71-71-76—218	+8
Bernhard Langer	74-69-75—218	+8
Jonathan Kaye	71-75-72—218	+8
Ricardo Gonzalez	73-75-70—218	+8
Tommy Armour III	76-72-70—218	+8
Mark Hensby	71-70-76—217	+9
Kirk Triplett	73-67-79—219	+9
Chad Campbell	74-74-71—219	+9
Craig Parry	79-69-71—219	+9
Mark O'Meara	71-72-77—220	+10
Peter Senior	69-77-74—220	+10
Ernie Els	72-77-71—220	+10
Padraig Harrington	77-74-70—221	+11
Andrew McLardy	71-83-67—221	+11
Pierre Fulke	73-77-78—228	+18

Reno-Tahoe Open

Saturday
At Montreux Golf and Country Club
Reno Nev.
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 7,472; Par: 72
Completed Second Round

Corey Pavin	68-65—133	-11
Vaughn Taylor	67-67—134	-10
Roland Thatcher	66-68—134	-10
Scott McCarron	69-67—136	-8
Joe Ogilvie	72-64—136	-8
Hunter Mahan	69-67—136	-8
Hidemichi Tanaka	68-68—136	-8
Carl Pettersson	69-67—136	-8
Steve Allan	68-68—136	-8
Michael Allen	71-66—137	-7
Daniel Chopra	67-70—137	-7
Olin Browne	70-67—137	-7
Scott Simpson	67-71—138	-6
Garrett Willis	72-66—138	-6
Ken Duke	71-67—138	-6
Woody Austin	71-67—138	-6
John Senden	71-65—138	-6
Brent Geiberger	71-67—138	-6
Mark Wilson	67-71—138	-6
Grant Waite	70-69—139	-5
Rich Beem	68-71—139	-5
Glen Day	70-69—139	-5
John Rollins	69-70—139	-5
Duffy Waldorf	71-68—139	-5
Jay Don Blake	70-69—139	-5
Bill Haas	71-68—139	-5
Steve Elkington	71-69—140	-4
Mark Wiebe	67-73—140	-4
Len Mattiace	71-69—140	-4
Danny Ellis	71-69—140	-4
Jim McGovern	69-72—141	-3
Jose Maria Olazabal	69-72—141	-3
Cameron Beckman	72-69—141	-3
Lucas Glover	69-72—141	-3
Ben Crane	73-68—141	-3
Craig Barlow	72-69—141	-3
Jay Williamson	73-68—141	-3
Jason Bohn	70-71—141	-3
Spike McRoy	73-69—142	-2
Trevor Dodds	71-71—142	-2
Roger Tambellini	73-69—142	-2
Willie Wood	72-70—142	-2

Notables

J.P. Hayes	71-72—143	-1
Mark Calcavecchia	67-77—144	E
John Cook	75-69—144	E
Matt Kuchar	72-72—144	E
J.J. Henry	69-75—144	E

Failed To qualify

Hank Kuehne	70-76—146	+2
Steve Pate	74-72—146	+2
David Frost	74-74—148	+4
Harrison Frazar	72-74—146	+2
Rocco Mediate	71-76—147	+3
Peter Jacobsen	74-73—147	+3
Billy Mayfair	73-75—148	+4
Mark Brooks	71-77—148	+4
Notah Begay III	73-75—148	+4
Larry Mize	76-75—151	+7

Wendy's Championship

Saturday
At Tartan Fields Golf Club
Dublin, Ohio
Yardage: 6,515; Par: 72
Purse: $1.1 million
Completed Second Round
a-amateur

Suzann Pettersen	67-68—135	-9
Kelley Rankin	71-65—136	-8
Hee-Won Han	66-70—136	-8
Kristi Albers	67-70—137	-7
Brandi Burton	72-66—138	-6
Catriona Matthew	72-67—139	-5
Mi Hyun Kim	71-68—139	-5
Marilyn Lovander	70-69—139	-5
Lorie Kane	69-70—139	-5
Meg Mallon	73-66—139	-5
Natalie Gulbis	71-70—141	-3
Michele Redman	70-71—141	-3
Wendy Ward	70-71—141	-3
Beth Bader	70-71—141	-3
Nancy Scranton	69-72—141	-3
Marisa Neunier-Lebouc	69-72—141	-3
Jamie Hullett	76-66—142	-2
Karrie Webb	74-68—142	-2
a-Michelle Wie	73-69—142	-2
Kelli Kuehne	72-70—142	-2
a-Paula Creamer	72-70—142	-2
Jeong Jang	71-71—142	-2
Laura Diaz	70-72—142	-2
Lorena Ochoa	76-67—143	-1
Karen Stupples	75-68—143	-1
Soo-Yun Kang	70-73—143	-1
Laurel Kean	76-68—144	E
Eva Dahllof	75-69—144	E
Jung Yeon Lee	69-75—144	E
Marcy Hart	74-70—144	E
Kelly Gunderson	71-73—144	E
Rosie Jones	71-73—144	E
Kate Golden	70-74—144	E
Ji Yeon Lee	69-75—144	E
Pat Hurst	69-75—144	E
Patricia Baxter-Johnson	75-70—145	+1
Pamela Wright	75-70—145	+1
Ashli Bunch	75-70—145	+1
Kathryn Marshall	75-70—145	+1
Tonya Lard	74-71—145	+1
Candie Kung	74-71—145	+1
Kelly Lagerfeld	74-71—145	+1
Stephanie Louden	74-71—145	+1
Kelly Gibson	73-72—145	+1
Angela Stanford	72-73—145	+1
Sosi-An Jesse	72-73—145	+1
Janice Moodie	71-74—145	+1
Rachel Teske	70-75—145	+1
Dottie Pepper	69-76—145	+1

Notables

Kelly Robbins	70-76—146	+2
Hilary Lunke	73-74—147	+3
Aree Song	77-74—151	+7
Cristie Kerr	76-75—151	+7
Charlotta Sorenstam	76-76—152	+8
Betsy King	79-75—154	+10

Greater Hickory Classic

Saturday
At Rock Barn Golf & Spa, Jones Course
Conover, N.C.
Purse: $1.6 million
Yardage: 7,046; Par: 72 (36-36)
Second Round

Bruce Fleisher	70-65—135	-9
Doug Tewell	69-66—135	-9
Mark Lye	66-72—138	-6
Jerry Pate	72-67—139	-5
Larry Nelson	70-69—139	-5
Joe Inman	73-67—140	-4
Morris Hatalsky	73-67—140	-4
Bob Charles	71-69—140	-4
Tom Byrum	70-70—140	-4
Jim Thorpe	69-71—140	-4
Bobby Wadkins	67-73—140	-4
Sammy Rachels	74-67—141	-3
Eduardo Romero	72-69—141	-3
Gil Morgan	71-70—141	-3
Larry Mize	74-68—142	-2
R.W. Eaks	74-68—142	-2
Lonnie Nielsen	72-70—142	-2
Bob Eastman	70-72—142	-2
Jack Spradlin	70-72—142	-2
Allen Doyle	69-73—142	-2
James Mason	74-69—143	-1
Don Pooley	73-70—143	-1
Leonard Thompson	73-70—143	-1
D.A. Weibring	73-70—143	-1
Hugh Baiocchi	72-71—143	-1
Larry Mowry	72-71—143	-1

Notables

Craig Stadler	71-73—144	E
Dana Quigley	73-72—145	+1
Ed Dougherty	74-71—145	+1
Hubert Green	71-79—150	+6
Bob Murphy	74-77—151	+7
Jim Colbert	74-77—151	+7
Gary Player	76-76—152	+8

Japan baseball

Central League

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Chunichi	60	42	1	.588	—
Yokohama	57	51	2	.528	6.0
Yakult	51	48	2	.515	7.5
Hanshin	48	55	1	.466	12.5
Yokohama	44	53	2	.454	13.5
Hiroshima	42	62	1	.446	14.5

Saturday's games

Hanshin 7, Yakult 6, 12 innings
Yokohama 10, Chunichi 5
Yomiuri 13, Hiroshima 6

Pacific League

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Daiei	64	44	4	.593	—
Seibu	65	45	1	.591	—
Nippon Ham	54	55	2	.495	10.5
Lotte	54	56	3	.491	11.0
Kintetsu	49	58	2	.458	14.5
Orix	40	68	2	.370	24.0

Saturday's games

Kintetsu 6, Nippon Ham 1
Seibu 7, Orix 2
Lotte 6, Daiei 2

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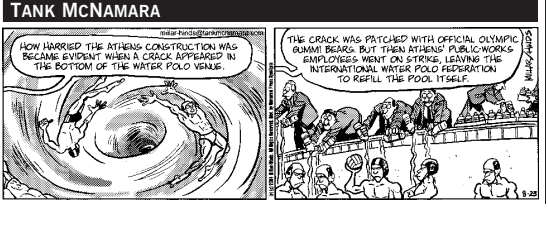

Talent lifts N.C. over Iowa

The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Center fielder Trevor Tallent knew he'd get a chance to redeem himself after he dropped a fly ball and cost his team a run.

Talent hit a three-run homer in the second inning to put Morgantown, N.C., ahead for good in a 10-4 victory over Davenport, Iowa, in Friday's opening game of the Little League World Series.

Little League roundup

Talent allowed the game's first homer to bounce off his glove and over the wall just a few feet from where his own homer crossed over.

"When I dropped that ball, I was really disappointed," Tallent said. "But when I hit the home run, it got my confidence back up."

In other games, Panama City, Panama, beat Ottawa, Ontario, Canada 12-2 in five innings; the game between Lincoln, R.I., and Thousand Oaks, Calif., was postponed until Tuesday because of rain.

Down 3-2 with two outs, Aaron Attaway and Chris Fine both singled to set up Tallent's go-ahead shot over the center field wall.

"It is a team game. If you make a mistake, one mistake is not going to lose the game for us," North Carolina manager Alan Lail said. "All of them just need to keep their head in the game and have fun. We were tight the first two, three innings."

Iowa pulled within 5-4 in the fourth when Tyler Woody stole second, then scored on two fielding errors.

But Fine padded the North Carolina lead with a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth. Tallent scored on a wild pitch, making it 8-4 at the end of the inning. Nick Chapman and Attaway scored on a fielding error in the fifth to provide the final margin.

"From an offensive standpoint, they did a really good job hitting," Iowa manager Thomas E. Kenyon Jr. "Those home runs really hurt us."

Eli Lawson earned the win for North Carolina. Trevor Kenyon took the loss.

Iowa took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Jacob Gibson's fly to center field bounced off Tallent's glove and over the wall, driving in Cody Lambert.

"We were a little shaky the first inning, but pretty quickly settled in, as has happened in past games," Lail said.

Panama 13, Canada 2 (5)

Alexis Martinez hit a three-run homer and gave up just one hit for Panama City, which earned the mercy rule win when Eduardo Fruto and Gonzalez hit RBI singles in the fifth. Canada had a 2-0 lead in the first after runners scored on a passed ball and a wild pitch.

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

U.S. beats Britain in sailing's 470 class

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Americans Paul Foerster, 40, and Kevin Burnham, 47, won the first Olympic titles of their long careers Saturday, dominating their British rivals in a brilliant match race in the 470 class.

It was as thrilling as sailing gets, as Foerster and Burnham gained control over Nick Rogers and Joe Glanfield during pre-start maneuvers and never let up. The veterans followed the basic rule of match racing by keeping their boat between the younger British crew and each mark.

Rogers, 27, and Glanfield, 25, got the silver, and Kazuto Seki and Kenjiro Todoroki of Japan got the bronze.

Medals roundup

Burnham, normally pretty low-key, celebrated his gold medal by doing a backflip into the Saronic Gulf just after they crossed the finish line, leaving Foerster to control the 15-foot boat in the spectator fleet.

Foerster is in his fourth Olympics. He won the 470 silver in 2000 and the Flying Dutchman silver in 1992. Burnham, a three-time Olympian, won the silver in the 470 in 1992, crewing for Morgan Reeser.

Burnham is the oldest member of the U.S. sailing team. He competed in every Olympic trials since 1980.

Also on Saturday, Britain's Ben Ainsley completed a remarkable comeback from a protest lodged in race two weeks earlier to win the gold medal in the Finn class. Silver went to Rafael Trujillo of Spain. Mateusz Kusznierewicz of Poland took bronze.

In the women's 470, Natalia Via Dufresne and Sandra Azon of Spain took silver and Sweden's Therese Torgersson and Vendela Zachrisson took bronze. The gold medal had already been clinched by Sofia Bekatorou and Aimilia Tsoulfa of Greece.

In the Yngling class, Ruslana Taran, Ganna Kalinina and Svitlana Matevusheva of Ukraine took the silver. The Danish crew of Dorte Jensen, Helle Jespersen and Christina Borregaard Otzen took bronze. The gold already had been clinched by Britain's Shirley Robertson, Sarah Webb and Sarah Ayton on Thursday.

AP

Kevin Brunham does a backflip off the boat after he and Paul Foerster of the U.S. win the gold medal in the men's double-handed 470 dinghy sailing event Saturday in Athens, Greece. It was the first Olympic medal for Brunham and Foerster.

Shooting

Men's 25-meter rapid fire pistol: Ralf Schumann of Germany shot 102.9 in the final round Saturday to win the gold medal.

Schumann and Russians Sergei Poliakov and Sergei Alifirenko were tied at 592 after the qualifying round, while their closest competitor was four points back.

In the final, in which scores are measured in fractions and the highest possible score is 10.9, Schumann shot less than 10 only once in his 10 attempts.

Poliakov shot 100.7 in the final to finish with 692.7 and the silver. Alifirenko shot 100.3 and won the bronze.

In rapid-fire pistol, competitors fire at five targets rapid succession. When the green light goes off, the shooter fires one shot at one target, then pivots to the next target, and continues until all five have been shot.

Badminton

Women's doubles: China won the gold and silver medals Saturday, with top-seeded Zhang Jiewin and Yang Wei beating Huang Sui and Gao Ling in the final match.

The Chinese failed to equal their three-medal sweep in the Sydney Games. Ra Kyung-min and Lee Kyung-won of South Korea beat China's Zhao Tingting and Wei Yili 10-15, 15-9, 15-7 for the bronze medal.

Zhang and Yang rallied to get the gold medal 7-15, 15-4, 15-8, winning several long, entertaining rallies in the third game — one point went 94 strokes — to pull ahead 7-0. Huang and Gao got no closer than 7-11 and Zhang smashed the winning point with an overhead and hugged Yang.

Men's singles: Taufik Hidayat of Indonesia won the men's gold, beating Shon Seung-mo of South Korea, 15-8,15-7. Soni Dwi Kuncoro of Indonesia won bronze.

Weightlifting

Men's 85 kg: George Asanidze of Georgia won the gold medal Saturday with 843 pounds (382.5 kg). Andrei Rybakou of Belarus won the silver medal. Pyrros Dimas of Greece, trying for a record fourth straight gold, won the bronze.

Women's 75+ kg: Tang Gonghong of China broke world records in the clean and jerk and total lift for women's super heavyweights Saturday while winning the gold medal.

Tang raised 402 pounds (182.5 kg) on her final attempt in the clean and jerk to break her record of 385½ pounds (175 kg) set in April. She needed the record lift to overtake silver medalist Jang Mi-ran of South Korea.

Tang's total of 672 pounds (305 kg) also was a record, surpassing the 667 pounds (302.5 kg) she lifted in April.

Cycling

Men's individual pursuit: Britain's Bradley Wiggins won the gold medal Saturday, finishing the 4,000-meter final in 4:16.304.

Wiggins' time was 4.132 seconds ahead of Australia's Brad McGee, who settled for silver. Spain's Sergi Escobar, with a time of 4:17.947, defeated Britain's Rob Hayles for the bronze medal. Hayles also lost the bronze-medal race in Sydney four years ago to McGee.

Wiggins set the Olympic record of 4:15.165 in Friday's qualifying round. He led McGee by about 0.45 seconds midway through the 16-lap final — and pulled away steadily as the race went along.

Men's team sprint: Germany's Jens Fiedler, Rene Wolff and Stefan Nimke edged Japan for the gold medal Saturday at the Olympic velodrome.

The Germans finished in 43.980 seconds. Japan's time for the three-lap race was 44.246 seconds.

Germany trailed the Japanese trio of Toshiaki Fushimi, Masaki Inoue and Tomohiro Nagatsuka by about one-tenth of a second after the opening lap, but Nimke and Wolff overcame the margin in the final two trips around the 250-meter oval.

It was Fiedler's third career gold medal. He also won individual sprint titles in 1992 at Barcelona and again four years later in Atlanta. Fiedler raced the first lap for the Germans in Saturday's final.

Rowing

Men's four: Matthew Pinsent won his fourth gold medal Saturday after his boat edged Canada by .08 seconds — a finish that left the throng of Britons roaring and waving the Union Jack.

Both crews were forced to wait in their boats while officials reviewed a photo of the finish. When the scoreboard showed Britain first with a time of 6:06.98, Pinsent fell backward and threw up his arms, eyes closed as he basked in the cheers.

Men's double sculls: Americans Aquil Abdullah and Navy Lt. j.g. Henry Nuzum ran out of surprises, finishing sixth in a rare seven-boat final. France won the gold medal, Slovenia took silver and Italy the bronze.

Abdullah, the first black Olympian on the men's team, and Nuzum used a stunning comeback to finish in a dead heat with Norway for the third and last qualifying spot in Wednesday's semifinal, sending both boats to Saturday's final.

While they handily beat Norway on Saturday, they were 8.99 seconds behind Italy after the first 500 meters and never threatened the top boats.

Women's single sculls: German Katrin Rutschow-Stomporowski ended Ekaterina Karsten-Khodotovitch's Olympic dominance, beating the two-time defending gold medalist by nearly four seconds.

Two-time defending world champion and Sydney silver medalist Rumyana Neykova of Bulgaria won bronze, coming in 4.98 seconds behind Rutschow-Stomporowski's winning time of 7 minutes, 18.12 seconds.

Men's single sculls: Norwegian Olaf Tufte followed up his victory in last year's world championships with an Olympic gold medal in a time of 6:49.30, more than two seconds ahead of Estonian Jueri Jaanson and Bulgaria's Ivo Yanakiev.

Women's pair: The Romanian tandem of Georgeta Damian and Viorica Susanu, coming off their victory in the World Cup, took the gold medal, finishing in 7:06.55, followed by Britain and Belarus.

Men's pair: Australians Drew Ginn and James Tomkins, the defending world champions, had a lead of more than two seconds going into the final 500 meters and no other crew could catch them. Croatia got silver, finishing 1.81 seconds behind the Australians' winning time of 6:30.76. South Africa took bronze.

Women's double sculls: No one could stay with two-time defending world champions Georgina and Carolina Evers-Swindell of New Zealand. The twin sisters had a lead of nearly 1.7 seconds after the first 500 meters and cruised to the finish, letting up on the final strokes to finish in 7:01.79. Germany won silver and the British took bronze.

Equestrian

Team dressage: Germany kept its run of equestrian gold medals intact Saturday.

Germany has won the team gold in every Olympics since 1976, except for the boycotted 1980 Games. It kept the streak going with an average team score of 74.653 percent. Spain was second at 72.917 percent, and the United States took the bronze at 71.5 percent.

The drama over who would win the silver ended early, when Beatriz Ferrer-Salat scored 74.542 on Beauvalais to clinch the spot.

Dressage is horsemanship's equivalent of gymnastics, performed in an enclosed arena with no jumps. The horse is guided through difficult steps and gaits by only slight gestures from the rider.

Table tennis

Men's doubles: China is halfway to another Olympic sweep.

Ma Lin and Chen Qi won the gold medal in men's doubles Saturday, beating Lai Chak Ko and Ching Li of Hong Kong 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-5.

Earlier, top-seeded Zhang Yining advanced to the final of the women's singles competition.

Zhang and Wang Nan won the women's doubles title on Friday.

The Chinese have won every Olympic table tennis gold medal since 1992, when Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner won men's singles in Barcelona.

Gymnastics

Men's trampoline: Yuri Nikitin of Ukraine won the gold on Saturday, topping three-time world champion Alexander Moskalenko of Russia, with 41.5 points.

Archery

Men's team: South Korea beat Taiwan 251-245 Saturday to win the gold medal.

Im Dong-hyun, Park Kyung-mo and Jang Yong-ho won South Korea's third archery gold of these Olympics. Ukraine beat the United States 237-235 to win the bronze. The Koreans also won three golds in 2000.

Fencing

Men's team foil: Two-time individual world champion Salvatore Sanzo survived a late charge by China's Dong Zhaozhi in the final bout Saturday to give Italy a 45-42 victory and the gold medal.

Tennis

Women's singles: In a No. 1 vs. No. 2 final that wasn't really close, top-ranked Justin Henin-Hardenne overwhelmed France's Amelie Mauresmo 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday night to win Belgium's first gold of these Olympics.

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Hamm's gold won as result of scoring error

Federation rules South Korean should have won men's all-around

By Eddie Pells
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Paul Hamm's gold medal has lost its luster.

A scoring mistake in the all-around gymnastics final cost Yang Tae-young the gold that ended up going to Hamm, the International Gymnastics Federation ruled Saturday. The South Korean got the bronze instead.

Three judges were suspended, but the results will not be changed, the federation said. The South Korean Olympic team will ask the Court of Arbitration for Sports to determine if Yang deserves a gold medal.

"We want obvious mistakes to be corrected," said Jae Soon-yoo, an official with the South Korean delegation.

The error Wednesday cost Yang a tenth of a point on his parallel bars score that made the difference between third and first.

South Korea failed to lodge a protest during the event, so the scoring was not changed, said the federation, known as FIG. The South Koreans, however, said they did question the scoring as soon as the routine was over and were told by the judges to file a protest letter after the meet, Jae said.

If the mistake hadn't been made, Hamm would have won the silver and South Korea's Kim Dae-eun would have received the bronze instead of silver.

USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarusso compared the mistake to a bad call in football that wasn't discovered until after the game.

He insisted the decision by gymnastics' governing body should not put an asterisk on Hamm's gold medal.

Hamm scored 9.837 on parallel bars and high bar to close the meet, rallying from 12th place to first and becoming the first American man to win the event.

"Paul Hamm's performance the other night was absolutely incredible," Colarossi said. "It's unfortunate the judges didn't have the right start value."

A start value is based on the difficulty of the routine. Yang received a start value of 9.9 on parallel bars, a tenth lower than he got for the same routine in team qualifying and finals.

After reviewing a tape of the all-around, federation officials determined Yang should have been awarded a start value of 10. With the extra 0.10, he would have finished with 57.874 points and defeated Hamm by 0.051.

Matthieu Reeb, general secretary of CAS, talked to the South Korean team about an appeal and expected it to be filed by Sunday.

Still, he said it was unclear whether the court would hear the case.

"Our regular practice is that field-of-play decisions cannot be reviewed by CAS," Reeb said. "We'll see if the Korean delegation has other legal arguments to submit to the court. We haven't had a similar case involving a problem of judging or scoring."

Hamm, practicing Saturday for event finals, was not available for comment. He was asked Thursday about the judging and his close victory.

"I feel like I just barely edged them out," he said. "If you go back and look at the tapes, people can analyze it, and they'll all come to that conclusion, I think."

Olympics scoreboard

Saturday's scores

BASEBALL
Japan 4, Taiwan 3
Cuba 5, Canada 2
Australia 22, Netherlands 2, 7 innings
Greece 12, Italy 7

BASKETBALL
Men
Puerto Rico 87, Australia 82
Spain 76, Serbia-Montenegro 68
Argentina 98, New Zealand 94
Italy 89, China 52
Lithuania 94, United States 90
Greece 88, Angola 56

FIELD HOCKEY
Men
South Korea 11, Egypt 0
New Zealand 2, India 1
Australia 5, South Africa 2
Netherlands 4, Argentina 2
Spain 4, Pakistan 0
Germany 4, Britain 1

SOCCER
Men
Quarterfinals
Iraq 1, Australia 0
Italy 1, Mali 0, 2OT
Paraguay 3, South Korea 2
Argentina 4, Costa Rica 0

TEAM HANDBALL
Women
France 29, Angola 21
Ukraine 29, Greece 20
South Korea 36, Spain 21
Hungary 35, Brazil 28

VOLLEYBALL
Men
United States 3, Australia 1 (25-19, 23-25, 25-13, 25-19)
Italy 3, Netherlands 0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-20)
Poland 3, Tunisia 1 (25-18, 23-25, 25-19, 25-23)
Serbia-Montenegro 3, Argentina 1 (21-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-23)
Greece 3, France 2 (25-22, 14-25, 26-24, 23-25, 15-10)
Brazil 3, Russia 0 (25-19, 25-13, 25-23)

WATER POLO
Men
Hungary 14, Kazakhstan 4
Italy 13, Egypt 4
Greece 10, Australia 9
Germany 11, Spain 5
Serbia-Montenegro 11, Croatia 8
Russia 9, United States 7

Archery

Men's Team
Semifinals
South Korea (Im Donh-hyun; Park Kyung-Mo; Jang Yong-ho), def. Ukraine (Dmytro Hrachov; Viktor Ruban; Oleksandr Serdyuk), 242-239.
Taiwan (Szu Yuan Chen; Ming Huang Liu; Cheng Pang Wang), def. United States (Butch Johnson, Worcester, Mass.; Vic Wunderle, Mason City, Ill.; John Magera, Carterville, Ill.), 244-243.

Bronze Medal
Ukraine (Dmytro Hrachov; Viktor Ruban; Oleksandr Serdyuk), def. United States (Butch Johnson, Worcester, Mass.; Vic Wunderle, Mason City, Ill.; John Magera, Carterville, Ill.), 237-235.

Gold Medal
South Korea (Im Donh-hyun; Park Kyung-Mo; Jang Yong-ho), def. Taiwan (Szu Yuan Chen; Ming Huang Liu; Cheng Pang Wang), 251-245.

Badminton

Men
Singles
Bronze Medal
Soni Dwi Kuncoro, Indonesia, def. Boonsak Ponsana, Thailand, 15-11, 17-16.

Gold Medal
Taufik Hidayat, Indonesia, def. Shon Seung-mo, South Korea, 15-8, 15-7.

Women
Doubles
Bronze Medal
Ra Kyung-min and Lee Kyung-won, South Korea def. Zhao Tingting and Wei Yili, China, 10-15, 15-9, 15-7.

Gold Medal
Zhang Jewen and Yang Wei, China def. Huang Sui and Gao Ling, China, 7-15, 15-4, 15-8.

Cycling

Men
4000m Individual Pursuit
Bronze Medal
Sergi Escobar, Spain, 4:17.947, def. Rob Hayles, Britain, 4:22.291.

Gold Medal
Bradley Wiggins, Britain, 4:16.304, def. Brad McGee, Australia, 4:20.436.

Team Sprint
Bronze Medal
France (Mickael Bourgain; Laurent Gane; Arnaud Tournant), 44.359, def. Australia (Ryan Bayley; Sean Eadie; Shane Kelly), 44.404.

Gold Medal Heat
Germany (Jens Fiedler; Stefan Nimke; Rene Wolff), 43.980, def. Japan (Toshiaki Fushimi; Masaki Inoue; Tomohiro Nagatsuka), 44.226.

Equestrian dressage

Team
Final
1. Germany (Ulla Salzgeber, Rusty, 78.208; Martin Schaudt, Weltall, 73.417; Hubertus Schmidt, Wansuela Suerte, 72.333; Heike Kemmer, Bonsamic, 71.292), 74.653.
2. Spain (Beatriz Ferrer Salat, Beauvalais, 74.667; Rafael Soto, Invasor, 72.792; Juan Antonio Jimenez, Guizo, 71.292; Ignacio Rambla, Olaige, 64.750), 72.917.
3. United States (Deborah McDonald, Orange, Calif., Brentina, 73.375; Robert Dover, Flemington, N.J., Kennedy, 71.625; Guenter Seidel, Del Mar, Calif., Aragon, 69.500; Lisa Wilcox, Thousand Oaks, Calif., Relevant 5, 68.792), 71.500.
4. Netherlands (Anky van Grunsven, Salinero, 74.208; Sven Rothenberger, Barclay II, 69.833; Imke Schell-Bartels, Lancet, 69.750; Marlies van Baalen, Idocus, 69.292), 71.264.
5. Denmark (Per Sandgaard, Zancor, 70.667; Jon Jacobsen Pedersen, Esprit De Valdemar, 69.000; Andreas Helgstrand, Cavan, 68.333; Lone Castrup Joergensen, Ludewig G, 65.750), 69.333.

Fencing

Men's Team Foil
Bronze Medal
Russia (Viatcheslav Pozdniakov 3-0; Youri Moltchan 1-1; Renal Ganeev 0-2), def. United States (Jonathan Tiomkin, Hewlett, N.Y. 2-1; Aedeldin Pree, New York 0-1; Dan Kellner, Warren, N.J. 1-2), 45-38, 11-34.

Gold Medal
Italy (Simone Vanni 2-1; Andrea Cassara 2-1; Salvatore Sanzo 1-2), def. China (Wu Hanxiong 2-1; Dong Zhaozhi 1-2; Ye Chong 1-2), 45-42, 12:26.

Sailing

Women's 470
1. Greece (Sofia Bekatorou; Aimilia Tsoukalofa) (1, 2, 2, 13, 1, 1, 14, 1, 1, 2, 21), 38.0.
2. Spain (Natalia Via Dufresne; Sandra Azon) (2, 4, 9, 15, 19, 5, 8, 3, 5, 6, 5), 62.0.
3. Sweden (Therese Torgersson; Vendela Zachrisson) (9, 10, 7, 2, 3, 14, 5, 6, 7, 7, 3), 63.0.
4. Slovenia (Vesna Dekleva; Klara Maucec) (3, 5, 14, 18, 2, 15, 1, 2, 18, 3, 2), 65.0.
5. United States (Katie McDowell, Barrington, R.I.; Isabelle Kissolving, New York) (12, 16, 3, 12, 9, 2, 18, 17, 8, 1, 4), 84.0.

Men's Finn
1. Ben Ainslie, Britain (5, 26, 1, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 14), 38.0.
2. Rafael Trujillo, Spain (8, 3, 3, 6, 2, 3, 26, 4, 5, 4, 13), 51.0.
3. Mateusz Kusznierewicz, Poland (3, 1, 6, 4, 11, 26, 17, 1, 7, 2, 1), 53.0.

U.S. finisher
11. Kevin Hall, Ventura, Calif. (11, 6, 13, 17, 16, 14, 13, 9, 9, 17, 7), 115.0.

Women's Yngling
1. Britain (Shirley Robertson; Sarah Webb; Sarah Ayton) (5, 4, 1, 1, 4, 3, 4, 6, 3, 8, 17), 39.0.
2. Ukraine (Ruslana Taran; Ganna Kalinina; Svitlana Matevusheva) (10, 3, 9, 3, 7, 2, 8, 1, 16, 5), 50.0.
3. Denmark (Dorte Jensen; Helle Jespersen; Christina Borregaard Otzen) (1, 14, 5, 5, 5, 6, 3, 4, 6, 5, 17), 54.0.

U.S. finisher
10. United States (Carol Cronin, Jamestown, R.I.; Liz Filter, Stevenville, Md.; Nancy Haberland, Annapolis, Md.) (2, 10, 16, 9, 15, 10, 1, 15, 7, 1, 17), 86.0.

Men's 470
1. United States (Paul Foerster, Rockwall, Texas; Kevin Burnham, Miami Beach, Fla.) (1, 8, 2, 15, 9, 4, 3, 7, 18, 4, 22), 71.0.
2. Britain (Nick Rogers; Joe Glanfield) (2, 3, 9, 4, 17, 5, 2, 10, 15, 23), 74.0.
3. Japan (Kazuto Seki; Kenjiro Todoroki) (3, 7, 21, 18, 7, 12, 1, 9, 5, 17, 11), 90.0.

Swimming

Men
1500 Freestyle
1. Grant Hackett, Australia, 14:43.40.
2. Larsen Jensen, Bakersfield, Calif., 14:45.29.
3. David Davies, Britain, 14:45.95.
4. Yuri Prilukov, Russia, 14:52.48.
5. Spyridon Gianniotis, Greece, 15:03.69.
6. Graeme Smith, Britain, 15:09.71.
7. Dragos Cristian Coman, Romania, 15:10.21.
8. Craig Stevens, Australia, 15:13.66.

4 X 100m Medley Relay
1. United States (Aaron Peirsol, Irvine, Calif., 52.62; Brendan Hansen, Haverton, Pa., 59.37; Ian Crocker, Portland, Maine, 50.28; Jason Lezak, Irvine, Calif., 47.58), 3:30.68.
2. Germany (Steffen Deibler, 54.26; Jens Kruppa, 1:00.50; Thomas Rupprath, 51.40; Lars Conrad, 47.46), 3:33.62.
3. Japan (Tomomi Morita, 54.25; Kosuke Kitajima, 59.35; Takashi Yamamoto, 51.87; Yoshihiro Okumura, 49.75), 3:35.22.
4. Russia (Arkady Vyatchanin, 55.15; Roman Sludnov, 1:01.00; Igor Marchenko, 51.33; Alexander Popov, 49.03), 3:35.91.
5. France (Simon Dufour, 55.74; Hugues Duboscq, 1:00.07; Franck Esposito, 52.22; Frederic Bousquet, 48.44), 3:36.57.
6. Ukraine (Pavlo Ilichov, 56.19; Oleg Lisogor, 1:00.59; Andriy Serdinov, 50.80; Yuriy Yegoshin, 48.89), 3:36.87.
7. Hungary (Laszlo Cseh, 54.89; Richard Bodor, 1:00.25; Zsolt Gaspar, 53.32; Attila Czene, 49.00), 3:37.46.
8. Britain (Gregor Tait, 55.69; James Gibson, 1:00.30; James Hickman, 52.64; Matthew Kidd, 49.14), 3:37.77.

Women
50 Freestyle
1. Inge de Bruijn, Netherlands, 24.58.
2. Malia Metella, France, 24.89.
3. Lisbeth Lenton, Australia, 24.91.
4. Therese Alshammar, Sweden, 24.93.
5. Kara Lynn Joyce, Ann Arbor, Mich., 25.00.
6. Mirella Engelsman, Australia, 25.06.
7. Jennifer Thompson, Dover, N.H., 25.11.
8. Flavia Rigamonti, Brazil, 25.20.

4 X 100m Medley Relay
1. Australia (Giaan Rooney, 1:01.18; Leisel Jones, 1:06.50; Petria Thomas, 56.67; Jodie Henry, 52.97), 3:57.32.
2. United States (Natalie Coughlin, Concord, Calif., 59.68; Amanda Beard, Irvine, Calif., 1:06.12; Jennifer Thompson, Dover, N.H., 58.81; Kara Lynn Joyce, Ann Arbor, Mich., 53.31), 3:59.12.
3. Germany (Antje Buschschulte, 1:00.72; Sarah Poewe, 1:07.08; Franziska van Almsick, 55.64; Daniela Goetz, 54.38), 4:00.72.
4. China (Chen Xiujun, 1:02.06; Luo Xuejuan, 1:08.82; Zhou Yafei, 58.10; Zhu Ying-wen, 54.43), 4:03.35.
5. Japan (Reiko Nakamura, 1:01.05; Masami Tanaka, 1:09.09; Junko Onishi, 59.14; Tomoko Nagai, 55.55), 4:04.83.
6. Netherlands (Stefanie Luiken, 1:04.83; Madelon Baans, 1:09.55; Inge de Bruijn, 58.85; Marleen Veldhuis, 54.13), 4:07.36.
7. Spain (Nina Zhivanevskaya, 1:01.29; Sara Perez, 1:10.62; Maria Pelaez, 1:00.74; Tatiana Rouba, 54.96), 4:07.61.
8. Britain (Katy Sexton, 1:02.36; Kirsty Balfour, 1:07.98; Georgina Lee, 59.63; Kathryn Evans), DQ.

Tennis

Men
Singles
Bronze Medal
Fernando Gonzalez (16), Chile, def. Taylor Dent, United States, 6-4, 2-6, 16-14.

Women
Singles
Final Gold Medal
Justine Henin Hardenne (1), Belgium, vs. Amelie Mauresmo (2), France, 6-3, 6-3.

Bronze Medal
Alicia Molik, Australia, def. Anastasia Myskina (3), Russia, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles
Bronze Medal
Paola Suarez and Patricia Tarabini (7), Argentina, def. Shinobu Asagoe and Ai Sugiyama (5), Japan, 6-3, 6-3.

Track and field

Women
100
Final
1. Yuliya Nesterenko, Belarus, 10.93.
2. Lauryn Williams, Miami, 10.96.
3. Veronica Campbell, Jamaica, 10.97.
4. Ivet Lalova, Bulgaria, 11.00.
5. Aleen Bailey, Jamaica, 11.05.
6. Sherone Simpson, Jamaica, 11.07.
7. Debbie Ferguson, Bahamas, 11.16.
8. Tatana Colander, Garner, N.C., 11.18.

Discus
Final
1. Natalya Sadova, Russia, (67.02), 219-10.
2. Anastasia Kelesidou, Greece, (66.68), 218-9.
3. Iryna Yatchenko, Belarus, (66.17), 217-1.
4. Věra Cechlova Pospisilova, Czech Republic, (66.08), 216-9.
5. Olena Antonova, Ukraine, (65.75), 215-8.
6. Lenuta Nicoleta Grasu, Romania, (64.92), 213-0.
7. Beatrice Faumuina, New Zealand, (63.45), 208-2.
8. Ekaterini Voggoli, Greece, (62.37), 204-7.
9. Li Yanfeng, China, (61.05), 200-3.
10. Joanna Wisniewska, Poland, (60.74), 199-3.
11. Stylianí Tsikouna, Greece, (59.48), 195-1.

NR. Yania Ferrales, Cuba, NM.

Heptathlon
Final Ranking
1. Carolina Kluft, Sweden, 6952
2. Austra Skujyte, Lithuania, 6455.
3. Kelly Sotherton, Britain, 6424.
4. Shelia Burrell, Chula Vista, Calif., 6296.
5. Yelena Prokhorova, Russia, 6289.
6. Sonja Kesselschlaeger, Germany, 6287.
7. Marie Collonville, France, 6279.
8. Natalya Dobrynska, Ukraine, 6255.
9. Margaret Simpson, Ghana, 6253.
10. Svetlana Sokolova, Russia, 6210.
11. Shobha Jagadishaga, India, 6172.
12. Claudia Tonn, Germany, 6155.
13. Najde Gomes, Portugal, 6151.
14. Michelle Perry, Los Angeles, 6124.
15. Argiro Strataki, Greece, 6117.
16. Marijn Bugutuhi, Netherlands, 6108.
17. Karin Ertl, Germany, 6095.
18. Kylie Wheeler, Australia, 6090.
19. Janice Josephs, South Africa, 6074.
20. Tiffany Lott, Pleasant Grove, Utah, 6066.
21. Magdalena Szczepanska, Poland, 6012.
22. Irina Naumenko, Kazakhstan, 6000.
23. Yuliya Akulenko, Ukraine, 5996.
24. Soma Biswas, India, 5965.
25. Marsha Baird, Trinidad and Tobago, 5962.
26. Michaela Hejnova, Czech Republic, 5716.
27. Shen Shengfei, China, 4949.
28. Yuki Nakata, Japan, 4871.
NR. Denise Lewis, Britain, DNF.
NR. Svetlana Kazanina, Kazakhstan, DNF.
NR. Tila Hautala, FinlandDNF.
NR. Anzhela Atroshchenka, Turkey, DNF.
NR. Natalya Sazanovich, Belarus, DNF.
NR. Tatyana Gordeyeva, Russia, DNF.

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Last splash for U.S. swim team

Phelps wins record eighth medal of Games without getting wet

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Michael Phelps won another gold medal, this time wearing khaki shorts and flip-flops.

From a front-row seat at the Olympic pool, Phelps watched his teammates do all the work in the 400-meter individual medley Saturday. When they won with a world-record time, Phelps got a gold, too — his record-tying eighth medal of the Games.

"It felt like I was part of that race," said Phelps, who earned his gold by swimming the event in the preliminaries.

Phelps led the U.S. contingent in cheers, pounded the side of an "Athens 2004" sign, waved an American flag and screamed "Go Jason!" as Jason Lezak completed the rout, easily retaining the lead built by Aaron Peirsol, Brendan Hansen and Ian Crocker.

When the scoreboard flashed "WR" — world record — Phelps threw up his arms to celebrate.

"I can't tell you about how exciting it is to be on the other side of the sport," he said.

Jenny Thompson had to swim for her spot in the Olympic record book, but it was another forgettable performance.

Looking her age, the 31-year-old Thompson lost the lead in the women's medley relay but still got a silver — the 12th medal of her career, more than any other U.S. Olympian.

Phelps earned a spot in the medley final by winning the 100 butterfly Friday night. But he ceded his place to Crocker, wanting to give the silver medalist a chance to make up for a poor showing in the 400 free relay.

Before the race, Phelps signed autographs and posed for pictures with swimmers from other countries. After the medal ceremony, he hugged Crocker.

AP

Jenny Thompson had to settle for a silver Saturday after a poor leg in the women's 400-meter medley relay, but she became the most decorated U.S. Olympian with her 12th overall medal.

"I'm proud of giving someone like Ian another chance," said Phelps, whose eight medals tied Soviet gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin's record in the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games.

The United States has never lost a men's medley relay in the Olympics, and it didn't really matter who swam the fly — Phelps or Crocker. The Americans dominated the race, setting a world record of 3 minutes, 30.68 seconds, nearly three second ahead of runner-up Germany. Japan won the bronze, its first medal in the event since 1960.

Thompson's medal made her the most decorated U.S. Olympian, breaking a tie with swimmer Mark Spitz and Matt Biondi and shooter Carl Osburn. But the record seemed rather empty for the four-time Olympian.

Thompson couldn't hold on in the fly when given a lead by Natalie Coughlin (backstroke) and Amanda Beard (breaststroke), who covered the first 200 under world-record pace.

Petria Thomas was more than two seconds faster than Thompson, giving Australia a half-second lead, and Kara Lynn Joyce had no chance of catching world-record holder Jodie Henry in the freestyle.

The Aussies, who also used Giaan Rooney and Leisel Jones, took the gold with a world record of 3:57.32, breaking the mark of 3:58.30 set by the United States in the 2000 Sydney Games. This time, the Americans settled for silver in 3:59.12, with Germany taking the bronze.

Coughlin won her fifth medal of the Games, tying the record shared by Shirley Babashoff and Dara Torres for the most swimming medals by an American woman in an Olympics.

Thompson's fourth — and final — Olympics certainly won't be remembered as one of her best. She was overtaken by Henry on the anchor leg of the 400 free relay, relegating the United States to another silver.

Thompson was fifth and seventh in her two individual events, which means she'll end her career without a gold of her own. Ten of her medals came in relays, including eight golds.

Thompson's record may not hold up for long. Phelps, only 19, got a good start toward breaking it with his performance in Athens: six gold medals — one short of Spitz's 1972 haul in Munich — and two bronzes.

While every swimmer relishes the chance to swim a relay final, Phelps wanted Crocker to get his first gold of the Games.

That he did, swimming nearly a second faster than Phelps' gold-winning time in the 100 fly the previous night. Swimming the anchor leg, Lezak touched nearly a second ahead of the world record (3:31.54) set by the Americans in last year's world championships.

Actually, there were two records set in the race, since the opening swimmer can get credit for an individual record in a relay.

Peirsol started out with a time of 53.45 in the backstroke leg, breaking teammate Lenny Krazelburg's 5-year-old record of 53.60 in the 100 back.

In other races on the last night of swimming, Inge de Bruijn of the Netherlands defended her title in the 50 freestyle with her first gold of the Athens Games.

De Bruijn's time of 24.58 seconds was 26-hundredths of a second slower than her winning time in Sydney. Malia Metella of France earned silver in 24.89 and Lisbeth Lenton of Australia took bronze in 24.91.

De Bruijn, who turns 31 on Tuesday, became the first woman to win consecutive sprint titles since the event was added to the Olympic program in 1988. Thompson was more than a half-second behind the winner, her final bid for that first individual gold ending with a seventh-place finish.

Another Olympic title also was successfully defended: Grant Hackett won his second straight 1,500 freestyle, continuing Australia's domination of the longest race in swimming.

Hackett won gold in 14:43.40 — nearly five seconds faster than his winning time at the 2000 Games. He became the fifth man in Olympic history to win two titles in the 1,500. Fellow Aussie Kieren Perkins won in 1992 and '96.

The United States won 10 golds and 28 medals overall at the pool — short of their 14-gold, 33-medal performance in Sydney four years ago. Still, it was easily the most of any country — runner-up Australia claimed seven golds and 15 total medals.

Germany loses 3-day equestrian gold

The Associated Press

Olympic briefs

ATHENS, Greece — France was awarded the gold medal in the three-day equestrian team event and Britain's Leslie Law got the individual gold after three countries won a joint appeal against an earlier decision that gave both victories to Germany.

The ruling Saturday by the Court of Arbitration for Sport means Germany drops to fourth in the team event while Britain gets silver and the United States takes the bronze.

Since the team event was also a qualifier for the individual medals, the decision stripped Bettina Hoy of her gold medal, giving it to Law. American Kim Severson moved up to silver from bronze and Pippa Funnell of Britain took third.

"We have to accept that decision, but it's too much to take," Reinhardt Wendt, the leader of Germany's equestrian team, said.

In an official statement, CAS said it decided that the judges' decision to impose a time penalty on Hoy "was of a purely factual nature, falling within its exclusive jurisdiction."

CAS said the judges' decision shouldn't have been reversed by the International Equestrian Federation because the body had no right to do so. The decision cannot not be appealed.

Initially, the judges gave Germany the gold and France the silver, while Britain took bronze.

The same officials, concerned that Hoy might have crossed the start line twice on the show-jumping course, docked Germany 14 points, dropping it from first to fourth with 147.8 points, a decision that lifted the U.S. to third.

Germany then lodged a protest and an equestrian appeals committee reversed the judges' decision — and the Germans reclaimed their gold. Again, France was awarded the silver and Britain the bronze. The United States was left empty-handed.

The appeal by the three countries to CAS challenged whether the equestrian appeal committee had the jurisdiction to overturn the judges' decision.

Crow's appeal of vehicular manslaughter conviction denied

SONORA, Calif. — A panel of judges has denied an appeal by U.S. Olympic synchronized swimmer Tammy Crow of her conviction on two misdemeanor counts of vehicular manslaughter.

Crow, 27, pleaded no contest in January to the charges and was sentenced to 90 days in jail. The judge agreed to postpone her sentence until after the Olympics.

Bad: Jasikevicius shows Americans that he's got game

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For Jasikevicius, the victory also brought a measure of satisfaction against the American basketball establishment.

In a league filling up with foreigners, the NBA missed one in its own back yard, playing at Maryland.

"I was a free agent in Europe, and it never came — any offers. They talked about they were interested, but there weren't even any minimum offers," Jasikevicius said. "So I think I'm just not a player for the NBA, because these guys know what they're doing.

"If 30 teams think a player cannot play, I cannot play."

In the fourth quarter, Lithuania went 10-for-10 from the line before Jasikevicius was fouled by Lamar Odom on a three-pointer with 2:47 left, shooting a satisfied look Odom's way and then making the foul shot.

"I just looked at him because he was hollering and screaming before when he was playing defense," Jasikevicius said.

After a miss by Iverson, Jasikevicius made another long-range shot to make it 88-84.

Richard Jefferson answered with a three, but Jasikevicius wasn't done. He made another three-pointer to restore a four-point edge, and a turnover by Stephon Marbury was followed by a pair of foul shots by Jasikevicius to make it 93-87 with 57 seconds left.

Jefferson returned to the starting lineup and led the U.S. team with 20 points. Duncan added 16.

"When we get to the medal round, everybody is 0-0," Carlos Boozer said. "They had some big plays, the four-point play, the threes, six straight free throws. At the end of the game it seemed like they were running the same play over and over again and we didn't adjust, we didn't switch.

"We're better than this," he added. "I totally believe we're getting better and we should have won this game."

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Sluggish start for Americans in track and field

BY ROB GLOSTER
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Lauryn Williams' giddiness over her 100-meter silver medal, and her unbridled joy at the presence of her ailing father, could not obscure a slow start in track and field for the United States.

Yuliya Nesterenko ended two decades of American dominance in the 100 with a powerful closing surge to barely defeat the 20-year-old Williams, who introduced herself as the future of U.S. sprinting.

An even bigger disappointment for the U.S. squad Saturday was medal favorite Stacy Dragila failing to make it out of pole vault qualifying. With Alan Webb already knocked out of the first round of the 1,500 and the U.S. shot putters falling two medals short of their anticipated sweep, surpassing Sydney's 20 track and field medals will be difficult.

Nesterenko, a Belarusian who had never broken 11 seconds before the Olympics but did it in all four rounds here, won gold in 10.93 seconds. Williams, the NCAA champion from the University of Miami, was second in a personal-best 10.96. Veronica Campbell of Jamaica got the bronze in 10.97.

Nesterenko got out to an early lead, then Williams overtook her with about 30 meters remaining. But the taller Nesterenko used her longer stride to catch the 5-foot-3 Williams in the closing meters.

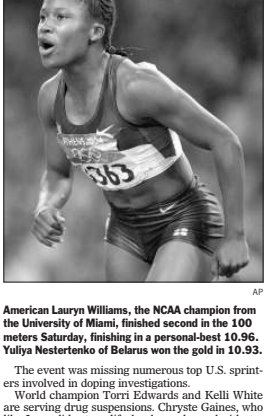
Silver was just fine for Williams, a talkative newcomer who just a few months ago was taking college classes. It was made sweeter by the presence of her father, who has leukemia and came to Athens after a $10,000 donation from a cancer survivor in his home state of Pennsylvania.

When the race was over, Williams saw a replay of her parents celebrating in the stands. David Williams, who must undergo periodic dialysis because of kidney failure, had missed his daughter's races on Friday.

"They showed them actually on the screen at the finish line so I got to see them and they were going crazy," Lauryn Williams said. "I'm so glad he made it here, because he missed the first two races."

The only other American to reach the final, U.S. champion LaTasha Colander, was last in 11.18.

Americans had won the previous five gold medals in the women's 100. But defending champion Marion Jones finished fifth in the U.S. trials. Gail Devers, the winner in 1992 and 1996, was eliminated in the semifinals. Florence Griffith Joyner won in 1988 and Evelyn Ashford was the 1984 champion.



AP

American Lauryn Williams, the NCAA champion from the University of Miami, finished second in the 100 meters Saturday, finishing in a personal-best 10.96. Yuliya Nestertenko of Belarus won the gold in 10.93.

The event was missing numerous top U.S. sprinters involved in doping investigations.

World champion Torri Edwards and Kelli White are serving drug suspensions. Chryste Gaines, who like Jones did not qualify, has been charged with steroid use. Jones is being investigated. Jones and Gaines claim they never used performance-enhancing substances.

Dragila, a former world record holder who won the vault when it debuted as a women's event in the 2000 Olympics, missed three attempts at 14 feet, 5¼ inches — well below her best of 15-10. After her third miss, she shook her head in dismay.

"This is something I should be able to do in my sleep," she said later, between sobs.

Unlike Dragila, Webb was not expected to medal. But neither was the youngster touted as America's new middle-distance star expected to fail in the first round of the 1,500. He was eliminated Friday in his first Olympic race.

Although the Americans are off to a rough start, all that can change quickly — especially with the men's 100 set for Sunday. Americans Shawn Crawford, Justin Gatlin and Maurice Greene, the defending champion, are medal contenders in that event.

There were two other sets of women's medals awarded Saturday at the Olympic stadium.

Carolina Kluft of Sweden won the heptathlon with a score of 6,952. Austra Skujyte of Lithuania won silver and Kelly Sotherton of Britain took the bronze. In the discus, Natalya Sadova of Russia won gold with a toss of 219 feet, 10 inches. Anastasia Kelesidou of Greece thrilled the huge crowd by winning silver and Irina Yatchenko of Belarus took the bronze.

Dirrell earns shot at boxing medal

BY GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Andre Dirrell showed all the power, speed and smarts that most of his U.S. boxing teammates lacked.

Dirrell roared into the quarterfinals Saturday, needing just two rounds to beat Algeria's Nabil Kassel 27-7 in a middleweight bout.

Earlier at Peristeri Olympic Boxing Hall, flyweight Ron Siler was the fifth American to be eliminated, losing 45-22 to Uzbekistan's Tulashboy Doniyorov.

The United States had lost four of its previous five bouts and was in danger of a miserable second round until Dirrell, a well-regarded fighter from Flint, Mich., dominated Kassel.

Fighting his first bout in seven days, Dirrell relentlessly pounded the Algerian with punches from both hands. Kassel was staggered by a pair of stiff jabs, and the fight was stopped on the 20-point mercy rule after one last devastating combination from Dirrell just before the second-round bell.

Dirrell usually is a slow starter, waiting a round to launch his best stuff. Not this time.

"I got in there and did my job," he said. "There was nothing he could do."

Dirrell's aggressive, proficient style works well in amateur boxing because points can be difficult to earn from perplexing judges. U.S. coach Basheer Abdullah of the Army World Class Athlete Program called it "a wonderful performance."

"I think his performance showed to the other boxers that he's ready to compete for that gold medal," Abdullah said.

Dirrell will fight for a medal Wednesday against Cuba's Yordani Despaigne — and unlike many American fighters up against the powerful Cuban team, Dirrell has an excellent shot. He beat Despaigne in an Athens test event earlier in the summer.

"I think my chances are very excellent, as long as I stick to boxing and stay focused," Dirrell said.

Three other U.S. fighters also reached the quarterfinals: light heavyweight Andre Ward, heavyweight Devin Vargas and super heavyweight Jason Estrada.

Four American boxers were eliminated in the second round, all from the lighter weight classes. The smaller Americans still haven't mastered the speed and timing necessary to excel in the international fight game.

Baseball suspends Kendall, Kennedy

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Colorado Rockies pitcher Joe Kennedy was suspended Friday for five games and Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Jason Kendall four for their parts in a bench-clearing brawl Sunday.

Both were also fined an undisclosed amount.

Kennedy declined to comment Friday, but Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said the left-hander appealed the suspension. Kendall said he also appealed.

The brawl started when Kennedy hit Kendall with a pitch and, after an exchange of words, Kendall rushed the mound. After a brief wrestling match that brought players out of both dugouts and bullpens, order was restored.

AP

Pittsburgh's Jason Kendall (18) is sandwiched between Colorado pitcher Joe Kennedy, right, and catcher J.D. Closser. Kendall charged Kennedy after being hit by a pitch in last Sunday's game.

Briefs

Mets' McEwing out for season

SAN FRANCISCO — New York Mets infielder Joe McEwing is out for the season after breaking bones in his left leg.

McEwing has a broken fibula and was told it would take 6-8 weeks to heal. He was hitting .254 with one homer and 16 RBIs in 75 games.

Clemens to start Monday

HOUSTON — Houston pitcher Roger Clemens, nursing a strained right calf muscle, anticipates being able to start Monday against Philadelphia.

"I don't plan on doing any serious running until I go out to the mound on Monday," Clemens said after a bullpen session Friday.

Clemens left in the fourth inning Wednesday against Philadelphia while running to first base after lining a two-run single to right field.

The six-time Cy Young Award winner is 12-4 with a 2.94 ERA.

Rose owes IRS $1 million

PLANTATION, Fla. — Pete Rose owes almost $1 million in back federal taxes, but is making monthly payments on the debt, his representative said Friday.

The Internal Revenue Service filed a federal tax lien in Broward County on Tuesday alleging that baseball's career hits leader owes $973,693.28 in back taxes from 1997 to 2002.

Ross Tannenbaum, president of Dreams Inc., the marketing firm that handles Rose's business affairs, said Friday that the lien is against a home Rose owns in California. He said the filing is not an indication that the former Cincinnati Reds star and manager is in danger of returning to prison over his taxes.

Rose, 63, served a five-month sentence in 1990 and 1991 for filing false tax returns.

City inspecting Wrigley

CHICAGO — The city of Chicago has hired an independent company to inspect Wrigley Field after threatening to cancel Monday night's home game against Milwaukee if the Cubs can't prove the 90-year-old ballpark is safe.

Construction Technology Laboratories will evaluate the ballpark and verify that repairs made in 2001 were completed correctly, Buildings Commissioner Stan Kaderbek said Friday.

The team has said it would comply with the city's request for a new review. The Cubs conducted full inspections of the upper deck and mezzanine levels in July.

Pieces of concrete have fallen from Wrigley's upper deck at least three times since June, causing stadium officials to install protective netting.

Red Sox activate Bellhorn

CHICAGO — Boston Red Sox infielder Mark Bellhorn was activated from the disabled list Friday and he joined the team in Chicago for the start of a six-game road trip.

Bellhorn broke his left thumb Aug. 1 when he was hit by a pitch from Minnesota Twins closer Joe Nathan.

Bellhorn, in his first season with Boston, is batting .256 with 13 home runs and 56 RBIs in 98 games. He played two games in a rehabilitation stint with Pawtucket of the International League.

Schmidt still questionable

SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Schmidt threw off flat ground Saturday and remained questionable to make his next start for the San Francisco Giants because of a strained right groin.

"So far, so good," Schmidt said after throwing for about 10 minutes. He added that the groin still wasn't 100 percent and he was going to ice it.

The bigger test will come Sunday, when he is expected to throw off a mound for the first time since hurting himself while covering first base on a double play against Montreal on Tuesday night.

Trainer Stan Conte said Schmidt is still penciled in to start Tuesday in Florida but "the eraser is out."

Schmidt is 15-4 with a major league-leading 2.52 ERA.

Minnesota continues week-long surge

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Justin Morneau and Torii Hunter hit consecutive home runs and Terry Mulholland pitched six innings to lead the Minnesota Twins over the Cleveland Indians 8-1 on Saturday.

Cleveland, which only last pulled within a game of the first-place Twins, dropped six back in the AL Central following its sixth straight loss. The Indians have been outscored 43-12 during their losing streak. Minnesota has won five of six during that span.

Mulholland (4-6) allowed one run and seven hits, striking out four and walking two. Cristian Guzman drove in three runs for the Twins and Corey Koskie led off the eighth with his 20th homer.

AL Roundup

Red Sox 10, White Sox 7: Manny Ramirez homered and drove in five runs and Jason Varitek hit two solo homers as Boston won its fifth straight.

The streaking Red Sox battered Chicago pitching for the second day in a row and moved a season-high 17 games over .500.

The slumping White Sox (60-60) fell to .500 for the first time since April 11, when they were 3-3. They lost for the fourth time in five games, all at home, and trail first-place Minnesota by seven games in the AL Central.

In Friday's AL games:

Red Sox 10, White Sox 1: Curt Schilling allowed three hits in seven shutout innings for his 15th victory and Manny Ramirez hit a grand slam to lead visiting Boston.

Orlando Cabrera homered and drove in four runs for Boston.

Schilling (15-6) walked none and struck out six in a 79-pitch outing. He appeared on the way to his first shutout since joining the Red Sox, but came out to save some energy for the stretch run.

Ramirez's 31st homer was the 16th slam of his career, tying Robin Ventura of the Los Angeles Dodgers for the most among active players. Mark Buehrle (11-7) allowed six runs in the first two innings.

Athletics 9, Devil Rays 5: Eric Chavez homered twice and Bobby Crosby went 3-for-5 with a homer to break out of a 3-for-40 slump as AL West-leading Oakland won its fourth straight and maintained a half-game lead over Texas and a 1½-game margin over Anaheim. Adam Melhuse also homered for the visiting A's, who have 11 homers in the past three games.

Rich Harden (8-5) won his fifth straight decision, giving up five runs and seven hits in 5$^{1}/_{3}$ innings. Octavio Dotel got the last out for his 13th save. Jorge Sosa (3-3) lost his third straight start, allowing six runs and seven hits in 5$^{1}/_{3}$ innings.

Rangers 5, Royals 3: David Dellucci hit two solo homers and Kevin Mench had a three-run drive as visiting Texas won its seventh straight.

Ryan Drese (11-6) won his fourth straight decision, allowing three runs and five hits in seven-plus innings. Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 38th save.

Rookie Mike Wood (2-5) and Jaime Cerda combined on a four-hitter. Wood gave up five runs and four hits — three of them homers — in 7$^{1}/_{3}$ innings.

Angels 5, Yankees 0: Ramon Ortiz (4-7) allowed four hits in eight innings to win for the first time in seven starts since June 19 as the visiting Angels got homers from Adam Kennedy and Garret Anderson. The Angels won their third straight and remained 1½ games behind Oakland.

Jon Lieber (9-8) gave up three runs — two earned — and 11 hits in 6$^{1}/_{3}$ innings as New York lost for the fourth time in five games.

Right after left fielder Hideki Matsui misplayed a fly ball in the seventh inning, the power on all scoreboards went out and the public-address and sound effects system went silent. But the stadium lights stayed on, and the game continued without a delay.

Twins 5, Indians 1: Kyle Lohse (6-10) pitched three-hit ball for seven innings and Corey Koskie homered for Minnesota. The host Twins, whose AL Central lead was cut to one game by the Indians last Saturday, opened a five-game margin over the second-place Indians, who have lost five straight.

Jake Westbrook (11-6) gave up five runs and eight hits in 6$^{2}/_{3}$ innings, losing for the first time since July 15.

Tigers 8, Mariners 3: Craig Monroe went 4-for-5 with a tiebreaking homer at Detroit and Nate Robertson (10-7) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings.

Ichiro Suzuki was back in the lineup after leaving Wednesday night's game against Kansas City when he was hit in the head by a pitch. He went 3-for-4.

Ron Villone (4-4) allowed five runs — four earned — and eight hits in six innings.

Blue Jays 14, Orioles 4: Chris Woodward hit his first career grand slam and Orlando Hudson had three hits as visiting Toronto stopped a four-game road losing streak. Eric Hinske also homered for the last-place Blue Jays, 3-8 under interim manager John Gibbons.

Javy Lopez, David Newhan and Melvin Mora homered for Baltimore, which has lost four in a row, all at home by a combined score of 33-9.

AP

Cleveland's Ronnie Belliard is tagged out by Minnesota Twins third baseman Corey Koskie as he tries to go from first to third on a hit during the third inning of Saturday's game.

Beltre's two homers carry Dodgers past Braves

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adrian Beltre is carrying the Los Angeles Dodgers with one clutch homer after another.

On the biggest night of his breakout season, Beltre hit a tying home run in the ninth inning off Atlanta closer John Smoltz and a game-winning shot in the 11th to give Los Angeles a 3-2 victory over the Braves on Friday night.

The multitalented third baseman took over the major league lead with 38 home runs.

"There was one guy on that field that was going to beat us," Atlanta slugger Chipper Jones said. "Adrian Beltre right now gets my vote for MVP. I mean, that team would not be in first place without him."

Beltre also had an RBI double in the fourth and is batting .330 with a career-high 87 RBIs.

"Everything is going his way," Dodgers pitcher Jose Lima said. "A lot of people tried to give up on him during his career, but now he's proving himself. He's matured a lot at home plate. I have a lot of respect for the man because he's played hurt all year and he hasn't made any excuses."

NL Roundup

Beltre drove a 2-2 pitch from Juan Cruz (4-1) into the left-field pavilion with one out in the 11th, capping his second two-homer game in two nights and snapping the Dodgers' two-game losing streak.

"It feels good, but it's not my main thing. My main thing is to help this team get to the playoffs," Beltre said. "After those last two losses, we really needed this one."

Giovanni Carrara (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings, evening the four-game series between NL division leaders at 1-1.

All-Star closer Eric Gagne allowed an RBI single by Adam LaRoche that put the Braves ahead 2-1 with one out in the ninth.

Lima and Atlanta starter John Thomson each allowed one run.

"We outpitched them, we outhit them and played good defense. Unfortunately, we made too many mistakes to Adrian Beltre," Jones said.

"It's amazing what happens when a player realizes that there's another half of the field. Adrian used to be like that. He used to be strictly up the middle and pull, and now he's realizing that there's a nice big field over there in right and he's utilizing it."

Cubs 9, Astros 2: Sammy Sosa and Nomar Garciaparra each hit one of Chicago's season-high six homers and Glendon Rusch (6-1) pitched seven innings to end host Houston's four-game winning streak.

Mark Grudzielanek homered twice and Moises Alou and Corey Patterson each had two-run shots.

Giants 7, Mets 3: At San Francisco, Pedro Feliz homered twice, Edgardo Alfonzo connected off Steve Trachsel (10-10) and the Giants snapped a seven-game losing streak against visiting New York.

Rookie Noah Lowry (3-0) had a career-high 10 strikeouts and won his third straight decision.

Padres 6, Marlins 1: At San Diego, Brian Lawrence (12-10) pitched a five-hitter to match his career high for victories and Ramon Hernandez hit a three-run homer. NL hits leader Mark Loretta homered off Dontrelle Willis (9-9) and scored three runs.

Cardinals 5-5, Pirates 4-3: Scott Rolen became the third St. Louis player to hit 30 homers this season and Chris Carpenter (13-5) reached a career high for victories as host St. Louis completed a day-night doubleheader sweep.

In the opener, Dan Haren (2-2) allowed three hits in 6$^{2}/_{3}$ innings, then was optioned to the minors. St. Louis swept a doubleheader for the first time since Aug. 31, 2002, at Chicago and has won 13 of 17 games overall.

Rolen, Albert Pujols (37) and Jim Edmonds (31) give the Cardinals three players with 30 homers in a season for the first time. Jason Isringhausen saved both games, giving him a career-high 35.

Reds 2, Diamondbacks 0: Randy Johnson (12-11) struck out 14 for the second straight game and joined Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan (215) as the only pitchers to reach double digits 200 times, yet still wound up with a loss.

Phillies 4, Brewers 2: Jim Thome and Bobby Abreu homered and Eric Milton (13-2) pitched seven innings to end visiting Philadelphia's seven-game losing streak.

Expos 4, Rockies 3: Tony Batista hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth and had three RBIs for visiting Montreal, which overcame a scary injury to first baseman Nick Johnson.

Royce Clayton's shot took an odd bounce and hit Johnson in the face. He lay on the field for about 10 minutes before being rolled over, then was strapped to a stretcher and carted off the field about five minutes later. He remained conscious and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	45	.628	–
Boston	69	52	.570	7½
Baltimore	57	63	.475	18½
Tampa Bay	55	67	.451	21½
Toronto	50	72	.410	26½

Central Division

Minnesota	68	54	.557	–
Cleveland	63	61	.508	6
Chicago	60	60	.500	7
Detroit	57	64	.471	10½
Kansas City	43	76	.361	23½

West Division

Oakland	69	52	.570	–
Texas	68	52	.567	½
Anaheim	68	54	.557	1½
Seattle	45	75	.375	23½

Friday's games

Detroit 8, Seattle 3
Anaheim 5, N.Y. Yankees 0
Oakland 8, Tampa Bay 5
Toronto 14, Baltimore 4
Boston 10, Chicago White Sox 1
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 1
Texas 5, Kansas City 3

Saturday's games

Minnesota 8, Cleveland 1
Boston 10, Chicago White Sox 7
Anaheim at N.Y. Yankees
Toronto at Baltimore
Oakland at Tampa Bay
Seattle at Detroit
Texas at Kansas City

Sunday's games

Seattle (Madritsch 3-0) at Detroit (Maroth 10-7)
Anaheim (Escobar 7-9) at N.Y. Yankees (K.Brown 9-2)
Oakland (Redman 9-9) at Tampa Bay (Brazelton 5-4)
Toronto (J.Miller 1-2) at Baltimore (Bedard 5-7)
Texas (Erickson 1-2) at Kansas City (May 9-13)
Cleveland (Sabathia 9-7) at Minnesota (Radke 8-6)
Boston (Lowe 11-10) at Chicago White Sox (Garcia 10-10)

Monday's games

Boston at Toronto
Chicago White Sox at Detroit
New York Yankees at Cleveland
Minnesota at Texas
Baltimore at Oakland
Kansas City at Anaheim
Tampa Bay at Seattle

Blue Jays 14, Orioles 4

TORONTO	ab	r	h	bi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	bi
Rios rf	6	2	2	1	BRoberts 2b	4	0	2	0
OHudson 2b	5	2	3	2	LLopez ph	1	0	0	0
VWells cf	5	1	1	1	Mora 3b	4	1	2	0
CDIgdo 1b	4	2	1	4	MCabrera cf	5	0	1	0
CStiroto dh	2	0	0	0	Mora 3b	1	0	2	1
JHrison dh	2	1	1	1	TejeDa ss	4	0	0	0
Hinske 3b	5	1	2	3	RPlmo 1b	3	0	0	0
Zaun c	4	1	0	0	LuJoe c	3	1	2	1
Gross lf	2	2	0	0	Surhoff lf	4	0	0	0
Wdwrd ss	4	2	2	4	DRoberts rf	3	0	0	0
					KGarcia cf	3	1	2	0
					Gibbons rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	39	14	14	13	**Totals**	35	4	10	4

Toronto	200	030	405	–14		
Baltimore	000	010	300	– 4		

DP—Toronto 1, Baltimore 2. LOB—Toronto 5, Baltimore 7. 2B—VWells (24), JHrison (24). HR—Hinske (12), Wdwrd (1), Newhan (6), Mora (22), JuLopez (20). SB—Rios (8).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Towers,W,9-4	5⅔	7	1	1	1	2
Frederick	1⅓	3	3	3	1	2
Chulk	1	0	0	0	0	1
Speier	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
Borkowski L,3-4	4⅔	7	5	5	1	4
Parrish	1	3	2	2	0	1
Williams	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Groom	1	4	4	4	0	2
Rodriguez	1	3	3	3	1	0
HBP—by Borkowski (Catalanotto).						

Balk—Rodriguez. T—2:18. A—35,024 (48,286).

Red Sox 10, White Sox 1

BOSTON	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi
Damon cf	4	3	2	0	TPerez rf	3	0	0	0
DRoberts cf	1	1	0	0	ARdrsn 2b	3	0	0	0
OCabera ss	4	2	2	4	WRhaves 2b	1	0	0	0
KMlnez lf	3	1	2	4	Konerko 1b	3	0	1	0
Mntkw 1b	1	0	0	0	Brchrd rf	1	0	0	0
DOrtiz dh	5	0	0	0	Konerko 1b	3	0	1	0
VMntlc c	4	0	2	0	Uribe ss	3	0	0	0
Mrbell c	0	0	0	0	CEvrett dh	3	0	1	0
MVlar 1b	4	0	0	0	Podsdnk lf	3	0	0	0
Mueller 3b	4	1	2	0	Vlentin ss	3	0	0	0
Sadler rf	4	0	0	0	Rvaldi rf	1	1	1	0
Gtrrez 2b	4	2	2	0	BDavis c	2	0	0	0
					Durbin p	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	10	13	9	**Totals**	29	1	5	1

Boston	240	000	301	–10		
Chicago	000	000	000	– 1		

E—Valentin (17). DP—Boston 2, Chicago 2. LOB—Boston 3, Chicago 4. 2B—Damon (23), OCabera (6), Rowand (28). 3B—CEvrett (1). HR—OCabera (2), KMlnez (21). CS—Kapler (4).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Schilling W,15-6	7	3	0	0	0	6
Mendoza	1	2	1	1	0	0
Leskanic	1	0	0	0	1	0
Chicago						
Buehrle L,11-7	6	11	9	7	2	4
Politte	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cotts	1	2	1	1	0	1

Buehrle pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Schilling (Konerko). WP—Mendoza.
T—2:17. A—38,720 (40,615).

Angels 5, Yankees 0

ANAHEIM	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi
Eckstin ss	5	0	3	1	BWilms cf	4	0	0	0
Erstad 1b	5	0	0	0	Jeter ss	3	0	1	0
VGrero rf	4	1	0	0	Sheffld dh	4	0	1	0
GAndsn dh	5	1	2	2	ARdrgz 3b	3	0	1	0
Igiglesi lf	4	0	0	0	Matsui lf	3	0	0	0
Pride lf	0	0	0	0	Posada c	3	0	1	0
DVnon cf	3	0	1	0	Olerud 1b	3	0	1	0
AKndy 2b	4	0	1	0	Sierra rf	3	0	0	0
JMolna c	3	1	0	0	Cairo 2b	2	0	0	0
Figgins 3b	4	1	2	0	Lofton dh	2	0	0	0
					EWilsn 2b	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	5	13	4	**Totals**	29	0	5	0

Anaheim	010	000	202	–5		
New York	000	000	000	– 0		

E—Molina (2), Matsui (7). DP—Anaheim 2, New York 1. LOB—Anaheim 9, New York 5. 2B—Jeter (31). HR—GAndsn (26), AKndy (2). SB—Eckstin (7). SB—DaVanon (14), Jeter (18). CS—Figgins (10), Sheffield (6), Posada (1).

Anaheim	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
ROrtiz W,4-7	8	4	0	0	2	6
Percival	1	1	0	0	0	1
New York						
Lieber L,9-8	6⅔	11	3	2	2	5
Nitkowski	⅓	2	0	0	0	0
Proctor	1⅓	2	0	0	0	1
Quantrill	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by ROrtiz (Matsui). T—2:39. A—53,530 (57,478).

Athletics 9, Devil Rays 5

OAKLAND	ab	r	h	bi	TAMPA BAY	ab	r	h	bi
Kotsay cf	4	1	0	1	Crwfrd cf	4	1	1	1
McLmr 2b	5	1	1	0	Upshw 1b	4	1	1	1
EChavz 3b	4	3	3	2	Huff lf	4	1	1	0
Httberg 1b	4	1	2	1	TMrtnz 1b	4	1	1	2
Durazo dh	4	0	1	2	ACruz 2b	4	0	0	0
Mlhuse c	5	1	2	1	Lugo ss	3	0	1	0
Byrnes rf	5	0	2	1	CaStlo 2b	3	1	1	0
McMlln lf	4	1	0	0	Thlk c	4	0	1	0
Kielty rf	0	0	0	0	Blum lf	4	0	1	0
Crosby ss	5	1	3	1					
Totals	40	9	14	9	**Totals**	35	5	8	4

Oakland	120	104	010	–9		
Tampa Bay	100	013	000	– 5		

E—Hatteberg (6). DP—Oakland 1, Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Oakland 14, Tampa Bay 6. 2B—McLemore (8), Crosby (27), Hd—ECrwfrd (23), Melhuse (8), Crosby (16), Crawford (8), Upton (2), TMartinez (19). SF—Kotsay.

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Harden W,8-5	5⅔	7	5	5	2	6
Duchscherer	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Rhodes	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2
Mecir	⅓	1	0	0	1	1
Leskanic	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tampa Bay						
JoSosa L,3-3	5⅔	7	6	6	5	5
TrMiller	1⅓	2	0	0	0	1
LCarter	1	4	1	1	0	0

HBP—by TrMiller (Hatteberg). WP—JoSosa. T—3:01. A—10,643 (43,969).

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	69	52	.570	–
Florida	60	60	.500	9
Philadelphia	60	62	.492	9½
New York	60	64	.483	10½
Montreal	51	70	.421	18

Central Division

St. Louis	80	42	.656	–
Chicago	66	55	.545	13½
Houston	60	61	.496	19½
Cincinnati	58	63	.479	21½
Pittsburgh	58	63	.479	21½
Milwaukee	55	65	.458	24

West Division

Los Angeles	71	50	.587	–
San Francisco	68	56	.548	4½
San Diego	55	70	.537	16
Colorado	54	68	.443	17½
Arizona	37	88	.301	35

Friday's games

St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 4, 11 innings
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 3, 2nd game
Chicago Cubs 9, Houston 2
Philadelphia 5, Milwaukee 2
Montreal 4, Colorado 3
San Diego 5, Florida 4
Cincinnati 2, Arizona 0
Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 2, 11 innings
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 3

Saturday's games

N.Y. Mets at San Francisco
Atlanta at Los Angeles
Chicago Cubs at Houston
Philadelphia at Milwaukee
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
Montreal at Colorado
Florida at San Diego
Cincinnati at Arizona

Sunday's games

Chicago Cubs (Wood 7-5) at Houston (Oswalt 13-8)
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-8) at Milwaukee (Santos 10-8)
Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 4-9) at St. Louis (Morris 12-8)
Montreal (Martinez 2-2) at Colorado (Jennings 11-10)
Florida (Pavano 13-5) at San Diego (Hitchcock 0-2)
N.Y. Mets (Ginter 1-2) at San Francisco (Rueter 6-9)
Atlanta (Jarvis 11-6) at Los Angeles (W.Alvarez 1-1)
Cincinnati (Claussen 1-3) at Arizona (Randolph 2-3)

Monday's games

Arizona at Pittsburgh
Los Angeles at Montreal
San Diego at N.Y. Mets
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs
Philadelphia at Houston

Friday

Cardinals 5, Pirates 4

First game

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	ST. LOUIS	ab	r	h	bi
Kendall c	4	0	0	0	Wmack 2b	3	1	1	0
Wilson ss	5	0	2	0	Ldrmlk ss	4	1	2	0
Ward 1b	4	0	0	0	Pujols 1b	2	1	0	0
Bay rf	4	0	0	0	Rolen 3b	4	0	1	0
Mckwk rf	4	1	0	0	Edmnd cf	3	0	1	1
Wrtmnt cf	3	1	1	0	Rdhrzr ss	3	1	1	1
CWilsn ph	1	0	0	0	RSndrs lf	4	0	0	0
Wggntn 3b	3	1	0	1	Eldred p	0	0	0	0
Gscnlln 2b	3	1	2	1	Mathys p	0	0	0	0
Hill ph	1	1	1	1	Isrnghs p	0	0	0	0
Fogg p	0	0	0	0	YMolina c	2	0	0	0
JBtista ph	0	0	0	0	Haren p	2	0	0	0
Snell p	0	0	0	0	Tvarez p	0	0	0	0
ANunez ph	1	0	1	2	Mabry lf	1	1	1	1
Totals	32	4	6	4	**Totals**	29	5	9	5

Pittsburgh	000	000	103	–4		
St. Louis	110	010	–5			

DP—Pittsburgh 2. LOB—Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 10. 2B—Hill (7), LWalker (11), Renteria (31). HR—Castillo (16), Edmonds (8). SB—Wmack 2 (20). CS—Rolen (3). S—Fogg, Haren. E—Renteria.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fogg L,7-9	6	8	4	4	4	3
Snell	2	1	1	1	3	2
St. Louis						
Haren W,2-2	6⅔	3	1	1	3	3
Tavarez	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Eldred	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mathys	⅓	2	2	2	1	0
Isrnghs S,34	⅓	2	1	1	0	1

HBP—by Haren (Bay), by Fogg (Rolen). PB—YMolina. T—2:57. A—32,062 (50,345).

Cardinals 5, Pirates 3

Second game

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	ST. LOUIS	ab	r	h	bi
TRdmn cf	5	0	2	1	Wmack 2b	4	0	2	1
Hill 2b	3	0	0	0	Cedeno rf	3	0	0	0
Gscnlln 2b	1	0	0	0	Kline p	0	0	0	0
JWilsn ph	1	0	0	0	Tvarez p	0	0	0	0
Ward 1b	4	0	0	0	Isrnghs p	0	0	0	0
CWilsn rf	3	1	0	0	Pujols 1b	4	0	0	0
Gonzalez p	0	0	0	0	Rolen 3b	4	0	1	0
STorres p	0	0	0	0	Edmnd cf	3	1	2	0
Mckwk lf	4	2	2	0	Rdhrzr ss	4	1	2	1
ANunez ss	4	0	1	0	Mabry lf	3	1	1	0
Wggntn 3b	4	0	2	0	Mthny c	4	0	0	0
Cota c	3	1	0	0	Crpnter p	2	0	0	0
Kendall ph	1	0	0	0	RSndrs lf	1	0	1	1
NFigueroa p	2	0	0	0					
JBtista rf	2	0	0	0					
Totals	35	3	8	3	**Totals**	32	5	11	5

Pittsburgh	020	000	100	–3		
St. Louis	020	000	110	–5		

LOB—Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 6. 2B—JBautista (2), Edmonds (32), Renteria (32). 3B—Edmonds (2). HR—Mackowiak (15), Rolen (30). CS—Renteria (7). S—Cedeno, Mabry.

DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Kansas City 8, 2B—Gotay (4). 3B—DeJesus (1), Albanez (2). HR—Bellucci 2 (14), Menoh (18). CS—ASorianno (5).

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
NFigueroa	6	5	2	2	0	1
Gonzalez L,3-1	⅔	2	2	2	0	0
STorres	1⅓	4	1	1	1	1
St. Louis						
Crpnter W,13-4	7	7	3	3	2	9
Kline	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Tavarez	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Isrnghs S,35	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Carpenter (Hill). WP—STorres. T—2:29. A—38,640 (50,345).

Cubs 9, Astros 2

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi
CPittsn cf	5	1	2	1	Biggio lf	4	1	0	0
DeLee 1b	4	1	2	0	CBeltrn cf	3	1	1	0
DMtlz ss	4	0	0	0	Brkmn rf	3	0	1	0
Grcprr ss	3	2	2	2	JKent 2b	4	0	0	0
Dmpstr p	0	0	0	0	Bgwell 1b	3	0	1	0
Frnswr p	0	0	0	0	Ensbrg 3b	3	0	2	2
Alou lf	5	1	1	2	JVzcno ss	4	0	1	0
SSosa rf	5	1	1	1	Asmus c	4	0	0	0
ARmrz 3b	4	0	0	0	Munro p	1	0	0	0
Macias 3b	1	0	0	0	Lane ph	1	0	0	0
Grdzlo 2b	5	2	4	2	Hrndn p	0	0	0	0
Barrett c	4	1	2	0	Bullngr p	0	0	0	0
Rusch p	2	0	0	0	Brntlett ph	1	0	0	0
TWalkr 1b	0	0	0	0	Qualls p	0	0	0	0
					Lamb ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	38	9	13	9	**Totals**	32	2	6	2

Chicago	302	103	000	– 9		
Houston	200	000	000	– 2		

LOB—Chicago 8, Houston 8. 2B—DeLee (34), Grdzlo (12), Biggio (21), Ensberg (17). HR—CPatterson (17), Garciaparra (3), Alou (28), SSosa (28), Grudzielanek 2 (4), CS—Berkman (6). S—Rusch 2.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rusch W,6-1	7	6	2	2	2	2
Dempster	1	0	0	0	3	2
Farnsworth	1	0	0	0	1	0
Houston						
PMunro L,2-5	4	8	6	6	0	1
Harville	2	3	3	3	2	2
Bullinger	1	2	0	0	0	0
Qualls	0	0	0	0	1	0

HBP—by Qualls (Garciaparra). WP—Dempster. T—2:36. A—41,071 (40,950).

Phillies 4, Brewers 2

PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi	MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	3	1	1	0	Pdsdnk cf	4	1	1	0
Planco 2b	4	0	0	0	Bclark rf	2	0	1	1
BAbreu rf	3	1	1	2	Ovrbay 1b	4	0	1	0
Thome 1b	4	1	1	1	Bkell 2b	4	0	1	0
DaBell 3b	4	0	1	0	Jenkins lf	4	0	0	0
Lbrthal c	4	1	1	0	Helms 3b	3	0	1	0
Ollier lf	2	0	1	1	Brnyan ph	1	0	0	0
Glvine rf	1	0	0	0	Cunsell ss	3	0	0	0
Byrd cf	3	0	0	0	Moeller c	3	1	1	1
Milton p	2	0	0	0	DDavis c	2	0	0	0
Mchels ph	1	0	0	0	Mgrder ph	1	0	0	0
TJones p	0	0	0	0	Burba p	0	0	0	0
Worrell p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	31	4	6	4	**Totals**	31	2	5	2

Philadelphia	000	012	000	– 4		
Milwaukee	001	000	100	– 2		

DP—Milwaukee 2. LOB—Philadelphia 3, Milwaukee 4. 2B—Bkell (17). 3B—Lieberthal (1). Podsednik (6). HR—ABreu (27), Thome (37), Moeller (5). SB—ABreu (30), BClark (9). SF—BClark.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milton W,13-2	7	5	2	2	1	5
TJones	1	0	0	0	0	0
Worrell S,14	1	1	0	0	0	1
Milwaukee						
DDavis L,10-10	7	4	3	3	3	7
Burba	2	2	1	1	0	1

T—2:40. A—22,559 (41,900).

Expos 4, Rockies 3

MONTREAL	ab	r	h	bi	COLORADO	ab	r	h	bi
Wlkrsn lf	4	2	2	0	Miles 2b	4	0	1	1
EChvez cf	3	1	1	0	Clayton ss	4	1	1	0
Vidro 2b	4	0	1	0	PWilsn ph	1	0	0	0
Carroll 3b	4	0	1	0	Helton 1b	4	1	1	1
TBtista 3b	4	1	2	3	Cstillo 3b	3	1	0	0
NJhnsn 1b	3	0	0	0	Burrell rf	4	0	0	1
Olivar lf	3	0	0	0	Hilliday lf	4	0	1	0
ASGlz ss	4	0	0	0	Piedra cf	4	1	1	0
Sledge rf	3	0	1	0	Closser c	4	0	2	0
Schndr c	4	0	1	0	Wright p	1	0	0	0
Ar.Jr. p	1	0	0	0	CJhson ph	1	0	0	0
Beltran p	0	0	0	0	Dhmnn p	0	0	0	0
HMatesn ph	1	0	0	0	Fentes p	0	0	0	0
Eschen p	0	0	0	0	MaSwy ph	1	0	0	0
JRivra ph	1	0	0	0					
Ayala p	0	0	0	0					
CCrdro p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	4	8	3	**Totals**	34	3	8	3

Montreal	200	000	020	– 4		
Colorado	101	100	000	– 3		

E—SGonzalez (8). DP—Colorado 1. LOB—Montreal 4, Colorado 8. 2B—Wilkerson (28), EChavez (17), TBatista (19), Sledge (12), Clayton (30), Cstillo (38), Closser (18). HR—T-Batista (21), Helton (27). CS—TBatista (6). S—EChavez, Wright. SF—Miles.

Montreal	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Armas Jr.	1⅔	2	1	1	0	0
Beltran	2⅓	3	2	2	1	1
Eschen	2	2	0	0	0	1
Ayala W,5-9	2	0	0	0	0	4
CCordero S,13	1	1	0	0	0	1
Colorado						
Wright	6	5	2	2	1	1
Dohmann	1	1	0	0	0	1
Fuentes L,1-3	2	2	2	2	0	0

HBP—by Beltran (Castillo). T—2:52. A—32,707 (50,449).

Padres 6, Marlins 1

FLORIDA — **SAN DIEGO**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Pierre cf	4	0	1	0	FGzmn cf	4	0	1	0
LCstillo 2b	3	0	0	0	Loretta 2b	3	2	1	1
LDuca c	3	1	0	0	BGiles rf	4	0	1	1
Redman 1b	3	0	0	0	Nevin 1b	3	1	2	0
Lowell 3b	4	0	2	0	Aurilia 3b	4	0	1	1
Conine lf	3	1	1	0	Green ss	3	1	2	1
Encrnc rf	3	0	0	0	RaHrdz c	4	1	1	3
AGnzlz ss	3	0	0	0	Payton lf	4	0	0	0
Willis p	3	0	0	0	Lwrnce p	4	0	0	0
Koch p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	31	1	5	1	**Totals**	33	6	10	6

Florida	000	100	000	–1		
San Diego	031	010	10x	–6		

DP—San Diego 1. LOB—Florida 5, San Diego 6. 3B—BGiles (7). HR—Loretta (15), RaHernandez (11), CS—Fouzman (1).

Florida	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Willis L,9-9	7	9	6	6	2	5
Koch	1	1	0	0	0	0
San Diego						
Lwrnce W,12-10	9	5	1	1	2	4

HBP—by Willis (KGreene). T—2:07. A—38,389 (42,445).

Reds 2, Diamondbacks 0

CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi	ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi
Freel rf	3	2	0	0	McKxn lf	4	0	1	0
Larkin ss	4	0	2	1	Clntron ss	3	0	1	0
DJmnzz 2b	4	0	1	0	DBtista rf	4	0	1	0
Dunn lf	3	0	0	0	Hnbrn 1b	4	0	1	0
Konerko rf	3	0	0	0	Tracy 3b	4	0	0	0
Bragg cf	1	0	0	0	Hrston 2b	2	0	0	0
Lamb 3b	4	0	1	0	Terrero cf	3	0	0	0
JCastro 1b	3	0	0	0	Bruney p	0	0	0	0
Gtrrez c	3	0	0	0	Ortiz c	0	0	0	0
Vn Wal ph	0	0	0	0	Zntnr ph	1	0	0	0
Rhodes p	0	0	0	0	Rtnhse lf	0	0	0	0
FLopez 3b	3	0	1	0	Kplove p	0	0	0	0
Hudson p	2	0	0	0	Nance p	0	0	0	0
Dessens p	0	0	0	0	Revere lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	5	1	**Totals**	30	0	6	0

Cincinnati	100	000	010	–2		
Arizona	000	000	000	–0		

E—Hillenbrand (12), Terrero (4). DP—Cincinnati 3. LOB—Cincinnati 8, Arizona 10. 2B—Larkin (17), Kplove (11), Hairston (12). SB—Freel 2 (25). S—FLopez.

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hudson W,1-1	6	6	0	0	5	4
RWagner	2	0	0	0	0	2
Valentine S,1	1	0	0	0	2	1
Arizona						
RJohnson L,12-11	7⅔	4	2	1	3	14
Kplove	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Nance	⅓

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Another bad dream

Lithuania hands U.S. men second loss of Athens Games

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The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Passed over by every NBA team and known mostly for his last-second miss in Sydney, a Lithuanian guard finally made a name for himself: Sah-ROO'-nis Yah-seh-KEH'-vih-shuhs.

Sarunas Jasikevicius, whose off-target three-pointer kept his team from pulling off the biggest upset of the 2000 Games, didn't miss when it counted Saturday night in a thrilling 94-90 victory against the United States.

He scored 28 points and hit three in a row from behind the arc as the fourth quarter wound down, including a rare four-point play that put his team ahead to stay.

"This is, in a way, an incredible win, and in a way it doesn't mean anything," Jasikevicius said. "What does this mean if you don't win a medal? We beat the States. So what? We came here not to beat the States or any other team, we just came here to fight for the medal."

The Americans gave their best all-around performance of the Olympics and led for most of the game, but they missed 11 of 33 foul shots to allow Lithuania to stay close.

It was the second loss for the U.S. team in Athens, matching the total from the country's first 68 years of Olympic competition in men's basketball. Before these Games, the Americans hadn't lost since the 1992 Dream Team first brought pro players to the Olympics.

Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson and their teammates still qualified for the quarterfinals when Angola lost 88-56 to Greece in Saturday's nightcap. Their opponent will be determined by the results of Monday's games.

"We had kind of a meltdown in the fourth quarter," coach Larry Brown said. "We gave up over 90 points. You can't have a game like that defensively and expect to win against a quality team."

Lithuania improved to 4-0, clinching the top spot in Group A and joining Spain as the only two unbeaten teams. Saulius Stombergas added 16 points and Ramunas Siskauskas had 14.

Back in Lithuania, fireworks thundered above the capital, Vilnius, after the game, and cheering fans poured into the streets, singing and waving flags.

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AP

Allen Iverson, left, and Tim Duncan sit on the bench during the United States' 94-90 loss to Lithuania on Saturday night in Athens. Despite losing as many games in these Olympics as the U.S. had lost in 68 years of Olympic basketball, the Americans advanced to the quarterfinals when Angola was beaten by Greece.

AP

Lithuania's Sarunas Jasikevicius, who has not drawn interest from NBA teams despite the emergence of foreign players in the league, put on a display of three-point shooting Saturday in his team's victory over a U.S. squad composed of NBA players.

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Medal count

Leaders after 131 medal events in the 2004 Olympics on Saturday, Aug. 21:

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	19	15	12	46
China	18	12	10	40
Russia	5	13	13	31
Australia	11	6	9	26
Germany	7	7	11	25
Japan	12	5	5	22
France	7	5	7	19
South Korea	5	10	4	19
Britain	6	6	6	18
Italy	5	6	5	16

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