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N. Korea, U.S. Gave Ground to Make Deal

Long Process Looms On Nuclear Accord

By GLENN KESSLER and EDWARD CODY
Washington Post Staff Writers

The unexpected agreement by North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program, announced yesterday in Beijing, followed decisions by both the Pyongyang government and the Bush administration to compromise on positions they had clung to during nearly three years of crisis over North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

The document signed by North Korea, the United States and the other participants in the six-party nuclear disarmament talks opened the way for what all sides say will be lengthy negotiations on the actual dismantling of North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

The breakthrough accord followed a compromise proposed by China aimed at persuading both countries to sign a document of principles. The Bush administration dropped its opposition to North Korea receiving a light-water nuclear reactor in the future, a softening of its position that the demise of the North's nuclear ambitions must be "irreversible." North Korea said it would give up its nuclear weapons and all of its existing nuclear programs, would rejoin the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and would allow inspections again by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency.

President Bush cautiously welcomed the agreement as "a step forward in making this world a more secure place" but warned that "we expect a verifiable process."

In an immediate demonstration of the difficulty ahead, the official North Korean news agency early today quoted an unnamed Foreign Ministry spokesman as asserting that Pyongyang would not give up its weapons program until it received nuclear reactors from the United States. A State Department official shrugged off the statement, saying the focus would remain on the Beijing declaration.

The declaration came nearly three years after the Bush administration confronted the Pyongyang government with accusations of a secret uranium enrichment program, which U.S. officials said nullified a Clinton-era agreement to freeze its nuclear activities. Since then, in a separate program, North Korea is estimated by U.S. officials to have harvested enough plutonium

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A British soldier, his uniform in flames, prepares to jump from a personnel carrier during rioting that broke out in Basra when Britain sought the release of two detained commandos. His injuries were described as minor.

British Smash Into Iraqi Jail To Free 2 Detained Soldiers

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and JONATHAN FINER
Washington Post Foreign Service

BAGHDAD, Sept. 19 — British armored vehicles backed by helicopter gunships burst through the walls of an Iraqi jail Monday in the southern city of Basra to free two British commandos detained earlier in the day by Iraqi police, witnesses and Iraqi officials said. The incident climaxed a confrontation between the two nominal allies that had sparked hours of gun battles and rioting in Basra's streets.

An Iraqi official said a half-dozen armored vehicles had smashed into the jail, the Reuters news agency reported. The provincial governor, Mohammed Wali, told news agencies that the British assault was "barbaric, savage and irresponsible."

British officials said three soldiers were hurt in

the day's violence, in which at least one armored personnel carrier was destroyed by firebombs. Iraqi officials said at least two civilians were killed.

In London, authorities said the two commandos were released after negotiations. But the BBC quoted British defense officials as saying a wall was demolished when British forces went to "collect" the men.

Monday's violence underscored the increasing volatility of Basra, a Shiite Muslim-majority city that had previously escaped much of the violence of the Sunni Muslim-led insurgency. Tension has been growing between British forces in the city and Shiite police and militias that operate there.

On Monday, an Iraqi reporter working for the New York Times was found shot dead on the out-

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Storm Threat Halts Returns To New Orleans

Mayor Orders Wednesday Evacuation

By CECI CONNOLLY
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 19 — With Tropical Storm Rita bearing down on the Gulf of Mexico and growing political pressure from federal leaders, Mayor C. Ray Nagin said Monday that New Orleans residents could not return home after all and that any people already in the city should evacuate.

Nagin had been allowing business owners to return over the weekend, and on Monday residents of one dry neighborhood were to return to their homes. But Nagin reversed himself and ordered another mandatory evacuation, to begin Wednesday, just hours after President Bush questioned whether the city was safe enough for people to return.

"We are suspending all reentry into the city of New Orleans as of this moment," Nagin said. The mayor said he backed away from his earlier decision because of fresh fears about Rita, which forecasters said could become a hurricane by Tuesday.

"If we are off, I'd rather err on the side of conservatism to make sure we have everyone out," Nagin said.

The city's levees, overwhelmed by Hurricane Katrina, "are still in very weak condition" and many of the pumps used to push the mucky floodwaters back into Lake Pontchartrain are not yet operating, Na-

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Mayor C. Ray Nagin ordered a new evacuation for Wednesday as another Gulf hurricane is forecast.

HURRICANE KATRINA: THE AFTERMATH

Fla. Keys Evacuated as Tropical Storm Nears

Rita, following Katrina's path, is projected to hit the area as a Category 2 hurricane. **NATION, A3**

Kerry, Edwards Criticize Bush's Katrina Response

The former Democratic ticket cited incompetence and a lack of concern for the poor. **NATION, A4**

Area Schools Embrace Their Newest Students

Teachers and students offer solace to children from areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. **METRO, B1**

Immigration Nominee's Credentials Questioned

By DAN EGGEN and SPENCER S. HSU
Washington Post Staff Writers

The Bush administration is seeking to appoint a lawyer with little immigration or customs experience to head the troubled law enforcement agency that handles those issues, prompting sharp criticism from some employee groups, immigration advocates and homeland security experts.

The push to appoint Julie Myers to head the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, part of the Department of Homeland Security, comes in the midst of intense debate over the qualifications

of department political appointees involved in the sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina.

Concerns over Myers, 36, were acute enough at a Senate hearing last week that lawmakers asked the nominee to detail during her testimony her postings and to account for her management experience. Sen. George V. Voinovich (R-Ohio) went so far as to tell Myers that her résumé indicates she is not qualified for the job.

But Voinovich has since met with Myers and is now likely to support her, his spokeswoman said yesterday. Myers, who has attracted

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New Antipsychotic Drugs Criticized

Federal Study Finds No Benefit Over Older, Cheaper Drug

By SHANKAR VEDANTAM
Washington Post Staff Writer

Expensive new antipsychotic drugs that are among the most widely prescribed pills in medicine are no more effective and no safer than an older, cheaper drug that has been largely discontinued, according to the most comprehensive comparative study ever conducted.

The surprising result of a federally funded study released yesterday challenges widespread assumptions among psychiatrists about the best

way to treat serious mental illness and underscores the extent to which physicians, patients and policymakers can be blindsided by self-interested research by drugmakers.

The study also paints a sobering picture of the state of treatment of schizophrenia, a disabling illness that afflicts about 3.2 million Americans with symptoms such as delusions, hallucinations and disordered thinking: Every drug, old and new, caused serious side effects, and the vast majority of patients stopped taking each of them.

"The study has vital public health implications," said Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health, which funded the study. "It is the largest, longest and most comprehensive, independent trial ever done to examine existing therapies for this disease."

Heavily marketed on the grounds they caused fewer side effects, the newer drugs, known as atypical antipsychotics, cornered about 90 percent of the market.

See DRUGS, A13, Col. 1

Bush Official Arrested in Corruption Probe



Procurement chief David H. Safavian was connected to probe of lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

By R. JEFFREY SMITH and SUSAN SCHMIDT
Washington Post Staff Writers

The Bush administration's top federal procurement official resigned Friday and was arrested yesterday, accused of lying and obstructing a criminal investigation into Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff's dealings with the federal government. It was the first criminal complaint filed against a government official in the ongoing corruption probe related to Abramoff's activities in Washington.

The complaint, filed by the FBI, alleges that David H. Safavian, 38, a White House procurement official involved until last week

in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, made repeated false statements to government officials and investigators about a golf trip with Abramoff to Scotland in 2002.

It also contends that he concealed his efforts to help Abramoff acquire control of two federally managed properties in the Washington area. Abramoff is the person identified as "Lobbyist A" in a 13-page affidavit unsealed in court, according to sources knowledgeable about the probe.

Until his resignation on the day the criminal complaint against him was signed, Safa-

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BY JONATHAN NEWTON — THE WASHINGTON POST

Redskins Rally Down in Dallas

The Redskins' Santana Moss catches a 39-yard touchdown pass against the Cowboys' Roy Williams. Moss later caught a 70-yard touchdown pass from Mark Brunell. Washington scored twice in the final four minutes to earn a 14-13 win. It was Washington's first win in Dallas in 10 seasons. **SPORTS, E1**

Ex-Tyco Executives Get 8½ to 25 Years

L. Dennis Kozlowski and Mark H. Swartz must pay millions and may serve some of their sentences in maximum-security state prisons. **BUSINESS, D1**

Hormones Weather 'The Change'

Three years after a landmark federal study hammered sales, the use of hormone therapy to treat menopause may be inching up. **HEALTH, F1**

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NATION IN BRIEF

Abu Ghraib Guard to Fight Abuse Charges

SAN ANTONIO — Army Pfc. Lynndie England will abandon her earlier courtroom strategy and will fight charges that she was a key participant in detainee abuse by guards at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison, her lawyer said. England, 22, a reservist, appears in photos taken inside Abu Ghraib. She was to go on trial Tuesday at Fort Hood, Tex., on seven counts of mistreating prisoners.



Army Pfc. Lynndie England



The family of Shannon Melendi reacts in a Decatur, Ga., court as Colvin "Butch" Hinton is convicted of murder in her death 11 years ago. Second from left is her mother, Yvonne, who is next to a sister, Monique.

■ **MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Waste Management canceled plans to develop a landfill along a historic trail that commemorates the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery Voting Rights March. Civil rights activists and neighbors had sued to block the landfill near where civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo was gunned down after the march.

■ **INEZ, Ky.** — People who live in a community deluged with more than 300 million gallons of goopy black coal sludge five years ago reached an out-of-court settlement for an undisclosed sum with Martin County Coal. Ned Pillersdorf, a Prestonsburg, Ky., attorney representing 12 of the people who lived in the sludged

area, criticized the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration. He said federal inspectors should have known the impoundment was unsafe and should have forced the company to stop using it.

■ **NEW YORK** — The threat of a Democratic mayoral runoff evaporated when city election officials announced that Fernando Ferrer had captured 727 more votes than the 40 percent he needed in last week's primary to become the nominee challenging Republican Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

■ **ALBUQUERQUE** — New Mexico Treasurer Robert Vigil and former treasurer Michael Montoya pleaded not guilty to federal racketeering charges. They are accused of receiving kickbacks of cash, cars and expensive tickets to political fundraisers in exchange for alleg-

edly steering state business to an investment adviser.

■ **NEW YORK** — A federal jury deliberating the case of John A. "Junior" Gotti indicated it was deadlocked on a racketeering charge associated with Gotti's alleged plot to rough up Curtis Sliwa, a radio host and crime critic.

■ **DECATUR, Ga.** — Colvin "Butch" Hinton, 44, was convicted of murdering Shannon Melendi, 19, 11 years ago. Her body was never found.

■ **BRIDGEPORT, Conn.** — A 30-year-old woman who believed she was in a "fantasy relationship" with her daughter's 8-year-old playmate admitted having repeated sexual contact with the boy and accepted a plea deal that likely will send her to prison for six years.

— From News Services

CORRECTIONS

A story in the Sept. 18 Travel section on where penguins can be seen contained two errors. African (Jackass) penguins can be viewed in South Africa and Namibia, not Botswana. Punta Arenas is in Chile, not Argentina.

An item in the What's the Deal? column in the Sept. 18 Travel section about Club ABC Tours' trip to Rome incorrectly stated that taxes and club mem-

bership fees are \$189. Taxes are \$189 per person, and membership fees are an extra \$30 per couple or family.

The "Nation's Housing" column in the Sept. 17 Real Estate section incorrectly described NRT Inc., the country's largest owner of realty brokerages, as a real estate investment trust.

In the Sept. 17 Religion Page

calendar, the celebration of the opening of the Lotus Garden Buddhist Retreat Center in Stanley, Va., was described incorrectly as a five-day retreat. The celebration consists of various events taking place tomorrow through Sunday, and each daily event is open to the public.

More information on activities and admission fees is available by calling 540-778-2405 or by visiting www.lotusgardens.org.

Stem Cell Injections Repair Spinal Cord Injuries in Mice

Scientists Say Approach Is Not Ready for Testing in Humans

By RICK WEISS
Washington Post Staff Writer

Mice with severe spinal cord injuries regained much of their ability to walk normally after getting injections of stem cells taken from the brains of human fetuses, scientists in California reported yesterday.

The work strengthens recent evidence that various kinds of stem cells — including some from human embryos and others from fetuses — have the capacity to nurse injured nerve cells back to health and in some cases even become replacement neurons themselves.

Scientists cautioned that the approach was not ready for testing in patients with spinal cord diseases or injuries. "This is a first step in what has to be a long series of steps to get to anything clinical," said Aileen Anderson, a neuroscientist at the University of California at Irvine, who led the latest work with colleague Brian Cummings.

But at least three companies are racing to become the first to inject their neural stem cells into patients, and some researchers say the first of those studies could begin within the next nine months.

Yesterday, StemCells Inc. of Palo Alto, Calif., whose cells were used in the new mouse study, filed an amended application to the Food and Drug Administration asking permission to start injecting the cells into the brains of infants with Batten disease, a fatal, inherited syndrome that destroys the central nervous system.

The new research, described in the Sept. 27 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, tracked mice injected with a kind of human stem cells called neurospheres. They are the laboratory-grown progeny of human cells retrieved from the brains of 16- to 18-week aborted fetuses.

Nine days after getting identical spinal cord injuries, each animal received about 75,000 neurospheres in four injections around the injury.

Within a day, the team reported, the cells began to migrate into the

injured spinal cord. After 16 weeks, the mice were given tests of agility and leg coordination, and compared with two other groups. Mice that had received the stem cells scored significantly better than similarly injured mice that had not — and also better than those injected with ordinary skin cells, a test to see whether just any kind of cellular injection might trigger healing. Researchers who scored the tests did not know which mice had received the injections.

The differences were "obvious to the untrained eye," Anderson said, with improvements both in terms of how many weight-bearing steps the mice could take and their ability to place their rear feet precisely where needed to cross a ladderlike bridge.

Microscopic analysis showed that most of the injected cells had turned into two different kinds of cells around the injury, said Anderson, who does not have a direct financial stake in the company but whose team included two members who do. Some became oligodendrocytes, which wrap themselves around injured nerve cells to help them transmit electrical signals. Others turned into neurons themselves.

Very few turned into a third kind of central nervous system cell, astrocytes, which contribute to scar formation and are generally undesirable around injuries.

Moreover, the neurospheres that became new neurons appear to have made connections with nerve cells that survived the initial injury — a crucial development if those new nerves are really to help.

In a test to see whether the new human cells were really key to the animals' recovery, the team gave some of the recovering mice injections of a toxin that selectively kills human cells. The mice that got the injections regressed in their ability to walk, while those not injected continued to improve.

Two other U.S. companies also say they are close to the goal of testing human neural stem cells as therapies.

Earlier this year, Hans Keir-

stead and his colleagues, also at the University of California at Irvine, reported that rats with disabling spinal injuries could walk nearly normally again after getting injections with human embryonic rather than fetal, cells developed by Geron Corp. of Menlo Park, Calif.

Those cells were initially harvested from days-old human embryos and then cultivated under special laboratory conditions that forced them to become immature oligodendrocytes. Once injected into injured spinal cords, the cells matured and wrapped themselves around injured neurons, which often lose those natural coverings as a result of injury-induced inflammation, leaving even intact neurons unable to function properly.

Geron has said it hopes to begin clinical trials in patients next year. A third company, NeuralStem Inc. of Gaithersburg, is also in the race.

In unpublished research, rats with spinal cord damage improved significantly after getting injections of human fetal spinal cord cells, said neuroscientist Martin Marsala of the University of California at San Diego, who led the studies with NeuralStem's cells. The animals had ischemic paraplegia, a paralysis of the lower body and rear limbs caused by a temporary blockage of blood flow to the spine.

Patients with this syndrome, which can occur when one of the body's large arteries bursts, are not only paralyzed but also suffer from spastic twitches because of the loss of a kind of neuron that normally suppresses those movements. In rat and pig studies, about one-third of the human fetal cells morphed into exactly that type of neuron, resulting in far less spasticity, Marsala said.

NeuralStem has been talking with the FDA with the aim of getting the go-ahead to begin human testing next year.

The FDA has said several questions will have to be answered before such tests can go forward, including whether some stem cells might turn into the wrong kinds of cells after being injected.

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Parents who expose kids to chickenpox instead of getting them vaccinated are playing a risky game, experts say.

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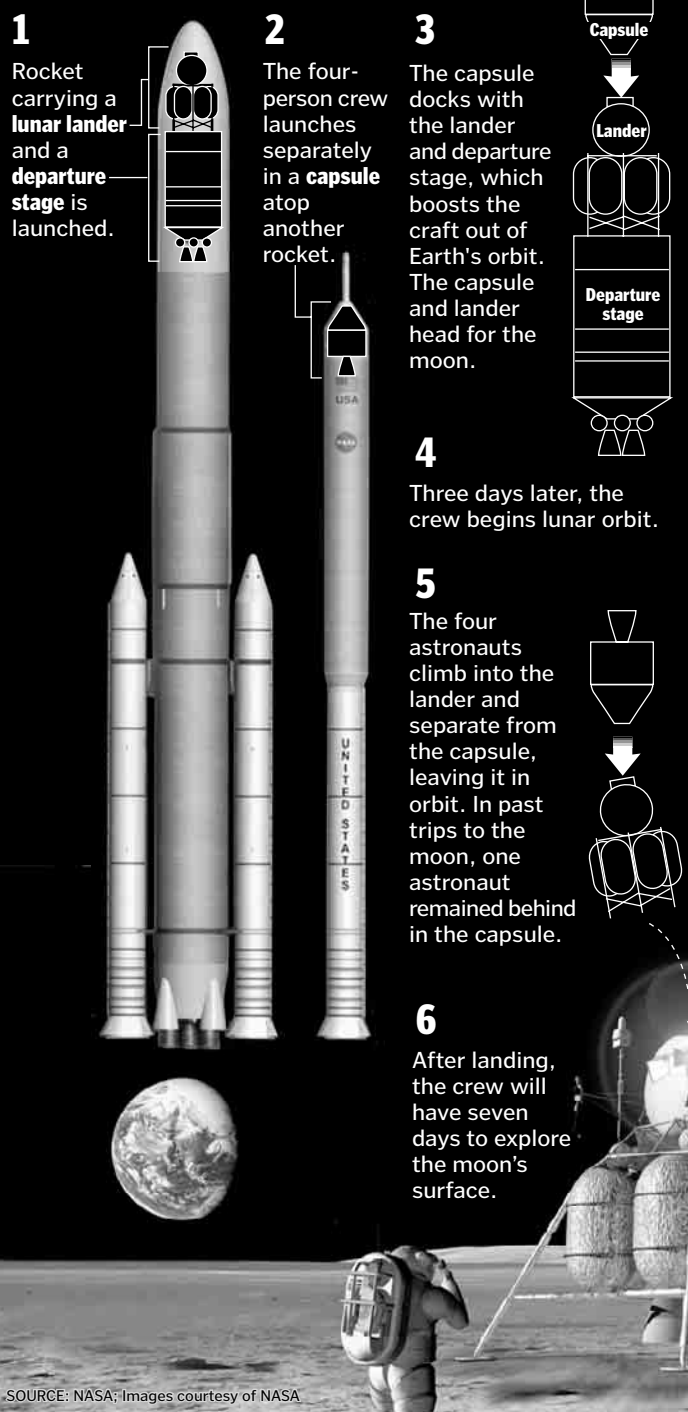
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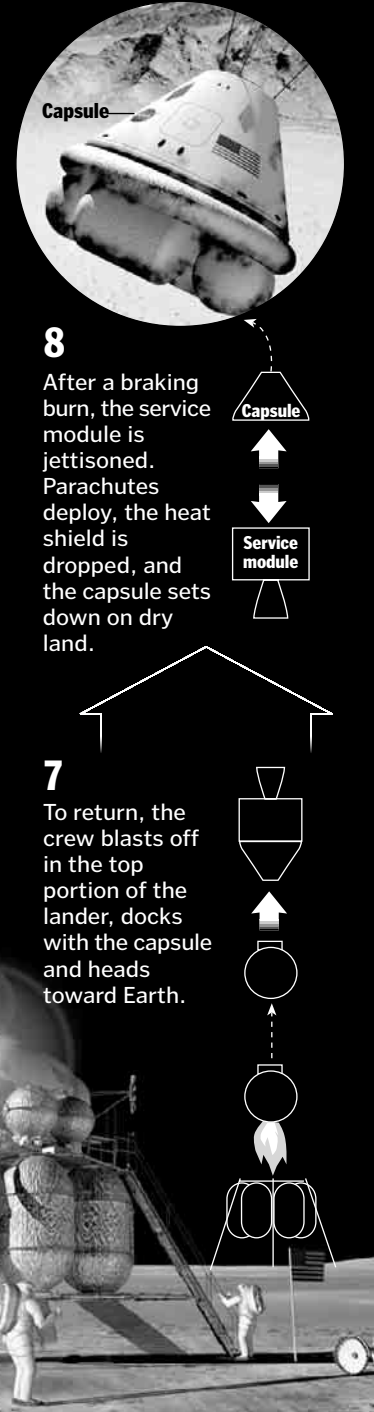
Mission: Moon

NASA revealed its plans for a new spacecraft to carry astronauts to the moon. The spacecraft could be reused up to 10 times, and also could be used on future missions to Mars and the international space station.

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BY LAURA STANTON—THE WASHINGTON POST

NASA Unveils \$104 Billion Plan To Return to the Moon by 2018

Spacecraft Draws on Apollo, Avoids Shuttle Foam Problem

By GUY GUGLIOTTA
Washington Post Staff Writer

NASA yesterday released its master plan for returning humans to the moon by 2018 and eventually sending them to Mars, choosing rocketry from the space shuttle era and drawing inspiration from the Apollo program that first put humans on the lunar surface 36 years ago.

NASA Administrator Michael D. Griffin said the plan would cost \$104 billion over the next 13 years, with increases for inflation, but would not require extra money beyond NASA's normal budgets. The pace of the project, he said, "will fit the funding that's available."

The plan envisions development of two new rockets, one of them almost as tall and even heavier than the Saturn V that launched the Apollo astronauts, and a new spacecraft to put four people on the moon for up to six months before bringing them back to Earth in a parachute landing.

And while the rocket technology is "shuttle-derived," the new plan abandons the concept of a winged, reusable spacecraft that can fly back to Earth and land at an airport. Griffin said the new "crew exploration vehicle" can be reused perhaps 10 times, but most of the new program's apparatus, like Apollo's before it, will be jettisoned in space or burned up in Earth's atmosphere.

Griffin also acknowledged that there will be a two-year period between the last space shuttle flight in 2010 and the first flight of the exploration vehicle, anticipated in 2012, during which the United States will have no ability to put humans in space.

This gap has been a space policy sticking point for more than a year between the Bush administration and Congress. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.), chairman of the science and space subcommittee and an outspoken advocate of closing the gap, issued an enigmatic statement saying, "I will do everything possible to keep the shuttle and crew exploration vehicle programs on course."

Still, in response to several reporters' questions, Griffin sought to assure employees at NASA's shuttle program centers in the Gulf Coast states that the new program "can use 85 percent of the space shuttle work force."

"It's been pretty well coordinated among the centers," said John Logsdon, director of George Washington University's Space Policy Institute. "It appears to provide for a smooth transition."

The use of "crew" and "service" modules to orbit the moon while astronauts travel to and from the surface in a "lunar lander" called to mind the Apollo missions that put 12 men on the moon between 1969 and 1972.

"We did not set out to make it like Apollo," Griffin said at a NASA headquarters news conference to release the agency's "Exploration Systems Architecture Study." "We looked at every vehicle, but people began to realize that the Apollo guys got it right."

Still, the new plan is "a significant advance over Apollo," he added, describing it as "Apollo on steroids." Among other differences, the new lander is larger, can put twice as many people on the moon, leave them there potentially for months instead of days, land them anywhere on the lunar surface instead of just at the equatorial region and leave the orbiting spacecraft without a crew onboard.

The new spacecraft will also use different, more efficient propellants than Apollo, and substitute lighter composite structures where Apollo used metal. Most important, while Apollo was born during the waning days of vacuum tubes, the new program will benefit from 45 years of advancements in computer science.

Griffin said the choice of targets for moon landings "will be driven by science," but unlike Apollo, the program is also designed so astronauts can linger and establish permanent bases on the lunar surface to develop technologies and test techniques for a more ambitious, subsequent Mars mission.

The new propellants, for instance, will use both oxygen, which can be mined from Martian rocks, or methane, which can be extracted from components of the Martian atmosphere. "One reason to go back to the moon is to learn to live off the land to enable longer-duration space missions," said Georgia Institute of Technology research engineer Douglas Stanley, who led the "Exploration" study for NASA.

Logsdon described the project as "a good plan — but not an elegant one" because it does not make much use of advanced technology. "It's a doable approach to getting people into space safely," he added.

But space policy and engineering consultant Charles Lurio, an advocate of innovative private-sector approaches to space travel, criticized the new proposal for being too "massive" and "unaffordable now and unsustainable later."

The moon mission will begin by putting into space a new 358-foot "cargo launch vehicle" weighing 6.4 million pounds. It lifts the moon

rocket and the lunar lander into low Earth orbit to await the arrival of the crew exploration vehicle, the combined service module-crew module.

Both the heavy lifter and the "crew launch vehicle" that carries the spaceship use solid rocket boosters, like the shuttle, and fuel tanks derived from the external tanks whose foam shedding caused the loss of the shuttle Columbia in 2003. Loose foam will not be a problem for the new spacecraft, which are perched in traditional fashion atop the tanks, out of harm's way.

The exploration vehicle will mate in Earth's orbit with the lunar lander, then the moon rocket will ignite, carrying vehicle and lander on the three-day trip to lunar orbit. From then on, the mission will un-reel in Apollo-like fashion, with the astronauts riding to the moon's surface aboard the lander, while the exploration vehicle orbits overhead.

Besides human space travel, the exploration vehicle can fly robotically, perhaps as a cargo carrier for a moon colony. It also could ferry crew and cargo to the international space station and dock autonomously there if necessary.

"The principal concern has always been the lunar mission," said Doug Young, program manager for the Northrop Grumman/Boeing team that is competing with Lockheed for the right to build the exploration vehicle. "But we've always known that we will ultimately have to meet the requirements" of the space station.

The hurricane center said the Keys could be hit with storm surge flooding of six to nine feet above normal tide levels, "along with large and dangerous battering waves."



BY LYNNE SLADKY — ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Silvis removes a television from his trailer home as he prepares to leave Florida City, Fla., because of Tropical Storm Rita, which is projected to hit the Florida Keys as a hurricane and then strengthen over the Gulf of Mexico.

Florida Keys Are Ordered Evacuated as Rita Nears

Storm on a Path Similar to That of Hurricane Katrina

By WILLIAM BRANIGAN
Washington Post Staff Writer

Residents of the Florida Keys were ordered to evacuate yesterday as Tropical Storm Rita approached hurricane strength on a path similar to that of Katrina, which devastated the Gulf Coast three weeks ago, and the mayor of New Orleans suspended a plan to start repopulating his flood-ravaged city.

With Rita forecast to become a Category 1 hurricane last evening and to reach Category 2 strength today, tourists streamed out of the Keys, and residents boarded up homes and shops.

But a potentially greater threat looms later in the week, when Rita is projected to intensify over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, just as Katrina did late last month before slamming ashore about 60 miles southeast of New Orleans. On its current path, meteorologists said, Rita could hit the Texas coast by the weekend, bringing hurricane-force winds and torrential rains to an area that houses thousands of evacuees from flooded New Orleans.

In view of the new storm, New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin announced he was calling off his plan to allow displaced residents to return, one neighborhood at a time. (See story, A1.)

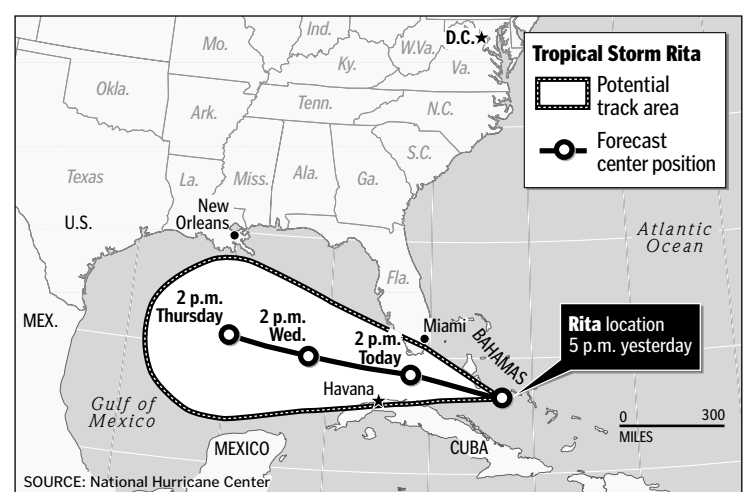
Rita is "not an exact reprise" of Katrina, "but it's probably pretty close," said Frank Lepore, a spokesman for the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "It's got similar characteristics, except it's just a little lower in latitude. The issue is what happens when it gets out over the very warm waters of the central Gulf."

The storm was packing winds of 70 mph last night and was projected to hit Key West about 6 p.m. today with winds around 105 mph, making it a Category 2 hurricane, Lepore said.

As Rita gathered strength, the hurricane center issued a hurricane warning for the southern tip of the Florida peninsula and for all of the Florida Keys. It said that at 11 p.m. Eastern time, Rita was 270 miles east-southeast of Key West and was moving west-northwest at 14 mph.

The hurricane center said the Keys could be hit with storm surge flooding of six to nine feet above normal tide levels, "along with large and dangerous battering waves."

A mandatory evacuation order



SOURCE: National Hurricane Center
BY MARY KATE CANNISTRA — THE WASHINGTON POST

issued by Monroe County, Fla., covered about 80,000 people in the Keys, including 25,000 residents of Key West. Buses were sent to Key West High School to evacuate people who needed help to leave, and a military C-130 transport plane was dispatched to Key West Hospital to evacuate patients there. In addition, about 134,000 Miami-Dade County residents who live in coastal areas were under a voluntary evacuation order.

A voluntary evacuation was set to start today in Galveston, Tex., where officials said residents who could not leave on their own could take buses — and their caged pets — to shelters starting tomorrow.

President Bush, after a meeting with homeland security officials to discuss Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, suggested that in view of Rita's approach, it would be a mistake for evacuees to return to New Orleans.

Rita "now looks like it's going to head out into the Gulf, and could track Katrina, or it could head further to the west," Bush told reporters. "But, nevertheless, there is deep concern about this storm causing more flooding in New Orleans."

Nagin "has got this dream about

having a city up and running, and we share that dream," Bush said. "But we also want to be realistic about some of the hurdles and obstacles that we all confront in re-populating New Orleans."

He said that if Rita brought heavy rains, "there is concern from the Army Corps of Engineers that the levees might break. And so, therefore, we're cautious about encouraging people to return at this moment of history."

According to Lepore, a five-day projection shows Rita reaching Category 3 strength in the middle of the Gulf, with sustained winds of about 115 mph and gusts up to 130 mph. Although its path is difficult to predict at this point, the latest projection has Rita heading toward Houston, a major oil industry center that is now also home to thousands of Katrina evacuees.

One concern is that Rita will hit "the general area where all these folks from New Orleans have been evacuated," Lepore said. "And there is enough hardship in that area as it is without throwing another hurricane at them."

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The Backlash Over Katrina

Kerry, Edwards Criticize Bush Over Response to Hurricane

By DAN BALZ
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President Bush came under withering criticism for his handling of Hurricane Katrina yesterday, with Sen. John F. Kerry (D-Mass.) charging that the storm exposed the administration's incompetence and ideological blinders and former senator John Edwards (D-N.C.) asserting that even in its response, the administration backs policies that support the privileged over the working poor.

Kerry, the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, said in a speech at Brown University that Michael D. Brown, who quit under fire as the Federal Emergency Management Agency's director, exemplified the administration's failures over the past five years.

Using the nickname Bush used for Brown, Kerry said, "Brownie is to Katrina what Paul Bremer is to peace in Iraq, what George Tenet is to slam-dunk intelligence, what Paul Wolfowitz is to parades paved with flowers in Baghdad, what Dick Cheney is to visionary energy policy, what Donald Rumsfeld is to basic war planning, what Tom DeLay is to ethics and what George Bush is to 'Mission Accomplished' and 'Wanted Dead or Alive.'"

Bremer was the head of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. Wolfowitz served as deputy defense secretary until becoming president of the World Bank.

Edwards, who has made poverty a signature issue, said the plight of many of those displaced by the flooding in New Orleans underscores an urgent need for the nation to attack the problem again. He offered policy initiatives aimed at ensuring that Americans who work full time do not fall below the poverty line.

The former senator — who was tapped by Kerry to be his running mate last year and, like Kerry, is contemplating a 2008 presidential run — said the administration has long favored wealth over work. He criticized Bush for suspending a law requiring federal contractors along the Gulf Coast to pay prevailing wages on reconstruction projects.

"I might have missed something, but I don't think the president ever talked about putting a cap on the salaries of the CEOs of Halliburton and the other companies. . . who are getting all these contracts," he said in a speech at the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank. "This president, who never met an earmark he wouldn't approve or a millionaire's tax cut he wouldn't promote, decided to slash wages for the least of us and the most vulnerable."

The two speeches followed pointed comments along the same lines by former president Bill Clinton, who criticized the administration's response to the storm Sunday. Speaking on ABC's "This Week," Clinton said Bush should roll back tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans to offset the cost of rebuilding, and he asserted that the poverty exposed by the storm-forced exodus was caused in part by the administration's own policies.

"Whether it's race-based or not, if you give your tax cuts to the rich and hope everything works out all right, and poverty goes up, and it disproportionately affects black and brown people, that's a consequence of the action made," he said. "That's what they did in the '80s; that's what they've done in this decade. In the middle, we had a different policy."

Of the speeches delivered yesterday by the Democrats' 2004 ticket, Kerry's was harsher by far, and it drew a sharp rebuttal from the Republican National Committee's Tracey Schmitt. "Armchair-quarterbacking on tough issues has never been a problem for Senator Kerry," she said. "Such tactics haven't served him well in the past, and today is no exception."



Former senator
John Edwards



Sen. John F.
Kerry (D-Mass.)

According to a text of Kerry's speech made available in Washington, he said Katrina had provided an "accountability moment" for the administration.

"This is about the broader pattern of incompetence and negligence that Katrina exposed and beyond that a truly systemic effort to distort and disable the people's government and devote it to the interests of the privileged and the powerful," he said.

Kerry also charged that the administration is pursuing politics as usual in its prescription for rebuild-

ing. "The plan they're designing for the Gulf Coast turns the region into a vast laboratory for right-wing ideological experiments," he said, citing private-school vouchers, subsidies to business and other proposals.

Edwards called for a restoration of community. "The administration may think every American is an island," he said. "But Americans know that Katrina's victims shouldn't have been out there on their own and that no American should be out there on their own."

Edwards used the metaphor of the flooded levees in New Orleans to describe what he called society's inadequate efforts to bolster the poor. Although he called for many new programs to help, he also said everyone, from parents and clergy to those most in need, must accept the responsibility to speak hard truths about behavior — particularly out-of-wedlock pregnancies — that condemn many to perpetual poverty.

Our inquiry to the US government --

What Are You Doing?

By Dr. Roger C. S. Lin & Richard W. Hartzell

The Beginning of WWII in the Pacific

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." President Roosevelt's speech of December 8, 1941, was immediately followed by a Congressional Declaration of War. On the following day, December 9th, the Chiang Kai-shek's Republic of China also declared war against Japan.

Formosa and the Pescadores had been ceded to Japan in the 1895 Treaty of Shimonoseki. Under international law, there is no doubt that Japan had possession of the sovereignty of these areas after 1895.

During the course of the Pacific war, the historical record shows that all military attacks against Japanese Formosa and the Pescadores, and indeed against the four main Japanese islands, were conducted by United States military forces. It is very significant that the Republic of China military forces did not participate. According to the precedent established in the Mexican American War, the Spanish American War, etc., after the end of hostilities, the United States will be the (principal) occupying power of these areas.

In early August 1945, the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Japan, and the Japanese surrendered on August 15th. US troops were in Formosa soon after, and on September 1st, US naval vessels arrived to arrange for the transport of 1,000 US prisoners of war to Manila. On September 2nd, General Douglas MacArthur directed the senior Japanese commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces within Formosa to surrender to Chiang Kai-shek (CKS).

The relationship between the United States and the CKS' Republic of China in the military occupation of Formosa and the Pescadores (hereinafter called "Taiwan") is important. The United States is the principal occupying power. The Republic of China under CKS (hereinafter called "ROC") is the subordinate occupying power. General MacArthur gave orders to Chiang Kai-shek, and the Generalissimo accepted them. This is a principal - agent relationship. [Footnote 1]

The ROC military forces accepted the surrender of Japanese troops on October 25, 1945, in Taipei. The ROC officials immediately announced this occasion as "Taiwan Retrocession Day," however such an announcement is a violation of the laws of war. It is extremely regrettable that the United States government made no efforts to correct this error at the time. This was the first major mistake by the USA in the handling of Taiwanese affairs in the post-war period.

According to the Hague Conventions of 1907, the date of October 25, 1945 can only be interpreted as the beginning of the military occupation of Taiwan. Military occupation is conducted under "military government," and the United States has delegated the military occupation of Taiwan to the ROC. United States Military Government (USMG) in Taiwan has begun as of October 25, 1945.

In January of 1946, the ROC government announced mass naturalization of native persons in Taiwan as "ROC citizens." Additionally, some Taiwanese males were conscripted to fight in the Chinese civil war. (More formal military conscription laws over Taiwanese males were put into effect several years later.) Such unilateral announcements regarding naturalization and military conscription over persons in occupied territory are violations of the laws of war. It is extremely regrettable that the United States government made no efforts to correct these errors at the time. These were the second and third major mistakes by the USA in the handling of Taiwanese affairs in the post-war period.

In late 1949, with a civil war raging in Mainland China, additional military forces and government officials of the ROC fled to Taiwan. As of early 1950, the ROC government in Taiwan is "wearing two hats" -- it is a subordinate occupying power (beginning October 25, 1945), exercising "effective territorial control" over Taiwan, and at the same time it is a government-in-exile (beginning December 1949). Decisions regarding the transfer of the sovereignty of Taiwan will be made in the post-war peace treaty, hence in early 1950 the ROC is clearly not in possession of the sovereignty of Taiwan.

On April 28, 1952, the San Francisco Peace Treaty (SFPT) came into force. Japan renounced the sovereignty of Taiwan in Article 2b, however, no receiving country was specified. This is a "limbo cession." The United States is confirmed as the principal occupying power in Article 23. Final disposition of Taiwan will be according to the directives of USMG, as per Article 4b:

Japan recognizes the validity of dispositions of property of Japan and Japanese nationals made by or pursuant to the directives of the United States Military Government in any of the areas referred to in Articles 2 and 3.

The ROC on Taiwan

As we know, the ROC is the legal government of "China" as spoken of in WWII. However, the ROC failed to maintain its legal position when it fled to Taiwan in late 1949. As of late April 1952, with the coming into force of the SFPT, the ROC is not the legally recognized government of Taiwan; it is merely a subordinate occupying power and government in exile.

With this recognition, an analysis of Taiwan's position under international law and US Constitutional law from late April 1952 up to the present day can proceed very straightforwardly. An examination of the situation of Puerto Rico and Cuba after the Spanish American War provides the necessary legal background.

Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Taiwan

Preliminary Comments: The Hague Conventions of 1907 specify that "territory is considered occupied when it is actually placed under the authority of the hostile army." The form of administration by which an occupying power exercises government authority over occupied territory is called "military government." The military government of the principal occupying power does not end with the coming into force of the peace treaty, but continues until legally supplanted.

Puerto Rico: United States Military Government in Puerto Rico began on August 12, 1898, with the surrender of Spanish troops. The United States was the (principal) occupying power. The Treaty of Paris came into force on April 11, 1899, and Puerto Rico was ceded to the United States in Article 2. In Downes v. Bidwell (1901), the US Supreme Court ruled that upon cession by Spain, under US law Puerto Rico became "unincorporated territory." However, the Foraker Act, which was passed by the US Congress to provide a civil government for Puerto Rico (and supplant USMG), only came into effect on May 1, 1900. Hence, from April 11, 1899 to May 1, 1900, Puerto Rico is clearly "unincorporated territory under USMG."

Cuba: United States Military Government in Cuba began on July 17, 1898, with the surrender of Spanish troops. The United States was the (principal) occupying power. The Treaty of Paris came into force on April 11, 1899, and Cuba was a limbo cession in Article 1. However, the Republic of Cuba government, established to provide a civil government for Cuba (and supplant USMG), only began operations on May 20, 1902. Based on the rulings in Downes v. Bidwell (1901) and Neely v. Henkel (1901) it is clear that upon the coming into force of the peace treaty, Cuba became unincorporated territory under USMG. Indeed, the United States flag flew over Cuba from July 17, 1898, until the formal end of USMG in Cuba was proclaimed by the US President on May 20, 1902.

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Taiwan: United States Military Government in Taiwan began on October 25, 1945, with the surrender of Japanese troops. The United States is the principal occupying power. The San Francisco Peace Treaty came into force on April 28, 1952, and Taiwan was a limbo cession in Article 2b. [Footnote 2] Based on the rulings in Downes v. Bidwell (1901) and Neely v. Henkel (1901) it is clear that upon the coming into force of the peace treaty, Taiwan has become "unincorporated territory under USMG." As of late April 1952 (if not earlier), the United States flag should be flying over Taiwan. [Footnote 3] To date, there has been no announcement by the US President of the formal end of USMG in Taiwan, nor the supplanting of USMG by any other United States approved civil government operations.

Fundamental Constitutional Rights

In the Insular Cases (beginning 1901) the US Supreme Court held that even without any actions by the US Congress, "fundamental rights" under the US Constitution apply in all unincorporated territories. However, with no action by the US Commander in Chief, what we have seen in Taiwan from late April 1952 to the present is something completely different.

Specifically, the Taiwanese people have been forced to accept ROC citizenship without any internationally recognized legal basis, and males are subject to military conscription in violation of the Geneva Conventions. The Taiwanese people are living under the ROC Constitution, and in their daily lives they are singing the ROC national anthem, raising the ROC flag, and recognizing an ROC national father. The ROC on Taiwan is a non-state, but the ROC constitutional structure in force specifies that insurrection or rebellion against the ROC is punishable by death or lengthy imprisonment!!

Hence, as of late Spring, 1952, in order to conform to the provisions of the Senate-ratified SFPT, and to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, the US Commander in Chief must issue an Executive Order for the Republic of China government on Taiwan to disband. The US government must help the Taiwanese people organize a temporary government (with a new President, Vice-President, and other top officials), and begin preparations for the calling of a Constitutional Convention.

The myriad mistakes by the USA in the handling of Taiwanese affairs in the post-war period are extremely regrettable.

The One China Policy

With the coming into force of the SFPT in 1952, a clear basis for the future development of Japan was established. However, the situation of Taiwan was a total mess.

We do not dispute the One China Policy, but at the same time it must be recognized that Taiwan is Taiwan and China is China.

In the Shanghai Communiqué of February 28, 1972, the following wording is particularly important:

The United States acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China. The United States Government does not challenge that position. It reaffirms its interest in a peaceful settlement of the Taiwan question by the Chinese themselves. With this prospect in mind, it affirms the ultimate objective of the withdrawal of all US forces and military installations from Taiwan.

Some have argued that this is a very convoluted way of saying that "Although Taiwan is not a part of China, we want everyone to think that it is." This is certainly worthy of further examination.

That the Commander in Chief has the right to make "dispositions of the property of Japan," in accordance with SFPT Article 4b, we do not challenge. However, we do maintain having done no prior consultation with the Taiwanese people, making a decision to put Taiwan on a "flight-path" for eventual unification with the PRC does violate the rights of the Taiwanese people to life, liberty, property, and due process of law under the Fifth Amendment. These Fifth Amendment protections are "fundamental rights" under the US Constitution, and apply in overseas territories even without any actions by the US Congress.

Misleading the US Congress?

The State Department informed the Senate in 1970 that "As Taiwan and the Pescadores are not covered by any existing international disposition, sovereignty over the area is an unsettled question subject to future international resolution."

This statement was repeated in a "Subject: Legal Status of Taiwan" Memorandum from the Department of State Legal Advisor on July 13, 1971, [Footnote 4] and has been often repeated since. Is this willful ignorance of the truth... or some type of politically motivated cover-up? Might it indicate collusion with the China lobby, funded by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek? Or is it simple negligence?

We believe that after reading this entire essay, all members of the public will understand why the "ROC on Taiwan" is not an internationally recognized government, while at the same time the Taiwan Relations Act is a domestic law of the United States. Moreover they will understand why when tensions flared between the PRC and Taiwan 1996, the US Commander in Chief sent two aircraft carriers into the Taiwan Strait without any previous consultation with the Taiwan governing authorities. Significantly, the "ROC on Taiwan" has been unable to obtain admittance to the United Nations, and has been refused membership in such important international bodies as the World Health Organization. [Footnote 5] Why is this? On October 25, 2004, in a press conference in Beijing, former Secretary of State Powell stated: "Taiwan is not independent. It does not enjoy sovereignty as a nation, and that remains our policy, our firm policy." We agree with Mr. Powell's statement entirely.

The Situation in 2005

We strongly urge that the members of Congress and other responsible US government officials consider the following actions:

- Suspension of the operations of the ROC Ministry of National Defense. The US Constitution states that Congress will provide for the common defense. None of the pre-existing five major unincorporated territories (Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands) have their own Ministry of National Defense, or have they instituted military conscription laws over their local populace. All defense matters for the fifty states and territories under US administrative authority are handled by the Department of Defense in the Pentagon.
- Authorization for the US Department of Defense to assume full responsibility for the defense of Taiwan, and to increase the deployment of military equipment and personnel in the western Pacific in order to protect United States' interests.
- Suspension of the operations of the ROC Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All diplomatic and consular matters for the fifty states and territories under US administrative authority are handled by the Department of State.

- Establishment of the "United States Court of Taiwan." Under the US Constitution, this would be an Article II Court, and would serve to protect the rights of US citizens in Taiwan and deal with other important matters regarding US administrative authority over Taiwan. The issue of whether this Court or a separate tribunal would deal with the alleged war crimes perpetrated by ROC government officials could be decided at a later date.
- Authorization for the Taiwanese people to begin preparations for the calling of a Constitutional Convention, designing of a new flag, new seal, etc.
- Authorization for the establishment of a timetable for the retirement of the current ROC President, Vice President, the heads of the Five Yuan, the Supreme Court justices, the High Court justices, other top officials, etc. as well as US government assistance for the appointment of transitional Taiwanese government officers in these positions.
- Authorization for the Taiwanese people to obtain new "Taiwan" passports, issued under United States administrative authority. [Footnote 6]
- Authorization for the US Marines to raise the US flag over Taiwan.

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In Application of Yamashita (1946), the US Supreme Court held that: "FM 27-10 (1940), states the principal offenses under the laws of war recognized by the United States."

The contents of this Field Manual are important when discussing the Taiwan status, see <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/policy/army/fm/27-10/index.html> and in particular, an in-depth understanding of Chapter 6: OCCUPATION is imperative, see <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/policy/army/fm/27-10/Ch6.htm>

The US Constitution has placed no limit upon the war powers of the government, but they are regulated and limited by the laws of war. One of these powers is the right to institute military governments. In Ex Parte Milligan (1866), the US Supreme Court held that military government is to be "exercised in time of foreign war without the boundaries of the United States, or in time of rebellion and civil war within states or districts occupied by rebels treated as belligerents."

Territorial Cession and Military Government

For a territorial cession after war, the designation of a "receiving country" in the peace treaty merely indicates that that country is authorized by the international community to establish a civil government in the territory.

Significantly, at the point of the coming into force of the peace treaty, and normally for some time thereafter, the occupied territory is still under the administration of the (principal) occupying power. This is explained and illustrated in many US Supreme Court cases including Cross v. Harrison (1853), Dooley v. U.S. (1901), DeLima v. Bidwell (1901), etc.

It is important to note that Taiwan's status as "unincorporated territory under USMG" is not a final political status, but rather an "interim status" under the military government of the principal occupying power, i.e. the United States. [Footnote 7]

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Cars waiting at a checkpoint to enter New Orleans are turned away by police after a planned reentry of city residents was suspended.

Rita Delays New Orleans Returns

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gin said. If Rita were to dump nine inches of rain on New Orleans, the result would be "three to four feet of flooding in most parts of the city," he said.

Asked if anything could be done to buttress the levee system before Rita were to strike, Nagin replied: "Just tell people to run."

Current weather projections indicate that Rita, which was threatening Key West, Fla., Monday night, could roar across the Gulf and strike the lower portions of Louisiana by the weekend. If, as some suggest, New Orleans sits on the "eastern side of the storm, we take the brunt of it," Nagin said.

As New Orleans residents faced the grim prospect of an even slower recovery, state officials put the still-rising Katrina death toll at 736 in Louisiana and the overall toll at 973.

Bush administration officials and Nagin have sparred publicly and in private in recent days over the mayor's push to demonstrate that New Orleans will be back in business soon. Last Thursday, he laid out a plan to permit up to 182,000 people to return over the course of 10 days.

Vice Adm. Thad W. Allen, the Coast Guard chief of staff tapped by Bush to lead the federal response here, said that move was "extremely problematic." Allen said it was dangerous to invite tens of thousands of people into a city with little clean water, a severely compromised sewer system, a manual 911 emergency call system and few hospitals or traffic lights.

Nagin, interviewed over the weekend in Dallas by Fox News, questioned Allen's credentials: "Since I have been away a day or two, maybe he's the new crowned federal mayor of New Orleans."

That prompted Bush to reinforce Allen's message, telling reporters he was taking the unusual step of commenting publicly to be certain the mayor got the message.

"We have made our position loud and clear," the president said Monday.

Although he defended his initial plan to reopen New Orleans, Nagin said the new decision to evacuate was based solely on long-range projections that show Rita has the potential to bring high winds and downpours to a city ill-equipped to handle another natural disaster.

"This is not a diversion," he said from his new command center in a downtown hotel. "This is a real threat."

Initially criticized for failing to move many of the city's impoverished black residents out on the weekend prior to Katrina, Nagin promised a more aggressive approach to the evacuation set to begin Wednesday.

"I don't play around with hurricanes," Nagin said. "I've seen Katrina."

Although Nagin said he would turn to active-duty soldiers and the National Guard to help the city's depleted police department en-



BY KEVIN CLARK — THE WASHINGTON POST

Darren Walker spreads a tarpaulin over the roof of a friend's home in Algiers, La. Gulf Coast residents are facing projections that Tropical Storm Rita could develop into a hurricane landing later this week and strike either Texas or Louisiana.

force the new evacuation order, a Pentagon official said that is not the role of the military.

"They have not asked us to help them take anyone out of the city at this time," said Brig. Gen. Mark A. Graham, deputy commanding general of Fifth U.S. Army, which oversees the 82nd Airborne Division and other active-duty Army forces in the region. "We don't forcibly evacuate anyone. That's a law enforcement job."

The Department of Defense was also evaluating whether to send out to sea vessels such as the warship USS Iwo Jima, which is tied up at a Mississippi River dock in downtown New Orleans and is serving as command center for the military in the region.

"I'm certain they are contemplating that" because ships "have a better chance of riding out the storm" at sea than if they are tied up to moorings, said Maj. John Thomas, a spokesman for the federal recovery effort in Baton Rouge, La.

Many emergency responders who have helped rescue survivors and locate the dead here were pondering their next move, weighing whether they ought to flee before Rita's arrival or hunker down.

Alexandria, La., Police Capt. John Henderson, who is helping run the city's com-

mand center, said aides were drawing up evacuation plans that would enable out-of-town relief workers to move to high ground if necessary later in the week.

Throughout the day, there were pockets of activity in Algiers, the neighborhood across the Mississippi River where residents were officially permitted to return. Even before Nagin's announcement, most residents said they had no intention of staying.

"I just came to clean up, salvage as much as I can," said Ramsey Washington, who drove back from his temporary home in Houston. "It's not livable. They got no jobs. No banks are open."

Sonia Badon, 35, has already rented an apartment in Baton Rouge; her employer has relocated his computer company there, too. On Monday, she and her boss and two friends were nailing a tarp onto the roof of her Halsey Avenue home.

Although her best friend has moved to Nashville in search of a job, Badon said she will return to her native New Orleans. But for now, she said with sweat rolling down her face, "It's too soon to come back."

Staff writer Ann Scott Tyson in Washington contributed to this report.

Afraid to Get Help

For Illegal Immigrants, Some Aid Is Too Risky

Fears Abound as Government Warns Data Could Be Used for Deportation

By DARRYL FEARS
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BATON ROUGE, La. — The man who stood with his head bowed outside a cheap motel room here said his name is Almicar of Guatemala. He crept across the Mexican border into the United States a few years ago and since that time has found work as a painter in New Orleans.

But several weeks ago, Hurricane Katrina turned his world upside down along with everyone else's. Almicar, who gave only his first name for fear of being deported, said his situation is worse because he is an illegal immigrant. Since the storm hit, he has watched his neighbors at the motel call the Federal Emergency Management Agency to get money he will never see and food stamps that are forbidden to his family of five, and to seek jobs at the Social Security office, where he dares not show his face.

Almicar didn't speak a word of English, but his body language said it all. Eyes down, arms folded, back slumped, he had the visage of a defeated man.

"I'm afraid," he said in Spanish. His family's "situation is getting harder and harder. You don't know what to think, starting from zero again."

Much has been said about the suffering of the poor in New Orleans, but Latino civil rights advocates and relief workers say those troubled Americans are better off than immigrants who live in Gulf states illegally, working in restaurants, casinos, farms and construction.

Some have managed to get into shelters run by the Red Cross and Catholic Charities, which provide food and medical care, no questions asked. But when U.S. citizens in those shelters flock to cardboard tables where FEMA, Social Security and Internal Revenue Service agents sit, Latinos stay behind, watching from their cots, relief workers said.

The Department of Homeland Security recently announced that information provided by illegal immigrants seeking federal aid could be used against them later in deportation proceedings.

"The administration's priority is to provide needed assistance: water, food, medical care, shelter," said Joanna Gonzalez, a DHS spokeswoman. "However, as we move forward with the response, we can't turn a blind eye to the law."

That point was driven home when two illegal immigrants, from Honduras and El Salvador, were taken into custody in West Virginia by state police after a military cargo plane carrying 305 evacuees arrived there Sept. 5. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials say the two, who were friends, were taken into custody after state police received a complaint that one had been accused of a sexual assault.

"What that suggests is that the federal government is prepared to serve some victims but not others," said Cecilia Muñoz, vice president for policy at the National Council of La Raza. "That sends a terrifying message to the larger community."

In his national address Thursday, President Bush read off a list of services that the estimated 40,000 Mexicans and 150,000 Hondurans who lived in the New Orleans area cannot get: checks from Social Security, mail delivery by the Postal Service, money to rent apartments and temporary trailer homes.

Opponents of illegal immigration, such as Numbers USA, have fought giving financial aid to illegal immigrants. On the other side, a group of U.S. senators including Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) urged DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff to issue a statement reassuring immigrants that they could come forward without fear of deportation.

"We are very concerned because they're afraid to ask for help," Brent A. Wilkes, executive director of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said of illegal immigrants. "It's difficult to get word to them. They're in the dark much more so than other folks. They have a default position: to avoid authorities at all costs."

About 65 Latinos were staying at the \$30-a-night motel where Almicar stood. Some were documented; many were not. A Guatemalan woman said she is consumed by worry and fear. She would not give her name, she said, because people would come to deport her.

What if my children get sick? she wondered. "I guess I will have to go to the hospital and take my chances," she said.

Her friend Merling Buchanan, a

Tulane University master's student from Honduras who speaks English, is the eyes and ears to the world for several of the Peruvians, Guatemalans and Ecuadoreans living at the motel.

"Normally when I get up, there's always someone I need to take somewhere," said Buchanan, a naturalized citizen. On Monday, a friend from Guatemala wanted to speak with a caseworker at Catholic Community Services.

"The lines are long, so I stay all day," she said. "There is a list, and people write their name. I was number 102."

Days before, FEMA deposited \$2,000 directly into her bank account, she said. At the cheap motel, that pittance seems like an embarrassment of riches.

Mario Fletes, 31, a Honduran painter, said he's very frustrated, watching his wife and three sons worry.

"I went to get unemployment, and they said they couldn't process my Social Security number," which, he insisted, is legitimate. "I went to apply for food stamps. They told me to come back in two days. I went Thursday. I went Friday. Finally, they told me not to come back."

Wilkes said FEMA doesn't have enough Spanish-speaking officials to handle even those who work legally on farms, in hotels and in casinos.

But David Passey, a FEMA spokesman, denied that. "We have Spanish-speaking operators on our registration phone lines," he said. "We understand the need to communicate with people in several different languages. If we have areas where we're lacking, advocacy groups can tell us. We're open to input."

Rony Reyes said his friends are almost out of money for the motel. Catholic Community Services of Baton Rouge paid the motel manager about \$200 to keep some under a roof for a week.

"Thank God for the church," he said. "We would be sleeping in the parking lot now, no doubt."

But others are helping.

In Mississippi, a group called Project Prep braved floodwaters in Biloxi to get aid to Latino migrant farmworkers and others who feared deportation, said John D. Arnold, the project's director and co-founder.

Jacob Prado, who is coordinating relief efforts for the Mexican Embassy, distributed cash and airline tickets in and around Biloxi to Mexican citizens wishing to return to Mexico, an embassy spokesman said.

In San Antonio, a convoy of 45 Mexican army vehicles rolled into the city with troops and mobile kitchens capable of feeding 14,000 people. Elsewhere in Texas, Catholic Charities of Galveston/Houston doled out \$300,000 to immigrant families as of Friday, about \$25,000 a day, said Julianna Guerrero, the communications director.

"As quickly as the donations are coming in, they are going right back out," she said. "We are worried that people who are undocumented are falling through the cracks."

In Louisiana, Diane Chisholm, the director of migration and refugee services for Catholic Community Services of Baton Rouge, said documented and undocumented Latinos have poured through the group's doors every day for a week.

"I can say it's been hundreds of people," Chisholm said Monday.

Almicar and other immigrants living at the motel in East Baton Rouge Parish were residents of Metairie, La., near the New Orleans airport.

On the Saturday before Katrina struck, Buchanan was doing the wash when the New Orleans mayor said on television, in English, "We're facing the storm most of us have feared."

She woke her sleeping husband, who snapped at her. "How are we going to go? We don't have money." He eventually agreed to go and borrowed money from a friend.

"Hispanic friends... followed us because they didn't know where to go," Buchanan said. "They followed us because we speak English."

They formed a caravan of five rickety cars, one of which broke down en route to Baton Rouge.

The men work where they can find it, usually in towns more than an hour away. It costs about \$20 in gas per trip, eating into their pay of about \$90 each.

Right now, Reyes said, work is worth the sacrifice. The motel rooms are too precious to give up.

"If you leave, there are three people waiting to take them," he said. "It's all we have right now."



BY NIKKI KAHN — THE WASHINGTON POST

New Orleans resident Philip Turner makes way for a military vehicle in the French Quarter as Lisa Hix looks on. Mayor C. Ray Nagin said he would turn to active-duty soldiers and the National Guard to help police enforce the evacuation order, but a Pentagon official said that is not the military's role.

Katrina Update

DEATHS

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The Louisiana coroner said it may take months or years to identify the bodies of New Orleans hurricane victims. Officials have said the toll is likely in the thousands.

DISPLACED (Victims in Red Cross shelters)

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Katrina displaced a million people overall, 104,900 of whom are in shelters in 24 states and the District. SOURCES: Associated Press, Red Cross, state officials

Legislation

Federal Contractors Seek Liability Shields

Trade Group Drafting Bill to Protect Storm Cleanup Workers From Lawsuits

By RENAE MERLE
Washington Post Staff Writer

Contractors working on Hurricane Katrina relief efforts for the federal government want Congress to limit their liability from lawsuits and are drafting legislation to seek such protection, industry officials said yesterday.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have relied on contractors, including several who started work without a contract, to fix the levees in New Orleans and pump water out of the city. But the companies have become concerned about the liability issue because of lawsuits filed against construction firms that helped clean up the World Trade Center after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"We're asking for some reasonable limits for going into the Gulf Coast and dealing with unknowns," Michael E. Kennedy, general counsel for the Associated General Contractors of America, said after a meeting of the trade group in Washington. "A contractor goes into an unknown situation to remove debris or fix a utility line, and three years from now someone decides they did it improperly."

The Corps has already contracted with more than a dozen companies for work worth \$2.8 billion during the next year. Those companies will be joined by dozens more as reconstruction of the region begins.

The bill that the trade group is drafting would limit contractors' liabilities but still hold them responsible for following government regulations, Kennedy said. It would be similar to regulations the Homeland Security Department unveiled last year that protect companies selling security technology from lawsuits triggered by a terrorist act.

Legislation was introduced in the House last week to shield volunteer contractors from liability. The general contractors' bill would extend the coverage to companies working under the government.

"You can consider these contractors as an extension of the government; they are performing a lot of public" duties, Kennedy said.

Robert S. Boh, president of Boh Bros. Construction Co. of New Orleans, said yesterday that he favors such a bill. His firm moved its New Orleans offices to Baton Rouge, La., after the hurricane hit but was soon hired by the Corps to fix the levees and pump water out of the city.



An Oklahoma national Guardsman helps as workers from a FEMA contractor pull a body from a porch in New Orleans. Contractors working on Katrina relief are drafting a bill to protect them from liability suits.

"We're simply showing up and responding to verbal direction," Boh said. "We're not adequately able to assess the request for risks."

Also yesterday, the Homeland Security Department's inspector general appointed a National Weather Service official who once served as acting chief financial officer of FEMA to lead the office's work overseeing Katrina spending.

Matthew A. Jadacki, who worked at FEMA from 1991 to 2004, will "be responsible for overseeing the management and expenditures of all contracts, grants and governmental operations related to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts," according to a Homeland Security Department statement.

Jadacki's appointment comes as members of Congress continue to debate other ideas for

how the government will monitor the flow of money for Gulf Coast reconstruction. The proposals include establishing a special inspector general's office, expanding the duties of the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction or establishing a chief financial officer.

Some in Congress are concerned that Homeland Security's inspector general's office will not have the resources to monitor the department's regular work, as well as the tens of billions of dollars flowing into the Gulf Coast. Homeland Security Department officials, however, have said the department's IG office is up to the task.

Staff writers Spencer Hsu and Griff Witte contributed to this report.

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Bush Proposes Vouchers for All Displaced Students

By AMY GOLDSTEIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

Under President Bush's plan to cover most of the cost of educating students displaced by Hurricane Katrina, parents could enroll their children in a private or religious school this year at federal expense, even if they had gone to public schools back home, administration officials said yesterday.

In proposing \$1.9 billion in aid for kindergartners through 12th-graders whose schools were ruined by

the storm, Education Secretary Margaret Spellings originally said the administration was setting aside \$488 million for private-school tuition and other help, to re-create as normal an environment as possible for the uncommonly large segment of children from New Orleans who had attended Catholic schools.

Yesterday, however, as new fine print of the proposal emerged, White House and Education Department spokesmen confirmed that the government payment — as much as \$7,500 per child — would be given

for a year to any displaced family that now prefers an alternative to public schools. "Parents may choose to send children to private schools. They may not. But this is their choice," said Susan Aspey, the Education Department's spokeswoman.

According to administration documents, the \$488 million allotment is an estimate based on the fact that about 61,000 children had attended private schools in the four Louisiana parishes that were affected most heavily. Asked whether the president would be willing to spend more

on private schools if additional parents asked for such help, Aspey replied, "It's far too soon to speculate. Right now, these are just concepts."

The expansive eligibility for private-school payments intensified the dispute over Bush's approach to providing federal relief to people and places harmed by the hurricane. Democrats on Capitol Hill and public education advocates had begun to complain that the president was using the catastrophe to weave into legislation a version of federal funding of vouchers for private educa-

tion, which the administration has sought, unsuccessfully, since 2001.

"It makes it even worse," Paul Houston, executive director of the American Association of School Administrators, said of the idea that all displaced families could obtain money for private schools. "It is really a tone-deaf response to the crisis. It is a real grab to get an ideological position across that they haven't been able to achieve under normal circumstances."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (Mass.), ranking Democrat on the Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, said, "Instead of reopening ideological battles, we should be focused on re-

opening schools and getting people the help that they need."

Some congressional Republicans have embraced Bush's idea. A spokesman for Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), the panel's chairman, said he has not decided whether to add money for private schools into bipartisan legislation providing educational help that the panel drafted last week.

Rep. John A. Boehner (R-Ohio), chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, said in a statement, "These children are being welcomed by schools across the nation, both public and private, and we need to support all the affected students and families."

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Hinckley Wants Girlfriend, Psychologist Says in Court

By HENRI E. CAUVIN
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Presidential assailant John W. Hinckley Jr., who is petitioning the court for more freedom, is lonely and longing for a close relationship like the one he had for many years with a former psychiatric patient, a psychologist testified yesterday.

"He wants to have a girlfriend. He wants intimate contact with a female," Paul Montalbano, chief of pretrial services at St. Elizabeths, the Southeast Washington mental hospital, testified yesterday.

The psychologist said such a desire is natural for a man who has ended a long relationship, as Hinckley did this year. Hinckley, 50, cut his ties to Leslie deVeau after the relationship came under scrutiny during hearings to decide whether he was ready for expanded freedoms.

For a time, Hinckley was escorting a young hospital intern to her car and offering to sing to her. But after his doctors became aware of his special interest in the woman, Hinckley was told that he was crossing a line between staff and patient and had to stop, which he did, Montalbano said.

The underlying question at a hearing yesterday appeared to be how Hinckley would handle courtship and respond to rejection out in the world, away from the structure and support of a hospital.

Hinckley would like to eventually be released from St. Elizabeths, where the staff has found his depression and psychotic disorder to be in remission. He has been confined to the hospital in Southeast Washington since 1982, when a federal jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three others.

In the meantime, he wants the court's permission to make a series of overnight visits to his parents' residence in Williamsburg, and this week a federal judge is hearing his petition and the government's opposition to it.

Hinckley's interest in women, viewed as natural by the psychologist, is disconcerting to the Justice Department's attorneys, who oppose any expansion of Hinckley's freedoms and who note that it was Hinckley's obsession with actress Jodie Foster that spurred him to open fire on Reagan in 1981.

On the hearing's first day, the questions and answers centered on how Hinckley handled his breakup with deVeau and how he has acted toward women since then. Hinckley met deVeau when both were confined at St. Elizabeths. She was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the 1982 shooting death of her 10-year-old daughter and was released from the hospital eight years later.

Saddened by the breakup, Hinckley did not spiral into depression, Montalbano testified. His longing for a new female companion has been obvious to those who treat him, the psychologist said.

The intern was apparently not his only romantic interest. Smitten with a hospital chaplain, he scheduled an appointment with her. But when asked about it by his doctors, Hinckley admitted that the appointment was mostly a chance to see a "pretty lady" and agreed to cancel it, Montalbano said.

Over the past two years, U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman has allowed Hinckley to leave St. Elizabeths for excursions in the Washington area, including some with his parents. Initially the family was accompanied by hospital chaperons. But more recently, Friedman has permitted the family to go without such supervision and has allowed overnight visits in the area.

Even as the hospital supervisions have fallen away, the Secret Service has continued to track Hinckley.

During yesterday's hearing, Hinckley's parents sat in the first row of the gallery on the same side of the courtroom as their son, who was wearing a blue jacket, white shirt and red tie.

Seated at a table with his attorneys, Hinckley seemed to follow the testimony intently, rarely focusing his gaze anywhere but the witness stand as Montalbano answered questions from Hinckley attorney Barry Wm. Levine; the government's lawyer, Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Zeno; and Friedman.

Hinckley's parents live in a 2,900-acre gated community in Williamsburg that has golf courses, a pool, a clubhouse and a shopping center,

and that is where he would stay during the proposed series of six visits — the longest of which would last just over a week.

Montalbano said that the process needs to be gradual and must be monitored but that visits with his family have been an important part of his treatment and should continue to be.

He said that, just as many people rely on their partners for support, Hinckley could be well served by the sort of relationship he craves. But Montalbano also said that given the scrutiny such a partner would endure, Hinckley may face a hard road to romance: "Mr. Hinckley remains optimistic, but perhaps naively optimistic."



BY EVAN VUCCI — ASSOCIATED PRESS

John W. Hinckley Jr., shown arriving for court in November 2003, is seeking permission to make a series of overnight visits to his parents' residence in Virginia. A hearing in Washington centered on how he would handle courtship and respond to rejection outside the hospital.



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Immigration Nominee Faces Doubts

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strong support from many former colleagues, told senators that he would draw upon the experiences of ICE veterans in running the agency.

"I realize that I'm not 80 years old," Myers testified. "I have a few gray hairs, more coming, but I will seek to work with those who are knowledgeable in this area, who know more than I do."

After working as a federal prosecutor in Brooklyn, N.Y., for two years, Myers held a variety of jobs over the past four years at the White House and at the departments of Commerce, Justice and Treasury, though none involved managing a large bureaucracy. Myers worked briefly as chief of staff to Michael Chertoff when he led the Justice Department's criminal division before he became Homeland Security secretary.

Myers also was an associate under independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr for about 16 months and has most recently served as a special assistant to President Bush handling personnel issues.

Her uncle is Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, the departing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. She married Chertoff's current chief of staff, John F. Wood, on Saturday.

In written answers to questions from Congress, Myers highlighted her year-long job as assistant secretary for export enforcement at Commerce, where she said

she supervised 170 employees and a \$25 million budget. ICE has more than 20,000 employees and a budget of approximately \$4 billion. Its personnel investigate immigrant, drug and weapon smuggling, and illegal exports, among other responsibilities.

Myers was on her honeymoon and was not available to comment yesterday. Erin Healy, a White House spokeswoman, cited Myers's work with customs agents on money-laundering and drug-smuggling cases. "She's well-known and respected throughout the law enforcement community," Healy said. "She has a proven track record as an effective manager."

ICE was created from remnants of the former immigration and customs services. It is widely viewed as one of the most troubled parts of the sprawling Department of Homeland Security.

Homeland Security political appointees have come under scrutiny since Michael D. Brown resigned under fire this month as head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which he joined with no experience in disaster preparedness. Several other senior FEMA officials were Bush supporters who did not have crisis-management credentials.

Unlike most political appointments, the head of ICE is required by statute to have at least five years of experience in both law enforcement and management.

Many immigration advocates, ICE em-

ployee representatives and homeland security experts said they were troubled by the nomination of Myers to take over an agency with so many problems.

"It appears she's got a tremendous amount of experience in money laundering, in banking and the financial areas," said Charles Showalter, president of the National Homeland Security Council, a union that represents 7,800 ICE agents, officers and support staff. "My question is: Who the hell is going to enforce the immigration laws?"

I. Michael Greenberger, a former Clinton administration official who heads the Center for Health and Homeland Security at the University of Maryland, said the Myers appointment represents "pre-Katrina thinking, where political relationships were a very large factor."

"Post-Katrina, we now see that people need to be eminently qualified," Greenberger said.

But Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents several thousand ICE employees, lauded Myers's government experience.

"That organization . . . is on some days almost dysfunctional," Pasco said. "I think Julie may be just the person to pull people and functions together to get them working right for a change."

During a hearing Thursday of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Chairman Susan Col-



BY JEFF MITCHELL — REUTERS

Julie Myers has held a variety of jobs at the White House and in federal government.

lins (R-Maine) and ranking Democrat Joseph I. Lieberman (Conn.) quizzed Myers on whether her positions over the past five years qualified her for the job.

The most pointed questioning came from Voinovich, who said during the hearing that he wanted to meet with Chertoff to discuss Myers's qualifications. "I'd really like to have him spend some time with us, telling us personally why he thinks you're qualified for the job, because based on the résumé, I don't think you are," Voinovich said.

But Marcie Ridgway, Voinovich's communications director, said yesterday that the Ohio senator had resolved his concerns by talking privately with both Chertoff and Myers. Ridgway said Voinovich was not available to speak directly about the issue.

WASHINGTON IN BRIEF

Frist Allows Two Katrina Probes

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), facing strong Democratic resistance to a proposed House-Senate investigation into governmental responses to Hurricane Katrina, yesterday agreed to let the two chambers pursue the matter independently. But Frist continued to reject Democrats' call for an independent panel modeled on the Sept. 11 commission.

Congressional Democratic leaders had refused to cooperate with a House-Senate joint committee that Frist and House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) proposed earlier this month. Democrats said a GOP-controlled bicameral panel could not be counted on to aggressively pursue mistakes made by the Bush administration before and after Katrina devastated New Orleans and other coastal communities.

In a letter to Senate Minority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.), Frist said the Senate investigation will be led by the standing committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, headed by Chairman Susan Collins (R-Maine) and ranking Democrat Joseph I. Lieberman (Conn.). "To the extent practicable, the Senate and House committees should coordinate their investigations so as to minimize the burdens placed on those who are coming to Washington, D.C., from the Gulf Coast region," Frist wrote.

Reid has not accepted the new proposal, said his spokeswoman Rebecca Kirsznar, but will continue discussions with Frist.

FEC Sues '527' Over Soft Money

In a federal court complaint, the Federal Election Commission yesterday accused the conservative Club for Growth, a "527" organization, of illegally spending millions of unregulated contributions know as "soft money" to influence the outcome of federal elections.

"We have consulted with counsel every step of the way and have followed the law and regulations that govern our work," said Club for Growth President Pat Toomey.

For the Record

■ Leading Democrats opposed a recommendation by a private commission to require all Americans to show a photo identification card before being allowed to vote. Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-Conn.) and House Minority Whip Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) said the proposal by a commission headed by former president Jimmy Carter and former secretary of state James A. Baker III could disenfranchise many voters, particularly minorities, the elderly and the poor.

■ Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) announced that he would vote to confirm John G. Roberts Jr. as chief justice. Specter said Roberts's answers in hearings last week "demonstrated that he would take a fair, non-ideological approach."

— Charles Babington, Dan Balz, Thomas B. Edsall and the Associated Press

Little Difference Among Schizophrenia Drugs

DRUGS, *From A1*

All won Food and Drug Administration approval on the basis of short-term studies that showed they were better than sugar pills, and researchers emphasized yesterday that the medicines do work. But they have never before been systematically compared against each other in a long-term trial designed to guide doctors in deciding which to try first, and which would best suit particular patients.

The new study tracked patients for 18 months, which allowed researchers to compare the effectiveness of the medications as they actually are used. Patients had a variety of complicating factors, much as they do in the real world, and came from diverse backgrounds.

Columbia University psychiatrist Jeffrey Lieberman, who led the new study, said 90 percent of trials in the scientific literature — which doctors rely on to guide treatment — are sponsored by drug companies.

Although the industry trials serve a useful purpose, he said, they are rarely designed to answer certain crucial questions.

The industry has recently come under fire for hiding unfavorable trial data, especially in studies of antidepressant medications for children. Companies conduct trials to win FDA approval or for marketing reasons, Lieberman said.

"These are not the same purposes that are consistent with the needs of clinicians, patients, family members, administrators and policymakers," he said. "How do currently marketed treatments compare? If there are differences in cost, are they justified? There has not been any consistent means to get that information."

Although the National Institutes of Health is increasingly funding such trials, Lieberman said they also ought to be funded by federal agencies that pay for drug treatment for huge numbers of patients, such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

"CMS pays tens of billions to support medication, and there is no way they know what the appropriate value of these medications is," he said.

The new study, which will be published in the New England Jour-

nal of Medicine, cost taxpayers \$44 million. Last year, the United States spent \$10 billion on the newer antipsychotic drugs, which include medications such as Zyprexa, Risperdal, Seroquel and Geodon.

Lieberman and the other researchers said they were surprised to find that an older generic drug called perphenazine, which is 10 times cheaper than the newer drugs, was about as effective — and about as safe.

Older antipsychotics are known to cause involuntary muscle movements, and the newer drugs were heralded for not causing that problem. But Lieberman said comparisons with older drugs had mostly used a highly potent drug called Haldol, whereas the new study did not find the same degree of movement problems with perphenazine, a less potent drug.

In an editorial accompanying the study, Robert Freedman, a psychiatrist at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, said the uncontrolled movements caused by the older drugs were "less troubling than potentially fatal metabolic problems" associated with some of the newer drugs.

Yale psychiatrist Robert Rosenheck, who helped conduct the study, said it was "not a horse race" that produced a winner. Rather, he said, each drug had benefits and risks. Doctors will have to judge what works best for particular patients.

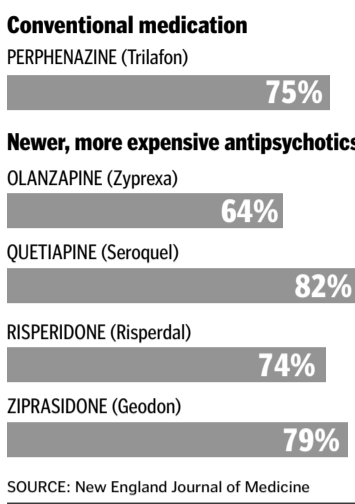
"It would be a tremendous mistake to assume from this study that the cheaper, older drugs are, quote, 'just as good,'" added Darrel Regier, director of the division of research for the American Psychiatric Association, who also said that doctors' judgment is crucial.

The study is likely to stoke one of the most contentious debates in psychiatry — whether drug treatment ought to be forced on unwilling patients. The fact that three-quarters of patients discontinued treatment because of side effects or a lack of benefit showed that patients "trying to say no to forced neuroleptics [drugs] have had a better grip on reality than the medical community," said David Oaks, a patient advocate who has himself been given five antipsychotic drugs at various times for a range of diagnoses, including schizophrenia.

"We really only seriously test drug safety on the vast public," she said. "That is not right."

How They Compare

A majority of patients with schizophrenia discontinued both conventional and newer medications. Here is a look at how many patients stopped taking a particular drug in a recent study funded by the federal government.



SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine
THE WASHINGTON POST

Pharmaceutical companies called attention to aspects of the trial that showed their products to advantage. Geodon kept patients' weight gain and cholesterol down, said Pfizer's Daniel J. Watts. Zyprexa had a lower discontinuation rate, manufacturer Eli Lilly said. The dose of Risperdal used in the study was too small, which was why the drug did not work as well as it should have, said Rany A. Mahmoud, vice president for medical affairs at Janssen Pharmaceutica Inc.

Alan Goldhammer of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, said, "We have always made it clear during drug development that it is only the first stage, that it . . . never tells the whole story about safety and efficacy."

Large studies, which compare different drugs including generics, are beyond the capabilities of individual companies, he said: "They are so costly and time-consuming that it would probably bring drug development to a halt."

Patient advocate Vera Hassner Sharav, who said her son died at 32 because of toxic side effects associated with the antipsychotic drug Clozaril, said the new study showed that the FDA is not doing its job.

"We really only seriously test drug safety on the vast public," she said. "That is not right."

Adults With Wisdom Teeth Often Develop Gum Disease

Studies Show That Keeping Extra Molars Adds Health Risks

By ROB STEIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

Young adults who keep their wisdom teeth often quickly develop gum disease, which appears to increase the risk of pregnancy complications and possibly other health problems, according to the first large studies to carefully evaluate the risks posed by wisdom teeth.

The research, which is being released today, should prompt more dentists and patients to closely monitor the extra molars — and consider removing them — even if they are not impacted or causing obvious problems, experts said.

Data from 254 patients in their twenties who opted to keep all four wisdom teeth and underwent detailed follow-up examinations found that a surprisingly high proportion — 60 percent — already had signs of early gum disease around those teeth when the study began, and about 25 percent experienced a worsening over the next two years.

Wisdom teeth, also known as "third molars," are the last teeth to emerge, usually pushing through the gums between ages 17 and 25. The decision about whether to extract them if they are not causing pain or damaging other teeth remains highly controversial among dentists because few well-designed studies have evaluated the issue.

"This research is very important to dentistry," said Leon Asrael, an oral surgeon at the Oregon Health & Sciences University in Portland who edits the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, which will publish the studies. "It indicates that there are both general oral health and overall health implications related to the wisdom teeth that were not known before."

The new data come from a series of studies the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial

Surgeons launched in the late 1990s at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and the University of Kentucky in Lexington. The first findings will be described at a news conference today in Boston in advance of the group's annual meeting.

"The conventional wisdom is that people who have gum disease typically don't have a problem until they are 35 or 40 years old," said Raymond P. White Jr. of the University of North Carolina, who led the studies. "We found it is much more prevalent than anyone believed at a much younger age than anyone thought."

Gum disease occurs when bacteria grow in the tissue supporting teeth, which can damage the tissue and cause spaces known as pockets to form around the roots. As it worsens, the infection can loosen and damage the teeth, eventually requiring them to be pulled. Wisdom teeth are particularly vulnerable because they are difficult to reach and keep clean.

Once the bacteria get established in the mouth, the risk they will spread and damage other teeth increases significantly.

The new findings indicate that patients and dentists need to monitor wisdom teeth much more carefully, White and others said.

"People assume that if you don't have any symptoms, you're okay," White said. "What we're saying is that's not necessarily the case."

Bruce Pihlstrom of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research said the findings were interesting but not conclusive.

"It is an association. It doesn't demonstrate cause and effect, by any means," said Pihlstrom, whose institute is funding two large studies to see whether treating gum disease reduces the risk of preterm birth.

There's probably 100 papers now that link periodontal disease, which is just another type of chronic infection, with many health complications," White said.

Data collected from another study involving 1,020 pregnant women in their twenties at Duke University found that those who kept their wisdom teeth and had the worst signs of gum disease were more than twice as likely to give birth prematurely — on a par with the risk associated with cigarette smoking, the researchers found.

"This fits in with the idea that if you have chronic inflammation some place, you're at greater risk for negative health outcomes, in this case preterm birth," White said.

Based on the findings, dentists should pay much more attention to wisdom teeth in women who are pregnant or planning to get pregnant soon, White and others said.

"Women planning on getting pregnant should be certain to get their teeth and mouth checked and certainly shouldn't forget about their wisdom teeth," White said. "No one thought of checking women of this age for periodontal disease because no one would have thought it could be a problem."

The increased risk could not be explained by factors such as age, diet, weight, previous preterm birth, marital status or lack of health insurance, White said.

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Al Qaeda Suspect Tells of Bush Plot

By JERRY MARKON
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A Falls Church man charged with conspiring with al Qaeda to kill President Bush told Saudi interrogators that he dreamed up the plot on his own but that it never got past the "idea stage," prosecutors say in court documents unsealed yesterday.

"I wanted to be the brain, the planner" of the assassination, Ahmed Omar Abu Ali is quoted as saying. He likened himself to Mohamed Atta, who led the terror cell that carried out the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, according to the court papers, which quote from an FBI report detailing Abu Ali's interrogation by Saudi security officials while he was detained in the kingdom in June 2003.

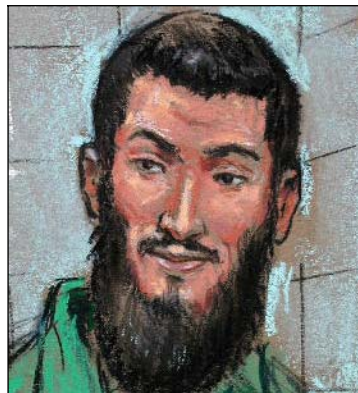
"My idea was . . . I would walk on the street as the President walked by, and I would get close enough to shoot him, or I would use a car bomb," Abu Ali is quoted as saying.

Abu Ali, 24, also said during the same interrogation that he "wanted to be in al Qaeda so bad that I decided to go to Afghanistan for jihad." He said he was unable to get a visa to travel there but did join an al Qaeda cell in Saudi Arabia.

The court filings were unsealed the same day as a federal judge in the District dismissed a civil lawsuit that Abu Ali's parents filed against the U.S. government last year. The lawsuit was part of a highly public campaign by Abu Ali's family to win his release from Saudi custody. It asked the court to order that Abu Ali be returned to the United States and alleged that U.S. authorities were involved in his imprisonment there and expected he would be tortured.

But U.S. District Judge John D. Bates said the issues raised by the lawsuit were moot because Abu Ali is back in the United States and in custody on the criminal charges. Bates said his ruling does not prevent the family from filing another civil suit over Abu Ali's treatment.

Morton Sklar, an attorney for Abu Ali's parents, said the civil lawsuit is not moot. "The issues of Ahmed's unlawful detention in Saudi Arabia for 20 months and his torture in Saudi Arabia are highly relevant to his criminal case," said



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Ahmed Omar Abu Ali of Virginia.

Sklar, executive director of the World Organization for Human Rights USA, which filed the lawsuit. He would not say whether the ruling will be appealed.

Abu Ali is charged in U.S. District Court in Alexandria with conspiracy to kill Bush and other terrorism counts. Prosecutors say he has admitted to plotting with al Qaeda to conduct a Sept. 11-style terrorist attack in the United States.

Defense attorneys are also pursuing the torture allegation in the criminal case, arguing that any statements Abu Ali made while in Saudi custody were obtained through torture. Two doctors who examined Abu Ali found evidence that he was tortured in Saudi Arabia, including scars on his back consistent with having been whipped, defense attorneys have said in court papers.

Abu Ali was arrested by Saudi security officials in June 2003 while he was studying at a university in the country. He was held until he was charged in the United States in February. Prosecutors have denied that Abu Ali was tortured. The issue is critical to the case, because if a federal judge concludes that Abu Ali was tortured, much of the evidence against him could be thrown out.

In their response to Abu Ali's motion to throw out his confession and other evidence, prosecutors wrote that several Saudi security officials have already testified that Abu Ali was "treated in a respectful and humane manner while in Saudi custody." That same filing contained the additional details of Abu Ali's interrogations.



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Teachers Stir Science, History Into Core Classes

By JAY MATHEWS
Washington Post Staff Writer

Two years ago, W.H. Keister Elementary School in Harrisonburg, Va., began to take the No Child Left Behind law very seriously. Intensive 120-minute reading classes were installed, along with more math. Physical education went from 150 to 90 minutes a week. Music time was cut in half.

This was part of a national movement to make sure all children, particularly those from low-income families — as were 50 percent of Keister students — mastered reading and math skills essential to their lives and the rest of their educations. But such parents as Todd Hedinger, whose son, Gabe, attended the school, reacted negatively, saying there was too much emphasis on a few core subjects.

"The emphasis on instructional time pushes everything else out of the way," Hedinger said.

Such concerns have been part of the continuing debate over No Child Left Behind. The time devoted to reading and math has increased. And in many places, the increase has brought results. Between 2002 and 2004, Keister Elementary's passing rate went from 81 to 92 percent on the state English test and from 86 to 90 percent on the math test.

But critics of the federal law say children need a more complete education.

The Washington-based Center on Education Policy reported this year that 27 percent of school systems say they are spending less time on social studies, and nearly 25 percent say they are spending less time on science, art and music. "This tendency results in impoverishing the education of all students, but particularly the education of students who perform less well on the tests," said Robert G. Smith, Arlington County school superintendent, who said his schools have resisted the trend.

Many educators defend the focus on reading and math, as long as it is done properly. Lucretia Jackson, principal of Maury Elementary School in Alexandria, said that basic skills are very important and that many children need extra time to acquire them. Her school made significant test-score gains

this year by scheduling after-school classes and enrichment activities three days each week.

"They need to develop the quality of skills that will enable them to meet the needs of the future society," Jackson said.

Rob Weil, deputy director of the educational issues department at the Washington-based American Federation of Teachers, said reducing time for nonacademic subjects has been going on much longer than people realize and until now has had little to do with federal achievement targets. "Districts started cutting art, music and physical education over 15 years ago, in an effort to save money, not in an effort to increase performance," he said.

Andrew Rotherham, co-director of the nonprofit group Education Sector and a member of the Virginia state school board, said: "When faced with disappointing achievement in math and reading, the first reaction of too many schools is to just teach those subjects more and consequently squeeze out other subjects. This 'solution,' however, ignores one common culprit for low achievement — teaching. Instead of using data to determine if teachers are teaching the material, are able to teach it and what exactly students are struggling with, too often schools decide to just extend the time on these subjects. The problem is, if your instruction is weak for 60 minutes a day, it's going to be for 90 minutes, too."

Mary Alice Barksdale, associate professor of teaching and learning at Virginia Tech, agreed: "There is lots of evidence that the one thing that really makes a difference in the classroom is the teacher and what she knows and does."

Several elementary school programs have shown good results by inserting science, social studies, art and music into reading lessons, rather than removing them from the curriculum. The Core Knowledge program, based in Charlottesville, has first-graders reading about ancient Egypt and second-graders learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez. New York University educational historian Diane Ravitch called it "the best national program available."

Project Bright IDEA, which has produced good test results in lower elementary grades in North Car-



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The Alexandria school uses the Core Knowledge program, which incorporates science, history, art, music and other subjects into reading and math lessons.

Planting Seeds of Science, Other Subjects Into Math and Reading

Core Knowledge, a program for elementary and middle schools, is designed to improve reading and math skills of younger students not by teaching those subjects in isolation but by embedding science, history, art, music and other subjects in the lessons.

This makes the curriculum more interesting to students, the program's designers say, and adds many words to students' vocabularies and names to their knowledge of history and art that they will need when they are required to read and study on their own in later grades.

Here are some topics taught in early grades:

Kindergarten: Line and color in such works as Matisse's "Purple Robe," Picasso's "Le Gourmet" and Diego Rivera's "Mother's Helper." Such sculptures as the Statue of Liberty and the mobiles of Alexander Calder. Magnetism.

First Grade: The civilization of ancient Egypt, the geography of Africa and the Sahara Desert, the importance of the Nile River and hieroglyphics. The concept of atoms, the three states of matter and measurement.

Second Grade: Susan B. Anthony and the right to vote, Eleanor Roosevelt and human rights,

Mary McLeod Bethune and educational opportunity, Jackie Robinson and the integration of major league baseball and Rosa Parks and the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott. Magnetic poles, magnetic fields and the law of attraction.

Third Grade: Geometry, including pentagons, hexagons and octagons and computing area in square inches and square centimeters.

Fourth Grade: Electricity, how electromagnets work and simple circuits.

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Authors Challenge Schools to Challenge Students

Two new books on how to teach students of divergent abilities seem at first to have been written on different planets. But Deborah L. Ruf's "Losing Our Minds: Gifted Children Left Behind" and a new edition of Jeannie Oakes's "Keeping Track: How Schools Structure Inequality" eventually reveal a similar frustration. Both want children to be given more individual attention and more of an academic challenge than they are getting in most schools.

■ Oakes, a UCLA professor, has studied the results of putting children of different achievement levels in the same classrooms for several decades (the first edition of this book was published in 1985).

■ Ruf, based in Minneapolis, is the national gifted-children program coordinator for American Mensa, an organization for people with high IQs, and works with families of gifted children.

■ Oakes focuses on the problems of students considered below average. She argues that they are labeled slow learners for reasons that have little to do with careful assessment and often have much to do with the fact that their parents are poor or are ethnic minorities. She says such students should be given a chance at challenging lessons and such college preparatory classes as Advanced Placement. If

they are kept in tracks reserved for low achievers, she says, that will not happen. The book includes results of work she has done since the first edition with schools that were persuaded to disregard the old tracks and give such students a chance to learn at higher levels.

■ Ruf works on the other end of the spectrum, with students so quick and so bright that they are bored with the pace of most classrooms. But Ruf does not devote much space to defending tracking systems that put those high-achieving students in classes by themselves, since her research seems to indicate that school systems cannot be trusted to teach as well as many of them need and deserve. Instead, she says, schools have to treat all students as individuals and find ways to accelerate their learning as much as they are capable, by skipping grades or providing independent study or, if nothing else works, home schooling.

■ Oakes, in turn, wants to get rid of the gifted label, but she promises worried parents that the school "will also find ways to accommodate any child whose intellectual 'gifts' are so extreme or whose disabilities are so severe that they require different schooling arrangements on a case-by-case basis."

— Jay Mathews



A scientist with the Museum of High Altitude Archaeology in Salta examines the remains of an Incan girl believed to have been sacrificed about 500 years ago.

Propriety and History Clash in Argentina

Museum's Plans to Exhibit Mummified Incan Children Upsets Indigenous Groups, Others

By MONTE REEL
Washington Post Foreign Service

SALTA, Argentina — Their facial features are clear, and their muscles are firm. The blood remains frozen in their veins, and the vivid clothes they wore the day they died remain intact.

The three Incan children — believed to be victims of a mountaintop sacrifice about 500 years ago — are among the best-preserved mummies ever found, and Argentine officials hope to put them on display this fall in a museum in this city in the far north.

But not everyone is looking forward to the public unveiling of human remains that look anything but ancient. Members of an Argentine indigenous organization are trying to legally block the display, saying it dishonors their "little brothers and sisters." Rival museum officials in Buenos Aires dismiss the exhibit as morbid. And the explorer who discovered the bodies six years ago worries that a rushed showing could permanently damage them.

"I'd much prefer that they not be displayed, just because of all of the headaches," said Johan Reinhard, who lives in Arlington and is an explorer in residence for the National Geographic Society, which sponsored the expedition.

Reinhard and his team of mountaineering archaeologists found the three bodies, along with dozens of Inca artifacts, atop the 22,000-foot Llullallaco peak near the Argentine border with Chile, about 200 miles west of here.

The corpses — two girls and a boy believed to range in age from about 6 to 15 — were not artificially mummified, but preserved naturally by the combination of freezing temperatures, thin air and moderate humidity. No signs of violence were found; scientists suspect the three were simply left to freeze to death on a funerary platform as sacrificial gifts to an ancient mountain god.

After National Geographic's one-year exclusivity rights to the mummies and artifacts expired, the Argentine government took possession of them. Officials decided to open an Inca-themed museum in Salta to display the finds and inaugurated the Museum of High Altitude Archaeology last November in a remodeled 19th-century Victorian building bordering the city's central square.

The museum currently exhibits the collection of artifacts — including gold and silver statues, textiles and pottery — and hopes to unveil a mummy exhibit for its one-year anniversary on Nov. 19, charging tourists about \$3 to enter. The museum plans to show the mummies in rotation, one at a time.

"Whether it was right or wrong to take the mummies from the mountain, I don't know," said Gabriel Miremont, the museum's director. "But we now have them, so we have a choice: leave them in a laboratory with a small group of scientists, or share them with society. I think it's more democratic to give everyone the opportunity to see them."

Since taking possession of the corpses, the museum has solicited the support of several local indigenous leaders. Miremont said they were skeptical at first but changed their minds after assurances that the exhibit would honor the dead, not exploit them.

But the country's first and largest association of native tribes strongly opposes the exhibit, and its president said last week that the group's lawyers have begun the process of trying to prevent the display from opening. He said he would like to see the mummies returned to the mountain.

"These children have been taken violently from their sacred resting places, and we consider this an attack on our people," said Rogelio Guanuco, president of the Indigenous Association of Argentina, which says it represents 65 percent of the country's 868 native communities. "The desire to show them is something we consider even worse, because it turns something spiritual into something commercial."

It isn't clear exactly where the children lived before making the arduous trek to the mountaintop, which makes it difficult to determine which modern native group can claim the right to speak for them. Reinhard said the children might have traveled with an entourage from Chile to the Argentine mountain peak — a possibility that would add jurisdictional complexities.

Because not all native cultures considered their sacrificial dead as untouchable, sacred objects, the uncertainty of origin also clouds the ethical debate.

"They buried these, but we know that they also periodically brought some others out for display, to be honored publicly," said Reinhard, whose previous high-altitude expeditions uncovered 18 sets of human remains.

His most famous discovery was the mummified Peruvian "ice maiden" known as Juanita, a pre-Columbian teenager apparently also sacrificed to the Inca gods on a mountaintop. When Juanita was displayed at the National Geographic Society in Washington in 1996, President Bill Clinton joked that she was so attractive, "If I were a single man, I might ask that mummy out."

Increasingly, experts favor keeping human remains under wraps, particularly if they belong to native groups. In recent years, many mummies throughout the world have returned — or "repatriated" — human artifacts to native groups that have requested them.

The National Museum of Natural History, for example, has to date repatriated about 3,300 Native American remains and 88,000 funerary objects, according to its Web site.

Jose Antonio Perez Gollan, director of the Ethnographic Museum of the University of Buenos Aires, is among the officials who have publicly called for repatriation of the Salta mummies. Putting remains on display panders to the worst instincts of the morbidly curious, he said, and offers little educational value.

"I don't think this is the way to try to learn about indigenous cultures," Gollan said. "It doesn't help at all."

When visitors view the mummies, they will look through a window into a chamber that aims to replicate the exact atmospheric conditions of the mountain — a temperature of 0 degrees Fahrenheit, 45 percent humidity and very little light and oxygen. Workers are still putting the finishing touches on the windows, but Miremont is hopeful they will meet the November target date.

Reinhard, who heads a scientific consulting group formed to oversee the work, said the museum has proceeded with design plans without input of his committee. He said he was worried that the chamber and the viewing windows will not be properly tested before the public debut. It can take years for a very small change in atmosphere to be detected if there is even a very minor leak, he said, by which time irreparable damage can be done.

"It's very, very easy to run into problems with displays," Reinhard said in a telephone interview. "The preservation of these mummies is incredible — there's nothing else like them in the world. So much care has gone into them . . . it would be a shame if that came to a stop now."

But that doesn't mean he opposes the exhibit on ethical grounds. He said he believes viewing mummies can help people make profound connections with cultures they never really considered before, and that such strong links can have an immeasurable educational value.

"There's nothing quite like the authenticity that comes with seeing a real person," Reinhard said. "You can have a replica displayed, but it just doesn't have that same emotional power."



Maneuvering Begins for a New German Government

Major Parties Reach Out As Leaders Lose Luster

By CRAIG WHITLOCK
Washington Post Foreign Service

BERLIN, Sept. 19 — Germany's major political parties both claimed the right on Monday to patch together a new government following inconclusive national elections, but were confronted with the likelihood of weeks of backroom deal-making before anyone is able to take control.

After their respective parties took a beating in Sunday's vote, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and his chief rival, Angela Merkel, were losing their sheen as candidates to lead the country. Lawmakers and analysts tossed around various scenarios in which the country's numerous factions could settle on someone else as a compromise.

Merkel, 51, whose Christian Democrats once had a double-digit lead in opinion polls, said she would open talks with other parties — including Schroeder's Social Democrats — about assembling a coalition. But she insisted that her party take the lead in forging a new government by virtue of its narrow first-place finish, with about 35 percent of the vote.

"The election campaign is over, the voters have had their say and we are the strongest party in Parliament," she said at a news conference in Berlin, the capital. "We received a clear mandate to govern."

But Schroeder, 61, and the Social Democrats were having little of that. Even though Schroeder's governing coalition was toppled, his party fared better than predicted. It polled about 34 percent, an achievement that the chancellor portrayed as a virtual victory, given how he was forced to call early elections because of widespread dissatisfaction with a weak economy and record high unemployment.

Franz Muentefering, the Social Democrats' party chairman, said Schroeder deserved a third term. "Mrs. Merkel was being cheered as if she were already the chancellor," Muentefering told reporters. "But it's quite clear that this country doesn't want Mrs. Merkel. I do think it is a personal defeat for her."

Analysts said that despite the Social Democrats' posturing, Schroeder had few realistic prospects for remaining in office. But they also said Merkel had wasted a golden opportunity during the campaign and would be hard-pressed to salvage her candidacy.

"The woman who thought she had everything in her hands now feels it all slipping through her fingers," Heribert Prantl, political editor of the influential *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* newspaper, wrote in a signed editorial. "Seldom has such a presumed victor looked so disgraced."

Constanze Stelzenmueller, director of the Berlin office of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, agreed. "Angela Merkel may very well be a dead woman walking," she said. "My gut instinct tells me Merkel is in a very difficult position, which is why the Social Democrats are grinning so broadly. Right now, everybody is playing chicken."

The message that the electorate delivered on Sunday was a muddled one. Exit polls showed that many voters were tired of the status quo in Germany — with its high joblessness and flaccid economy — but were equally skeptical of the solutions offered by either Merkel or Schroeder. The result was the most splintered vote in decades.

For now, Schroeder's ruling coalition of Social Democrats and Greens will remain in charge, but only until a new alliance emerges that can cobble together a majority of the seats in Parliament. The major parties began that work in earnest on Monday.

Muentefering, for instance, indicated that the Social Democrats would put pressure on the Free Democrats — an anti-taxation, pro-business party that received about 10 percent of the vote — to abandon Merkel and join them in a coalition.

The leader of the Free Democrats, Guido Westerwelle, categorically rejected the overture on election night. But Muentefering said he would keep pushing. "Perhaps they were a little too overconfident about yesterday's result," he said.

Similarly, Merkel served notice that her party would try to persuade the Greens to change their stripes, giving them a chance to remain in power under the Christian Democrats, even though the two parties disagree sharply on some issues, such as nuclear energy.

Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, the most prominent Green, said he could not foresee his party marching under Merkel's banner. "She will not be chancellor," he declared. But other Green officials said they were willing to listen.

While the German constitution requires that Parliament reconvene within 30 days of an election, there is no deadline for picking a chancellor or governing majority.

Christian Pestalozza, a constitutional law professor at the Free University of Berlin, dismissed suggestions that Germany was facing a political crisis. He predicted that the parties would soon lower the rhetoric and be more pragmatic in building a coalition.

"According to the constitution, they have all the time they need to take to work this out," he said. "I'm quite sure that after two or three weeks, we'll know what we'll have."



The incumbent, Gerhard Schroeder, portrayed the vote as a virtual victory.



Angela Merkel said her party "received a clear mandate to govern."

China Terse About Action on Abuses of One-Child Policy

By PHILIP P. PAN
Washington Post Foreign Service

BEIJING, Sept. 19 — China said Monday that it has dismissed and detained officials in the eastern city of Linyi for abuses committed while enforcing the country's one-child policy. But the government provided no details and said nothing about the arrest this month of an activist who had campaigned against the use of forced abortion and sterilization there.

The cabinet-level ministry responsible for managing population growth in China said in a statement that a preliminary investigation confirmed allegations that "some persons in a few counties and townships of Linyi" violated the

law and the rights of local residents "while conducting family planning work."

"Currently, the responsible persons have been removed from their posts," the statement said. "Some of them are being investigated for liabilities and some have been detained."

The statement did not identify the officials or their crimes. Authorities in Linyi declined to answer questions when reached by telephone.

Jiang Tianyong, a lawyer involved in a class-action lawsuit against the Linyi officials, cast doubt on the government's statement and accused local authorities of continuing to hold Chen Guangcheng, the activist leading the lawsuit, under house arrest without due process.

Jiang said the government may have disciplined a few low-level officials but appeared to have refrained from punishing the local party leaders who ordered Chen's arrest and the population-control crackdown.

Chen, 34, had been collecting evidence that Linyi officials were requiring parents with two children to be sterilized and forcing women pregnant with a third child to have abortions. Chen, who is blind, was detained Sept. 6 in Beijing, taken back to Linyi and placed under house arrest. It is unclear if he has been charged with a crime, though police have threatened to prosecute him for "providing intelligence to foreign countries," apparently a reference to interviews he has given to The Wash-

ington Post, Time magazine and other foreign media organizations.

Last week, local police also detained two residents who helped Chen organize the lawsuit: his nephew, Chen Hua, 27, and Han Yandong, 35, a neighbor. University officials in Beijing have also threatened to fire Teng Biao, a prominent legal scholar involved in the case.

Local authorities have cut Chen's phone service, but sympathetic villagers helped him escape briefly last Wednesday. In a hurried phone interview, he accused police of roughing up his wife, and he appealed to the central government for help. But he expressed misgivings about the government's probe of his allegations, noting that investigators had not bothered to speak with him.

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skirts of Basra with his hands bound, his family and security sources said. The reporter, Fakher Haider, had been handcuffed and taken away from his home Sunday night by four masked men who said they wanted to interrogate him, his family said.

"This murder of a respected colleague leaves us angry and horrified," Bill Keller, the newspaper's executive editor, said in a statement. "Fakher was an invaluable part of our coverage for more than two years. His depth of knowledge, his devotion to the story and his integrity were much admired by the reporters who worked with him."

Elsewhere in Iraq, anti-corruption investigators said they expected charges against the country's former defense minister, Hazim Shaalan, in the alleged embezzlement of more than \$1 billion that was meant to help rebuild the country's security forces.

In Baghdad, Ayman Sabawi, a nephew of deposed president Saddam Hussein, was sentenced last week by an Iraqi court to six years in prison for financing the insurgency and making bombs, said Army Lt. Col. Guy Rudisill, a U.S. military spokesman.

Near the Shiite holy city of Karbala, bomb and mortar attacks killed at least five Shiite pilgrims as millions gathered for an annual religious festival there.

Basra, a city of 1.5 million, is heavily under the control of Shiite political parties and fighters of the Badr militia of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the Shiite religious party that has a leading role in Iraq's government.

Citizens and authorities allege that Badr fighters have infiltrated police forces and are carrying out abuses under the guise of police authority. Rivalry also runs strong between those militia fighters and the militia of Moqtada Sadr, a Shiite cleric.

Attacks on Westerners — once a rare event in Basra — have targeted British and U.S. diplomatic convoys in recent weeks and killed at least eight Britons and Americans.

Earlier Monday, gunmen loyal to Sadr attacked the house of Bas-



BY ATEF HASSAN — REUTERS

An injured Iraqi is helped following an incident between Iraqis and British soldiers in Basra. Rioting broke out when Britain sought the release of two detained commandos. Iraqi officials said at least two Iraqi civilians were killed.

ra's governor to press demands for the release of two prominent members of the cleric's militia whom British forces arrested Sunday.

The killing of the New York Times reporter took place six weeks after an American freelance journalist, Steven Vincent, was kidnapped and killed in Basra, allegedly after being taken away in a marked police car. Vincent had published numerous articles, including in the Times, alleging heavy-handedness by Basra security forces and deriding Sadr and other Shiite officials.

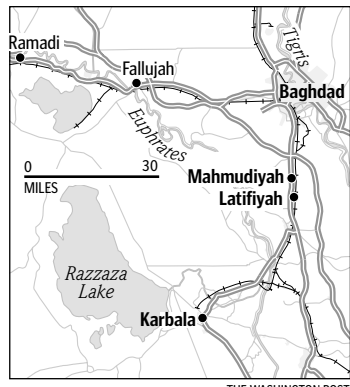
Britain is the second-leading contributor of foreign troops to the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq, with 8,500 troops compared with 140,000 Americans.

Iraqi security officials on Monday variously accused the two Britons they detained of shooting at Iraqi forces or trying to plant explosives. Photographs of the two men in custody showed them in civilian clothes.

When British officials apparently sought to secure their release, riots erupted. Iraqi police cars circulated downtown, calling through loudspeakers for the public to help stop British forces from releasing the two. Heavy gunfire broke out and fighting raged for hours, as crowds swarmed British forces and set at least one armored vehicle on fire.

Witnesses said they saw Basra police exchanging fire with British forces. Sadr's Mahdi Army militia joined in the fighting late in the day, witnesses said. A British military spokesman, Darren Moss, denied that British troops were fighting Basra police.

Another Western military



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spokesman in Basra confirmed "an ongoing disturbance" in the city on Monday but said Iraqi and British forces were working together to quell it.

In the southern city of Latifiyah, an insurgent stronghold, bombs targeted Shiite pilgrims driving and walking to Karbala for an annual rite. A car bomb hit the crowd of pilgrims first, followed 10 minutes later by mortar rounds, said police Capt. Muthanna Ahmed.

A suicide bomber killed five Iraqi policemen and two civilians Monday when he blew himself up near an Iraqi police commando patrol in Mahudiya, about 15

Iraq War Deaths

Total number of U.S. military deaths and names of the U.S. troops killed in the Iraq war as announced by the Pentagon yesterday:

1,902	In	In
Fatalities	hostile actions:	non-hostile actions:
	1,479	423

■ **Sgt. Alfredo B. Silva**, 35, of Calexico, Calif.; Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, based in Modesto, Calif. Killed Sept. 15 in Baghdad.

■ **Lance Cpl. Shane C. Swanberg**, 24, of Kirkland, Wash.; 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Twentynine Palms, Calif. Killed Sept. 15 near Ramadi.

All troops were killed in action unless otherwise indicated. Total fatalities include five civilian employees of the Defense Department. A full list of casualties is available online at www.washingtonpost.com/nation

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miles south of Baghdad, the Associated Press reported.

Special correspondents Saad Sarhan in Najaf and Omar Fekeiki in Baghdad contributed to this report.

U.S., U.N. Organize Support for Lebanon

Allies Back Relief From Syrian Control

By COLUM LYNCH and ROBIN WRIGHT
Washington Post Staff Writers

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 19 — The United States, the United Nations and several European and Arab governments sought to bolster Lebanon's quest to shake Syrian domination over its political life Monday, pledging economic and political support for Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Siniora.

A high-level meeting organized by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice marked the first time that key Arab governments, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, have publicly rallied behind the U.S.-backed initiative to support Lebanon's fledgling government. It represented a snub to Lebanon's Syrian-backed president, Emile Lahoud, who was not invited to the session and who was addressing the U.N. General Assembly while Rice, Secretary General Kofi Annan and foreign ministers from several countries debated his country's future.

The immediate goal of the gathering — made up of a "core group" of U.S., European and Middle East officials and chaired by Annan — was to put Lebanon high on the international agenda and to send a new warning to Syria that its involvement in Lebanon is unacceptable, officials said. The new group's long-term goals are to squeeze Lahoud to step down and foster political changes that will eventually diminish Syria's hold and disarm Hezbollah, a pro-Syria guerrilla group, the source said.

"We gathered to demonstrate our support for and commitment to the new government of Lebanon as it works to reaffirm Lebanon's sovereignty, engage in vital reforms and strengthen Lebanon's democratic institutions," Annan told reporters after the meeting. "The international community remains steadfast in its determination to ensure that outside actors end all interference in the domestic affairs of Lebanon."

Rice said the gathering "sends a powerful signal to the world that the international community is devoted and committed to the future of a peaceful, prosperous, democratic and sovereign Lebanon."

Annan said that Monday's session — which included the foreign ministers of Russia, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Britain, France and Italy, along with World Bank President Paul D. Wolfowitz — would set the stage for a major international conference on Lebanon's future by year-end.

Lahoud has been controversial since his six-year term was extended

for three years by the former Syrian-dominated parliament — in defiance of a constitutional limit. The United States, France and other governments accused Syria of forcing Lebanese officials to keep Lahoud. The Bush administration believes that the leadership of Siniora, who was elected prime minister in May, represents an opportunity for Lebanon to break decades of Syrian control.

Annan's spokesman, Stephane Dujarric, sought to play down suggestions that Monday's meeting of the "core group" was intentionally timed to exclude Lahoud. But other U.S., European and U.N. officials said the schedule was part of a plan to isolate him. "The international community has already sidelined him. He has become irrelevant," said a European official involved in the meeting.

The group's intention is also to prepare for completion of a U.N. investigation into the assassination of former Lebanese prime minister Rafiq Hariri. The report is due in late October.

That probe, headed by U.N.-appointed investigator Detlev Mehlis, a German, has already implicated four senior military and intelligence officials aligned with Syria and Lahoud. The Bush administration and its European allies are considering introducing a new U.N. resolution to ensure the perpetrators of Hariri's assassination on Feb. 14 are held to account.

Hariri's slaying in a car bomb that also killed 19 others unleashed the "Cedar Revolution" and forced Syria's military withdrawal from Lebanon. The core group is now seeking to maintain the momentum of change, U.S. and U.N. officials say. "The triggering mechanism for the new resolution will be news out of the Mehlis commission," said a State Department official familiar with the plans. "Then the screws will be put on Syria."

At Monday's meeting, the participants agreed informally not to press for the disarmament of Hezbollah, the last active militia, until after the Mehlis report is delivered, according to diplomats involved in the meeting. Siniora said Lebanon was now at "the threshold of a new dawn," and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit pledged to support Lebanon's aspirations to enjoy "stability and prosperity."

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Faisal, meanwhile, railed against Hariri's killers as he pledged his country's support for Siniora's government "with all our ability."

Wright reported from Washington.

Uzbekistan Accused of Coercion in Protest Probe

By PETER FINN
Washington Post Foreign Service

MOSCOW, Sept. 19 — The Uzbek government has detained and questioned hundreds of people in a campaign of intimidation aimed at securing testimony that backs its version of events about the killing of demonstrators in the city of Andijan in May, according to a new report by Human Rights Watch.

"Police and security agents threatened or severely beat many of those detained in order to coerce them to confess to belonging to extremist religious organizations and bearing arms while participating in the May 13 protest," the New York-based advocacy organization said in an 81-page report titled "Burying the Truth: Uzbekistan Rewrites the Story of the Andijan Massacre."

The first 15 people charged with organizing an armed revolt in Andijan were to go on trial Tuesday in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent. Prosecutors allege that the 15 were part of a broad conspiracy, financed from abroad, that was designed to overthrow the government and replace it with an Islamic state. Prosecutors said another 106 people may face similar charges.

The deputy chief prosecutor, Anvar Nabiyeu, said last week that "external destructive forces" had given organizers of the revolt \$300,000. He said two-thirds of it came from the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, a group listed as a terrorist organization by the U.S. government.

Human rights groups charge that government forces killed hundreds of unarmed civilians in Andijan after a day of protests that were largely driven by anger over poverty and government repression. The protests began when armed men freed 23 prominent businessmen from a local prison early on May 13; the men were on trial for alleged membership in a banned Is-

lamic group. The mass killing led to international demands for an independent investigation, but the Uzbek authorities rejected those calls, leading relations with the United States, among other Western countries, to sour. Uzbekistan ordered the U.S. government to remove its forces from an airfield the Pentagon was using to support operations in Afghanistan.

After the mass killing, Andijan was effectively closed to outsiders, and locals were warned not to talk about the incident. Many people were visited at home by neighborhood committees. The government announced that 187 people were killed and 287 wounded in the violence, and it said most of them were terrorists.

"It was in this atmosphere of fear that the authorities detained hundreds — and perhaps thousands — of people in Andijan with the purported aim of obtaining testimony about the crimes committed on May 13, as the government has defined them," Human Rights Watch said.

The government has also arrested human rights workers, journalists and political activists who attempted to investigate the killings. At least 11 activists have been detained and another 15 have been forced into exile, according to Human Rights Watch. One long-time activist, Saidjahon Zainbitdinov, who was widely quoted after the killings, has been in prison since May 21 on charges of terrorism and sowing panic among the population.

In Tashkent and other cities, human rights activists have been the target of "hate rallies and other public denunciations in which local community leaders vilify them, calling them Islamic extremists and enemies of the people, and mobs attempt to run them out of town," according to Human Rights Watch.

The organization called on the United States to freeze any remaining military and counterterrorism assistance to the Uzbek military and said the European Union should suspend assistance to the country. The United States and the E.U. should also stop issuing visas to senior members of the Uzbek government, the group said.

Pentagon to Pay Millions for Use of Uzbek Air Base

By ROBIN WRIGHT and ANN SCOTT TYSON
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Over congressional objections, the Pentagon intends to pay Uzbekistan almost \$23 million for past use of its military base from which U.S. forces were recently told to leave, according to congressional and administration officials.

"It's our practice to pay our bills," said Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman, saying the payment is for "goods and services previously rendered."

U.S. military operations are ongoing from the Karshi-Khanabad air base, referred to as K-2, he said, suggesting further payments may be required.

The issue has been intensely debated within the administration in recent weeks, but the Pentagon overrode State Department and congressional concerns about providing the funds to one of the world's most autocratic regimes, the officials said. In May, the Uzbek government put down protests in Andijan province, resulting in hundreds of civilian deaths, according to human rights groups.

In a strongly worded bipartisan protest, six senators sent a letter yesterday to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld saying the Pentagon had notified Congress of the payment and reinforcing their objections to it.

"The current Uzbek regime is one that has expelled our forces from its

country, massacred hundreds of demonstrators at Andijan and is disregarding U.S. concerns on a host of issues," the letter said. "To turn over millions of taxpayer dollars to such a government at this time risks undermining the clarity of America's message in the region and would be seen as a sign of weakness."

Pentagon officials stressed that they had not yet seen the letter and spoke positively of cooperation with Uzbekistan. "Obviously, we will respond to the concerns of any member of Congress," Whitman said. "The government of Uzbekistan has been a good partner in the war on terrorism," for example, by supporting U.S. troops as they overthrew Afghanistan's Taliban regime and supplied humanitarian assistance to northern Afghanistan, he said.

The money would cover costs associated with K-2, the use of which became controversial after the Andijan incidents. The Bush administration called for an independent international investigation of the violence, which the regime of President Islam Karimov rejected. Tashkent first cut back on U.S. use of K-2, then in July informed the United States that its forces must leave within six months.

Although the Pentagon has decided to pay Tashkent, the State Department is refusing to authorize funding since last year for military training and exchange programs for Uzbekistan. "The processes are separate from each other," a State Department spokesman said

yesterday. "We can pay to use the base, but they may have practices that disqualify them from getting [other] funding because of human rights practices."

Human rights officials criticized the payments. "It's pathetic that they're still shuffling cash to this dictatorship after it has violated every commitment it made to the United States," said Tom Malinowski, Washington advocacy director of Human Rights Watch.

The letter from Capitol Hill — or-

ganized by Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and signed by four Republicans and two Democrats — proposes a compromise that would put the money in escrow for payment "only when Uzbekistan shows that it is again willing to work in partnership with the United States." The other signatories include Republicans Lindsey O. Graham (S.C.), John E. Sununu (N.H.) and Mike DeWine (Ohio), and Democrats Joseph R. Biden Jr. (Del.) and Patrick J. Leahy (Vt.).

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N. Korea, U.S. Compromised To Achieve Nuclear Accord

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for at least nine nuclear weapons. The North has declared it possesses nuclear arms, but no weapons tests have been detected.

Several key issues were deferred or avoided through diplomatic sleight of hand, such as the Bush administration's demand that North Korea admit the existence of the uranium project. The agreement contained no clear timeline for when the North would give up its nuclear programs, or how.

But by finally signing an agreement, North Korea took a major step toward securing international acceptance. The move, analysts said, will allow the North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il, to hang on to power for the foreseeable future and will gradually open the nation to foreign investment and avoid a sudden collapse of one of the world's most isolated nations.

For the Bush administration, analysts said, the agreement was welcome at a time when the war in Iraq has lost support at home and negotiations with Iran over its nuclear programs have sputtered. In addition, the president's approval ratings are low in the wake of his administration's response to Hurricane Katrina.

"It's an all-front crisis for the Bush administration," said Kongdan Oh, an expert on the North Korean nuclear program at the Institute for Defense Analyses in Alexandria. "I think they thought, hey, North Korea is a small country and maybe we can handle it if we put it to the side for a while." But she said she did not believe North Korea would ever give up nuclear weapons, "its platinum trump card."

Surprisingly, diplomats said, the main sticking point in this round of negotiations was not persuading North Korea to make the paramount commitment to give up nuclear weapons and research. Rather, they explained, it was North Korea's side demand for a light-water reactor to produce electricity in return for giving up the other programs.

The United States adamantly opposed the demand, saying the North could not be trusted because it already had converted the Yongbyon reactor into a source of weapons-grade plutonium. The only possible outcome, U.S. negotiators said, was agreement to complete, verified abandonment of all nuclear programs.

China sought to bridge the gap, playing its leadership role as sponsor of the talks. Chinese diplomats proposed language according North Korea the right to a reactor for electricity production but implying that it could invoke that right only after dismantling its weapons program and rejoining the international nuclear inspection regime.

For two days, U.S. diplomats refused to embrace the Chinese suggestion. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, the chief U.S. negotiator, told reporters several times he was insisting that all ambiguity be removed, refusing to open the way for problems in interpretation.

During the standoff, Hill was in frequent telephone contact with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and Rice in turn discussed what to do with other senior officials in the

Highlights of the Agreement

Key points of the agreement reached yesterday by China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Russia and the United States:

- North Korea will give up nuclear weapons and nuclear programs, return at an early date to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and submit to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards.
- The United States declares it has no nuclear arms on the Korean Peninsula and no intention of attacking or invading North Korea.
- South Korea reaffirms it will not deploy nuclear weapons and affirms it has none on its territory.
- The six nations agree to discuss "at an appropriate time" the subject of providing North Korea with a light-water nuclear reactor — a type of reactor less capable of producing weapons-grade material.
- North Korea and the United States pledge to respect each other's sovereignty, coexist peacefully and work to normalize relations.
- China, Japan, Russia, South Korea and the United States will give North Korea energy assistance, including electricity from South Korea.

SOURCE: Associated Press

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U.S. government, said a senior U.S. diplomat involved in the negotiations, joking that their involvement could be seen as "adult supervision." As China became increasingly firm that the compromise on the table was the best bargain possible, he said, the administration finally relented on Sunday.

"We didn't want to lose the agreement over this," he explained. The decision to make a final concession was approved at the highest level of U.S. government, he added, referring to President Bush.

U.S. officials stressed that significant obstacles remained in securing the ultimate end of North Korea's programs, and they insisted that any concessions were relatively minor. The Bush administration's Korea policy has long been troubled by conflicts between officials skeptical that a diplomatic solution could be found and those eager to strike a deal. Those conflicts could reemerge in talks over implementation.

The administration envisions what one senior official described yesterday as a "very intrusive verification regime that will go well beyond what is required" by the IAEA. "It's going to be tough getting there," he said. "This is an important step, but I don't think anyone is overselling this" agreement as a major diplomatic achievement.

Bush administration officials are wary of any comparisons between this week's agreement and a failed pact reached with North Korea by the Clinton administration in 1994. That agreement called for the building of two light-water reactors.

Before expelling international inspectors in late 2002, the secretive North was reluctant to allow access for U.N. inspection teams assigned to monitor its nuclear programs under the 1994 accord. Kim's government has even restricted World Food Program officials from monitoring distribution of food aid.

The statement was signed by North Korea, the United States and the four other participants in the talks — China, Russia, Japan and South Korea. The six-nation talks have been sponsored by China since August 2003. But they made little

progress until Rice became secretary of state this year and assigned Hill, who played a key role in negotiating the Dayton accords that ended the Bosnia war.

Diplomats from the six nations recessed immediately after their signing session, promising to return to Beijing in early November to start talks in which Hill said verification procedures would be the priority. He indicated the next step would be determining how the United States and other nations can confirm that North Korea is shutting down its Yongbyon research reactor and dismantling its weapons program.

Hill, in a telephone interview as he was changing planes in Chicago, said, "Verification is a big deal that has yet to be worked out." He said the importance of the agreement was that "we got them on the record



Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, left, talks with fellow delegates. From left are Kenichiro Sasae of Japan, Wu Dawei of China, Song Min Soon of South Korea, Kim Gye Gwan of North Korea and Alexander Alexeyev of Russia.

in an international deal. . . . I am not prepared to be cynical about it."

Specialists pointed out that North Korean diplomats were likely to seek immediate economic and energy aid in return for each step toward verification.

"At the moment, we still can't be sure of Kim's intentions," said Hajime Izumi, a professor at Japan's University of Shizuoka. "They have bought some time to consider seriously whether they will give up all their weapons and programs . . . but there are so many points along the road in which this process could again reach a stalemate that it's simply too early to celebrate."

U.S. officials say North Korea in an October 2002 meeting acknowledged the existence of a secret uranium enrichment program designed to become another source of weapons material. North Korea has since denied that.

Although that issue was not mentioned in the document, U.S. officials said it is covered by the pledge to dismantle "all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs" and by a separate reference to a 1992 agreement with South Korea, which prohibited uranium enrichment.

A good first step, Hill suggested, would be shutting down the Yongbyon reactor, which produces pluto-



North Korea's research reactor at Yongbyon, shown a year ago, would be shut down under yesterday's agreement. It has been used to produce plutonium.

ni-239. Under the accord signed yesterday, it must be taken apart, he said, so it makes little sense to keep it running. "The time to turn it off is about now," he added.

One long-term incentive in the joint agreement was the call for the United States and Japan to "take steps to normalize relations with North Korea" if the Pyongyang gov-

ernment gives up its weapons program. Such a historic rapprochement could mean billions of dollars worth of economic assistance from Japan alone in belated World War II-era reparations.

Cody reported from Beijing. Correspondent Anthony Faiola in Tokyo contributed to this report.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Al Qaeda Lays Claim To London Attacks

CAIRO — The second-ranking leader of al Qaeda, Ayman Zawahiri, said in a statement broadcast Monday that his terror network carried out the July 7 bombings in London, marking the group's first direct assertion of responsibility for attacks on the city's transportation system that killed 56 people, including the four presumed bombers.

"The blessed London attack was one which al Qaeda was honored to launch against the British Crusader's arrogance and against the American Crusader aggression on the Islamic nation for 100 years," Zawahiri, shown wearing a white turban, said on the videotape, a portion of which was aired on the al-Jazeera television network.

A spokeswoman for London's Metropolitan Police said she had no immediate comment on the statement.

Zawahiri also challenged the legitimacy of Sunday's legislative elections in Afghanistan, a reference that suggested the tape was made recently.

The al Qaeda leader also criticized Britain's plan to deport Abu Qatada, a radical cleric, and nine others detained after the London bombings. Spanish officials have described Abu Qatada as al Qaeda's "spiritual ambassador in Europe."

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■ **MEXICO CITY** — Mexican prosecutors filed long-awaited charges against former president Luis Echeverria for a 1968 massacre of students by government troops that was the bloodiest moment of a brutal crackdown on dissidents.

In the latest test of President Vicente Fox's pledge to punish those responsible for past repression, a special prosecutor presented genocide and kidnapping charges against Echeverria, 83, and seven others for the Oct. 2, 1968, bloodbath at a student rally in Mexico City.

"It has been almost 37 years of impunity and justice denied," prosecutor Ignacio Carrillo Prieto said. "Now for the first time it is possible that the justice system may perform its duty."

The criminal court judge in Mexico City was expected to decide this week whether to order the arrest of Echeverria, who was interior minister and head of national security at the time of the massacre. Officials said police and soldiers killed about 30 people but witnesses put the death toll as high as 300. Echeverria was president from 1970 to 1976.

■ **GUATEMALA CITY** — Three presumed gang members were shot and beaten to death in the latest deadly clashes between street gangs in Guatemala's prisons that started last month when a peace pact collapsed, police said. The men, believed to be members of the Mara Salvatrucha gang, were attacked with guns, stones and sticks by members of a rival gang, Mara 18, said a police spokesman, Carlos Calju. The gangs, formed in the United States by migrants who fled the wars in Central America during the 1980s, now have tens of thousands of members throughout the region and the United States.

AFRICA

■ **ARUSHA, Tanzania** — Three former Rwandan cabinet ministers went on trial before a Tanzania-based U.N. tribunal for their alleged roles in their country's 1994 genocide.

Mathieu Ndirumpatse, president of the Hutu extremist National Revolutionary Movement for Democracy and Development, Edouard Karemera, the party's former vice president, and Joseph Nzirorera, its former secretary general, had pleaded not guilty to charges that include genocide and crimes against humanity.

More than 800,000 people, most of them ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus, were massacred during a frenzy of killings by Hutu extremists in 1994.

According to the Associated Press, the U.N. tribunal has convicted 22 people and acquitted three. It has 63 genocide suspects in its custody, and 25 are standing trial.

■ **LUANDA, Angola** — Three years after Angola's decades-long civil war ended, almost half the nation's children are severely malnourished and at risk from preventable diseases, but a shortage of funds is hindering efforts to expand food deliveries, a U.N. aid agency said. The World Food Program said Angolan children are particularly vulnerable to malnutrition-related diseases, such as tuberculosis.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

■ **NOUMEA, New Caledonia** — The World Health Organization rejected calls that it push for a lower-cost, generic version of a patented drug to treat people with the deadly bird flu virus in poor countries.

Speaking at a conference of health ministers and experts, Director General Lee Jong Wook said WHO would not pressure Swiss-

based Roche Holding AG to relinquish its patent on oseltamivir. Sold under the brand name Tamiflu, it is the only proven treatment against bird flu in humans.

Last month, Roche announced it would donate 3 million treatment courses of Tamiflu to a WHO-managed stockpile.

Many wealthy countries are stockpiling Tamiflu, but many poor countries in Southeast Asia — where a pandemic is considered most likely to begin — have none or only minimal supplies.

■ **LHOKSEUMAWA, Indonesia** — Indonesia will withdraw 2,600 soldiers from the tsunami-battered Aceh province Tuesday, a military spokesman said, with another 3,500 slated to leave by month's end as part of a peace accord to end three decades of fighting in which nearly 15,000 people were killed.

The agreement signed last month in Finland calls on the military to more than halve the 60,000 troops it has in the province by the end of the year and for separatist rebels to hand in their weapons.

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Afghan Elections Lauded Despite Stunted Turnout

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KABUL, Afghanistan, Sept. 19 — Trucks, helicopters and donkeys carried ballots Monday to counting centers across Afghanistan, where early indications suggested voter turnout in landmark legislative elections Sunday was lower than for last year's presidential vote.

Afghan and international officials hailed the elections as a major success in the country's march toward democracy, but the chief electoral officer of the joint U.N.-Afghan election commission, Peter Erben, said reports from about one-third of the polling stations indicated a turnout of just over 50 percent.

This appeared to confirm suggestions by officials that turnout was affected by fears of violence and frustrations over the inclusion of warlords on the ballot.

The government and its Western backers praised the elections as a strong show of both defiance against threats by the revived Taliban Islamic militia and determina-



BY AHMAD MASOOD — REUTERS

Election workers move ballot boxes in Kabul. Turnout, projected at just over 50 percent, appeared to be lower than in last year's presidential vote.

tion to bring stability after decades of war and chaos. The elections for a national assembly were the country's first in more than 35 years.

President Hamid Karzai praised voters, who cast ballots in schools, mosques and even desert tents, for

coming out "in spite of the terrorism, in spite of the threats."

In New York, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan said the elections showed "the clear determination of the Afghan people to pursue the peaceful and democratic devel-

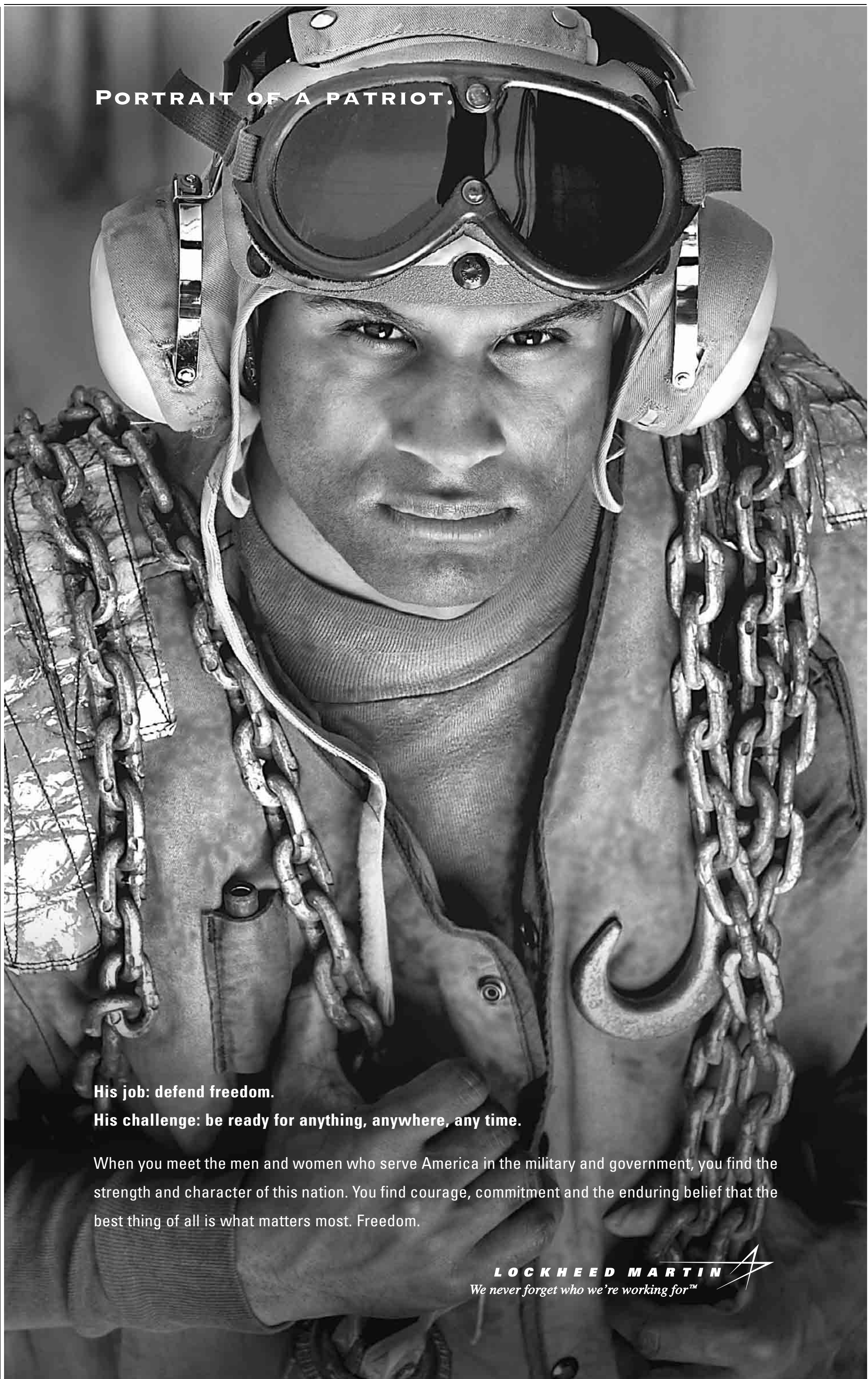
opment of their nation."

Taliban rebels had called an election boycott. In the hours before and during the voting, attacks by militants killed at least 15 people, including a French commando—the latest victims of violence that has killed more than 1,200 people in the past six months.

But with tens of thousands of Afghan and foreign forces providing security, there were no spectacular rebel assaults. Election officials said that no one was killed in attacks near polling stations — although three voters were wounded — and that only 16 of the 6,270 stations did not open because of problems.

The voting for 249 seats in parliament and 34 regional councils was the last formal step toward democracy under an internationally sponsored plan laid out following the ouster of the oppressive Taliban by U.S.-led forces in 2001.

Security was tight as workers took ballot papers to provincial capitals, where counting was due to start Tuesday. Provisional results are expected by early October.

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WANTED BY THE FBI

By BARTON GELLMAN
Washington Post Staff Writer

The FBI is joining the Bush administration's War on Porn. And it's looking for a few good agents.

Early last month, the bureau's Washington Field Office began recruiting for a new anti-obscenity squad. Attached to the job posting was a July 29 Electronic Communication from FBI headquarters to all 56 field offices, describing the initiative as "one of the top priorities" of Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and, by extension, of "the Director." That would be FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III.

Mischievous commentary began propagating around the water coolers at 601 Fourth St. NW and its satellites, where the FBI's second-largest field office concentrates on national security, high-technology crimes and public corruption.

The new squad will divert eight agents, a supervisor and assorted support staff to gather evidence against "manufacturers and purveyors" of pornography — not the kind exploiting children, but the kind that depicts, and is marketed to, consenting

adults.

"I guess this means we've won the war on terror," said one exasperated FBI agent, speaking on the condition of anonymity because poking fun at headquarters is not regarded as career-enhancing. "We must not need any more resources for espionage."

Among friends and trusted colleagues, an experienced national security analyst said, "it's a running joke for us."

A few of the printable samples: "Things I Don't Want On My Résumé, Volume Four."

"I already gave at home."

"Honestly, most of the guys would have to recuse themselves."

Federal obscenity prosecutions, which have been out of style since Attorney General Edwin Meese III in the Reagan administration made pornography a signature issue in the 1980s, do "encounter many legal issues, including First Amendment claims," the FBI headquarters memo noted.

Applicants for the porn squad should therefore have a stomach for the kind of

material that tends to be most offensive to local juries. Community standards — along with a prurient purpose and absence of artistic merit — define criminal obscenity under current Supreme Court doctrine.

"Based on a review of past successful cases in a variety of jurisdictions," the memo said, the best odds of conviction

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— Anonymous FBI agent

come with pornography that "includes bestiality, urination, defecation, as well as sadistic and masochistic behavior." No word on the universe of other kinks that helps make porn a multibillion-dollar industry.

Popular acceptance of hard-core pornography has come a long way, with some of its stars becoming mainstream celebrities and their products — once confined to seedy shops and theaters — being "purveyed" by upscale hotels and most home

cable and satellite television systems. Explicit sexual entertainment is a profit center for companies including General Motors Corp. and Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. (the two major owners of DirecTV), Time Warner Inc. and the Sheraton, Hilton, Marriott and Hyatt hotel chains.

But Gonzales endorses the rationale of predecessor Meese: that adult pornography is a threat to families and children. Christian conservatives, long skeptical of Gonzales, greeted the pornography initiative with what the Family Research Council called "a growing sense of confidence in our new attorney general."

Congress began funding the obscenity initiative in fiscal 2005 and specified that the FBI must devote 10 agents to adult pornography. The bureau decided to create a dedicated squad only in the Washington Field Office. "All other field offices may investigate obscenity cases pursuant to this initiative if resources are available," the directive from headquarters said. "Field offices should not, however, divert resources from higher priority matters,

such as public corruption."

Public corruption, officially, is fourth on the FBI's priority list, after protecting the United States from terrorist attack, foreign espionage and cyber-based attacks. Just below those priorities are civil rights, organized crime, white-collar crime and "significant violent crime." The guidance from headquarters does not mention where pornography fits in.

"The Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's top priority remains fighting the war on terrorism," said Justice Department press secretary Brian Roehrkasse. "However, it is not our sole priority. In fact, Congress has directed the department to focus on other priorities, such as obscenity."

At the FBI's field office, spokeswoman Debra Weierman expressed disappointment that some of her colleagues find grist for humor in the new campaign. "The adult obscenity squad . . . stems from an attorney general mandate, funded by Congress," she said. "The personnel assigned to this initiative take the responsibility of this assignment very seriously and are dedicated to the success of this program."

Bush Aims for Market Approach to Fishing

By JULIET EILPERIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

Everyone agrees that the nation's fisheries management system needs an overhaul. The question is how.

Yesterday the Bush administration took a stab at the problem, sending legislation to Capitol Hill that would create a free-market approach to regulating commercial fishing and revamp the way the government treats depleted fish stocks. Its plan would also collect more scientific and economic data on commercial and recreational fishing.

"Fixing our fisheries is one of the highest priorities for the president," said James L. Connaughton, who chairs the White House Council on Environmental Quality. "There's now a strong consensus to get serious once and for all about this."

The administration's bill would be the biggest change in fisheries management in a decade. It aims to double by 2010 the number of "dedicated access privileges" programs, which allocate shares of each fishery to individual fishermen, who can then buy and sell their shares. In Alaska, for example, fishermen are granted a portion of the allowed halibut catch and can trade these quotas among themselves; in most U.S. fisheries, regulators govern the annual catch by limiting how many days fishermen operate and how much they collect each trip.

The system has been popular among many Alaska fishermen. Mark Lundsten, a Seattle-based fisheries consultant who caught halibut and black cod for 27 years in Alaska, said the region's market-based rules made halibut fishing "sensibly sustainable" because fishermen could meet their quota over a longer period of time rather than rushing to catch fish in foul weather.

In 1994, the year before Alaska switched to a free-market system, regulators shrank the halibut season to 72 hours to curb overfishing.

Alaska set up a catch share program for halibut in 1995. But the next year, Congress imposed a moratorium on other states setting up such a system. This ban expired in 2001, and now several regional fishing councils, overseeing stocks ranging from grouper in the Southeast to Pacific groundfish, hope to adopt programs similar to Alaska's.

But the move to give fishermen private property rights to a public resource, along with the administration's overfishing plan, angered many environmentalists who say Bush's proposal does not do enough to protect overexploited fish stocks.

Lee Crockett, executive director of the Marine Fish Conservation Network, said management councils are planning to adopt market-based systems, such as the Gulf of Mexico's red snapper fishery, in areas that are overfished. If regulators accommodate every red snapper fisherman, he said, it will be

impossible to restore the ecosystem's health.

"You're locking in this stuff, and good luck trying to change it," Crockett said. "Congress needs to have further standards in place to make sure these management tools work right."

But the Environmental Defense Fund's David H. Festa said catch shares give industry an economic incentive to protect fisheries.

"It's probably the single largest change we can make that will advance conservation," he said. "This is a messy process, but it's going forward."

The administration's proposed rules would halt overfishing two years after adopting a management plan, as opposed to the current law's vague exhortation to "prevent overfishing." That, too, has sparked debate among ocean advocates. Sarah Chasis of the Natural Resources Defense Council said the rule could al-

low overfishing of a depleted stock to continue for five or six years, because regional councils take so long to adopt new management plans.

But Bill Hogarth, who directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service, said the agency has limited overfishing to "make it time-certain. That's a big deal."

Marine Conservation Alliance Executive Director David Benton, who represents Alaska's groundfish and shellfish industry, lauded the plan's call for more scientific data but questioned why it did not limit the total fish catch to what scientists say is biologically sustainable. "In some places it's a good first step," he said. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done."

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) is drafting his own fisheries bill along with panel Democrats and hopes to take up both proposals next month.



BY MARION OWEN — ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fishermen in Kodiak, Alaska, home to the largest commercial fishing fleet in the state, are given shares of each fishery, which they can then buy and sell.

FDA Rethinks Women's Chief

Toigo Is Acting Head; Agency Denies Naming Veterinary Official

By MARG KAUFMAN
Washington Post Staff Writer

One week ago, the Office of Women's Health of the Food and Drug Administration sent an e-mail notice to women's groups and others announcing the appointment of Norris Alderson as its new acting director.

An FDA veteran trained in animal husbandry who spent much of his career in the agency's Center for Veterinary Medicine, Alderson quickly became the subject of active and largely negative comment on the Internet and elsewhere.

The Office of Women's Health serves as a liaison with women's health groups and as an advocate on women's issues; critics said that a man with a primarily veterinary background could not properly fill the role.

The last director, Susan Wood, resigned last month to protest the agency's unwillingness to make a decision on whether to make emergency contraception more easily available.

Three days after the Alderson announcement, the FDA main press office sent out a very different announcement. It said that 20-year FDA veteran Theresa A. Toigo would be the new acting director of the women's health office, and that she would be a champion for women's health inside and outside the

agency. Alderson — and the statement announcing his appointment — was never mentioned.

Asked yesterday who exactly was running the office, FDA spokeswoman Suzanne Trevino said that Alderson had never been appointed acting director. She said that Toigo would take over from the departed Wood, and that her office knew nothing about the statement regarding Alderson, who is the agency's associate commissioner for science.

"There was no official decision made until we announced Theresa Toigo's appointment on Friday," Trevino said.

The seeming mystery thickened when several women's groups said that not only did they receive e-mails announcing Alderson's appointment, but also that he was also listed on a Health and Human Services directory last week as the acting director of the office. In addition, people who have spoken with women's health office staff said that Alderson was introduced to the staff last week as the new acting director, and that he even had some one-on-one discussions with staff members about future plans.

Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), a longtime advocate for the FDA's women's health office, said she already had been concerned by Wood's resignation. "I was further

concerned to learn last week that Dr. Norris E. Alderson, someone without women's health experience who has spent the majority of his career at the Center for Veterinary Medicine, was appointed acting director of this important office," she said in a statement yesterday.

Toigo has led the FDA's Office of Special Health Issues, which works with patient advocates on issues such as AIDS and cancer. The FDA announcement of her appointment also says that she has worked with the women's health office on agency initiatives related to the inclusion of women and minorities in clinical trials.

Former director Wood called Toigo a good choice. "She's a very capable and dedicated person who will do an excellent job," Wood said.

But many women's health groups remain unhappy with the FDA and what they consider to be the agency's questionable leadership.

"Once again, this episode shows the agency's complete tone-deafness," said Kirsten Moore, director of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project. "It underscores our concern about the degree of competence at the leadership level, and about political appointees who just don't know much" about the issues before the agency.

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Accord With North Korea

ON ITS FACE, the multinational agreement on North Korea's weapons program announced yesterday is a surprising piece of good news. For the first time, Pyongyang's brutal communist dictatorship formally agreed to "abandoning all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs," and said it would return "at an early date" to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and its accompanying international safeguards. In return, the United States agreed to take steps to normalize relations with the North and, together with South Korea, Japan, Russia and China, provide it with aid — including at some "appropriate time" a new light-water reactor for generating electricity. Fulfillment by the North of its commitment would mean an extraordinary breakthrough after more than a decade of failed efforts by the United States to contain one of the world's most serious proliferation threats.

The risk, however, is also considerable: If North Korea's new promise is not a serious one, the agreement will only forestall more concerted outside pressure on the odious regime of Kim Jong Il, while sustaining and enhancing the lifeline of food and energy it receives from its neighbors. History suggests that it is that outcome, rather than genuine nuclear disarmament, that the North is betting on. In 1994, after reaching a similar deal with the Clinton administration, it froze activity at one nuclear complex but secretly launched a program to develop a bomb by other means. It was eight years before the Bush administration discovered the deceit and suspended the "agreed framework."

To comply with its latest pledge, the Kim regime would have to reveal and disassemble the

unknown number of nuclear weapons that, by its own account, it possesses. It would have to dismantle both the Yongbyon reactor, which produces plutonium, and hidden uranium-enrichment facilities. But it hasn't yet admitted the existence of the uranium plants, and it's hard to conceive of an inspections process that could fully verify the disarmament of a totalitarian state that holds untold thousands of its citizens in concentration camps, earns much of its foreign income from counterfeiting and drug trafficking, and prohibits foreigners from visiting many parts of the country.

North Korea's agreement to yesterday's statement excuses it from the potential displeasure of China, which brokered the talks and supplies Pyongyang with food and energy. It allows for the continuation of rapidly improving relations with South Korea, including provision by the South of large new supplies of electricity. In accepting Mr. Kim's pledge, the Bush administration avoids looking like the obstacle to progress and keeps the diplomatic focus on the North's disarmament. For the first time in 4½ years, the administration appears to be pursuing a coherent strategy, instead of veering between confrontation and negotiation amid endless internal debates. Those diplomats and opposition Democrats who have argued strenuously that a workable deal can be struck with Pyongyang will see their theory tested. We hope that it works, but also that Mr. Kim is not given much time to deliver. If he is sincere, a concrete disarmament plan could be agreed on relatively quickly. If he is not, talks that have already lasted more than two years will drag on, to the disadvantage of U.S. and global security.

Reforming the Vote

THE REPORT released yesterday by a commission on federal election reform, headed by former president Jimmy Carter and former secretary of state James A. Baker III, contains a number of valuable proposals. But adopting one of the commission's recommendations — that voters be required to present a government-issued voter ID at the polls — would, on balance, do more harm than good.

The commission's most useful proposals would address both lingering and new flaws in the current voting system. Five years after the problems exposed by the 2000 presidential election, voter registration rolls remain riddled with inaccurate and outdated information. The commission sensibly called on states to take charge of assembling accurate lists that would help eliminate duplicate registrations while making it easier for citizens to vote in new jurisdictions.

The introduction in 2004 of a requirement that voters who appear at the polls be given provisional ballots if their names aren't on the registration lists created questions about how to judge the legitimacy of such ballots. The commission sensibly recommended that states adopt clear statewide procedures for considering such ballots. The advent of computerized voting systems has provoked anxiety about whether such machines are secure from fraud or malfunction; the commission — again sensibly, and in contrast to the position of Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. — endorsed the need for machines capable of delivering a voter-verifiable paper trail.

The problem recommendation — which drew a dissent from three of the 20 commission members, including former senator

Thomas A. Daschle (D-S.D.) — would require voters to present a government photo identification at the polls. This may not sound particularly burdensome in an age when, as the commission noted, such IDs "are needed to board a plane, enter federal buildings, and cash a check." Yet 12 percent of the voting-age population does not have a driver's license, and those without identification tend disproportionately to be minorities, the elderly and the poor. To its credit, the commission urges states to ensure that such IDs are "easily available and issued free of charge." But for those who don't already have identification, the hurdle of assembling the necessary documentation and obtaining the cards could prove a deterrent to voting.

On the other side of the balance is the risk of elections tainted by fraud or the perception of fraud. The commission found that "there is no evidence of extensive fraud in U.S. elections or of multiple voting, but both occur, and it could affect the outcome of a close election." That's true — but so could turning away otherwise eligible voters.

Indeed, election administrators agree that absentee ballots pose a bigger risk of fraud, and in that case the commission would guard against fraud by having election officials match a signature on file. As commission member Spencer Overton, an election law expert at George Washington University, asks, why wouldn't the same be sufficient for those who turn up at the polls without ID? Allowing voters to show alternative forms of identification or to sign a sworn affidavit of eligibility could go a significant way toward deterring fraud without imposing the burden of an inflexible photo ID requirement.

Signs and Sense

THE RECORDED message at Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services supplies callers with an array of informational tidbits, including this one: "Did you know that a sign permit is required before any exterior sign may be erected in the county?" Well, no, we didn't. But now that we do — and we note that permits are required even for signs posted on one's house or in one's yard — we wonder whether the county's zeal for regulation hasn't bent the Constitution beyond recognition.

Some Montgomery homeowners in the Brookdale neighborhood of Chevy Chase found out about the county's law the hard way. In protest of the pending construction of a 5,000-square-foot house that they regard as outsized and unsightly, the Brookdale residents posted signs in their yards denouncing the "McMansion for Profit in Our Neighborhood." Then, a few weeks ago, an agent of the county's Department of Permitting Services told the homeowners that they had to remove the protest signs — unless they applied for a permit and paid a \$29.70 permit fee. It was all the more galling that Permitting Services is the same agency that granted permission for the construction of the alleged McMansion in the first place.

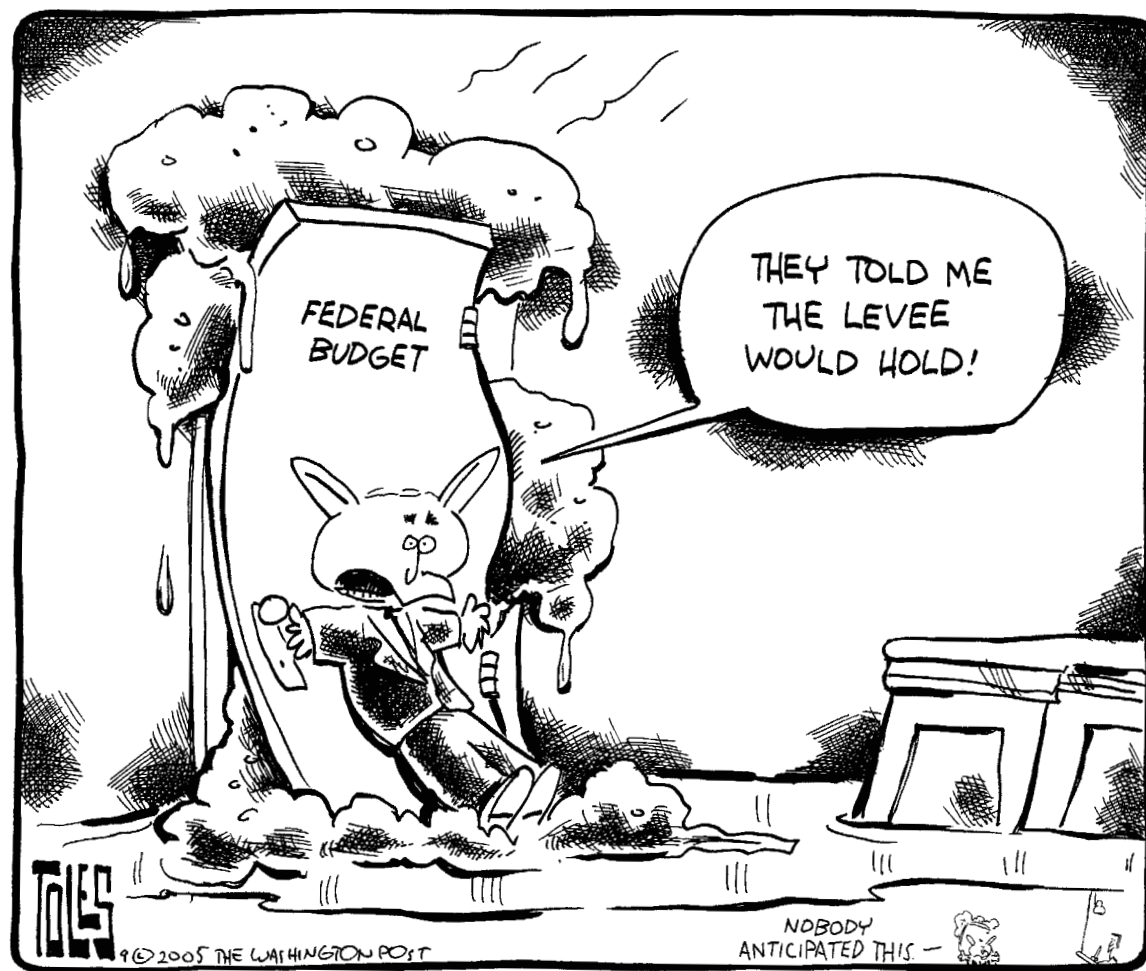
The agency enforces regulations that require individuals to obtain a permit to display

signs on private property beyond 30 days. In addition to the fee, the agency requires a drawing showing the sign's proposed location as well as a scale drawing of the sign itself before it will grant a "limited duration sign permit." The county makes the point that its enforcement is content-neutral — political signs are treated no differently from signs announcing, say, a yard sale. And no permit is required for a sign displayed up to 30 days as long as it conforms with other requirements.

That's nice, but beside the point. Residential signs are a vital form of expression, not least for people lacking the time and money for other forms of communication. And the requirement that a permit be obtained for a small political sign posted on one's own property is tantamount to a tax levied on the expression of free speech and, as the Supreme Court put it in a ruling on a similar case, "a dramatic departure from our national heritage and constitutional tradition." As for the 30-day rule, since when was political expression constrained by a government agency armed with a calendar?

The ACLU is now on the case, and with luck it will help persuade the county to abandon its wrongheaded policy. Whatever the county's interest in preserving property values, it can hardly be used to justify such a cavalier approach to free speech.

Tom Toles



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gas Taxes and Oil Conservation

While I have no problem with Robert J. Samuelson's proposal for a substantial tax to increase the cost of gasoline and thus promote conservation, I think it would have a disastrous effect on our economy if another form of reasonably priced transportation were not established ["Cheap Gas Is a Bad Habit," op-ed, Sept. 14].

In the United States we have done away with other more fuel-efficient forms of transportation in favor of the highway. Eighty years ago almost every town was connected by train, and nearly all cities had a rail form of commuter and local transportation. Now Amtrak is a shadow of what it once was, and local commuter rail serves only a favored few who live and work near a stop.

We need a national rail and commuter system to reduce the need for auto and truck travel.

JAMES R. CAMPBELL
Arlington

Robert J. Samuelson is right that we are vulnerable to disruption of oil supplies whether by natural disaster

or a political cutoff. But he is missing the far greater threat — depletion.

Embargoes and disasters are possibilities, but depletion is a certainty. Many oil experts believe that we are at or near the peak of world oil production. American production peaked in 1970. North Sea oil production peaked in 1998 and is falling fast. Some research suggests that even Saudi Arabia may be close to its peak.

The increased oil taxes and mileage standards that Mr. Samuelson suggests are desperately needed but ultimately won't be nearly enough. If we don't raise our oil taxes, depletion will raise the price for us, and we will send our wealth to the oil-exporting nations. Depletion isn't a threat; it's a promise, and we don't have long to prepare.

CARL HENN
Rockville

A good way to get people to move away from today's gas guzzlers would be to have the government impose a gas tax of 25 to 50 cents a gallon and use the money to fully subsidize hy-

brid technology. The tax would cover the price difference between hybrids and conventional vehicles. People would naturally choose the more economical hybrids. And if a big move to hybrids drove down the cost of hybrid technology, then the tax could be reduced.

In a short period, almost all new cars would be hybrids — something a traditional gas tax alone would not achieve.

CURT BOLTON
Germantown

Robert J. Samuelson is wrong. The last thing this country needs is higher gas prices. We need greater supply from right here in America.

There are huge supplies of oil in Alaska, off the California coast, in the Gulf of Mexico and in the shale deposits of the West. But we must protect the snail darter or other nonentities at consumers' expense.

Meeting the demand from U.S. supplies is the right answer.

J.H. COHEN
New York

Respect Botox as a Mainstream Treatment

I am the doctor in Hawaii who is "experimenting" with Botox injections, according to the Aug. 27 Style article on Kevin Eadie, who has Niemann-Pick Type C ["The Champ; Even as a Rare Disease Cripples the Body of 11-Year-Old Kevin Eadie, Baseball Is the Salvage of His Soul"].

The article implied that Kevin came to Hawaii for an exotic and probably fruitless treatment. That is far from the truth.

Botox injections for dystonia are a mainstream, labeled use and have been widely available for decades. The treatment is an effective and reliable method for improving function. It would be a shame for a patient to be denied its potential benefits by the misinformation in the article.

Kevin and his mother both deserve our deep respect for having the courage few of us could muster under the same circumstances.

ROBERT SINE
Kihei, Hawaii

Overfishing and the Law

Contrary to Lee Crockett's claim in an Aug. 30 letter, I did not suggest that fishery managers are required to allow overfishing on a continuing basis.

I said they may allow limited overfishing in the short term to minimize the effects on communities. Fishery managers do not allow overfishing to go unabated. Within a year of such a determination, they must take action to end the overfishing and implement conservation measures to rebuild the fishery.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires fishery managers to specify a time frame in which to end overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks that is as short as possible, taking into account the biology of the stock, the

needs of fishing communities, recommendations by international organizations and the interaction of the overfished stock within the marine ecosystem. Under this law, overfishing doesn't have to be eliminated immediately.

The rebuilding plan for George's Bank cod establishes an immediate reduction in the fishing mortality rate and phases out overfishing by 2009. The plan allows fishing at a rate just over the limit until then.

This approach has been litigated, and the courts have sided with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SUSAN BUCHANAN
Public Affairs Specialist
National Oceanic
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Silver Spring

Katrina Victims' Condition Didn't Just 'Happen'

My wife is a clinical psychologist who volunteered to greet and counsel victims of Hurricane Katrina at the D.C. Armory. When she greeted evacuees from New Orleans, she felt shame about the federal government's lack of response and sadness for the extreme loss and pain that is the result along our Gulf Coast.

In his Sept. 7 op-ed, "The 'Stuff Happens' Presidency," Harold Meyerson described the conservative agenda to diminish government services at the expense of the poor and to reduce the cost of government to the benefit of the wealthy. The wealthy have the means to take care of themselves, to buffer their losses during disasters. The poor do not and have borne the disproportionate brunt of this tragedy.

As Mr. Meyerson noted, previous FEMA leader and Bush appointee Joe M. Allbaugh characterized the Federal Emergency Management Agency as "an oversized entitlement program." The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' projects to shore up the New Orleans levees never made it into the president's budgets.

The attitude that prevails in the Bush administration — less government, less infrastructure, less health care, less environmental protection

and fewer emergency services — combined to inflict unprecedented loss along our southern coast.

The tax cuts for the rich, trimmed-down government and "faith-based" initiatives to take up the slack seem to be the administration's goal, but look at the results. The poor are more vulnerable, and the rest of us feel the shame of letting them down.

STEVE MABLEY
Washington

Harold Meyerson lamented that the United States is 34th among nations in infant mortality under the Bush administration. The CIA World Factbook, however, ranks the United States 42nd, with 6.5 deaths per 1,000 live births (2005 estimates).

Since 1998, when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranked the United States 28th, this country has been surpassed by other nations such as Cuba and Aruba.

Even that depressing fact hides the reality of regional and economic disparities. For example, the District has almost the same number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births as Macedonia, the most impoverished of the former Yugoslav republics. The most recent race-specific statistics from the CDC show that infant mortality

among African Americans nationwide is on par with that of the island of Dominica — just better than Sri Lanka, but slightly trailing St. Lucia.

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The Heroes Behind the Cameras

You wouldn't think that the longest ovation at the Emmy Awards, an annual celebration of trendiness, would go to three such trend-averse men — Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather, who stood awkwardly on stage, and the late Peter Jennings, whose image appeared behind them on a giant monitor. But the audience rose and clapped in one of the dreary telecast's few moments of genuine electricity, and the tribute made sense coming so soon after the latest reminder of television's power not only to describe the world but to shape it as well.

I'm a print-media guy to the bone, but I have to give props to the way my colleagues in television have covered Hurricane Katrina and the devastation of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. (Note to Tom and Dan: "Props" is a good thing.) Television rose to become a force for good instead of a force for the evil of happy-faced oversimplification, to which the medium so frequently succumbs.

The gold-star heroes were the men and women who operate the cameras, because they vaulted logistical hurdles that stymied hapless federal, state and local officials and found a way to do what only television can: Show us what's happening as it happens. Anchors and correspondents reported with urgency and emotion, abandoning the safe convention of an "on the other hand" qualifier for every declarative statement. They saw that there was no other hand in this story.

While officials were still issuing reports of minor flooding in New Orleans and patting themselves on the back for dodging a bullet, CNN's Jeanne Meserve made her way to a neighborhood near one of the breached floodwalls and told a completely different story. "This is Armageddon," she reported, struggling to find words for what she was seeing. That was the moment when I realized that this was a major disaster. It wasn't what she said, it was the quaver in her voice as she said it.

There are countless other examples of how television brought home the awful reality of what happened on the Gulf Coast. Even Fox, usually more interested in masticating and spinning the news, went out and did good, original reporting — and showed passion in recounting how the people of New Orleans and the Gulf were so poorly served by offi-

cial at every level.

We tend to look to the past for the golden age of television news — the reign of Huntley and Brinkley, the heyday of "60 Minutes," the critical coverage of Vietnam, even all the way back to Edward R. Murrow. We rightfully bemoan the fact that the network news divisions are shadows of their former selves, and we note that the audience for the evening news has been withering away.

But considering the dramatic rise of the cable news networks, with their 24-7 resources, and seeing the ability of even the network dinosaurs to mobilize to cover a story such as Katrina, I'm tempted to say that the golden age is now. Or at least that it could be.

The question is where television news goes from here. Will CNN, MSNBC and Fox go back to their incessant breathless reports about MWW? (That's Missing White Women, of course.) Will the legacy networks — NBC, CBS and ABC — go back to chasing elusive viewers with evening newscasts that feature soft stories about trends and lifestyles, as opposed to hard news? Or will the Katrina coverage spur television, with its unique power, to use its rediscovered aggressiveness and emotion to cover the other great stories of our time?

The situation in Iraq is so parlous that it would be generating front-page headlines every day if not for Katrina. We now know, based on the amateur hour we saw in New Orleans, that the U.S. government is wholly unprepared for another major terrorist strike. We also know, as if it were a closely held secret all these years, that there are unresolved issues of race and class in this country. We know, as if they had been in hiding all these years, that there are poor people in the United States.

At the moment, with Mayor Ray Nagin telling people to come back to New Orleans and the feds telling them to stay away and another storm threatening the South Florida and Gulf coasts, the whole news business has its hands full. But when things calm down, I hope the people who bring us the news on television recognize what important work they've done over the past few weeks.

I hope they keep it up. If they do, I'll stand to applaud them too.

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Incompetence, Not Racism

If you told me that George W. Bush is a dummy, I would argue with you but understand why you thought so: all those idiotic statements. But if you told me, as some have been implying, that Bush is a racist or that he doesn't care about black people, I would not only say that you're wrong but add, "Not the George Bush I know."

Of course, I don't know George Bush personally. But in his first presidential campaign, I traveled with him and tried, as he might say, to look into his heart. Conveniently enough, he sometimes wears it on his sleeve — never more so, as I discovered, than when he talks about poor kids and racial and ethnic minorities. His feelings for them — especially for poor kids — are genuine. This is what I believed then and this — his incompetent performance regarding Hurricane Katrina notwithstanding — is what I believe now.

Others believe differently. The most non-nuanced statements came from the rapper Kanye West. Appearing on an NBC special to raise money for flood victims, West attributed the slow recovery effort not to ineptitude but to the fact that "most of the people are black." He followed that up a moment later with: "George Bush doesn't care about black people." NBC snipped that comment from its West Coast feed, but no matter: West was clearly not speaking only for himself. National polls showed a racial divide in appraising how the government did after Katrina. Blacks by and large thought race played a role in the laggard relief effort.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, functionally unemployed for these years, put it a bit differently. Appearing Sunday on local New York television, he didn't exactly say that Bush was indifferent to the plight of New Orleans's poor blacks, but he did say this about Bush: "One has to suspect why he had such delayed compassion." Sharpton did point out, as Bill Clinton did in his Sunday TV appearances, that in New Orleans, poor and black are largely synonymous, but still the damage was done: George Bush is no friend of black people.

I have two problems with all this. The first is not just that it's unfair — Bush, in this case, was an equal opportunity bungler — but that it rests on a stereotype: Republicans tend to

wear lime green pants in the summer and dislike black people all year round. There was more than a little truth to this at one time. The GOP, after all, became a safe haven for Southern bigots who fled the Democratic Party (as Lyndon Johnson knew they would) in the civil rights era. The fight for the rights of blacks turned Dixie as Republican as it once was Democratic. To its everlasting shame, the GOP continues to benefit from raw bigotry.

But Bush is not cut from that cloth. He is a contemporary Republican, a person of another generation who, you may have noticed, has a black woman as secretary of state and had a black man before her. Under him, the GOP began an outreach to black Americans, and unless the Democrats wake up it will ultimately succeed. As Karl Rove well knows, all he has to do is pick up a small percentage of the black vote and he ends the current 50-50 electoral split. Bush, who won an impressive 27 percent of the black vote in his reelection bid for Texas governor, could have been the man to do this. His task is a lot harder now.

My second problem is that yelling racism stops creative thinking. Questions about how reconstruction should be managed, about how relief money should be used, about who will be resettled and where — all of them fraught with racial issues — will not be addressed. Instead, as we have already seen, the feds will simply throw gobs and gobs of money at New Orleans and its poor — never mind how it is spent. Bush has reacted like a conservative's stereotype of a liberal — just spend the damn money and hope it does some good. This, more than anything, shows true contempt for the poor, regardless of race.

We owe the poor our special consideration. We especially owe the black poor an appreciation of their plight and their dolorous history. But in general it was incompetence, not racism, that slowed the relief effort — incompetence on the local and state levels, too, and incompetence on the part of black as well as white public officials. The search for racist scapegoats does the poor no good. This relief effort ought to start, above all, with some clear thinking.

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VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER CINDY NGUYEN, LEFT, WATCHES WHILE DR. DAVID KROIL, OF NEW YORK, EXAMINES PHONG TRAN IN BILOXI, MISS., ON SEPT. 8./BY DARRON CUMMINGS — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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For Fast Federal Action On the Katrina Health Crisis

More than a million people in three of the poorest U.S. states have had the fabric of their lives torn apart by Hurricane Katrina. Displaced from their homes, many are living in other parts of Louisiana and Mississippi, while others are dispersed across the country in the largest involuntary migration of Americans since the Dust Bowl in the 1930s. The public health infrastructure they depended on in the disaster areas has been destroyed, leaving the displaced without care, coverage or medical records.

The health care crisis resulting from this devastation needs immediate attention. The initial federal response has included establishing and staffing emergency medical shelters in the region. But three weeks have passed since Katrina struck, and the magnitude of the damage requires a broad-scale national plan. We must address the significant physical and mental health needs of the survivors. As Surgeon General Richard Carmona has said: "These public health needs are going to be very, very large, and they are going to go on for some time."

The states hit by Katrina already had among the highest rates of poverty and lowest rates of insurance; nearly one in five in each state lived in poverty, and an equal number lacked health insurance. As survey results published in The Post last Friday reveal, New Orleans evacuees living in Houston shelters were in desperate shape even before Katrina: six in 10 had annual incomes of less than \$20,000; over half had no health insurance; four in 10 suffered from disabling or chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes or high blood pressure; and 43 percent were taking prescription medications. Two-thirds relied on hospitals and clinics as their primary source of care; of those, 54 percent used the now destroyed Charity Hospital of New Orleans.

Katrina added thousands more to the ranks of the poor and uninsured. The psychological stress and trauma of the past three weeks will lead to increased demand for mental health services. Many evacuees are newly impoverished and have chronic health care needs that will place additional, costly demands on the care systems in the areas to which they have located. Some 400,000 jobs have been lost; many who are out of work have lost not only their source of income but also their health insurance. Hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, pharmacies and other facilities have been damaged or destroyed. Underserved populations that already had substantial health disparities are now at risk of falling even further behind the rest of America.

A national response to this health crisis is weeks overdue. The administration has taken preliminary steps to respond to the health needs

of Katrina survivors, but its approach to addressing the dire need for health coverage has been to negotiate state-by-state waivers to modify Medicaid, the nation's health care safety-net program for the poor. The first such agreement has already been struck with Texas.

Medicaid is the right solution, but this is not the time for business-as-usual waivers of regulations, which are usually granted to offer opportunities for states to innovate. They cannot provide what is needed now by the states and the survivors: a simple and certain solution. This is a situation that calls for a comprehensive and immediate national plan targeted to Katrina survivors — one that is 100 percent federally financed. The economies of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama have been devastated. These states will not have the revenue needed to pay their normal share of Medicaid or to handle additional expenses as they try to rebuild. Likewise, the many states that have accepted Katrina survivors should not have to absorb additional costs.

The president should work with Congress to make Katrina's many low-income survivors eligible for guaranteed 100 percent federally funded Medicaid regardless of where they live today or where they move tomorrow. This should be done even for those who don't fit into one of Medicaid's current eligibility groups and regardless of whether they were previously on Medicaid or were insured.

The goal should be to provide immediate access to health care services, pay providers and avoid creating a new layer of bureaucracy. The payment should be equal, not separately negotiated agreements between each state and the federal government. The bipartisan Emergency Health Care Relief Act, introduced in the Senate last week and endorsed by Majority Leader Bill Frist and Minority Leader Harry Reid, is a good first step toward this goal, but it needs to be simplified and made more comprehensive. In essence, the response needs to be built around three principles: 100 percent federal financing for the health needs of Katrina survivors; health coverage for all survivors, regardless of whether they meet Medicaid's eligibility rules; and a period of assistance tied to the time needed for a full recovery, not set by an arbitrary limit.

As Katrina survivors embark on the road to recovery, they deserve the support of our entire country. The health response that we provide is a measure of our strength and compassion as a nation.

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E. J. Dionne Jr.

Visions of the New New Orleans

PORTLAND, Ore. — If the rebuilding of New Orleans is to be something other than a new government disaster, a coalition of the skeptical and the visionary will have to stand together and confront the lobbyists and the corporate welfare artists.

Fiscal conservatives in Congress are right to worry about the potential for — yes — waste, fraud and abuse if the federal government throws off tens of billions of dollars into a haphazard and ill-planned spending fest. If the goal is to spend as much money as quickly as possible, the benefits will flow primarily to the well-connected, and the result will be a new mess built on the old.

But because the rest of us are morally obligated to those whose lives have been damaged by natural calamity and government failure, it's a fact that the federal government will be spending a lot of money. That's why the fiscal conservatives need the visionaries. The visionaries are insisting that we put in the time to make New Orleans a model for a better kind of city and the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast a model for a better approach to governing. The people of the region, not the lobbyists, need to lead in creating an environmentally sustainable, socially just and economically viable region.

These thoughts are inspired by one of Congress's rare visionaries. Rep. Earl Blumenauer not only represents his beloved city of Portland but is also evangelical in spreading Portland's gospel of "livability." That odd but increasingly popular word embodies the idea that if governments plan right (and in cooperation with local citizens), they can safeguard the environment, create more agreeable lives for families and individuals and let loose sustainable private-sector growth.

Blumenauer, a Democrat always seeking to put together left-right coalitions on behalf of his eclectic mix of ideas, is both worried and excited by the prospect of rebuilding the Gulf. Speaking for the fiscally conservative, he describes himself as "a little scared by how fast they're doing all this stuff because I don't think there's anybody in charge."

But his excitement burns through during a discussion at a restaurant in Portland's Pearl neighborhood, an old warehouse district near an abandoned rail yard that is now thriving. "I've been in Congress for nearly 10 years and I've never been so optimistic that we have a chance not just to engage in the gargantuan task of helping people in the Gulf,

but also of healing the body politic." There is an opportunity, he says, for government to ask the basic questions: "How do you build a community? How do you get people involved? You've got to build a citizen infrastructure along with all the roads and bridges."

Blumenauer has more standing than most on this subject. On Jan. 26, after returning from a congressional visit to areas devastated by the Asian tsunami, he rose on the House floor to ask: "What would have happened if, last September, Hurricane Ivan had veered 40 miles to the west, devastating the city of New Orleans?"

"The city has always been at risk because of its low-lying location," Blumenauer warned, "but that risk has been increased because of rising sea levels, groundwater pumping and the erosion of coastal Louisiana. . . it is hard to imagine what would happen if a disaster of that magnitude hit the United States." Now, alas, we know.

Blumenauer is ecumenical in his criticisms of past practices, including the actions of Congress and the Army Corps of Engineers, and he even likes to think that President Bush might become an ally for the large packet of proposals he is peddling.

Why shouldn't the president want to leave a legacy of a New Orleans built on economically mixed neighborhoods and a thriving public transit system? Blumenauer sees new parks and buffer zones in areas where homes shouldn't be, and economic projects designed to put local people back to work. He wants to revisit past policies that encouraged development in dangerous places.

Above all, he wants to turn the hurricane's victims into decision makers. In the rebuilding, "people should have a role in what it should be like, rather than have it done to them." One of his biggest fears is that outsiders will simply turn New Orleans into a Disneyland.

There will be time to debate all of Blumenauer's ideas. But one thing is certain: If the fiscal conservatives and the visionaries don't come together quickly, the special-interest-lobbyist complex that doesn't care about planning and seeks only cash in the hands of its friends will dominate the reconstruction effort. That would be a disaster for all of us, and especially for the people of the Gulf.

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Dying for A Drink of Clean Water

In the United States and Europe, people take it for granted that when they turn on their taps, clean water will flow out. But for those living in U.S. cities devastated by Hurricane Katrina, as in large parts of the world, obtaining safe water requires a constant struggle.

Water is essential to all aspects of life, yet 99 percent of water on Earth is unsafe or unavailable to drink. About 1.2 billion people globally lack safe water to consume and 2.6 billion do not have access to adequate sanitation. There are also stark comparisons: Just one flush of a toilet in the West uses more water than most Africans have to perform an entire day's washing, cleaning, cooking and drinking.

Ensuring access to safe water worldwide is imperative. Water is an economic issue since it is essential for poverty reduction, agriculture, food and energy production, as well as recreation. It is a women's issue in the developing world because women have primary responsibility for household water gathering in many of these countries. Time spent hauling water robs women and girls of getting an education or engaging in meaningful work. It is a children's issue because water is essential for healthy development. A youngster dies every eight seconds from water-borne disease. And water is a national security issue because some of the world's conflicts today arise from disputes over arable land and water: The tragedy in Darfur, for example, was driven in no small part by tensions over access to water.

But most of all, water is a fundamental global health issue. Unsafe water and sanitation is now the single largest cause of illness worldwide, just as it has been a major threat to the health of people affected by Hurricane Katrina. A recent U.N. report has estimated that:

- At least 2 million people, most of them children, die annually from water-borne diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, dysentery, typhoid, guinea worm and hepatitis as well as such illnesses as malaria and West Nile virus carried by mosquitoes that breed in stagnant water.

- Many of the 10 million child deaths that occurred last year were linked to unsafe water and lack of sanitation. Children can't fight off infections if their bodies are weakened by water-borne diseases.

- Over half of the hospital beds in the developing world are occupied by people suffering from preventable diseases caused by unsafe water and inadequate sanitation.

If action is not taken now, 135 million people could die of water-related diseases by the year 2020. That is a larger number than those expected to fall victim to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, a catastrophe that has already killed 23 million people worldwide. Furthermore, water plays a critical role in this disease since many deaths from AIDS are linked to illnesses resulting from dehydration and diarrhea caused by unsafe water.

The United Nations has set a Millennium Development Goal — to be reached by 2015 — of reducing by half the percentage of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. There is a long way to go to reach this goal. That's why the U.N. General Assembly has declared the next 10 years to be the International Decade for Action on "Water for Life" to focus attention on this vital issue.

When poor people are asked what would most improve their lives, water and sanitation is repeatedly one of their highest priorities. We should heed their call. The recent decision by the leaders of the Group of Eight nations to double economic assistance for Africa has the potential to help if a significant portion of this aid goes to address the problems of water and sanitation. Developing countries should involve their citizens in decision making about how best to get improved water and sanitation services to their people. And developed nations should work with the ideas and aspirations of those countries and people they are seeking to help — particularly women — so that improvements can be sustained over the long term.

Nations in both the developing and developed world must share knowledge and experiences in public education, disease prevention, emergency response strategies, the application of new technologies and training. A global coalition of organizations, businesses and individuals must be mobilized across the public and private sectors for infrastructure development and innovation.

Time is of the essence. By 2025 the world's population is projected to increase from 6.4 billion to 8.4 billion. At that time, 3.4 billion people could live in countries where water is scarce. Today we are talking about our planet as a global village. With coordinated efforts and a large influx of funding, the Gulf Coast region of the United States will, we hope, restore its water and sanitation systems within months. But unless we soon implement a global action plan for water with increased awareness, activism and resources, large numbers of people around the world will continue to suffer and die needlessly for generations to come for want of clean water.

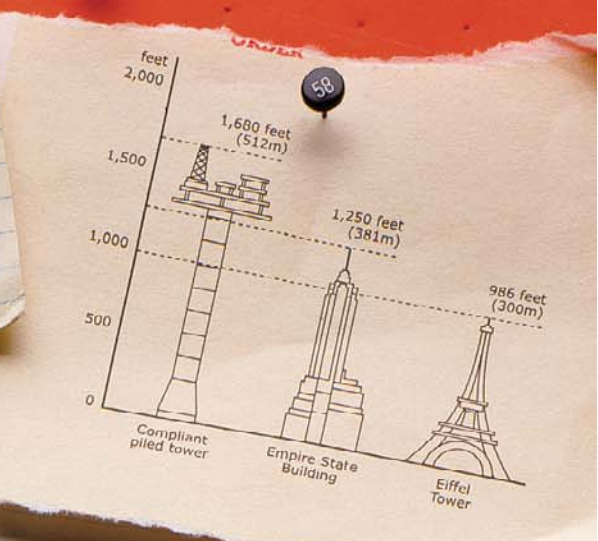
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The world consumes two barrels of oil for every barrel discovered.

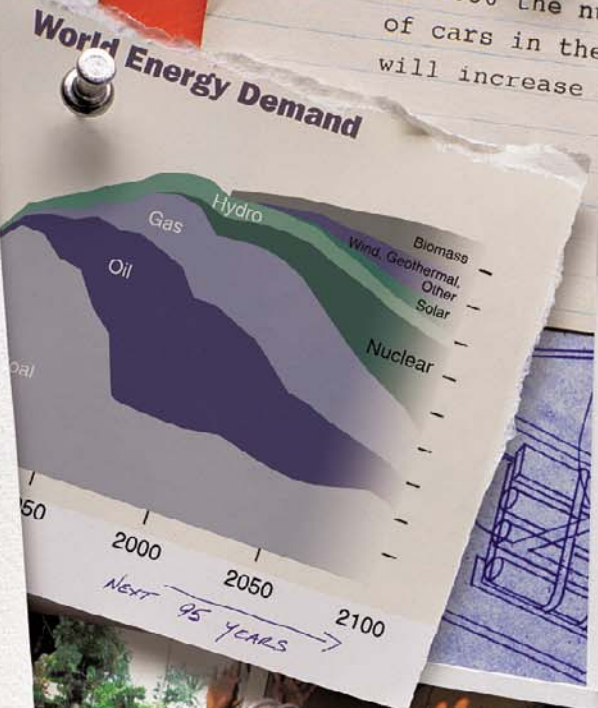
So is this something you should be worried about?



The world consumes 84 million barrels of oil a day.



By 2030 the number of cars in the world will increase by 50%.

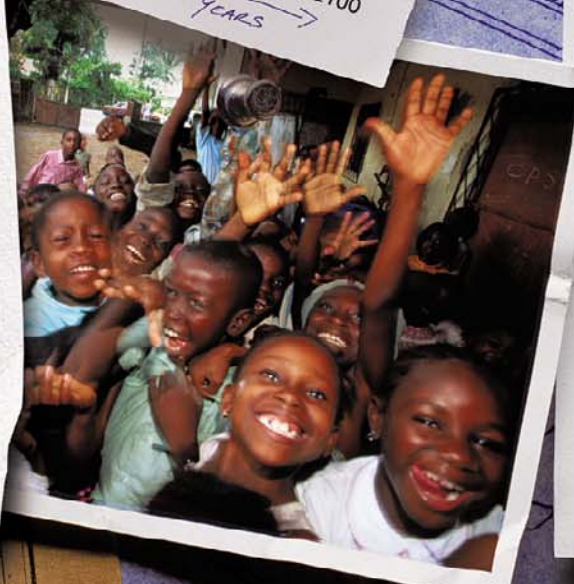


The fact is, the world has been finding less oil than it's been using for twenty years now. Not only has demand been soaring, but the oil we've been finding is coming from places that are tough to reach. At the same time, more of this newly discovered oil is of the type that requires a greater investment to refine. And because demand for this precious resource will grow, according to some, by over 40% by 2025, fueling the world's growing economic prosperity will take a lot more energy from every possible source.

The energy industry needs to get more from existing fields while continuing to search for new reserves. Automakers must continue to improve fuel efficiency and perfect hybrid vehicles. Technological improvements are needed so that wind, solar and hydrogen can be more viable parts of the energy equation. Governments need to create energy policies that promote economically and environmentally sound development. Consumers must demand, and be willing to pay for, some of these solutions, while practicing conservation efforts of their own.

Inaction is not an option. But if everyone works together, we can balance this equation. We're taking some of the steps needed to get started, but we need your help to get the rest of the way.

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If Ex-WMAL Host Is Sorry, It's Not For Bashing Islam

Being sacked for arguing on the radio that Islam is a "terrorist organization" may not be the best thing that ever happened to Michael Graham's career, but it's pretty close.

After WMAL (630 AM) fired the midmorning talk show host for refusing to apologize for his remarks about Islam, Graham became the flavor of the month on TV shoutfests and talk stations across the country. Even now, after his 15 days of fame, Graham is busy fielding job offers, working as a substitute host on stations in Los Angeles and other big markets, and conducting a daily Internet-based talk show, happily reiterating his comments about Islam.

But all Graham ever wanted to be was the host of a local talk show in Washington, and ABC Radio, which owns WMAL, has now denied him that platform, which leaves Graham, who lives near Falls Church with his wife and four children, a frustrated soul.

"The whole idea of talk radio is to be a lot of fun, a little edgy, a place where crazy ideas are entertained," he says. "They may be mocked and dismissed, but they help focus the conversation. For me to be sacked for saying what I believe — it is heartbreaking for me to leave WMAL. I just don't get it: I got your station more publicity than you'd had in five years, and you fire me? What did I miss?" (I sought comment from WMAL President Chris Berry, but he did not respond.)

Graham's journey to the limits of acceptable speech began after this summer's terrorist attack in London. The talk host, a former stand-up comedian who was inspired by listening to Rush Limbaugh six years ago to try radio as a performance medium, argued that because polls showed a large minority of Muslims were unwilling to turn in extremists in their midst, support for fundamentalist terrorism must be intertwined with the faith's teachings.

"If your theology feeds the killers and if millions of your members support the killers, even though they're a minority, you have, in my opinion, a terrorist organization," Graham said.

Graham, whose bombastic and disdain for nuance made him a rising star in talk radio, had made similar comments many times before. But this time, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington lobby promoting the civil liberties of American Muslims, was listening. Its spokesman, Ibrahim Hooper, called me and other reporters to encourage stories about Graham's remarks. CAIR rallied its followers to urge WMAL's advertisers to pull commercials from Graham's show.

WMAL executives told Graham to apologize. He refused. "If I'd said something racist, I would have apologized. But I am concerned about this paradigm that the most oversensitive people get to fire you. I love that CAIR protested what I said. I had them on my show. Yes, protest, argue. If you have the argument, you don't need to have anybody fired."

Graham's firing sent shock waves through a world of sharp-tongued performers who are paid to be provocative. Over a beer at the pub across from the Heritage Foundation, where Graham uses a radio studio, the lanky funnyman marvels that he's considered a wild man in Washington. "I'm in the middle of the pack in talk radio. But here, I'm crazy loon Michael Graham on the edge. Doug Duncan and Gerry Connolly wouldn't come on my show," he said, referring to the Montgomery county executive and the chairman of the Fairfax County supervisors. "They're scared of me. I'm a graduate of freaking Oral Roberts University — and I'm scary?"

Talk radio in Washington is among the tamest in the nation. Talk hosts marvel at the high ratings won here by the low-key "Diane Rehm Show" on public radio's WAMU.

But Graham believes Washington audiences are eager for talk with more bite. "Washingtonians are not tight prudes," he said. "Real-life people want me to climb up on my pony with my lance and go after those in power. Real-life people who know nothing about Islam look at the newspaper and say, 'Holy crap, why are they trying to kill us?'"

Graham hopes to have the last laugh. ABC is seeking bids for its radio stations, including WMAL, and the overwhelming response Graham has had from other radio companies makes him optimistic that a new owner might put him back on the air here.

"The only people who are happy about this," Graham said, "are CAIR and the corporate weasels at ABC who go to bed every night terrified that someone will call them insensitive."

HURRICANE KATRINA: THE AFTERMATH

New Accents in the Halls of Area Schools

By NICK ANDERSON
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A newcomer to the Charles H. Flowers High School varsity football squad ran curls and slants last week on a practice field beneath a dusty afternoon sun. He muffed one pass, caught two, queued up for more.

Marcus Nance again belongs to a team, a school, a community.

After Hurricane Katrina, Marcus and his mother, sister and two brothers huddled for days on a ramp outside the New Orleans Superdome amid chaos, random gunfire and corpses. His home was flooded, his school shuttered, his city ruined.

Now, Marcus finds himself at Flowers High in Prince George's County, one month after starting 11th grade in New Orleans. He is one of hundreds of students who have

trekked from the Gulf Coast to the Washington area to restart a shattered school year.

The Katrina kids are flowing quietly into the region's schools, their numbers swelling day by day. Maryland and Virginia public schools have taken at least 1,488 evacuees, including more than 810 in the Washington area, education officials said yesterday.

The county school systems in Prince George's, Montgomery and Fairfax have en-

rolled 140 to 150 displaced students apiece. D.C. public schools have 35.

In addition, at least 92 evacuees are in area Catholic schools, and the Archdiocese of Washington is waiving tuition to ease hardship. New Orleans Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes last week visited six evacuees at Blessed Sacrament School in Northwest

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"African Americans have [served] with honor and distinction for decades, lest we forget," said Loretta Clarke of Southwest Washington.

Buffalo Soldier a Patriot to the End

Oldest Among Black Army Regiment Laid to Rest At Arlington Cemetery

By AVIS THOMAS-LESTER and HAMIL R. HARRIS
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He was 111 when he died last week, believed to be the oldest of the Buffalo Soldiers — the black Army men on horseback who helped settle the West and fought abroad even as they were denied personal freedoms at home.

Mark Matthews was born in 1894, when Grover Cleveland was president, 28 years after the federal government had formed six regiments of black soldiers, largely to acknowledge the contribution they made during the Civil War.

As he was laid to rest yesterday with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, 1st Sgt. Matthews was remembered by family, friends and military colleagues as a dedicated father, a committed friend and a patriot, the elder statesman of a group that opened the door for blacks in military service long before the Tuskegee Airmen took to the skies.

"He was a piece of living history," said Mary E. Brown, 85, vice president of the Baltimore chapter of Buffalo Soldiers Inc. and a close



Mary Matthews Watson, left, is escorted to the grave site by cemetery funeral director David Moshier. "It is really true that old soldiers never die — they just fade away," she said after the service.

friend. She told a story about taking a dark blue cavalry hat and bright yellow scarf to the aging soldier last month on his birthday. "When I placed the hat on his head, he said, 'This hat is too small.' He was spit and polish until the day he died."

More than 1,000 people attended two wakes for Matthews at

Trinity AME Church in Northwest yesterday and Sunday. And more than 500 were present for his burial yesterday afternoon in a vault above his wife, Genevieve, who died in 1986.

Mary Matthews Watson, his daughter and caretaker, was given

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Retired 1st Sgt. Mark Matthews was also believed to have been the oldest man living in the District. He died of pneumonia Sept. 6 at a nursing home.

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THE DISTRICT Hinckley Lonely

John Hinckley Jr., who is seeking more freedoms, wants a girlfriend, a psychologist testifies. A10

MARYLAND Cremation Probe

The mistaken cremation of a young Glen Burnie girl is under investigation. B2

VIRGINIA Missing Student

The search for a missing VCU student shifts focus to the Richmond area. B7

OBITUARIES Laser Pioneer Dies

Physicist Gordon Gould spent years trying to prove he invented the laser. B5

I'd Better Get a Lollipop After This



BY JESSIE COHEN — SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Carlos Sanchez, a veterinarian at the National Zoo, checks a paw of the zoo's giant panda cub, who is held by assistant curator Lisa Stevens. The 10-week-old cub weighs 9.57 pounds and is 22.51 inches long. Video from yesterday's exam, his sixth, can be viewed at www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/photo/newsvideo.htm.

Voucher Program At Full Capacity

D.C. High Schools Have Too Few Slots

By V. DION HAYNES
Washington Post Staff Writer

The D.C. school voucher program has reached full capacity in its second year of operation, with 1,733 students attending private schools through the taxpayer-funded scholarships, officials announced yesterday.

But 47 students who won vouchers this spring were unable to use them because there were not enough high school spaces. And program administrators said the shortage threatens to get worse in future years, which would hurt efforts to evaluate the impact of vouchers on student achievement.

Under the \$14 million-a-year program, low-income D.C. children receive federally funded grants of as much as \$7,500 each to cover tuition and other expenses at private and religious schools in the city.

About 700 vouchers went unused in the 2004-2005 school year because of a lack of applicants, a situation that occurred because there was little time to publicize the scholarships after Congress approved the legislation, administrators said. In contrast, the program received 1.7 applications for each available voucher this year.

The U.S. Department of Education plans to evaluate the five-year

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Federal Officials Scrutinize Ladner

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Federal law enforcement officers are reviewing documents regarding suspended American University President Benjamin A. Ladner, whose personal and travel expenses are being investigated by the school's trustees.

Officials from the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, working with the FBI, requested documents from American University, which turned them over to comply with a subpoena, according to two sources with knowledge of the probe.

In addition, the Internal Revenue Service has contacted the university about issues involving the Ladner case, but the IRS is not actively involved, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the probe is ongoing.

The case could have tax implications not only for Ladner but also for AU, which is bound by laws governing how much charities and universities pay their executives.

The board of trustees placed Ladner on administrative leave Aug. 24, and Provost Cornelius M. Kerwin stepped in to serve as acting president. Ladner would not

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FEDERAL DIARY

Stephen Barr

OPM Postpones New Dental-Vision Benefits

Here's one that will make you grind your teeth:

A new program to offer enhanced dental and vision benefits to federal employees and retirees is being delayed until December 2006, the Office of Personnel Management announced yesterday. OPM had previously said the program would begin in July.

Many federal employees have eagerly awaited the program's launch. The government offers meager dental and vision coverage to its workers, with reimbursement levels and annual maximum benefits that are much less than those provided by private-sector employers.

Rather than offer enrollment in the spring, OPM said, the dental-vision benefit will be launched next autumn and coincide with the November-December open season for health insurance and flexible spending accounts.

"OPM favors this approach, noting simultaneous open seasons will give individuals access to the full complement of information they need to compare features of each program and to make informed choices on benefits and coverage levels," the agency said in a news release.

Congress approved the program last year, in large part because it will require enrollees to pay all premium costs. Supporters of the legislation, which

was sponsored by Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Rep. Thomas M. Davis III (R-Va.), said they intended that OPM harness the government's purchasing power to obtain affordable and favorable group rates for employees and retirees. The law creating the program calls for it to be established in 2006.

OPM had drafted a proposal for the program and had planned to issue the "statement of work" this week. But regional insurance companies faulted the program, raising concerns about overhead costs, the role of health maintenance organizations, the maximum benefit design and whether OPM would be limiting competition by restricting the types and numbers of participating plans.

Susan Bryant, OPM spokeswoman, said the agency had asked for comments, and "they are being considered." She said a revised statement of work will be issued within the next few weeks.

Bryant said tying the start of dental-vision benefits to the health insurance enrollment period next December will make it easier for employees to do their financial and tax planning.

L Funds Take Off

More than 100,000 participants in the Thrift Savings Plan have invested more than \$3 billion in

lifecycle funds since they became available six weeks ago, officials said yesterday.

The L Funds also lived up to their goals, assuming that any insights can be drawn from the mixed returns in the stock market last month. In their inaugural month, the L Funds were not the best performer nor the worst performer in the TSP portfolio.

The five L Funds ended August on a positive note, posting returns that ranged from .07 percent to .17 percent. Two popular stock funds, large U.S. stocks (C) and small-to-midsize U.S. stocks (S) were down — the C Fund by .9 percent and the S by 1.01 percent.

Three other TSP funds — international stocks (I), U.S. bonds (F) and government securities (G) — were winners. The I Fund returned 3.23 percent, the F Fund 1.23 percent and the G Fund .37 percent.

Although the first-time returns of L Funds drew the attention of the TSP board at its meeting yesterday, officials cautioned against reading too much into the data and urged federal employees to not base their investment decisions on short-term results.

The L Funds are geared for long-term investing and emphasize diversification, rebalancing of assets and assuming the right level of risk for the

participant's draw-down date. Over time, the funds should produce smoother returns than TSP stock funds, said James B. Petrick, the TSP's chief financial officer.

The L Funds use the TSP's other five funds as their foundation and allocate money among those funds based on when a participant expects to begin withdrawals. There is a current income fund for those in retirement or very close to it, and 2010, 2020, 2030 and 2040 funds for projected withdrawals in those time frames.

The funds shift from aggressive to conservative investments as participants near the time they will start drawing down their savings.

Of the L Funds, the 2020 Fund appears to be the most popular. It ended August with \$1.24 billion in assets. That may reflect interest among employees who are well along in their careers but not ready to retire in the next few years.

The TSP is in the midst of a major education campaign to encourage investors to consider the L Funds. Officials created them out of concern that too many employees were not taking the time to rebalance their accounts or were making bad investment decisions by trying to chase hot market sectors.

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CRIME & JUSTICE

VIRGINIA

Teen Assaulted A Burke youth was beaten with bats and chains by a group of teenagers early Sunday in what police believe was a gang-related assault.

The 17-year-old victim was at a party in the 7900 block of Carrousel Court in the Falls Church area when he was attacked about 12:30 a.m., Fairfax County police said yesterday.

The victim was treated at Inova Fairfax Hospital for injuries that were not life-threatening.

Police said the assailants fled in a light blue Honda Accord. Authorities would not say which gang or gangs investigators think were involved.

Chiropractor Charged A chiropractor who works in Annandale was arrested Friday and charged with inappropriately touching a patient, Fairfax County police said.

Vincent Deperi, 35, of the 9000 block of Acheson Court in Lorton was charged with a misdemeanor count of sexual battery and released from custody pending a court date.

Police said their investigation began late July 5 when they were called by a 23-year-old Annandale woman who said she had been at Deperi's office, at 5105-D Backlick Rd., that evening and had been assaulted. Police said further investigation led to Deperi's arrest.

Crimes May Be Linked Fairfax County police are investigating whether a recent home-invasion robbery and a shooting in the Fair Oaks area could be connected.

Police said the robbery occurred about 5 a.m. Sunday when three men entered a home near West Ox and Ox Hill roads and demanded money. Police said a 22-year-old Manassas man was cut in the upper body with a knife before the suspects fled with a 1996 Lexus sedan.

The next night, police responded to the same area, where they found that bullets had been fired into the home involved in the robbery and into several vehicles. No one was injured.

Police described the suspects from the home invasion as three black men in their early twenties.

Police said the first man was about 6 feet tall with a slim build, a goatee and a piercing in his left eyebrow. He was wearing a yellow shirt.

The second suspect was about 5-foot-11 with a medium build and two-inch braids. He was wearing a black fisherman's hat and jeans. The third suspect is described as 5-foot-2 with a medium build.

Compiled from reports by staff writers.

Agency To Probe Md. Girl's Cremation

Bodies Mixed Up, Relatives Are Told

By AVIS THOMAS-LESTER
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A Maryland state agency charged with overseeing funeral homes began an investigation yesterday into the mistaken cremation of a 20-month-old girl who was in the care of a Laurel funeral home that was supposed to prepare her for burial, authorities said.

Michael Ruck, vice president of the Board of Morticians, said the agency has begun looking into last week's cremation of Akilah Austin of Glen Burnie, who died of complications of pneumonia Sept. 10, two months after she underwent a heart transplant at Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

A wake was scheduled for Sept. 16, but when the girl's parents went to the Fleck Funeral Home in Laurel to do her hair and nails, they were told by funeral director Shawn Wells that the baby had been mistakenly cremated, relatives said.

Akilah's parents, Lisa and Marvin Austin, were later presented with an urn containing their daughter's ashes. They were told that there had been two babies at Fleck and that somehow the bodies had been mixed up, relatives said. The couple remained in seclusion yesterday.

Funeral directors said guidelines established by the National Funeral Directors Association and the Cremation Association of North America call for a system of



JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL DIVISION OF CARDIAC SURGERY

Akilah Austin underwent a heart transplant at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in July but died two months later of complications of pneumonia.

checks and verifications to ensure that bodies are not mixed up from the time they are removed from the hospital to the time they reach the funeral home and are embalmed or cremated.

The funeral directors association president-elect, Bob Biggins, said hospitals place identification tags on bodies before they are transported to funeral homes, and the tags are checked before bodies are removed from the hospital morgue. Another check is recommended when the bodies arrive at the funeral home, Biggins said.

"Guidelines call for the family to come in and do [an] identification, whether it is an immediate family member or someone designated by the family to view the remains prior to the cremation," he said.

To make sure the remains are identifiable, a fire-resistant coin with certain identifying information is placed with the body before cremation, Biggins said.

Fleck has a crematorium, but it could not be determined whether Akilah's body was cremated there.

Relatives of Akilah were never asked to identify her remains at the funeral home, and when her aunts asked whether the funeral home would like a picture to help them identify her, Wells declined, said Lucille Czechanski, Akilah's

aunt.

"I don't think that any [relatives] saw her after she left the hospital," Czechanski said.

Wells referred calls for comment to market director Christopher Downey, who referred a reporter to a statement the company released last week: "We regret that an unfortunate event has happened, and we are working with the family to make it right."

The cremation was the latest of several tragic turns for the Austins since Akilah was found to have a genetic mutation known as Cardiac Troponin I, which rendered her heart unable to pump blood effectively. She was placed on a heart-lung machine and later implanted with an artificial heart. In July, Akilah underwent a heart transplant. The heart worked well, but infections set in. She died just before midnight Sept. 10.

Ruck said Board of Morticians members plan to talk to the Austins and "to gather as much information as possible" to determine what occurred before deciding on possible punitive action. If a complaint is received, the funeral directors association also will review the situation to determine whether the funeral home would be sanctioned, Biggins said.

Annapolis Polls Open After Quiet Primary Race

By RAY RIVERA
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Annapolis Democrats and Republicans go to the polls today to pick candidates for mayor and the Board of Aldermen, culminating one of the sleepest primary races in recent memory.

Only three of the city's eight wards have contested elections in the Democratic primary, and only two in the Republican primary. The mayor's race is even more sparse, with neither Democratic incumbent Ellen O. Moyer nor her Republican rival, Alderman George O.

Kelley (Ward 4), facing a primary challenger.

"The mayor's race is really what drives people to come out to the polls, and without it, it's hard to get people excited," said city spokeswoman Jan Hardesty. "This is the first time in my memory that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have had a contested primary for mayor."

The race to replace outgoing Democratic Alderman Sheila Tolliver (Ward 2) features the most crowded field, and is the only alderman's race with contested primaries on both sides of the ticket.

Ward 2, one of the most diverse in the city, includes the middle-to-upper-income neighborhoods of West Annapolis and Admiral Heights as well as the crime- and poverty-stricken Clay Street corridor, with two of the country's oldest public housing complexes.

In the Democratic race, Debbie Rosen McKerrow, 57, has built her

campaign around the city's growing traffic problems. Her opponent, Joseph "Zastro" Simms, 71, has focused his campaign on continuing problems surrounding Clay Street.

On the Republican side, Naval Academy alumnus Michael Christman, 43, is promising to hold development in check and crack down on crime and pollution. He faces Cedar Park resident David A. Hanson, 62, who decries the city's lack of a transportation management plan. Robert H. Eades, the third Republican on the ticket, is running on a platform of preserving affordable housing.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For those within the city limits, the unofficial returns will be available on local government channel 99. Live coverage from City Hall will begin at 8 p.m., when polls close. The election link on the city's Web site, www.annapolis.gov, also will have results, as well as a list of polling places.

Man Is Severely Beaten With Small Baseball Bat

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An 18-year-old Germantown man has been charged with attempted murder for allegedly striking another man with a small souvenir baseball bat in a fight that left the victim in critical condition and unlikely to survive, according to Montgomery County police and court documents.

Quatrell O. Adejeji attacked Stephone Wiggins, 23, about 9:30 p.m. Friday as crowds of people were leaving the Seneca Valley-Northwest High School football game, which was played at Seneca Valley, police said.

Adejeji, accompanied by several friends, was near the intersection of Wisteria and Circle Gate drives when he struck Wiggins in the head, knocking him unconscious, police said. He then kicked the victim's chest and left, police said.

A witness described Adejeji to police, and officers in the area — including officer Dan Hunt, who is assigned to Northwest — arrested him after a brief foot chase, police said.

Wiggins, who also is from Germantown, was taken to a hospital with a severe brain injury, police said. He was placed on life support and is not expected to survive, according to documents filed by police in District Court.

It was not clear what triggered



Quatrell O. Adejeji is charged with second-degree attempted murder.

the violence, although the conflict had been going on for some time, said officer Derek Baliles, a police spokesman.

Police and Seneca Valley's principal said yesterday that although the incident occurred near the site of the football game and the defendant is a 2004 graduate of Seneca Valley, there was no known connection between the fight and school-related activities. Neither of the young men attended the game, she said.

"Even though it's not your kids, your students, it's still upsetting," Principal Suzanne Maxey said.

Adejeji, of the 19500 block of Fetlock Drive, was charged with second-degree attempted murder and marijuana possession. He was being held in lieu of \$1 million.

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THE REGION

New Rte. 1 Ramp to Beltway Opens

A new ramp to the Capital Beltway's outer loop from northbound Route 1 in Alexandria opened about 1 p.m. yesterday. It will help motorists make their way around construction of the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

The ramp allows Route 1 north traffic to directly merge onto the Beltway instead of having to merge with Route 1 south traffic.

Escalator Smoke Shuts Metro Station

Smoke from a malfunctioning escalator motor forced authorities to close the Capitol South Metro station yesterday afternoon for about an hour, fire officials said.

No one was hurt in the incident, which happened at 2:45 p.m., fire officials said. Trains continued to run along the Orange and Blue lines but were not permitted to pick up or drop off passengers at the Capitol South stop, fire officials said. Authorities reopened the station to commuters about 3:50 p.m.

THE DISTRICT

DMV Officials Change Reinspection Rules

D.C. residents whose vehicles fail inspection may no longer have them reinspected at private neighborhood service stations but must do so at the city's Southwest facility, Department of Motor Vehicles officials said yesterday.

DMV officials said they suspended their arrangements yesterday with 14 service stations, which had access to the department's system and database, because the agency is installing new inspection hardware and software. The upgrade, which is to be completed over the next 18 months, is necessary to ensure more accurate results, especially of newer-model vehicles, and should reduce inspection equipment problems, they said.

Private service stations accounted for less than one percent of re-inspections and were authorized to charge \$25 for the service, which is free at the city's Southwest inspection station. DMV officials said they will study whether to reinstate the private inspection services after the upgrade is complete.

The Southwest inspection station, at 1001 Half St., is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays

MARYLAND

Double the Cigarette Tax, Coalition Urges

A statewide coalition of health care groups yesterday proposed doubling the state cigarette tax from \$1 to \$2 a pack, with the additional revenue to be used for anti-smoking campaigns and expansion of health care for low-income residents.

A recent report from the U.S. Census Bureau showed that more than 800,000 state residents lack health insurance, said Vincent DeMarco, president of Health Care for All, a coalition member.

A bill to double the tax will be introduced at the legislative session that begins in January. DeMarco said it would bring in about \$150 million a year.

Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. opposes a cigarette tax increase, spokesman Henry Fawell said.

Higher cigarette prices would send Maryland dollars directly into Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia and Pennsylvania as smokers crossed into neighboring states to buy cheaper cigarettes, he said.

Clinton Fire Kills 2; Clutter Hinders Rescue

A man and a woman in their sixties died late yesterday in a fire inside a Clinton house that was littered with trash and clutter, Prince George's County authorities said.

The two residents, both physically challenged, were unable to get out of the house in the 10800 block of Tippet Road after the fire broke out about 6 p.m., said Mark Brady, spokesman for the county's Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department.

Firefighters' rescue efforts were hindered by the heavy smoke and clutter, he said.

Both victims were found unconscious in hallways in the one-story house. The man died at the scene, and rescue workers were unable to revive the woman as she was transported to a nearby hospital, Brady said.

A person driving by spotted the fire and called authorities on a cell phone.

The cause of the fire, which took about 15 minutes to extinguish, was under investigation, Brady said.

VIRGINIA

Death of Woman Found in Pool Suspicious

Police yesterday identified the woman found dead in a North Arlington swimming pool Sunday afternoon as Megan Criste, 22, who was last seen alive at that neighborhood several hours earlier.

Criste, a Burke resident, was found by the owner of the home in the 1700 block of North Adams Street, in Lyon Park, about 3:45 p.m. An autopsy is being completed.

Matt Martin, an Arlington County police spokesman, said the homeowner did not know Criste. It was unknown how long Criste had been in the pool, but she was last seen alive between 1 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. in Lyon Park.

Martin said detectives are investigating the death as suspicious. He asked that anyone in the Lyon Park, Clarendon-Courthouse or Lyon Village areas between 1 and 6 a.m. Sunday who might have seen Criste call Arlington police at 703-228-4195.

Election Charge Against Chapman Dropped

A felony charge of election fraud was dropped yesterday against Steve H. Chapman, the Manassas businessman who found himself in court this spring during his unsuccessful campaign against longtime state Del. Harry J. Parrish (R-Manassas).

Chapman, 27, was accused of lying about where he lived when he registered to vote in fall 2004. He was also charged with voting illegally, a misdemeanor, when he cast his ballot that November. That charge was not dismissed, and a trial was set for March 22.

Chapman's legal worries began in late April after a paid consultant to Parrish's campaign contacted Prince William Commonwealth's Attorney Paul B. Ebert (D) to discuss Chapman's residency. Chapman, also a Republican, has said that he purposely moved out of his Woodbridge home and rented a room in a Manassas house in Parrish's district to run for delegate.

Chapman accused Parrish of using his influence to get the charges filed. Ebert and all Prince William Circuit Court judges recused themselves from the case.

Chapman expressed relief yesterday. "We maintained our innocence the whole time," he said.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He was a piece of living history."

— Mary E. Brown, a friend of Mark Matthews, a 111-year-old Buffalo Soldier who was buried at Arlington National Cemetery yesterday. — B1

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D.C. Killing Was 'Face-to-Face,' Police Say

Financial Analyst's 'Good Cheer' Recalled

By DEL QUENTIN WILBER
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Washington Post Staff Writers

A man who was fatally shot while walking his dog in Northwest Washington was killed in a "face-to-face" encounter with his assailant, police said yesterday.

Investigators said they had no motive or suspect in the slaying of Gregory C. Shipe, 34, a financial analyst for a large public relations firm downtown. He was shot in the face about 10:40 p.m. Saturday in a crime that one top D.C. police official yesterday called "bizarre."

"There was no rhyme or reason for this," said Capt. C.V. Morris, supervisor of the department's violent crimes division. "The motive in this is a mystery. . . . This was a face-to-face confrontation. Of what type? We don't know."

Shipe was walking his dog, Otis, in the 1700 block of Irving Street NW, in the city's Mount Pleasant section, when he was approached by at least one person, police said. He was shot in the face at close range and died at the scene. His dog, a 50-pound mixed-breed, wandered back to Shipe's residence in a nearby apartment complex, where he was discovered by neighbors.

Although none of Shipe's possessions, including his wallet, was missing, investigators speculated that he most likely was the victim of a botched robbery, authorities said. Police and neighbors said several robberies have taken place in the area recently.

Shipe worked as a financial analyst in the Washington office of Ogilvy Public Relations. He started in May on a temporary basis but soon was hired full time, said Robert Mathias, managing director of the 100-employee office.

Mathias said employees were devastated by the death of a charming colleague who quickly solved problems.

"There was always just good cheer about him," Mathias said. "He was just a very positive part of our work culture. . . . Nobody deserves this. But of all the people who don't deserve this, Greg is at the front of that line."

Shipe grew up in Waynesburg, Pa., a small community about 50 miles from Pittsburgh. He graduated from the University of Ken-



Gregory C. Shipe was killed Saturday night while walking his dog. Police said the motive is unknown.

tucky with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

From 1998 through 2002, he lived in Washington and worked as an analyst for Lockheed Martin Corp. and as a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, according to a résumé supplied by Ogilvy.

He attended Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University and graduated with an MBA in finance last year.

Business school classmates said that Shipe was a hard-working student and that he co-chaired the gift committee for his 2004 class. The committee raised \$118,000 to help refurbish a classroom, shattering fundraising records for class gifts, said Clint Liebenberg, a friend and the former class president.

"He was selfless," Liebenberg said. "He worked really tirelessly on his own time to make sure he achieved his own goals. . . . He was just friendly with everybody and had a really positive outlook on life."

Shipe had been living with friends in Columbia Heights until several weeks ago, when he moved into an apartment in the 1600 block of Kenyon Street NW, police and friends said.

A bouquet of red and yellow flowers and two cards were outside Shipe's apartment door yesterday. Vanessa White, a neighbor, gave Shipe the keys to his apartment about three weeks ago and said she had been looking forward to getting to know him better.

"It's tragic. He was such a nice



BY GERALD MARTINEAU — THE WASHINGTON POST

A bouquet was placed on Irving Street NW near where Shipe was shot. Flowers and cards also were left at his Mount Pleasant apartment.

guy," White said. "The fact that you saw someone in the hall one day and then the next day they are murdered a block away, it shakes you up. . . . When we found out, we kept on saying that could have been any of us. We're always out walking around that late or later. This will make all of us be much more cautious about returning to the building after dark."

Keisha Barkley, who lives in the 1700 block of Irving, said she was surprised to hear that someone was killed in her neighborhood.

"There's no drug activity. It's just a pretty quiet, nice residential neighborhood," she said. "There

have been a couple of robberies, car break-ins, that's the only thing that happens in this neighborhood."

A candlelight vigil for Shipe is scheduled to begin at 8:45 tonight outside the Mount Pleasant Neighborhood Library at 3160 16th St. NW. Mourners will walk to the 1700 block of Irving Street NW, where Shipe was slain, organizers said.

Police urged anyone with information to call 202-727-9099. They are offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect.

Pr. George's Hires Firm For Schools Chief Hunt

By NICK ANDERSON
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Prince George's County Board of Education has chosen an Iowa-based head-hunting firm to seek candidates to replace departed schools chief Andre J. Hornsby, officials announced yesterday.

Ray and Associates Inc. of Cedar Rapids will receive at least \$35,000 through its agreement with the board, school system spokesman John White said.

The announcement came nearly four months after Hornsby submitted his resignation May 27 amid an FBI investigation into his handling of federal funds and school contracts and a related ethics controversy. Hornsby, who served half of a four-year term, has denied wrongdoing.

"Ray and Associates has the experience and resources to recruit quality candidates from around the country and find excellent applicants from within our state and county," school board member Charlene M. Duker (Glenn Dale) said in a prepared statement.

The firm helped briefly with a recent school superintendent search in Howard County. Other recent clients include school systems in Newport News, Hampton and Roanoke in Virginia, according to the announcement.

The consultant for the 2003 search that tapped Hornsby was the Maryland Association of Boards of Education.

Finding a leader for one of the Washington area's largest school systems, and one of the 20 largest in the nation, could prove difficult. The school board, appointed in 2002 by the governor and county executive, is scheduled to be replaced next year by an elected board. Political uncertainty, therefore, would be a major wild card for prospective candidates.

The interim chief, Howard A. Burnett, repeatedly has said he is not a candidate for the permanent post. He earns \$100 an hour for up to 50 hours a week, overseeing a system with 199 schools, an estimated 139,000 students and an annual operating budget of nearly \$1.4 billion.

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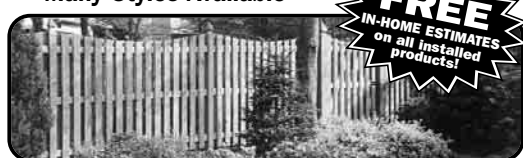
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In Classes, On Teams, Area Schools Embrace Transplanted Students

SCHOOLS, From B1

Washington. Fifteen students from a Jesuit high school in New Orleans are at the Jesuit-run Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda.

These numbers pale next to the many thousands of students from southeastern Louisiana and Mississippi who are streaming into schools in such southern cities as Baton Rouge, La., and Houston. Educating them this year and rebuilding their schools will pose a massive financial and logistical challenge.

By contrast, Washington area school officials say they can easily absorb the evacuees who have arrived. Public schools expect government aid to offset the enrollment bump; the Bush administration is proposing to reimburse school systems up to \$7,500 for each displaced student. The administration also is seeking to help families of displaced private school students.

Many of these students want only to blend into their new schools and shed the stigma of labels. They don't want to be known as homeless, displaced or evacuees. With little to identify them as out-of-towners save their regional accents, they are seeking to melt into classrooms and noisy hallways in the first weeks of the academic year.

Yet these newcomers are influencing school administrators, teachers and peers with a power that belies their numbers. They are walking emblems of survival.

"It touches you," said Flowers football Coach Michael Mayo. "How can it not?" The day after Marcus joined the Flowers football team, Mayo referred to the Katrina disaster in a locker room pep talk before a game at Bowie High School. He told his players they were lucky to have a team. "There are kids now who can't play football," Mayo recalled telling the team. "Look at the opportunity you have. Enjoy it."

Flowers Principal Helena Nobles-Jones, a sharecropper's daughter, said the Katrina disaster reminded her of a strong 1954 hur-

ricane her family endured in rural North Carolina. A half-century later, she still can envision that storm's fury: the destroyed cotton and tobacco crops, the coffins unearthed from graveyards, the downed power lines and wrecked roofs.

"I know what it's like not to have," Nobles-Jones said.

Stories of Survival

Nobles-Jones hovers protectively over her Katrina kids. There are 12 so far. That's a tiny fraction of the 2,700 students at the school in Springdale, a community outside the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County's northeastern sector. They began arriving a little more than a week after Katrina's Aug. 29 landfall.

Flowers, a five-year-old school, was built for 2,200 students. Portable classrooms handle the overflow that existed before the hurricane. But Nobles-Jones said she would take many more evacuees if given enough resources.

She ushered five of them into her office recently for interviews with The Washington Post.

Marcus, a wiry 16-year-old with a bit of chin fuzz, addresses adults with a reflexive "ma'am" or "sir." He rode out the storm with his family in New Orleans because they had no way to evacuate beforehand. They camped without cots or blankets outside the Superdome for days. They caught a bus bound for Dallas, but it was shunted to a military camp in Oklahoma. His father, who lives in New Carrollton, finally picked up the family members in an SUV and brought them to resettle in Prince George's.

Marcus said he has told few other students about his Katrina experience. "Now that I'm up here, I try to put it in the past," he said. "And I keep my head up. If they bring up the subject, I might tell them about it."

Jasmyne Palmer, 16, another 11th-grader, fled Slidell, La., the day before the storm. She rode in a Mercedes diesel sedan with



Jasmyne Palmer fled Slidell, La., the day before the hurricane.



PHOTOS BY BILL O'LEARY — THE WASHINGTON POST

One month after starting 11th grade in New Orleans, Marcus Nance fled the devastated city with his mother, sister and two brothers. The family is living in Prince George's County, where Marcus attends Charles H. Flowers High School and is a member of its varsity football squad.

her grandmother, two dogs and two cats. They made their way to Atlanta before running out of money. "One night we slept in the car. The dogs were whining, the cats meowing. It was miserable." A relative wired them some money, and they reached a cousin's house in Upper Marlboro.

Like Marcus, Jasmyne came from a school much smaller than Flowers High. She said she is still adjusting to the rhythms of A/B block schedules — four classes one day, four more the next. Then there are the large lunch crowds and mildly seasoned food. She appears eager to return to Slidell, hoping to do so as early as next month. But Dana Tuttle-Alfred, a relative who enrolled her at Flowers and who is an assistant principal in a Prince George's elementary school, said it is unclear when Jasmyne will be able to go home with her dogs, Cinnamon and Meilei, and cats, Snowflake and Skittles.

Brothers Eddie and Joshua Bloodwirt, 16 and 15 respectively, and their cousin James Sansone, 17, fled New Orleans and landed at a great uncle's house in Mitchellville after tortuous journeys, including a plane flight. James escaped before the storm, Eddie and

Joshua days later, having slept on an elevated interstate highway and waded through miles of grimy floodwater.

The lanky trio hope to try out for the Flowers basketball team. They said they've been treated somewhat like celebrities. Students will stop them, remark on their accents and ask whether they're from New Orleans. One girl cried upon hearing their story and offered unsolicited hugs.

Asked how he will start over, James said: "I'm used to making something out of nothing. We was already living on nothing. This is really nothing new."

'Compelled to Give'

In his English class, James found more Katrina echoes. Teacher Eric Skinner had tacked a New Orleans basketball jersey onto his wall. Outside Skinner's door stood dozens of boxes of clothes and other supplies collected for Katrina relief. Newspaper clippings about the storm were taped onto windows next to fliers for a relief drive. "Katrina has attacked and we will fight back!" read one.

Skinner said the drive has raised more than \$26,000. Local businesses have given thousands. Students have chipped in lunch money. The school's monthly newspaper is selling advertising to raise more relief funds (\$10 per ad for students, \$25 for others).

"We felt compelled to give what we could," said Brittany Patrick, 16, one of Skinner's students. "Hurricane Katrina has really shocked a lot of people."

Skinner said the school will look after the new students in months to come.

"We're adopting those kids," he said. "Anything they need — calculators, books, clothes. They'll always have a place to go."

He and other teachers also inject Katrina into daily lessons. Example: "FEMA. F-E-M-A. Stands for what?" Skinner asked one class in a pop quiz. Chemistry teacher Jaimie Foster, with two evacuees in her classes, said she lectured one day on toxic floodwater.

Foster said the new Flowers students — like hundreds of thousands of Katrina kids in schools nationwide — have touched teachers. "It's traumatic," she said. "It's very, very hard at times to keep your emotions in line."

VIRGINIA

Warner's Path in Rural Va. Tricky for Kaine to Follow

Despite Outreach Efforts, Many Voters Skeptical

By CHRIS L. JENKINS
Washington Post Staff Writer

NORTON, Va. — As Democratic gubernatorial candidate Timothy M. Kaine travels across Virginia, he offers voters this bold assertion: If you believe in Gov. Mark R. Warner, you can believe in me, too.

Kaine's strategy of linking himself to the popular Democratic governor will be put to the test in such places as the Powder Keg, a clapboard sportsmen's shop along a winding road in the Appalachian foothills, 425 miles from Washington. Just ask the proprietor, Gary Mullins.

"Lot of people liked Warner when he came down here, and he pretty much has done what he said he was going to do... or not do," said Mullins, standing amid the clutter of camouflage jackets, crossbows and seemingly endless rows of ammunition. "He was down here a lot and was talking about supporting our rights to have a gun and keeping our kids here." A man sitting on a folding chair nodded his head in agreement.

"But I guess the way I see it," Mullins continued, "each candidate has to earn their own votes. Just because one guy says he's like another guy doesn't mean he really is."

Kaine, the lieutenant governor, hopes to convince skeptics such as Mullins that he will continue Warner's centrist policies on social issues and government spending.

A Washington Post poll conducted Sept. 6 to 9 found that Kaine had not made that sale with many potential voters in rural areas. He was trailing his Republican opponent in the Shenandoah, southwest and Southside regions.

"I just don't see how Kaine is going to appeal to people down here with some of his positions," said Thomas R. Morris, a professor of political science and president of Emory & Henry College, outside the southwestern town of Abingdon. "Warner's strategy isn't going to work two election cycles in a row."

"He's been down here a little more recently," Morris said of Kaine, "but he just hasn't laid the same groundwork as Warner."

Kaine's two opponents are from rural areas. Republican Jerry W. Kilgore grew up not far from Norton, and his family is well known there. Independent H. Russell Potts Jr. is a state senator from Winchester, in the Shenandoah region.

Kilgore, the former attorney general, has tried to convince rural voters that Kaine is not the moderate businessman Warner was but a liberal who cannot be trusted.

Securing the generally Republican-leaning rural vote — or at least not losing too badly — has been key to Democratic victories in the past several decades.



BY KYLE GREEN — ROANOKE TIMES VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

Timothy M. Kaine, right, seeks to appeal to sportsmen such as Tim Gibson. This news conference last month followed a skeet shoot in Hardy.

In 2001, Warner was able to win two of the three rural congressional districts in Virginia with an aggressive outreach that included a courtship of the National Rifle Association, a bluegrass campaign ditty, support for capital punishment and a message of economic hope that helped him squeeze out a five-point win statewide over Republican Mark L. Earley.

In 1989, Democrat L. Douglas Wilder won the governorship by remaining largely even with his GOP opponent in Appalachia and Southside. But recent history is littered with unsuccessful Democrats who lost badly in the rural areas: 1993 gubernatorial candidate Mary Sue Terry, 1997 gubernatorial candidate Donald S. Beyer Jr. and Charles S. Robb, who lost his Senate seat to George Allen in 2000.

Kaine has tried to re-create some of Warner's strategy. Like Warner, he set up a sportsmen's group that touts his support for outdoorsmen. He has said he has no intention of advocating new gun control laws. He tells rural voters: "Mark Warner and I said four years ago that we wouldn't pass any new gun laws, and we haven't."

Kaine, like Warner, has come with a message of jobs and economic vitality, saying he has helped bring money for schools to rural areas. He has said he will enforce the death penalty, despite a religious opposition to it. In radio spots, Kaine has presented himself as a "man of faith" in an appeal to religious communities in rural areas.

Kaine campaign officials said Warner's victory and current popularity showed voters that it's all right to vote Democratic.

"One of the things that Mark Warner didn't have that Tim Kaine has is Mark

Warner," said Delacey Skinner, Kaine's press secretary.

Warner spent years before his 2001 campaign cultivating the rural vote. Soon after the multimillionaire-turned-politician lost the 1996 U.S. Senate race to John W. Warner (R-Va.), he began a courtship with rural voters by using his money to set up business incubators for technology companies.

Business contacts he made turned into political support. He traveled relentlessly in rural areas, impressing on people that he was not just a politician showing up during an election year. All of this, along with the bluegrass-laced ads and sponsorship for a NASCAR truck, made Warner's "rural strategy" a hit.

Since then, Warner has continued to pave the way for Kaine and other Democrats. Double-digit unemployment in some of the state's poorest areas has been reduced to single digits. And Warner has brought his high-tech acumen to some of the lowest-tech areas.

Tomorrow, for example, Warner will help break ground for a network of broadband fiber-optic lines that will link dozens of communities and colleges to the Internet.

The Kaine message: Warner's achievements are mine, too.

Kaine's campaign aides say they expect to gain ground in the rural areas as more and more ads make the connection between Warner and Kaine before the Nov. 8 election.

Kilgore's campaign ran radio ads in rural areas contending that Kaine has reversed his stance on some social issues, including abortion, gay rights and the death penalty, and that his moderate stands are an elec-

tion-year makeover.

Some potential voters said they thought Kaine's centrist positions on abortion and guns were designed for the election.

"These guys will say anything to be elected," said Barney Thomson, 49, an electrician from Pound, a small town amid the coal fields.

He then referred to Kaine's willingness to sign legislation — should it pass the General Assembly — that would close a legal loophole that allows the purchase of firearms at gun shows without background checks.

"I mean, you read about how he wants to close a gun show loophole, but he also wants to keep our gun rights? That doesn't make any sense," Thomson said.

Kaine and his campaign staff continued to express optimism in the face of the rural poll numbers and pointed out that their path to victory need not be identical to Warner's.

They say they hope to win more votes than Warner in the Republican-leaning Richmond suburbs and Hampton Roads. Different candidate, different race, they say.

Indeed, the Post poll showed Kaine leading slightly in the Hampton Roads area and in central Virginia, which includes Richmond and its suburbs.

Kilgore said Kaine is no friend of rural Virginia.

"Voters are going to be able to see and understand the difference between Tim Kaine and Mark Warner on these issues," Kilgore said at Buena Vista. Kilgore has an "A" rating from the NRA, an organization that holds profound influence in such places as Norton, a city that the coal mining industry

The Governor's Race

The Contenders

Timothy M. Kaine is the Democrat. Kaine was elected lieutenant governor in 2001. He served as mayor of Richmond from 1998 to 2001 and was a Richmond City Council member from 1994 to 1998.

Jerry W. Kilgore is the Republican. Kilgore was elected attorney general in 2001 and resigned in February to campaign full time. He served as secretary of public safety under then-Gov. George Allen in the 1990s.

H. Russell Potts Jr. is the independent. Potts has served as a Republican state senator from Winchester since 1992. He is chairman of the Senate Education and Health Committee.

The Platforms

Kaine and Kilgore have offered proposals for taxpayer relief and for improvements in education and transportation. On other issues such as abortion, gun rights and the death penalty, each describes his opponent as out of touch with what Virginians believe. Potts describes himself as the only candidate offering a realistic plan to finance improvements in transportation and other services.

spawned in the late 19th century. Kaine received an "F."

Several Democratic elected officials said Kaine's assertion that he's helped Warner bring jobs to the area is powerful. But they acknowledged that Kaine's personal opposition to the death penalty and his belief that abortion should remain legal in most circumstances could make it hard for that message to get through.

"You never get to have the conversation about the economic issues if you can't communicate that you understand" issues such as guns, said U.S. Rep. Rick Boucher (D-Va.), who has represented the southwest region for more than 20 years. "But I think that to the extent that Mark Warner campaigns for Tim, credibility can be shared."

Rural voters can expect to see a lot of Warner as the campaign heads down the stretch. The governor's effort for Kaine began in earnest Labor Day weekend, when he spent a few days traveling with the candidate, at one point clasping hands above their heads for the cameras in Wytheville. "There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that the person who should be the next governor of Virginia is Tim Kaine," Warner told the crowd, which erupted in applause.

Staff writer Michael D. Shear contributed to this report.

THE DISTRICT

Voucher Program At Full Capacity

VOUCHER, From B1

pilot program by comparing the test scores of voucher recipients with the scores of public school students who sought the scholarships but lost out in a lottery. The number of applicants this year ensures that the latter group will be large enough for that study.

But officials with the Washington Scholarship Fund, the nonprofit organization that administers the program, said researchers will not be able to track the same students' scores over several years if the shortage of high school slots continues. Many voucher students now in elementary and middle school would be forced to leave the program, which would make the study results less meaningful, said Sally Sachar, the fund's president and chief executive.

"If too many students drop out of the program — because of the high school capacity issue — there is the risk that the evaluation results will be inconclusive," Sachar said.

The number of voucher slots being offered by private high schools is low because their tuition is often much higher than the \$7,500 maximum amount of the federal grant.

Sachar said officials are working on several fronts to increase the number of slots. They are urging private elementary and middle schools that participate in the program to expand to the high school grades. She said they also are raising private money to fill the gap between the \$7,500 voucher and the actual tuition

rate. Such fundraising allowed five voucher students to enroll at private high schools this fall, Sachar said.

Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), chairman of the appropriations subcommittee on the District, proposed over the summer to address the shortage of slots by expanding the voucher program to private high schools in Maryland and Virginia. But he dropped the idea in July after critics, including Mayor Anthony A. Williams (D) and D.C. school board members, said the change could invalidate the results of the federal study.

To illustrate the crunch at the high school level, officials said that while 110 voucher students will enter ninth grade next fall, only about a half-dozen graduating 12th-graders will have left the program. And in fall 2007, the number of voucher students entering ninth grade will rise to 162.

One private school in the program, Rock Creek International in Northwest Washington, has agreed to expand to 9th and 10th grades next year.

Danny Hollinger, head of the school, said Rock Creek officials had been thinking about such an expansion for several years. The school will add 11th- and 12th-grade classes in subsequent years, he said.

Of the 1,733 students now receiving vouchers, 891 were enrolled last year; 38 won scholarships last year but decided to wait a year to use them; and 804 won their grants this spring.

Sachar said that 90 voucher students from the first year decided not to re-enroll.

Laser Pioneer Gordon Gould Dies at 85

By ADAM BERNSTEIN
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Gordon Gould, 85, a physicist who spent decades trying to prove he invented the laser while in graduate school and who eventually received several key patents for laser technology, died Sept. 16 at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. He had circulatory and vascular ailments.

Mr. Gould is credited with coining the term laser, which stood for "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation."

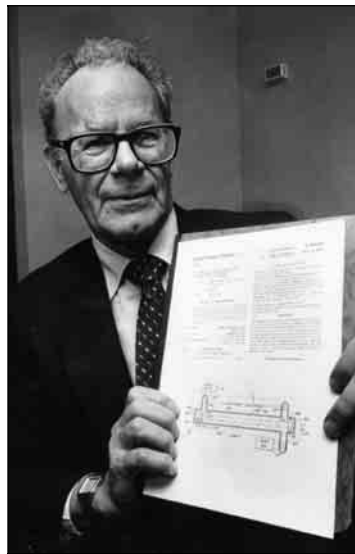
Lasers amplify light waves of atoms that have been stimulated to radiate and concentrates them in a very narrow and intense beam. They have become an essential part of daily living, used in such devices as bar-code readers and CD players. Lasers have much wider applicability than an earlier technology of amplified microwaves, called masers, which inspired Mr. Gould's thinking.

While studying physics at Columbia University, Mr. Gould said, he conceived the idea for the laser Nov. 9, 1957, in the middle of the night. After jumping from bed, he chain-smoked his way through the weekend and that Wednesday raced his notebook from his Bronx, N.Y., apartment to a candy store to have it stamped by a notary public.

Confused by a lawyer's advice, he thought he first needed a working model and neglected to apply for a patent. This was a costly oversight, allowing other scientists to win credit for the laser, which Mr. Gould believed could cut, weld, measure distances and create heat that would trigger nuclear fission.

He left school to create a laser model for a defense contractor. But his youthful participation in a Marxist study group in Greenwich Village left him without the required clearances to work on the top-secret project he had initiated. This delayed his quest and triggered the decades-long legal fight for wider recognition.

Richard Gordon Gould was born in Manhattan on July 17, 1920. His father was an editor at Scholastic magazine, but it was his mechan-



BY CRAIG HERNDON — THE WASHINGTON POST

Gordon Gould was awarded a patent for the gas discharge laser in 1987, ending a 30-year legal battle.

ically gifted mother who encouraged his interest in such inventors as Thomas Edison. She bought him his first Erector Set of toy buildings.

Mr. Gould was a 1941 physics graduate of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and received a master's degree in physics from Yale University in 1943.

He spent time working in New York on the Manhattan Project, the Allied wartime effort to create an atomic bomb, but his security clearance was revoked because of his and his first wife's involvement with the Marxist study group.

"With the takeover in Czechoslovakia in 1948, I suddenly had the blinders removed from my eyes," he later said. "My wife didn't, and we parted company soon after."

A teaching stint at City College of New York in the early 1950s ended during a politically motivated purge of communist sympathizers in academia. He refused to testify against colleagues, but future Nobel laureate Polykarp Kusch, his adviser at Columbia, found him a research position in the radiation lab.

He worked there closely with physicist Charles H. Townes, a future Nobel laureate who became

Mr. Gould's rival for credit on the laser patent. Townes was renowned for his work on the maser, and he would eventually team with his brother-in-law, Arthur Schawlow, a physicist at Bell Telephone Laboratories, on what they called the "optical maser."

This was essentially the laser, as Mr. Gould called it in his notebook. Mr. Gould's late-night "eureka" moment and run to the candy store prompted him to leave Columbia in 1958 and begin a desperate attempt to build a working model.

His work, on a \$1 million contract for New York-based defense researcher Technical Research Group Inc., was slowed by his security problems. And his patent, filed in 1959, underwent years of review because of competing claims.

Townes and Schawlow received their patent for an optical maser in 1960. That same year, Theodore H. Maiman of Hughes Research Laboratories built the first working laser.

Although Technical Research Group financed Mr. Gould's initial legal struggle, he eventually bought back the rights to his patents. After several setbacks, his chief advocate became Richard I. Samuel, a New Jersey patent lawyer. Samuel focused on a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ruling from the early 1970s that Mr. Gould's patent application included several inventions, not just one.

In 1977, the patent office approved Mr. Gould's first commercial patent, for an optically pumped laser used in surgeries and for such industrial purposes as cutting and welding.

Big businesses that depended on laser technology and might have owed royalties to Mr. Gould began legal challenges. Attorneys for General Motors even argued that Greek mathematician Archimedes's reputed use of a lens to set a Roman ship on fire demonstrated the idea that lasers were far from new.

After a tortuous legal proceeding, U.S. District Judge Thomas A. Flannery ruled in 1985 that the patent office had made errors in denying Mr. Gould's patent appli-

cation for the gas discharge laser, another device used in industry and medicine.

Flannery's ruling helped defeat the remaining lawsuits. By the late 1980s, Patlex, the company Mr. Gould helped form to litigate and license patents, began reaping millions of dollars from more than 200 companies.

He was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1991.

All told, the rulings netted Mr. Gould tens of millions of dollars, far more than the reported \$6 million spent in his defense over the years. His last laser patent expired this year.

Mr. Gould said he rarely was alarmed by wins and losses in the courtroom, generally swatting away unfavorable developments as "annoying." He was busy with other lucrative enterprises, including a Montgomery County-based optical communications company, Optecom Inc., from which he retired in 1985.

His interests included sailing, and at one time he owned a boat called the Wonny Larue, named after an ancestor he claimed was a pirate. He chose the name in part because he felt no one would steal it.

His marriages to Glen Gould and Ruth Gould ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Appel of Sag Harbor, N.Y.

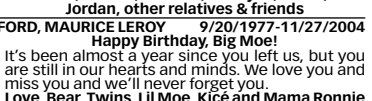
IN MEMORIAM



BOULIN, MAX
In loving memory of my husband, our father and grandfather who departed 20 years ago today. You'll forever be in our hearts and our minds. We love you. You're sincerely missed. Your loving family, Ailette, Rich, Lou, Katie and Emily



COWANS, VINCENT S.
9/25/41 - 9/20/2000
How we miss you can't be said in just a line or two. Each day a thousand things remind us of the love we have for you.
Happy 64th Birthday.
Love, Lenora, Charida, Jazmyne, Janee, Jordan, other relatives & friends



FORD, MAURICE LEROY
9/20/1977-11/27/2004
Happy Birthday, Big Moe!
It's been almost a year since you left us, but you are still in our hearts and minds. We love you and miss you and we'll never forget you.
Love, Bear, Twins, Lil Moe, Kicc and Mama Ronnie



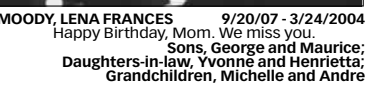
FOSTER, MARLENE J.
12/2/1931 - 9/20/2002
Forever in our hearts
Marlene, you were a beautiful friend, sister, aunt, mother and wife. Three years ago you departed this life. We cherish our memories of you, always knowing your spirit is guiding and leading us through. We love and miss you.
Otha, Family and Friends



JEROME "MANN" HUMPHRIES, JR.
9/20/80-10/2/04
Your strong love for family is still present with us, especially during our family gatherings. You weren't only raised by Mom & Dad, you were raised by a village. We love you and miss you deeply.
Happy Birthday!
YOUR FAMILY



JOHNSON, WILLIAM A.
My companion and friend, passed away 11 years ago today, September 20, 1994.
Pete, I miss you. Evelyn



MOODY, LENA FRANCES
9/20/07 - 3/24/2004
Happy Birthday, Mom. We miss you.
Daughters-in-law, Yvonne and Henrietta; Grandchildren, Michelle and Andre

Teachers Union Chief Sandra Feldman

By JOE HOLLEY
Washington Post Staff Writer

Sandra Feldman, 65, a tough and spirited former teacher and labor leader who went from an impoverished childhood in a Coney Island tenement to the presidency of the nation's second-largest teachers union, died of breast cancer Sept. 18 at her home in New York City.

As president of the American Federation of Teachers from 1997 to 2004, she pushed for reducing class size, for quality preschool programs and for higher teacher salaries. The union's "unfinished agenda," she said in her farewell address last year, included "the fight for a level playing field for all children, in and out of school."

Smaller than the 2.7 million-member National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers grew by about 350,000 members during Ms. Feldman's presidency, topping the 1 million mark in 1998. (Membership is now more than 1.3 million.) She was the union's first female president since 1930 and its 15th president since its founding in 1916.

Although she considered herself a union person through and through, the organization during her tenure considered ideas that didn't always conform to union dogma, including public charter schools and new work rules for teachers in a bid to raise the academic achievement of low-income students.

"Sandy did some of her best work behind the scenes, working with district leaders and others to help with reforms that might otherwise have been hampered by union positions," Ron Wolk, founder of the weekly newspaper Education Week, told The Washington Post last year.

She voiced support for school and teacher accountability and was less critical of the Bush administration's signature education effort, the No Child Left Behind Act, than her National Education Association counterpart. She contended, however, that the administration had not adequately financed and enforced the initiative.

"It would have been easy to give in to the traditional labor position that this [No Child Left Behind] was bad, but she didn't," said Kati Haycock, director of Education Trust, an advocacy group for low-income and minority children. "To the very end, she was saying, 'We've got to try to make this work.'"

In 2003, Ms. Feldman proposed Kindergarten-Plus, a program that provides learning opportunities to disadvantaged students before and after the school year. Several states

are considering Kindergarten-Plus legislation.

Sandra Feldman was born in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn to a father who was a milkman and a mother who worked in a bakery when her diminished health allowed her to. She grew up in a run-down tenement and later a public housing project. She was saved, she often said, by the public school across the street from her home.

According to the New York Times, a second-grade teacher gave her such books as Robert Louis Stevenson's "A Child's Garden of Verses," which she read voraciously, often at home in bed while suffering from asthma.

She graduated from James Madison High School in Brooklyn in 1956 and entered Brooklyn

College at 16. That's where she got her first taste of what she called "rabble-rousing" through involvement in socialist politics and the civil rights movement. She received her undergraduate degree in 1960.

During a campaign to integrate Howard Johnson restaurants and as employment committee chairwoman of the Congress of Racial Equality in Harlem, she met famed civil rights organizer Bayard Rustin, who became a mentor. She took part in the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and was arrested twice during the Freedom Rides.

She was a substitute third-grade teacher for six months at an East Harlem school, but the experience was not a happy one.

"I totally identified with the kids. I used to bring them chicken soup and fruit when they were sick," Ms. Feldman told the New York Times. "But I had no training, and I soon lost complete control of the class. I concluded that, if I was going to keep on teaching, I better learn how."

While working on a master's degree in literature at New York University, which she completed in 1963, she taught full time at Public School 34 on New York's Lower East Side. She joined the teachers union and organized the entire teaching staff within a year.

Albert Shanker, who in 1964 became president of New York City's United Federation of Teachers, hired Ms. Feldman in 1966 on Rustin's full-time field representative.



Sandra Feldman led the American Federation of Teachers.



BY BILLY HOWARD

American University has suspended Benjamin A. Ladner as president.

Trustees' Views Differ On Ladner Expenses

LADNER, From B1

comment for this article. The chairman of the board, Leslie E. Bains, did not return a phone call yesterday.

Channing Phillips, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said last night that grand jury secrecy rules and Justice Department policy prevent his office from commenting.

The trustee board is close to completing its probe of Ladner, who became president in 1994. He has been credited with raising academic standards and the national profile of the university, which is in Northwest Washington.

There is a split on the board about the severity of the issues reviewed in its audit, according to several sources familiar with the board's discussions. Some trustees view Ladner's expenses as justified by the constant fundraising and entertaining required of today's university presidents, while others believe that the spending was out of line for a school of AU's size, the sources said.

Those sources and others with knowledge of the board probe said it involved a number of complicated issues and hundreds of thousands of dollars in travel and personal expenses over the past three years. The board has not determined whether Ladner should be asked to repay the university for any of the spending, a source said.

The board also has been wrangling with Ladner over compensation — his salary, benefits and allowances — which has more than tripled since he came in 1994, according to one source with detailed knowledge of Ladner's pay. In 2004, his base salary was \$633,000, but his total compensation was well over \$800,000, according to forms the university filed with the IRS.

Last year, some board members became concerned that Ladner's pay was too high for the

president of a 10,000-student private, nonprofit school and that they could be liable under laws intended to avoid excessive compensation to executives of charities, sources knowledgeable about board activities said.

Any payment of an executive's personal expenses by the organization generally must be repaid or reported as income, said LaVerne Woods, chair of the tax-exempt organizations committee of the American Bar Association.

The board decided to reduce Ladner's overall compensation by an undisclosed amount, according to the sources. The trustees, meanwhile, continued to investigate his personal and travel expenses, including an engagement party for his son that he allegedly charged to the university, the sources said.

Because his contract required Ladner to spend a certain amount of time at a university-owned house, sources said, Ladner's attorneys argued that the cost of all food and services required while living there should be paid by the school.

A preliminary report by Arnold & Porter LLP, a law firm helping the trustees, has been completed and sent to Ladner. The report includes records of several chauffeurs employed by Ladner and his wife, Nancy Bulard Ladner. Chauffeurs kept a log of their duties, including taking Ladner to such events as an athletic awards banquet, dropping off dry cleaning and taking Nancy Ladner to an appointment at a hair salon.

A final report has not been completed but is expected to be within a few weeks, the sources said. The board, however, already has eliminated the position of personal chef to the Ladners and transferred the social secretary for the Ladners to another department.

Staff writer Allan Lengel and researcher Bobby Pratt contributed to this report.

MARYLAND



BY MICHAEL TEMCHINE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Montgomery County is investigating new evidence that about 80 lots at Clarksburg Town Center do not match approved plans.

Clarksburg Developer Ordered to Halt Work

By TIM CRAIG and MIRANDA S. SPIVACK
Washington Post Staff Writers

Montgomery County officials have told the developer of Clarksburg Town Center to stop work on about 80 lots in the troubled community while they examine new evidence that the lots as configured do not match approved plans.

In a statement released late yesterday, Department of Park and Planning officials said a "stop work order" will be posted at the northern Montgomery County community as early as this morning. The order — the second issued at Clarksburg in recent months — will prohibit Newland Communities, the developer, from moving earth, removing trees, paving or constructing residences, officials said.

The order appears to affect three undeveloped sections of the planned 1,300-home community, where about 760 homes have been built or are under construction — and where hundreds of those homes were found to be built in violation of height and setback requirements.

Clarksburg residents brought those lapses to light this summer, and Montgomery leaders have responded by launching a review of 118 projects approved since 2003 in various parts of the county. About half the projects have been analyzed to see whether developers violated approved plans.

The planning department statement said that preliminary findings, brought by the same Clarksburg residents who unearthed earlier violations, show single-family home lots configured to be smaller than 4,000 square feet — the minimum requirement. Some lots drawn on documents are as small as 3,640 square feet.

Planners also found an instance in which officials approved blueprints for five single-family homes to be built in one area, but documents later filed by the developer in Montgomery Circuit Court, as

required by law, show eight homes there.

Rose Krasnow, chief of development review for the planning department, said Newland Communities contends that the county signed off on the changes. But the developer has not produced documentation to support its claim, Krasnow said.

The stop work order will remain in effect until at least Oct. 6, when the Planning Board is scheduled to hold a hearing to examine the latest allegations. A separate hearing to impose penalties for violations already uncovered has been delayed three times; it is now set for Nov. 3.

Planning Board spokeswoman Nancy C. Lineman said the developer needs to "devise a strategy" to ensure that it follows approved plans.

Stephen Z. Kaufman, an attorney for Newland, said he was waiting for specifics from the planning department before he could assess the impact of the stop work order.

Although stopping short of formally prohibiting home sales on the sites where work has been halted, planning officials have sent a letter to Newland indicating that "they do so at their own risk," Krasnow said.

On July 7, the Planning Board, which had said for months that there were no violations at the Clarksburg development, ruled that 433 townhouses and one condominium apartment building are higher than allowed. It also found that 102 homes are closer to the road than permitted.

A few weeks earlier, the planner assigned to the project, Wynn Withans, resigned after she acknowledged altering the height specifications on the site plan to reconcile them to what had been built, officials said. Her boss, Park and Planning chief Charles Loehr, announced this month that he would retire by the end of October. The state prosecutor is investigating the problems, as is the county.

VIRGINIA

Search for Student Focusing on Richmond Area

By PAUL DUGGAN and JAMIE STOCKWELL
Washington Post Staff Writers

RICHMOND, Sept. 19 — Investigators looking for missing college student Taylor Marie Behl of Vienna have found no evidence to believe she has traveled beyond the Richmond area and are focusing their search in and around the city, the police chief said Monday.

For now, the investigation is centered on determining how Behl's car — with stolen Ohio license plates — got to a residential side street about two miles west of the Virginia Commonwealth University dormitory where she was last seen Sept. 5, police said.

Behl, 17, who graduated from James Madison High School, usually parked her 1997 Ford Escort closer to her dorm. The car was found Saturday on a shaded stretch of North Mulberry Street, a neighborhood of mostly older, well-kept brick homes.

Police Chief Rodney D. Monroe said the plates belong to a former VCU student from Ohio who now lives in Richmond and reported them stolen from a parking lot near the city's main post office about two months before Behl disappeared.

Monroe said investigators have spoken with the former student, a man he declined to identify. But how Behl's white Escort wound up on North Mulberry with the stolen plates remained a mystery Monday.

"We're not there yet; we don't know," the chief said. "That's the \$64,000 question."

The vehicle, located by an off-duty police officer who was walking his dog, was impounded by the FBI. Monroe would not comment on what, if anything, was recovered from the car. A team of dogs dispatched to the area "hit on a



FAMILY PHOTO VIA NBC

Taylor Behl, a Virginia Commonwealth University student, has not been seen since Labor Day.

few things," he said, though he declined to elaborate.

Those leads continued to be followed Monday, he said.

The teenager's mother, Janet Pelasara, 44, who has been staying at a Richmond hotel for two weeks while police search for her daughter, made another round of cable television appearances Monday, hoping to generate leads for the investigators.

In a brief interview at the hotel, she said her daughter was excited about starting college, though she was not sure on an eventual career.

"She had talked about being an entertainment attorney," said Pelasara, a contracting administrator for a computer networking firm

in Northern Virginia. "She had talked about international business. She had talked about history and dealing in antiques. So she was kind of all over the place."

On Thursday, police upgraded the case from a missing-person search to a full-fledged criminal investigation — not because there was evidence that a crime had occurred, but because it allowed them to use various resources, including search warrants and the Amber Alert system, which they activated late that night.

No alert was issued when Behl was reported missing because the case did not meet the criteria, police said.

Investigators served several search warrants last week, including one at the Vienna house where Behl grew up and one at the Richmond home of a 38-year-old photographer who took pictures of Behl last spring and posted them on his Web site. The photos, of Behl fully clothed and posing on Belle Isle in Richmond, have been removed.

No one answered the door Monday at the man's apartment, one of four units in a rundown brick building that borders the VCU campus.

Police have identified no suspects in the case.

Behl was last seen about 10 p.m. Sept. 5 after a late dinner at a local cafe. She left her dorm room after she found her roommate with a boyfriend.

Police said she was wearing jeans and a black hooded sweat shirt. She had only her car keys and about \$40 in cash, her mother and police said.

Stockwell reported from Washington. Staff researcher Bobbie Pratt contributed to this report.

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WEATHER

Washington Area Forecast

Today, partly sunny, very warm, humid, a shower or thunderstorm mainly in the afternoon. High 87. Wind southwest-west 8-16 mph.

For additional information: www.washingtonpost.com
Long range regional forecasts, Chesapeake Bay boating forecast, recreational and traveler's forecast, 703-260-0107.

Recreational Forecasts

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

Today, becoming mostly cloudy, showers, thunderstorms. High 75-80. Wind west-northwest at 6-12 mph.

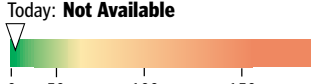
BOATING

Upper Potomac River: Today, a shower or thunderstorm. Wind southwest 8-16 knots.

Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay

Today, afternoon thunderstorm. Wind southwest 8-16 knots. Waves 1 foot or so on the lower Potomac.

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Today: Not Available
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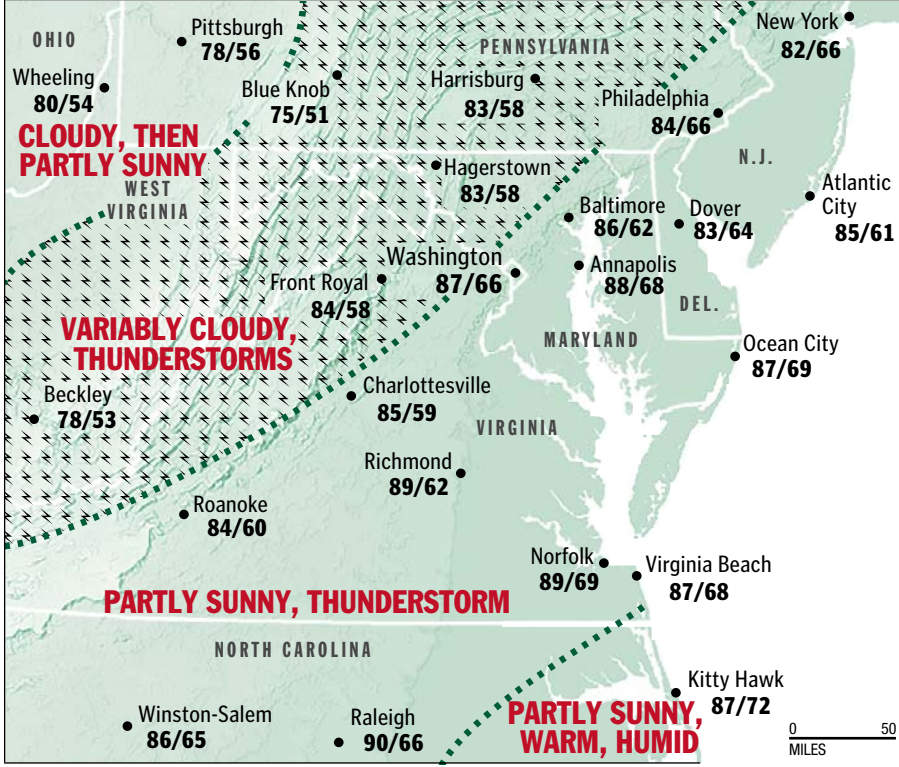
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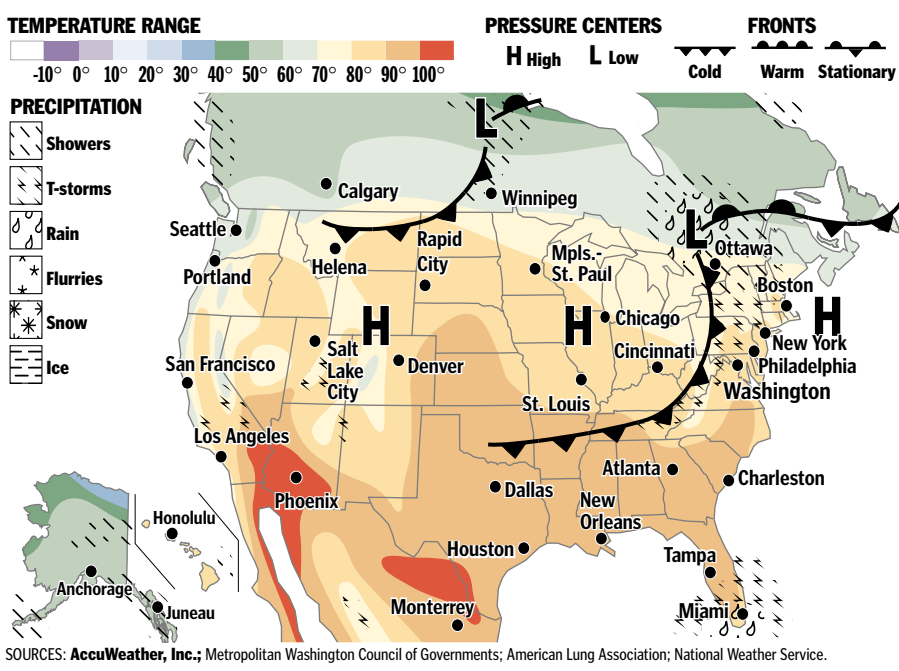
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5-day forecast for the Washington Area: Today (Thunderstorm), Wednesday (Mostly sunny), Thursday (Mostly sunny), Friday (Cloudy early), Saturday (Shower)

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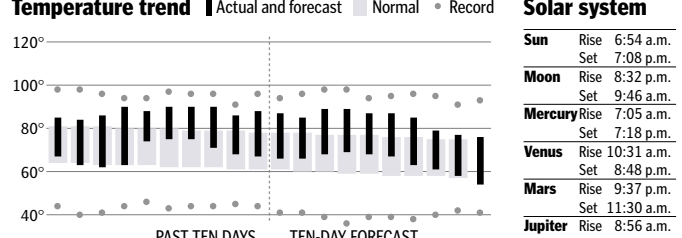


North American Forecast



Official Weather Data

Table with weather data for Reagan National, Dulles, and BWI airports, including temperature, precipitation, and relative humidity.



Precipitation almanac showing previous twelve months of precipitation data.

Today's Tides and Moon phases table.

The World

Table of weather forecasts for various international cities including Addis Ababa, Amsterdam, Athens, etc.



Members of a Buffalo Soldiers reenactors group and others salute 1st Sgt. Mark Matthews. No one knows how many Buffalo Soldiers remain. More than a century has passed since the group's inception in 1866.

Oldest Buffalo Soldier Is Buried

FUNERAL, From B1
a folded U.S. flag in honor of her father, who was also the oldest man on record in the District. He died of pneumonia Sept. 6 at a Washington nursing home.

JetBlue advertisement featuring the quote "JetBlue gets me from Point A to Point B without any BS." and the slogan "When you know JetBlue, you know better."

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Placed at The Feat Of Genius: \$500,000

Car-Emissions Work
Earns Arlington Man
A MacArthur Grant

By DON OLDENBURG
Washington Post Staff Writer

Vehicle emissions guru Michael Walsh was at Dulles International Airport last Tuesday catching a flight to Frankfurt when he got the news. Orchestra conductor Marin Alsop had just returned to her Denver home Wednesday from Australia and was doing laundry. Documentary filmmaker Edet Belzberg was walking down Seventh Avenue in New York when her cell phone rang.

A serious voice on the phone asked Belzberg if she was alone. She said she was. The voice asked if she had somewhere to sit down. "No, but please tell me what's going on," she demanded, worried something bad had happened.

She walked into a mattress store and sat on a bed. And there she found out nothing terrible had happened. Quite the contrary.

In what has become an annual rite for the world of out-of-the-box thinking — and for the rest of us who are simply intrigued by genius or huge cash windfalls — the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation at 12:01 a.m. today announced the 25 new honorees of the MacArthur Fellows Program. Over the past week, the foundation blindsided each of the newest fellows with a similar telephone call. They had been selected to

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By MICHAEL YARISH — NBC UNIVERSAL

Jason Lee in NBC's "My Name Is Earl":
No introduction necessary.

THE NEW SEASON TV Preview

Earl Defines What It Takes To Be Sorry

By TOM SHALES
Washington Post Staff Writer

Earl describes himself as "that guy you see going into the convenience store when you stop off on the way to Grandma's house," a "shifty-looking fella who buys a pack of smokes, a couple of lotto scratchers and a tall-boy at 10 o'clock in the morning."

Yeah, so? "If you took the time to really get to know me," Earl goes on, and on, "and find out what kind of person I truly am . . . well, you'd be wasting your time 'cause I'm exactly what you think I am."

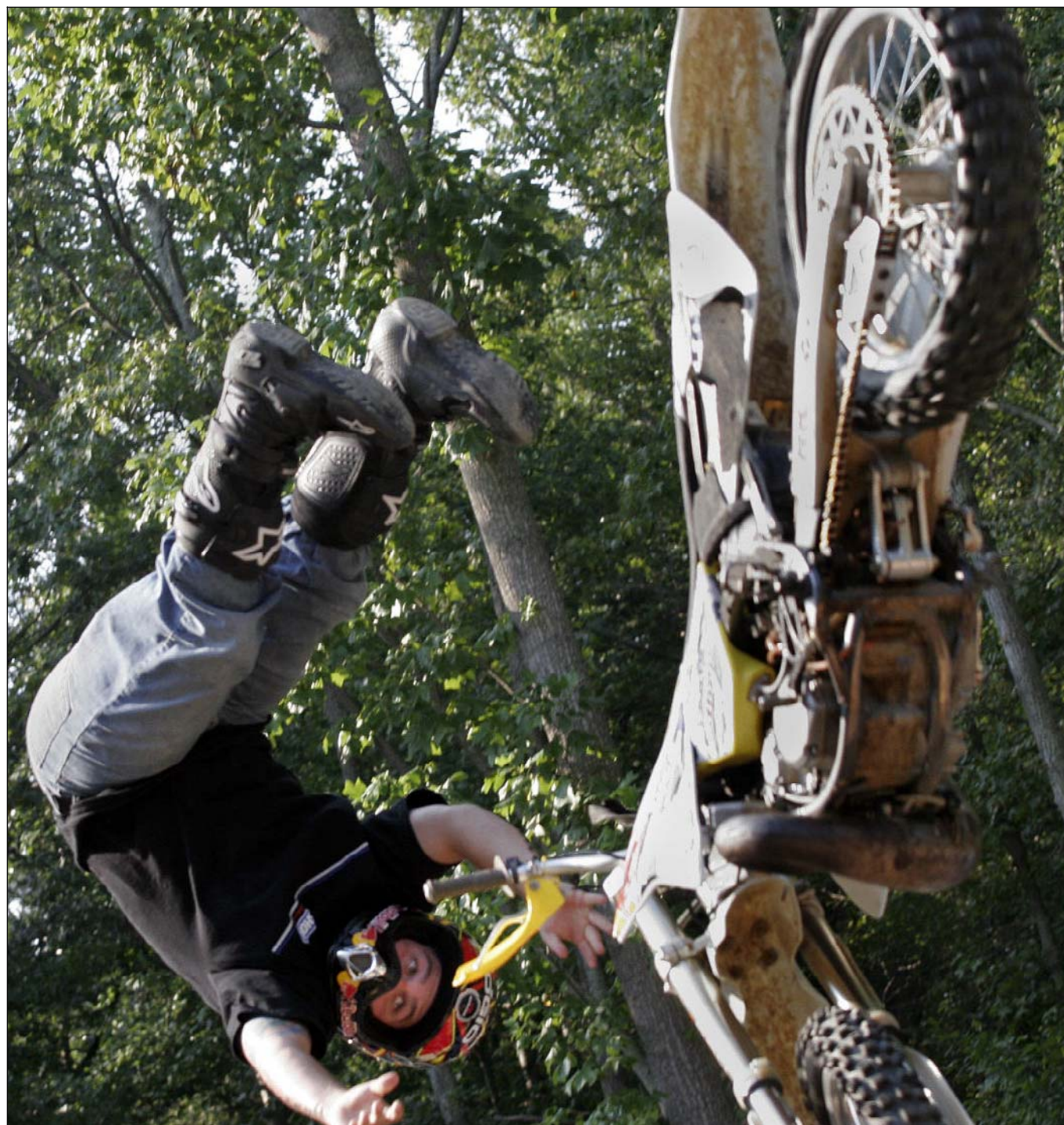
That's as informative and accurate a viewer disclaimer as anyone could ask for, fair warning to grab the remote and click yourself free of Earl and his tortuously verbose autobiographical gibberish. "My Name Is Earl," the NBC sitcom premiering at 9 tonight on Channel 4, amounts to a character study of a character not worth studying.

Derivative and repetitious, the comedy keeps hitting the same notes, then pounding and stomping on them. Worse, "Earl" will already seem

See TV PREVIEW, C7, Col. 3

Wheelie Dealing

After Years of Stunts, the Adrenalin Crew Is Getting Its Big Break — and This One Isn't Painful



By MARVIN JOSEPH — THE WASHINGTON POST

Tommy Passemante goes airborne in Annapolis. He is part of the crew started by Kenny Kelley, whose DVD of their stunts is due out next week.

By LONNAE O'NEAL PARKER
Washington Post Staff Writer

The quarter-mile access road isn't quite dry when the Adrenalin Crew revs the engines.

The crowd, nearly 200 who waited out the rain, hanging around the front of Criswell Power Sports in Germantown, quickly lines both sides of the pavement.

They didn't come to see the bikes. They came to see the biker boys. A guy rides 100 feet with the back end of the cycle in the air, doing an "endo" past the crowd. Another pops a wheelie — standing on his seat while the bike spins tight, perfectly controlled circles. A couple guys throw their feet over their windshields, then do a 360 spin. *Whee!* Some just keep it simple and ride straight at 35 mph.

Sitting backward. "Daamn! Daamn! That's awesome," yells 19-year-old spectator Justin Linck, stepping into the road to take a quick camera-phone picture.

The Adrenalin Crew is performing at Criswell's open house and eating up every minute of it. Reckless Steve burns rubber for the crowd. Greg claps his feet during his wheelie, like he's inviting the audience to applaud. Van deadpans it, just looking hard and focused.

Prowling the sideline in a black Adrenalin Crew hoodie is Kenny Kelley, 29, from Germantown. He started the Adrenalin Crew in 2001 trying to break into the movies. Now he doesn't ride so much.

He strives. "Dude, did you get it?" he asks a guy filming Reckless Steve making smoke. "That guy's gone wild. You need to be all up in his grille!"

Later Kelley starts shooting footage himself — always working the angles.

He has a video coming out Sept. 27, "Adrenalin Crew, 100% Illegal." It's a montage of stunts, drunken antics and puerile "Jackass"-on-wheels skits. It's his first production with a big U.S. dis-

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Alaska Natives Offer a Herd Of Reasons to Block Oil Drilling

By VANESSA DE LA TORRE
Washington Post Staff Writer

Solar-powered loudspeakers on a cloudy afternoon is about all the defense Sarah James can muster these days against the threat of government, oil companies and what she calls "cultural genocide" if they have their way.

A protest banner sways in the wind, gently imploring museum-goers, businesspeople, anyone hustling to the Capitol, to slow down for a moment and "Save Gwich'in Way of Life." The words are thickly marked in black and red; drooping toward them is a turquoise flower with a sad face. "Our culture is

not for sale to balance national budget," James wrote in small bold letters.

As a Gwich'in elder, James has spent nearly two decades fighting off proposed oil drilling in her Alaskan homeland. Now comes her toughest battle yet: Congress is set to pass a budget bill that includes a provision allowing for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Some environmental groups argue that a limited oil supply in the Arctic's coastal plains won't ease U.S. dependence on foreign oil, or prices at the gas pump post-

Gwich'in elder Sarah James holds a vigil against arctic refuge oil drilling.

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By LUCIAN PERKINS — THE WASHINGTON POST

Theater

'Rwanda': The Horror Beneath a Tender Surface

By NELSON PRESSLEY
Special to The Washington Post

"I Have Before Me a Remarkable Document Given to Me by a Young Lady From Rwanda" is a daunting, almost belligerent title. It promises to be a dispatch from the front lines of horror, an eyewitness account of mankind at its worst. The sheer length and wording of that title defy you to look away.

Sonja Linden's quirky drama ultimately lives up to its bold promise, but in its own sweet time. First it dawdles for an hour with something that the African Continuum Theatre Company's audience probably hadn't entirely bargained on: a dear little love story.

For most of its 90 minutes, "Young Lady" is one of those quaint pieces in which a mismatched man and woman, opposites in every respect except for their fundamental kindness, tender-

See RWANDA, C5, Col. 4



By RAYMOND GNEWEK

Paata Tsikurishvili as a purely evil Dracula and Jodi Niehoff as a delicious victim.

Synetic Casts Dracula In a Demonic Vein

By PETER MARKS
Washington Post Staff Writer

When he stares down a victim and declares, "I am Dra-koo-laah!" Paata Tsikurishvili sounds as if he means it. A native of the former Soviet republic of Georgia, the actor and artistic director of Synetic Theatre speaks English with a thick, exotic intonation — and for once, his enunciating of vowels and consonants in the manner of Bela Lugosi pays dividends.

Many things about Synetic's new adaptation of "Dracula," in fact, work to the company's — and the audience's — advantage. Directed by Tsikurishvili and choreographed by his wife, Irina, this version of the Bram Stoker classic — daring in its unvarnished treatment of the horror in the story — plays enormously to the troupe's gymnastic strengths. And the script by Jonathan Leveck, a former company member, is the best Synetic

See DRACULA, C5, Col. 1

Smithsonian Cashes In on Real Estate Boom

By JACQUELINE TRESKOTT
Washington Post Staff Writer

Taking advantage of a hot real estate market, the Smithsonian Institution made a \$43.5 million profit on a downtown building.

The sale of the Victor Building, a landmark property on Ninth Street NW in the Gallery Place neighborhood, was approved yesterday by the Smithsonian's Board of Regents. The museum bought the property and refurbished it in 1999 for \$114 million and had used the nine-story building for office space. It sold for \$157.5 million.

"It is a remarkable gain, perhaps one of the most remarkable investments made by the institution," Sheila Burke, the Smithsonian's deputy secretary and chief operating officer, said in an interview after

the regents meeting. The sale was prompted by the real estate boom in the neighborhood. The money will go into the Smithsonian's trust funds, she said.

Many of those working in the building were people displaced during the renovation of the Old Patent Office Building, which housed the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Archives of American Art.

Burke said the Smithsonian will lease back space for those staffs from the new owners, Trizec Properties Inc. Other offices will shift to other rental space.

The regents also discussed the growing expenses and delays for the completion of the work on the Patent Office Building. Work on a glass canopy covering the interior courtyard was put on hold after the National Capital Planning Commission rejected

the cover's design in June. Earlier this month, the NCPA reversed itself and approved architect Norman Foster's concept.

Now, Burke said, the canopy could cost as much as \$20 million to \$30 million more than the projected \$50 million. The increase is partly the result of manufacturing delays and the rising cost of steel, cement and glass. The new cost projection also includes adjustments to the lighting, changes in the glass and landscaping, and the rebuilding of steps on F Street NW — all ordered by the NCPA. Money to cover the additional costs will be raised privately, Burke said. Congress has authorized \$166 million for the overhaul of the building.

The building, which has been closed since 2000, will open as announced in July 2006. The glass canopy will be in place by spring 2007, Burke said.

BOOK WORLD

Covering Herself

TALKING BACK
... to Presidents, Dictators, and Assorted Scoundrels

By Andrea Mitchell
Viking, 414 pp. \$25.95

By JONATHAN YARDLEY,
whose e-mail address is yardleyj@washpost.com

Like a great many prominent journalists — certainly in Washington, but no less so in other centers of power, wealth and celebrity — Andrea Mitchell of NBC News wants to have it both ways. On the one hand, she wants to be the prototypical, hard-nosed, gumshoe reporter whose specialty is "talking back" to presidents and dictators," but on the other, she wants to be part of the parade, on first-name terms with the powerful, wealthy and famous, invited to their dinner parties and salons, courted and cosseted by them. Thus at the end of this memoir she describes prowling "the VIP section" at the 2005 inauguration of President Bush, which she attended with her husband, Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve:

"In a prominent seat, next to the CIA director, was Alan... As his wife, I could have sat with him among the official guests instead of covering the event as a reporter. But for me, this was a dream assignment: we had a live broadcast, hundreds of prominent politicians with no way out, and no one stopping me from snagging interviews... Knowing me as he does, Alan understood that it wasn't even a close call. But looking across the way at him, I was struck by how different our roles were on days such as this: he was inside, looking out, while I was outside, looking in."

Nothing could be further from the truth. Though Mitchell may have arrived in Washington in 1976 as an ambitious outsider — hired away from a Philadelphia television station by the local CBS affiliate, WTOP, "to cover the corruption trial of the governor of Maryland, Marvin Mandel" — she became an *echt* Washington insider as she moved to NBC, covered the White House, Congress and other highly visible beats, married Greenspan, and became something of a celebrity in her own right, "a player." By virtue of her prominence as a journalist and her husband's prominence in the government, she is strictly A-list.

In this, as mentioned above, she is scarcely alone, but the ways in which she dances around the issue shed some light on the contorted lines of reasoning that permit people in her position to claim journalistic independence — journalists, she says she learned at an early age, "were supposed to be adversaries of those in power, wardens against abuses and conflicts of interest" — yet to sup at the tables of the mighty. She's come a long way from the Bronx and New Rochelle, and though she says that "I still love the chase for news," she does her chasing in an environment to which most journalists are denied admission.

Say it for her, though, that what she does, she does very well. She's smart, energetic, determined and fast on her feet: a real terrier. She's in a business that now deals almost entirely in sound bites, but she has higher standards than many people in that business. She's dismayed that "in a nation of people increasingly informed by talk show rant on the right and the left, facts are incinerated in a blaze of rumor and accusation," that "lost in the haze of left- and right-wing polemics is real journalism." As television journalism becomes ever more enchanted by flash and dazzle, she clings to old-fashioned notions of what journalists should do, and she's right.

She's considerably less right in her apparent conviction that a blow-by-blow account of three decades on the front line of television journalism is, in and of itself, an interesting story. It isn't. Mechanically marching through one story after another, "Talking Back" quickly boils down to an endless "and then I covered..." plod that has no narrative line. Her prose is clean enough, if susceptible to clichés — "the grizzled veterans of the press room," "I hammered Gergen with questions," "a heartbeat away from the Oval Office" — and she occasionally reveals a genuine grasp of complex national and international issues, but she's so intent on leaping from one hot story to the next that she leaves no doubt that it's the chase, rather than what's found at the end of it, that really matters to her.

Thus, for example, there is her exceedingly weird obsession with being the person to "break" the story of a presidential nominee's choice for his running mate. Nothing could more plainly illustrate the inside-the-Beltway mentality to which she's fallen victim. She breathlessly recounts the digging that led to her disclosure in 1988 "that George Bush had selected Dan Quayle to be his running mate" — "My role in breaking the Quayle story helped people within the network realize I could be a player" — and her pursuit of 2004's "next big story, John Kerry's choice of a running mate." Though she acknowledges that "to this world outside television news, it may seem like a silly business" — amen to that — she insists that "we all became journalists because we love to chase stories, and this was a story worth chasing."

I beg to differ. A running mate probably hasn't changed an election's outcome since at least 1960; being five minutes ahead of everyone else on a "scoop" that eventually will be little more than a press release isn't news at all. It was news of the first order on Nov. 22, 1963, when Merriman Smith of UPI grabbed the telephone in the press car and beat everyone else to the terrible story in Dallas, but chasing around after the vice-presidential nominee is essentially child's play. Mitchell acknowledges as much when she says that "the dirty little secret of journalism is that it's fun, like being hooked on detective novels," but she doesn't really seem to understand just how silly this kind of non-story actually is.

Nor does she seem to understand the compromised position in which she is placed by her dual roles as journalistic celebrity and A-list socialite. She acknowledges that when Colin Powell returned to the government in 2001 as secretary of state, it would be "a difficult balancing act" covering someone whom she "considered a friend" — Powell and his wife "had both been guests at our wedding" — but this marginal awareness of the delicacy of her position doesn't keep her from, say, attending a 1991 dinner given by George H.W. Bush in honor of Margaret Thatcher, "upstairs in the White House residence, more private and special than even a state dinner in the downstairs official rooms." It was, she says, "my first time upstairs in the Yellow Room" and continues:

"I enjoyed being a fly on the wall at a private dinner in the White House; at the same time, I felt that the 'designated shouter' from the press corps was a little out-of-place upstairs, sitting with officials whom I covered. I knew I could neither ask questions, nor quote anything that was said to me. It gave me an uncomfortable feeling that I might be gaining unusual access, but losing some independence."

Mitchell isn't alone in this, and the problem certainly isn't limited to broadcast journalists. The spectacle of journalists from all media slurping up to politicians and other "assorted scoundrels" at events such as the annual dinners of the Gridiron Club and the White House Correspondents' Association is repellent in the extreme. Yes, journalists are human, as vulnerable to flattery and courtship as anyone else — perhaps all the more so since our egos tend to be a good deal larger than our talents — but the solution to the problem is very easy: Just say no.

In a Strange Land Far From Home, a Cry for Help

PROTEST, From C1

Katrina, and that development would damage one of the Earth's last untouched lands.

The Gwich'in (pronounced GOO-chin), a nation of 8,000 Native Americans who subsist on roaming caribou in the North Slope, see the prospect of drilling as a sure sign of their own demise.

On this particular afternoon, the Gwich'in protest was in its third week (out of six) in a small park opposite the entrance of the National Museum of the American Indian, some days to little notice.

"Gwich'in?" muses a middle-aged woman, squinting at the banner from Independence Avenue. "I don't know what that is." She decides not to find out. Later, a dapper man, Bogdan Wojciechowski, strolls to the modest Gwich'in table and observes for a moment. "Jay! Come over here so you can learn something."

"No thank you, Dad, no thank you," replies the grade-schooler. (However, a caribou bone ultimately intrigues him.)

James, 61, of Arctic Village, has been trying to inform the public of her native land since 1988, when proposed refuge drilling first threatened the Porcupine caribou herd and the Gwich'in way of life. Eight battles and no losses later, she says, "We must be doing something right." The closest bout came in 1995, when Congress passed a bill that allowed drilling; President Clinton vetoed it after pressure from environmentalists.

The environmental types return in the ninth show-down, says James, and "they're doing the fight as we are. But their interest is recreation, scenic, protecting animals. Us, it's our life."

The protest allows James to preach about her homeland, *Vadzaah googii vi dehk'it gwanlii*. "It means 'Sacred Place Where Life Begins'... It's not a thing of the past," she says. "It's alive, it's not in a book only." She sits on a metal folding chair, tapping a native drum, her right knee bouncing in rhythm.

"We have to live there for thousands of years... so we want to keep it that way. The Gwich'in people are a caribou people. It's our food, tools, clothing. It's our shelter. We have a song called 'The Caribou Skin Hut Dance.'"

A man with two kids passes the table that has a photo album, buckskin jacket, a pair of ceremonial gloves with beaver fur and beaded flowers. A blond girl lingers; she gets tugged toward the museum.

Kelvin Long, 29, a Navajo leader from Flagstaff, Ariz., follows James to the mike. He is one of the few volunteers who have traveled to Washington for the vigil, and says he is here out of solidarity and in recognition that the Arctic refuge is sacred. "It's a place where you can still drink out of the rivers — good, clean water," he begins. "So tell Congress it's not okay, tell them no."

"Come to our little table, our humble little table. Come take a stand with us, fight the big fight with us... After you go into the museum and learn about native culture, come here and find out what's going on with native people right now."

Then Long breaks into song about the Navajo "red



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A banner protests plans to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; Kelvin Long, below, takes part in the vigil.



path" and walking that path in beauty, over the beeping of a garbage truck. James sits on a white Igloo cooler, humming along while stapling protest handouts.

"Today's a little bit slow," Long acknowledges later. A security guard lounging on a park bench, smoking a cigarette, waved people toward the table. One tourist from Florida, 71-year-old Barbara Gerber, took a pamphlet and ranted at the Bush administration. "They can't stand it that there might be a place that hasn't been drilled yet," she fumed.

Others say, "Good luck on that," and every couple of hours a person might offer a dollar along with: "I'm with you a hundred percent. One hundred percent." An Alaskan family offers to call their state legislators, wink-wink, and James gets the joke. Sens. Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski are among the staunchest supporters of drilling in the refuge.

By 3:30 p.m., the donation vase contains \$25. It

clearly won't fly in another Gwich'in from the Arctic, but will reimburse Long for the McDonald's chicken sandwiches he bought for their lunch. One visitor, smiling, flashed a Sacagawea dollar before plunking it in.

The biggest crowds tend to come in the evening, says Long, reclining in a lawn chair. On most days, they hold the vigil till 6 p.m., just after the NMAI closes and a steady flow of tourists shuffle out. "I definitely wish more people would stop by," he notes. But Long, with kind eyes and a calm bearing, says he understands. "A lot of people in the museum are on a schedule."

At one point, museum volunteer Donna Brandes wanders by. She explains her native lineage, chats a while. Long informs her of the "Don't Drill, Storm Capitol Hill" rally planned for today, which organizers from the Arctic Refuge Action coalition hope will attract tens of thousands of people.

"So, you think this will pay off," says Brandes, speaking of the pamphlets, of the native drums, of James making business calls on a park bench. Long is quiet. "Nothing stops this administration," Brandes says.

James gives another go at the microphone. "It's charged by solar panels," she reminds passersby, because that is how the Gwich'in live. But her words meet static as the battery powering the sound system loses its juice. Overcast sky. "Solar energy is clean energy. We need to learn how to use less oil."

James pauses; her voice is no longer amplified. "I think I have to recharge batteries, so stay put and I'll be back!" And so people milled around, as the vigil drummed on.

Music

Contemporary Music Forum, Squeezing Plenty In

By TIM PAGE
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Hammer Auditorium, at the north end of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, has a tiny stage, one most naturally suited to a single speaker or instrumentalist. And yet the Contemporary Music Forum packed it almost as tightly on Sunday afternoon as the Marx Brothers packed that stateroom in "A Night at the Opera," making space for a medium-size grand piano, half a dozen musicians and a battery of percussion instruments.

George Perle's "Critical Moments" began the program — a set of six epigrammatic miniatures, each of which evokes a definite mood, says its piece, then scurries off. Perle, now in his nineties, combines the tensile clarity of Stravinsky with the intense compression of Anton Webern, adding his own distinct lyricism to the mix. I don't think I've ever heard a bad piece from this composer, and "Critical Moments," written when he was already in his eighties, is well up to his usual

standards.

Pierre Jalbert is the composer in residence for the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and a professor at Rice University in Texas. His Toccata began by sounding like a brisk, contemporary gloss on the piano music of Ravel before moving on to evoke the hammered and motoric structures of Prokofiev. There did not seem to be much especially original about the work, at least on a first hearing, but it made a grand and agreeably clangorous showpiece for pianist Audrey Andrist, who played with bright energy and remarkable strength.

Donald Erb's "Three Poems" for violin and piano struck me as willfully eclectic, sound-effects music — strumming the innards of the piano and so on. If one had never seen and heard this done before, the pieces would likely have made a stronger impression, but the technique has been used extensively and seems to me exhausted, a leftover bit of self-conscious cleverness from yesterday's avant-garde. The opening movement, titled "To-

gether Forever," was the most affecting, imbued with a spectral nostalgia.

The second movement of Derek Bermel's "Turnings" for solo piano is called "Nightmares and Chickens," perhaps the most unusual musical title since Erik Satie's "Three Pieces in the Form of a Pear." The movement is meant to evoke fluttering and clucking and it does, I suppose, so far as those things can be played on the piano. "Turnings" is, in six movements, a set of variations on what the composer calls a "made-up Protestant hymn tune." I was reminded of Frederic Rzewski's epic, modern-day-Lisztian "The People United Will Never Be Defeated" (brave and dubious words!) but Bermel infuses the music with a fanciful sense of humor that is his own. Lura Johnson was the resourceful pianist.

Adam Silverman, born in 1973, was the youngest composer on the program — indeed, almost six decades Perle's junior. "Ricochet," for viola, clarinet and piano, is a graceful, melodic, mostly consonant piece, shot

through with easy charm. Had I not been told that Silverman was a New Yorker, I would have pegged him as Parisian; if Francois Truffaut were alive and working today, "Ricochet" would have made a lovely score for one of his romances. Violist James Stern and clarinetist David Jones joined Andrist in an eager, affectionate performance.

The program closed with the world premiere of a new work for solo violin by the Washington born-and-bred composer Jeffrey Mumford. Titled "an expanding distance of multiple voices" (Mumford seems to dislike capital letters), this is a fine, strong piece that melds a near-medieval purity of line with assertively dissonant harmonies. Writing for solo violin is terribly difficult — the instrument's timbre, unforgivingly exposed, can come to seem shrill — but Mumford has created a five-movement piece that holds a listener's attention throughout, especially when played with the concentration and ferocity that its dedicatee, Lina Bahn, brought to it on Sunday.

Dungen, Retro-Rocking at Black Cat

Context may not be everything in rock music, but it counts for a lot. Thus Dungen, a Swedish cult quartet, was able to draw a large crowd Sunday night to the punk-oriented Black Cat for a set of meandering, jazzy rock that in 1976 would have outraged any self-respecting punk. Back then, Dungen's music would have represented the hated mainstream, but today it's just an amusing rivulet of eccentric revivalism.

Dungen's U.S. debut, "Ta Det Lugnt," does in-



clude some songs that are almost punky enough for punk, notably the title tune. The band opened its show with that surging charmer but played only a few others of its kind.

By the third number, singer-guitarist Gustav Ejstes had switched to flute for a 15-minute instrumental that swung between wispy and thumping passages.

Ejstes, who recorded most of Dungen's albums alone, clearly enjoys having a full band, even one

that's a little too sloppy to convincingly emulate such hippie-era models as Free, Traffic and King Crimson. The four musicians' limited coordination was highlighted by the fact that they sounded crispier whenever Ejstes abandoned guitar or keyboards to simply sing and smack a tambourine.

Ultimately, Dungen's messiness worked in its favor. If the band wasn't tight enough to do justice to its catchiest songs, it also couldn't play its more grandiose passages with sufficient command to be overbearing. Give these guys a couple more years on the road and they could be so accomplished that they'll outrage some of their current fans.

— Mark Jenkins

ART BUCHWALD

Emergency Exit

Rothman and I were drinking margaritas, just like Michael D. Brown after he was dumped as the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

I said, "I am frightened that I will never be evacuated out of Washington if the balloon goes up." "Not to worry. FEMA has a plan." "What is it?" I wanted to know.

Rothman took out a pamphlet. He showed it to me.

I read from it: "The most important thing is not to panic and have a full tank of gas."

"Tell me, Rothman, why should I not panic?"

He said, "Because FEMA is there to help you. That's their job. When the balloon goes up, you call their private toll-free number and leave a telephone number where you can be reached. If you don't hear from them in three days, it means they are very busy, and you are on your own. It's all in the pamphlet."

I said, "I need another margarita." I made one for myself and one for Rothman.

I raised my glass. "Here's to FEMA, which is part of Homeland Security, and blessed by the Bush administration."

Rothman said, "I'll drink to that. Let's study a map and see what is the best way to get out of town."

We studied an AAA road map. "My suggestion is that we go out to the Beltway after crossing Key Bridge and getting on the George Washington Parkway," Rothman said.

"Have you ever tried to get to the Beltway during rush hour?" I asked.

Rothman replied, "We will leave at midnight."

"But if we leave at midnight and their sirens go off, everyone else will leave at midnight, and the cars will

be bumper to bumper. It will take us six hours to get out of town."

"Then we will go by bus. FEMA will supply buses. It is part of their plan."

"How will the buses get out of town if the cars can't?"

"They will have National Guardsmen on each one, and if you don't have the correct fare, they'll have orders to shoot you."

I said, "Let's have another margarita."

Rothman agreed. "Things look so much better when you've had several margaritas."

We drank them down.

I asked, "Where do we go?"

Rothman studied the map. "West Virginia?"

"I have never been to West Virginia. Will they give us shelter?"

"FEMA will say they have to. If the people there refuse, they will set up tent cities."

I said, "FEMA is prepared for every situation. That is why they always get such good press. What do we do for money?"

"The government will declare us poor and will give us money slated for the Defense Department or the CIA."

"I don't want to be classified as poor," I said.

"Nobody wants to be poor. The media won't you leave alone,"

Rothman said. "They are always looking for poor people for the evening news."

I said, "We're dealing with a hypothetical. That's why we're getting drunk."

Rothman poured himself another drink. He slurred, "FEMA makes me proud to be a taxpayer."

"Let's toast Bush's disapproval ratings."

Rothman said, "I'll drink to that."

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MUSIC

Bel Cantanti Opera

The future of opera as fun, rather than spectacle or museum piece, lies with such groups as Katerina Souvorova's Bel Cantanti Opera. The company, now in its second season, does Gaetano Donizetti's "La Fille du Regiment" with minimal scenery, homemade costumes, sloppy surtitles, much-reduced instrumentation (mostly piano and string quartet) — and enough vocal enthusiasm to make up for everything else.

Written in 1839, while Donizetti lived in Paris, the opera is French in libretto and sensibility but Italian in structure. Its focus is Marie, a supposed orphan abandoned on a battlefield and adopted by an entire regiment. Marie turns out to be of noble, if illegitimate, birth, and she eventually escapes a loveless marriage for station to be united with the soldier she loves.

The opera is an old-fashioned celebration of martial glory (*Vive la guerre! Vive la mort!*) and of France: It ends with a rousing chorus of Salut a la France. Think of it as a fairy tale and you'll have fun, as the company certainly did Sunday night at Christ Lutheran Church in Bethesda. Elizabeth Kluegel's bright, slightly brassy voice fit Marie's character and was outstanding in the opera's funniest scene: a drawing-room ditty that keeps degenerating into the regiment's song. As Tonio, her lover, Aurelio Dominguez lacked polish but bravely essayed nine high C's in 90 seconds in "Ah! mes amis." Matthew Osifchin was brusquely good-hearted as Sergeant Sulpice, and Andrea Hill gave the Marquise de Berkenfield real character.

The performance will be repeated Friday at St. George's Episcopal Church, Arlington, then return to Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday. It will be performed Sept. 30 at the Levine School in Washington as a benefit for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

— Mark J. Estren

NSO Ensemble

At Sunday's all-Mozart Prelude Festival recital at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater, members of the National Symphony Orchestra gave the ravishing Mozart Quintet for Clarinet and Strings a bright-eyed performance. It may have lacked the hushed rapture that some ensembles bring to the piece, but revealed the sunshine in the score through an appealing mix of sweetness and sinew. Paul Cigan dispatched the clarinet part with liquid phrasing, evenness of line and a mellow, gorgeous, sound.

A beautifully gauged reading of another Mozart masterpiece, the Quintet for Piano and Winds, was led from the keyboard by Lisa Emenheiser's lithely phrased, rhythmically incisive treatment of the score. Her NSO colleagues —

oboist Kathryn Meany Wilson, clarinetist Edward Cabarga, bassoonist Steven Wilson and hornist Gabrielle Finck — all contributed affectionately turned, distinctive work in both solo and ensemble passages.

Flutist Thomas Robertello's elegant and immaculate playing in the Andante in C and Rondo in D (both for flute and keyboard) did full justice to these works, as did Michael Adcock's unusually fresh and arresting approach to the piano writing. Less compelling was Douglas Haislip's muscle-bound brass and percussion arrangement of music from the opera "Don Giovanni": In a somewhat tentative and foursquare performance by seven NSO players and four guest artists, only the boozy, tuba-heavy take on the aria "La ci darem" felt inspired.

— Joe Banno

Washington Symphonic Brass

It wasn't the typical swing-era setting for a big band — not a smoky bar, nor a crowded dance hall with the players on risers so soloists could be spotlighted. Instead, the scene of the Washington Symphonic Brass's big band concert on Sunday was spacious St. Luke's Catholic Church in McLean. The acoustics worked well for the event: The church's magnificent pipe organ as a backdrop, with concrete walls and a brick floor letting the music resonate with clarion sonorities.

Prefaced by conductor Milton Stevens's pithy comments, the band — expanded sometimes with piano and bass — transported listeners back to the '30s and '40s, when swing, boogie-woogie and other jazz styles took America by storm, radio was king and war heightened romantic sentiment and patriotism for the GIs "Over There" (George M. Cohan's WWI classic).

There were too many highlights — most of the afternoon's tunes were arranged by trumpeter Phil Snedecor — to name more than a few. Joe Connell on drums displayed his art most tellingly in Louis Prima's "Sing, Sing, Sing" (1936). A Ray and Prince boogie-woogie setting starred the band's pop-up trumpets; and Stevens's trombone had plenty of blue notes for Hoagy Carmichael's signature tune "Stardust." Virtuoso guest saxophonist Chris Vadala (alternating between soprano, alto and tenor instruments) soloed in samples by Dizzy Gillespie, Quincy Jones and Billy Strayhorn, streaking through impossible improv riffs faster than the speed of light.

The concert will be repeated Sunday at National Presbyterian Church in Washington and Sept. 28 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Annapolis.

— Cecelia Porter

NAMES & FACES

Royal Crown? Beverage Aisle.

Kings — they're just like the rest of us. Jordan's King Abdullah II was spotted strolling through the aisles of Georgetown's Safeway Sunday afternoon like a normal shopper — except for the plainclothes security agents.



Abdullah II: One cool customer.

According to a Safeway rep, the king is a near-regular: "Most of the time when he's in town, he'll come in."

Shopper John Boffa said the 43-year-old monarch went casual in a polo shirt and jeans. "He was using a shopping cart and was just picking up groceries like any ordinary person," said Boffa. "Nine out of 10 people shopping there didn't know who he was."

"Never in my life have I seen a king do his own grocery shopping on a Sunday afternoon," Boffa added.

Boffa wasn't able to sneak a peek into the king's cart — his security detail shadowed the monarch's every move — but we wonder if he might have had royal-friendly food like king-sized candy bars, Swanson's Chicken a la King and Bigelow Raspberry Royale tea in the five shopping bags he toted out. Hope he used his Safeway Club Card!

Ben & Jen Send Their Regrets

A prominent Hollywood couple will be conspicuously absent from tonight's Capitol Hill gala "A Night Out With the Stars," a fundraiser to fight the neurodegenerative disease ataxia-telangiectasia.

Actor Ben Affleck, who has been involved with the charity bash for several years now, and his very pregnant wife, "Alias" star Jennifer Garner, were last year's big stars at the gathering. In lieu of attending, the Afflecks released a statement that said, "We are sorry that we couldn't be there. . . . It's good and important work. . . . we'll see you next year."

A rep for the event said a reason was not given for the stars' absence (but Garner is due in November) and added, "They're very tight-lipped about their private lives." Suzi



BY KEVIN WINTER — GETTY IMAGES

Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck won't be able to make tonight's "Night Out With the Stars" benefit.

Kindregan, a spokeswoman for tonight's charity, the A-T Children's Project, said Affleck told her 17-year-old son Joe, who has A-T, that "next year there'll be the three of us."



Richard Hatch pleads not guilty.

"Survivor" champ Richard Hatch pleaded not guilty yesterday in Providence, R.I., to charges that he did not pay taxes on his \$1 million winnings from the popular CBS show.

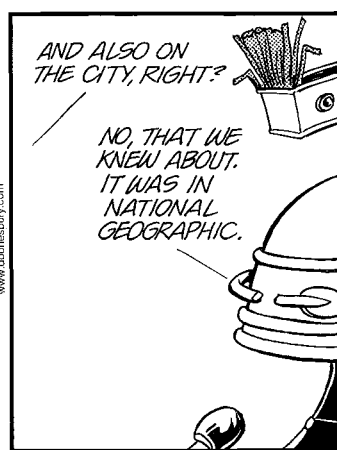
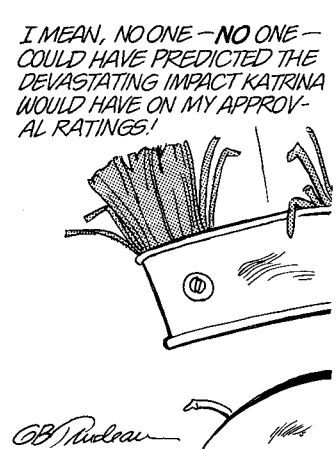
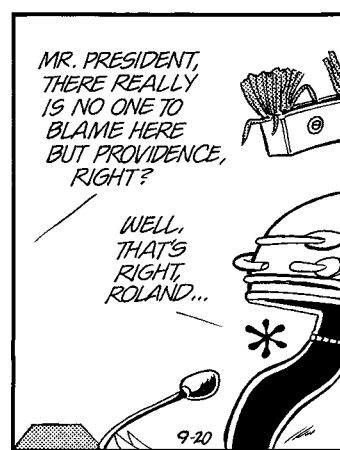
The 44-year-old Newport resident is charged with tax evasion, filing a false tax return, wire fraud, bank fraud and mail fraud, and was released on a \$50,000 bond. Hatch is also accused of using donations made to his charity for personal expenses and failing to pay taxes on hundreds of thousands of dollars of other income.

If found guilty of all charges, Hatch could face a maximum 75 years in prison and millions of dollars in fines.

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The Rewards of 'Genius': 25 Receive MacArthur Grants

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receive \$500,000, paid over the next five years. They can spend the money however they choose — no strings. But each could tell only one person until the MacArthur folks broke the secret today.

"I'm on a cloud actually," says Walsh, 62, an independent emissions expert who travels from his Arlington home all over the world, telling governments and industries how to reduce the impact of internal combustion engines on air quality. "I have always believed that the areas in which I'm working are very, very important," he says, adding that 800,000 people die prematurely each year from air pollution. "But this wasn't on my radar. I'm not a genius. I'm a normal ordinary guy, that's all I am."

The fellowships are like winning the lottery for creative brainiacs. The street name is "genius grant," but the foundation avoids the g-word, insisting that the fellows bring more to the table than high IQs.

MacArthur Foundation President Jonathan F. Fanton says the rigorous, formal vetting process involves hundreds of nominations each year and thousands of evaluations. The field is whittled to a diverse few who share such characteristics as focus, willingness to take risks, persistence, originality, creativity, and a "peering over the horizon" potential. Since the program's start in 1981, the foundation has awarded about \$200 million to 707 people (including this year's fellows) ranging in age from 18 to 82. MacArthur brainpickers chose recipients this year ranging from Pennsylvania pharmacist Michael Cohen, 61, who works to reduce preventable drug errors in health care, to Ann Arbor, Mich., violin maker Joseph Curtin, 52, who experiments with innovative strategies and materials to create a new breed of world-class violins.

Since 2001, Alsop, 48, has been the principal conductor of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Poole, England. Known, according to the MacArthur Fellows bio, for her ability to communicate with her orchestra and audiences and her dedication to demystifying challenging music for a wide range of audiences, she doubts the money will change her much. "I can't see that I'm going to be a much different person," says Alsop, who was named in July to become music director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in 2007. (That job in Baltimore now? "I signed the contract," she says.)

In Charlottesville, Terry Belanger confesses that he not only saw the award coming, he couldn't keep it a secret. "There's a limit to the number of FedExes you can get from the MacArthur Foundation in September before students know what's going on," says Belanger, 64, a University of Virginia professor and rare-book preservationist who founded and heads the Rare Book School (RBS) — a nonprofit institute dedicated to the history and safekeeping of rare manuscripts, prints and books.

Located in the basement of U.Va.'s Alderman Library, the RBS has 15,000 prints, 50,000 old books, a 20th-century reference library "on bookish subjects," old bookbinding equipment and old printing presses. Belanger started the RBS at Columbia University in 1983 and moved it to U.Va. in 1992; more than 4,000 students have studied preservation of what he calls "the bedrock for the humanities."

As for the money? The university has bailed him out many times with generous support — sometimes literally, when pipes break and flood the RBS. "But I have to find between 20 to 30 percent of



Michael Walsh's efforts to reduce vehicle emissions and Marin Alsop's conducting prowess earned each \$500,000, no strings attached, from the MacArthur Foundation.



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the money every year to keep this place going," he says. "It'll be nice to have a little more motor oil greasing the various things we do."

Lobster fisherman Ted Ames, 66, is working to save the coastal marine life of Maine. "It still hasn't sunk in," he says of the grant. "But it is perfectly all right with me."

He splits his year by season — as a lobster fisherman in summer and a marine researcher and conservation activist in winter. "The fish aren't there anymore," says Ames, who uses his detailed studies of spawning, habitat and fishing patterns, combined with his

surveys of anecdotal experiences of aging fishermen, to support a call for stewardship of marine re-

sources.

"It isn't always possible to find foundations who want to make grants to a curmudgeon old fisherman," Ames says of the Penobscot East Resource Center he and wife Robin Allden founded to help renew the coastline's ecology. "But now, full speed ahead."

And filmmaker Belzberg, 35, sat on that mattress in the store for an hour. The MacArthur call took five minutes; it took her three years to raise money for "Children Underground," her film about homeless children in Romania. "To be honest with you, with my bank account the way it is, I couldn't buy the bed I was sitting on," she says. "This provides the freedom from the daily struggle of wondering where the money's going to come from. And now I'll be able to get health insurance."

The 2005 MacArthur grant winners:

- Marin Alsop**, 48, symphony orchestra conductor, Denver and Poole, England.
- Ted Ames**, 66, lobsterman and conservationist, Stonington, Maine.
- Terry Belanger**, 64, rare book preservationist, Charlottesville.
- Edet Belzberg**, 35, documentary filmmaker, New York.
- Majara Carter**, 38, urban revitalization strategist, New York.
- Lu Chen**, 33, neurobiologist, Berkeley, Calif.
- Michael Cohen**, 61, pharmacist, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
- Joseph Curtin**, 52, violin maker, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Aaron Dworkin**, 35, music educator, Detroit.
- Teresita Fernandez**, 37, sculptor, New York.
- Claire Gmachl**, 38, laser physicist, Princeton, N.J.
- Sue Goldie**, 43, physician, Boston.
- Steven Goodman**, 48, conservation biologist, Chicago and Antananarivo, Madagascar.
- Pehr Harbury**, 40, biochemist, Palo Alto, Calif.
- Nicole King**, 35, molecular biologist, Berkeley, Calif.
- Jon Kleinberg**, 33, computer scientist, Ithaca, N.Y.
- Jonathan Lethem**, 41, novelist, New York.
- Michael Manga**, 37, geophysicist, Berkeley, Calif.
- Todd Martinez**, 37, theoretical chemist, Urbana, Ill.
- Julie Mehretu**, 34, painter, New York.
- Kevin M. Murphy**, 47, economist, Chicago.
- Olufunmilayo Olopade**, 48, oncologist, Chicago.
- Safar Sheikh**, 40, photographer, Zurich, Switzerland.
- Emily Thompson**, 43, aural historian, San Diego.
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Backstage

A Woman of Many Hats Doffs One at Arena Stage

By JANE HORWITZ
Special to The Washington Post

Wendy C. Goldberg, Arena Stage artistic associate, National Playwrights Conference artistic director and freelance director, hoped she could do it all but found herself "torn in many directions" — too many, as it turns out. Friday was her last day at Arena, where she had directed productions of "The Goat, or Who Is Sylvia?" and "Proof," and greatly expanded the company's public-readings showcase for new works.

Goldberg had just spent her first summer at the National Playwrights Conference at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Conn. Her passion for new work drew her to the O'Neill, a hothouse where dramatists hone and workshop new scripts. She remained at Arena to finish its latest series of play readings, which ended Friday with an adaptation of Toni Morrison's novel "The Bluest Eye," and to help "shepherd through" the season-opener, "Passion Play, a Cycle." Now, she says, "it feels like the right time" to go. She will keep a home in Washington through the current theater season.

"I grew up here," Goldberg, 32, says of Arena. "To be part of an incredible institution from the very beginning of [Artistic Director Molly Smith's] tenure . . . to work as an artist here was a remarkable opportunity. I'm thrilled, but it's always hard to say goodbye."

Much More Than a Drag

The inspiration for playwright Ken Ludwig's "Leading Ladies" spans several centuries and genres, from Shakespeare to Hollywood.

The play, which had its premiere at Houston's Alley Theatre, will have its second production at Ford's Theatre Friday through Oct. 23. It chronicles the adventures of Leo and Jack, down-on-their-luck British actors touring America's Moose lodges. They pose in drag as the long-lost nieces of a dying dowager in York, Pa. (Ludwig's home town), in hopes of inheriting her fortune. Then Leo meets the mark's real niece, Meg, and love hits him like a falling anvil.

Ludwig ("Lend Me a Tenor," "Crazy for You") drew from Billy Wilder's "Some Like It Hot," which he calls "one of the most brilliant comedies ever. Nobody has written a play like that, gender-bending for the stage, since 'Charley's Aunt,'" in 1892. Coincidentally, Ludwig adds, "I was rereading 'Huckleberry Finn' for the umpteenth time" and was struck anew by the con men, the Duke and the King.

Neither he nor director Mark Rucker ("House Arrest" at Arena Stage) sees the play, despite its guys-in-drag premise, as farce. "I consider it a romantic comedy," with elements of vaudeville and slapstick, Rucker says. It has "that great classical comedy sense that everything comes together in the end."

And as in farce or Shakespeare's comedies, there are many comings and goings and quick costume changes. "We definitely had to map it all out before we started," says Rucker. "Otherwise it would have been chaos."

Ian Kahn, who played Algernon in Arena Stage's recent "The Importance of Being Earnest," plays Leo. "He's a real dreamer. . . . I think the desperate choice he makes, I think of it as providence — so he could meet Meg," Kahn says. Although the play has "a screwball feeling," he adds, "there's a real groundedness to all the characters."

Tony-winning music theater star Karen Ziemba plays Meg. "She's my dream leading lady," says Kahn, who saw her on Broadway in "Contact" five times (she played the abused wife) and cried at each performance.

Ziemba identifies with the yearning in Meg, a thirtyish woman who's about to marry a stuffy old cleric but longs to be an actress. "She wants so much to believe that the theater is a place of wonder and beauty and happiness," the actress



Ian Kahn plays a con man in drag who falls for Karen Ziemba, playing the real niece of the woman he's trying to bilk, in Ken Ludwig's "Leading Ladies."

Having had her first taste of Shakespeare performance here in "Much Ado About Nothing" in 2002, Ziemba says she loves that excerpts of "Twelfth Night" and other plays by the Bard weave through Ludwig's play. "Shakespeare is very musical and rhythmic," says the dancer-singer-actress.

Ludwig says he wants people to come away with the idea that "this Shakespeare stuff isn't so scary."

Deja Vu at Studio Theatre

Actors Ted van Griethuysen and Tom Story are sharing the stage again in an English play bristling with words, words, words. The Shakespeare Theatre Company star and the Northern Virginia-bred Juilliard grad play father and son(s) in "A Number" at Studio Theatre. It runs through Oct. 16.

They come to Caryl Churchill's short but dense and secret-laden play well prepared for a dramatic duet. In 2001, they played the poet A.E. Housman as his older and younger selves in Tom Stoppard's "The Invention of Love" at Studio.

Familiarity breeds happiness. "We did three weeks' work in the first week" of rehearsals this time around, van Griethuysen says. Adds Story: "There was something kind of familiar. . . . We had already done the groundwork."

In "A Number," a son discovers there are 20 cloned versions of himself walking around. Questions of who the "real" son is, who gets the paternal love, why the father did what he did, course through the play. "There is no clear answer, there is no clear villain," says Story, who appears as three copies of the son.

At first, van Griethuysen says, "I just thought the play was opaque. I just didn't get it." But after reading it through with Story at van Griethuysen's Connecticut home, "I got this stir — the hurly-burly complexity of fathers and sons."

The play isn't so much about cloning as "about choices made in families," he says, and the "idea that people would like to have a second chance" raising their kids.

"It is such a weird play that the thought of doing it in front of people, that they might not get it, just terrified me," says Story. Now, after two weeks of performances, he reflects, "I think there's great logic to it and it makes absolute sense."

Both actors speak lovingly of Churchill's fragmented dialogue and call her a poet. "It's like a Bach fugue. It takes patience and finger work and touch," says van Griethuysen. "There's a science of where she puts periods and where she doesn't."

Story agrees. "There's great mystery in it. That's part of its power."

Follow Spot

There was a touch more drama than planned in the Shakespeare Theatre's "Othello" on Thursday night. Just after the climactic moment when Avery Brooks's Moor suffocates Colleen Delaney's Desdemona, water and sand began dripping onto the stage, calling an abrupt end to the play just minutes before Othello's suicide and Iago's arrest. The leak was repaired Friday.

Out of Africa, a Love Story

RWANDA, From C1

ly find their way toward one another. Juliette is the young lady from Rwanda, a refugee in London who lost her family in the 1994 genocide. Simon is the rumpled Brit manning the social services office that Juliette wanders into. He's a moderately recognized poet and frustrated novelist now reduced to tutoring refugees trying to write about their experiences.

As the play noodles along, it's impossible not to visualize a BBC version, the kind of impeccably acted project that's simultaneously heartwarming and stuffy. (In fact, it's already been adapted for BBC radio, and the film development process has begun.) Simon and Juliette are nervous in front of one another, and Linden puts their apprehensive subtext right on top.

"Why did I do that?" each says directly to the audience after the kind of awkward statement that prompts agonized second-guessing. They are meant to be adorable, or something, as they bumble and laugh toward some kind of closeness. Is this really going to be a romance? Despite the fact that Simon is married and significantly older, that Juliette is clearly still traumatized, and that their experiences are poles apart?

That's how these kinds of things work, of course, and so there he is, walking her home, smelling the lilacs, pointing so that his arm is almost around her . . . Really, quite hackneyed and not at all what you expect.

It would be unfair to give away the ending, but the clichéd waltz stops short of being embarrassing, thanks to Linden's eventual attention to higher matters and to the consistently sharp, understated acting from Michael Glenn and Deidra LaWan Starnes. (Almost everything about director Ken Yatta Rogers's staging at the small but comfortable Atlas Performing Arts Center is restrained and well judged.) Glenn nails Simon's anxious English bookishness, the egotism and sense of failure that fades as Simon gets wrapped up in Juliette's project. And Starnes is wonderful. Arms folded protectively in front of her, her gaze defiant and wary, Starnes's Juliette seems pitifully alien — a survivor but still mired in agony. The character is bright and very direct, and Starnes keeps her acting simple, all questions and actions, no filigree.

When Linden's play finally gets around to the inevitable telling of what Juliette saw in Rwanda, Starnes is devastating; at last the writing and the performance are equally vivid and urgent. Linden, herself the child of refugees, spent years doing the sort of work Simon does here. She plainly argues that the story is powerful because it has become personal. The audience has come to care for Juliette, more acute and graspable than vast Rwanda, just as Simon has.

The early going of "Young Lady" might have been more original, but no doubt Linden's essential point (and Simon's all along, as he advises Juliette on



Deidra LaWan Starnes as a Rwandan woman who carries a horrific story inside her.

her frosty "document") is correct. There's no argument to be made, absolutely no second thoughts that occur during the breathtaking moments when Juliette at last holds the audience rapt and reduces many to tears.

I Have Before Me a Remarkable Document Given to Me by a Young Lady From Rwanda, by Sonja Linden. Directed by Ken Yatta Rogers. Set design, Michael Stepowany; lights, Harold Burgess; costumes, Luqman Salim; sound, David Lamont Wilson. Approximately 90 minutes. Through Oct. 9 at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. Call 202-339-7993 or visit www.africancontinuumtheatre.com.

Synetic Sinks Its Teeth Into 'Dracula'

DRACULA, From C1

has worked with in some time. A balance of words and movement is struck so that coherence is not sacrificed in the cause of showing off the company's physical grace.

Dracula is often portrayed as a kind of Byronic figure, a vampire who not only drains arteries but also quickens the pulses of repressed Victorian womanhood. The other popular route these days is to treat the bloodlust as pure camp. Synetic has in mind neither romanticism nor kitsch, however. With this Dracula, what you see is what you get: a demon who goes passionately for the jugular. No effort is made to humanize him, to give him redeeming qualities. We're offered an explanation at both the beginning and the end of the 90-minute production that he's possessed, empty heart and withered soul, by the devil.

In Tsikurishvili's menacing, agile embodiment, he is, then, the Dracula of melodrama, and the story Synetic seeks to tell is emphatically of the good-and-evil variety, of the havoc he wreaks and the efforts of God-fearing men to stop him.

Occasionally, though, this "Dracula" feels so solemn that you're not sure any levity is intended. "I have already dined," Dracula explains to Harker (Greg Marzullo), the gullible guest in his Transylvania castle. "And I never drink . . . wine." A light touch is not a forte of this company, and as a result any apparent wit in the adaptation tends to be smothered. Still, an irony-free "Dracula" is a novelty. And what's been developed satisfyingly — as often is the case with Synetic's work — is a breaking down of text into a series of powerful, cinematic vignettes. As usual, too, a lush recorded score is piped into the Roslyn Spectrum as accompaniment, and choreographer Irina — who in a departure from custom is not performing — uses sinewy dance to burrow to the sensual core of the piece. (The company moved the show to its Arlington home base, after a weekend of performances at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater.)

Employed, for instance, to great effect are the undead women of Dracula's castle, a trio of slinky Transylvanian groupies (Catherine Gasta, Cyana Cook and



Paata Tsikurishvili's Dracula is as dark and sinister as they come: No effort is made to humanize him.

Inina Koval) forever on the prowl for plasma. They make their way to London with Dracula and, mixing with a crowd of men dashing through streets in the rain, sink their teeth balletically into a few choice necks. The sequence unfolds like a garish bloodsuckers' ball.

To heighten the eeriness, Paata Tsikurishvili uses a minimum of scenic elements and a limited color palette: A stark black, white and red set and costumes by Anastasia Ryurikov Simes. The design is often effective, but the idea of stringing pieces of red netting across the stage — the better to ensnare Dracula's victims — is a tad too literal. More inventive is the deployment of a simple bolt of black fabric that in one episode defines a graveyard and in the next becomes the hull of a ship.

The story treads the familiar path of Dracula's relocation from Transylvania to London in search of new victims for forced transfusions. It covers his stalking of noble Lucy (Jodi Niehoff) and Harker's young wife, Mina (Anna Lane), as well as his pursuit by the earnest, plodding Dr. Van Helsing (Armand Sindoni, a last-minute replacement for another

company stalwart, Irakli Kavsadze, who is injured). What transfixes the Tsikurishvili is not so much the terror spread by Dracula, as the power he wields. As a result, the scenes of blood-soaked seduction are some of the most potent in the show.

Niehoff and Lane have had small parts in other Synetic presentations, but here, given more to do, they prove winningly up to their challenges. Niehoff's Lucy, in particular, swoons with a swanlike panache, and her prowess is apparent in her final, throes-of-death contortions. Tsikurishvili, meanwhile, shakes and rattles admirably as a Dracula who derives additional thrills from tearing open his shirt and offering his victims a reciprocal sip.

The men in the cast who don't get to guzzle blood don't have much fun, except for Nicholas Allen, who plays Renfield, Dracula's caged, crazed acolyte. In this version, Renfield doesn't have much to do, aside from caterwauling and eating vermin from behind the bars of his cage. (How he's able to propel the cage across the stage on his own is not readily explained. Still, he dies a swell death.) The scenes in which Dracula's pursuers brandish crucifixes and gasp at the vampire's handiwork are among the most perfunctory. By and large, however, the terse dialogue scenes are a major improvement over the sluggish, talky sequences in other recent Synetic offerings.

Tsikurishvili's stealthy Dracula — his pitter-patter gait suggests a creature who moves like a hovercraft — is more furtive than ferocious. This may be a wise way to go with a character to whom spectators bring such a long acquaintance. You're not sure what's going on behind those dark, soulful eyes — except, of course, when they are recording the pleasure of downing a fresh pint.

Dracula, by Jonathan Leveck, based on Bram Stoker's novel. Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili. Choreography, Irina Tsikurishvili; set and costumes, Anastasia Ryurikov Simes; lighting, Colin K. Bills; sound, Irakli Kavsadze and Paata Tsikurishvili. With Philip Fletcher, Miguel Jarquin-Moreland, Nathan Weinberger, Dan Istrate, Geoff Nelson. Approximately 90 minutes. Through Oct. 23 at Roslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. Call 703-824-8060 or visit www.synetictheater.org.

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My Name Is Earl (Channel 4 at 9) is previewed by Tom Shales on Page C1.

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Last year, the trophy show aired on ABC, which in September was still such a loser network with so few viewers that critics actually felt bad for it, like it was some little underdog, even though it's part of Disney. (Now, of course, it's got the series "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost" and is the hippest network in town.)

This year's Emmycast aired on CBS — the country's most-watched network, though that "60 Minutes" lead-in maybe gave it a slightly older skew, at least in the early going.

Last year the pre-Emmy buzz was all about shows like HBO's miniseries "Angels in America," Fox's comedy "Arrested Development," NBC's sitcom "Frasier,"



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The cast of "Lost," which won Emmys for best drama series and directing of a drama series.



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Felicity Huffman, outstanding lead actress in a comedy series for her work in Desperate Housewives," receives congratulations.

HBO's drama series "Carnivale" — you know, great shows no one was watching.

This year's buzz was entirely about "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost" — two out-of-the-gate hits, which averaged about 24 million viewers and 16 million viewers last season, respectively.

Granted, each show snagged only two Emmys Sunday night, and ABC's ratings-hungry "Boston Legal" won just as many, as did HBO's FDR project "Warm Springs," while "The Life and Death of Peter Sellers" won three, as did CBS's now-gone sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond."

'My Name Is Earl': The Tedium Is the Message

TV PREVIEW, From C1

familiar to fans of the wackily rollicking 1987 Coen brothers comedy "Raising Arizona." Jason Lee, who plays Earl, even looks something like Nicolas Cage as he appeared in the film (which also starred a buoyant Holly Hunter).

Cage played a jailbird, petty thief and trailer park philosopher as oddly lovable as he was oddly innocent. Lee is just odd, though in a tame and prefabricated sort of way.

The premise of the show, al-

ready familiar from about 5,000 NBC promos, is that upon buying a winning \$100,000 lottery ticket and then losing it, Earl experiences an epiphany — helped along by chatter chatted by a guest on an episode of NBC's gaseous Carson Daly show, here getting a cheap gratuitous plug.

Earl learns the word "karma" and realizes he's been polluting his own by being shiftless, deceitful and unable to resist the lure of thievery. "Do good things and good things will happen to you," Earl deduces. "Do bad things, and



BY MITCH HAASETH — NBC UNIVERSAL

Ethan Suplee, Nadine Velazquez and Jason Lee of "My Name Is Earl."

they'll come back to haunt you." He makes up a list of the bad things he's done and sets out to correct them.

By this time in the show, all that you are likely to discover, if you're lucky, is a few new ways to yawn. "Earl" will exhaust your repertoire in detail to everyone he meets. There's also a wink-wink cuteness to the tone of producer Greg Garcia's script that makes Earl insufferable instead of adorable as intended.

Neither situation nor comedy is helped by the presence of Ethan Suplee as Earl's idiot brother Randy, whom only another idiot, such as Earl, would enlist as a collaborator on his mission of restitution. Randy "lives on the couch" in Earl's place, just as comic Steven Wright lived on Dave Chappelle's couch in the slapdash but funny 1998 stoner movie "Half Baked." Randy gets "a little unpredictable" after his fourth beer, and naturally it isn't long before he guzzles that down. Poor excuses for antics insist upon ensuing.

Earl's list of misdeeds includes having bullied a little boy named Kenny James when in school. The

bullying, recalled in a quick flashback, naturally includes that knee-jerk comic reflex, a kick in the groin. Earl has to lie to find Kenny, which would seem to add a misdeed to his list, but eventually he does, only to discover Kenny (Gregg Binkley, funnier than Lee) is "a gay." Thus plans to reward him with an afternoon visit from a hooker have to be rethought.

And so on. We learn that the items on Earl's list include No. 86, "stole a car from a one-legged girl," and No. 22, "peed in back of cop car." Gosh, what swell episodes those ought to make. Where "Raising Arizona" was deliciously fresh and nutty in tone, the zany eccentricity in "My Name Is Earl" comes off as forced and wearying. There's a sweet moment here or there, but it's not enough to help. "Well, one down, 258 to go," Earl says of the items on his list near the pilot's conclusion. Even if there were only two to go, the sensible inclination would be to let Earl do them on his own time. There are much less arduous ways of wasting one's own.

My Name Is Earl (30 minutes) premieres tonight in its regular time slot, Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on Channel 4.

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Embassy Row Gets a New Princess

Washington is a town of marble and bronze, of monuments and memorials raised to the famous. But the famous have a way of becoming the forgotten, and as the years go by we can find ourselves wondering *Who is that? What was that?*

They unveiled a new statue on Sunday, of a woman whose story deserves to be remembered. It's across from the Naval Observatory on Massachusetts Avenue NW, in that seemingly endless stretch of embassies and chanceries and ambassadorial residences.

The woman is handsome — tall and high-cheekboned and dressed smartly in the style of the 1940s: pearls and heels, hat and handbag. She seems to be striding forward, her right arm raised. The story of how she ended up in Washington, looking as if she might march down Massachusetts Avenue and then straight to the White House, begins on the night of Aug. 15, 1940.

About 8:30 p.m., two cars and a baggage truck pulled up next to a ship that was berthed at a Finnish port called Petsamo, on the Barents Sea. The ship, called the American Legion, already was full to bursting, stuffed with more than 800 Americans and diplomatic evacuees eager to escape a Europe that was rapidly falling under the Nazi jackboot.

But they would have to make room for a few more: Norway's **Crown Princess Martha**, her daughters, **Princess Ragnhild**, 10, and **Princess Astrid**, 8, and 3-year-old **Prince Harald**, the heir to the Norwegian throne. When their caravan arrived, passengers on board the American Legion broke into cheers — not least because it meant the ship finally could set sail.

About midnight the following evening, **Capt. B.E. Torning** gave the order to cast off. The ship moved slowly out of the fiord, then gingerly threaded its way through a series of minefields.

The United States was not yet involved in World War II, but the rescue of the crown princess was itself a provocation. Her husband, **Crown Prince Olav**, and father-in-law, **King Haakon**, had escaped to London to set up a government in exile. Hitler, it was suspected later, wanted the American Legion stopped in a remote part of the Arctic and its most famous passengers removed and brought back to Norway.

The American Legion escaped German clutches. Five hundred miles off the North American coast it was joined by two U.S. destroyers, a demonstration that the U.S. government still recognized the exiled royal family as the rulers of Norway. It arrived in New York on Aug. 28.

President Franklin Roosevelt himself had offered refuge to the royal family. They stayed briefly at his Hyde Park estate and then at the White House, before they settled into a Tudor-style mansion north of Bethesda, off a small road called the Rockville Pike.

The house was part of a 105-acre estate named "Pook's Hill," after a book of **Rudyard Kipling** stories favored by the estate's owner, **Merle Thorpe**. Thorpe was the editor of *Nation's Business*, the magazine of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He leased his estate to the royal refugees and then sold it to them.

Journalists at the time paid the unassuming bluebloods the ultimate compliment, calling them "real folks." The princesses entertained Girl Scouts at the Norwegian Embassy; Prince Harald skied on Pook's Hill. Newspaper photographers would snap the family's picture at public appearances. "And the Harald," Crown Princess Martha always pointed out helpfully, "is spelled with two a's."

The family spent a total of five years at Pook's Hill, joined only occasionally by their father, who made clandestine trips from Britain. Crown Princess Martha worked quietly behind the scenes to support the war effort. They were special favorites of the president, and when FDR took his final oath of office at the White House, an 8-year-old Prince Harald was standing behind him.

The war finally ended, and on June 7, 1945, the royal family returned home, arriving to the thunderous applause of the Norwegian people. Martha died in 1954 at the age of 53.

On Sunday, the former boy prince, now King Harald V of Norway, unveiled Washington's newest statue, created by sculptor **Kirsten Kokkin**. It commemorates 100 years of Norwegian independence from Sweden and a century of diplomatic relations between Norway and the United States.

"The artist has fully captured the strength and determination of the crown princess," said King Harald, "and has succeeded in capturing the grace and vitality of her personality."

King Me

"This is the first time all three of us are here in Washington since 1945, together," Harald said on Sunday, standing with Ragnhild and Astrid at the embassy. "It's quite an occasion for us."

I wondered, did being in Washington so long as children give them an American accent?

"I'm afraid so," said Princess Astrid.

Harald V is the first king I've met, if I can say that being among a scrum of Norwegian journalists counts as having met him. But it does allow me to indulge in a few wonderful phrases:

"As I was saying to the King of Norway the other day..."

"That reminds me of something the King of Norway once told me."

"Oh, you like this tie? Yes, well, I wore it when I met the King of Norway."

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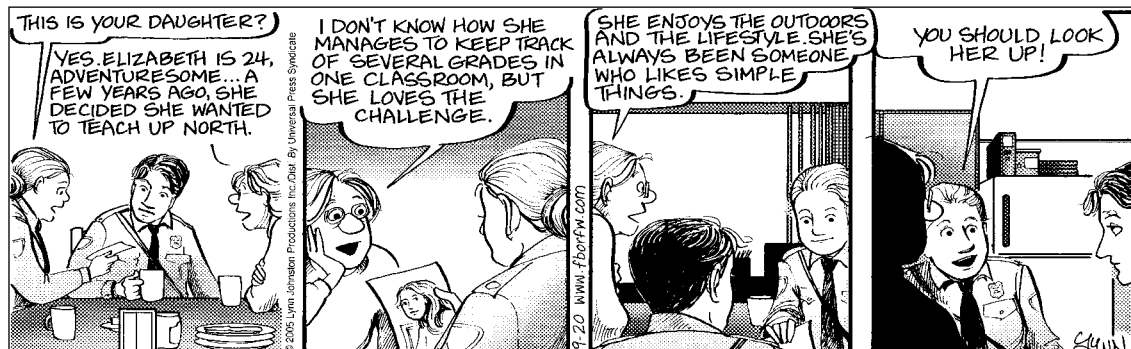
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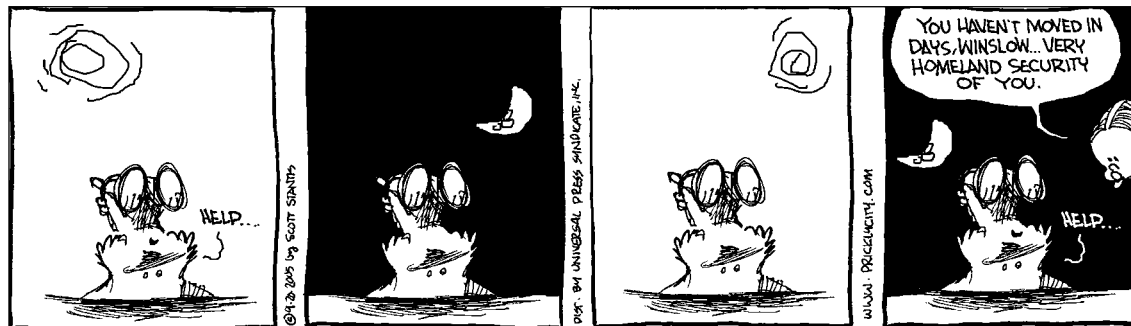
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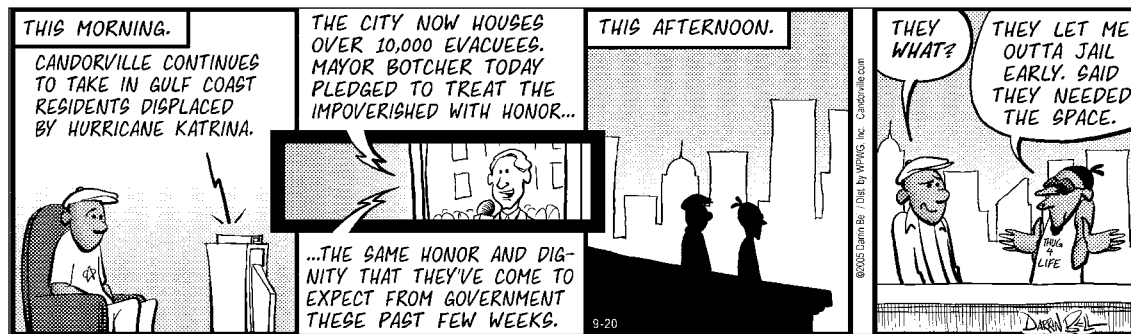
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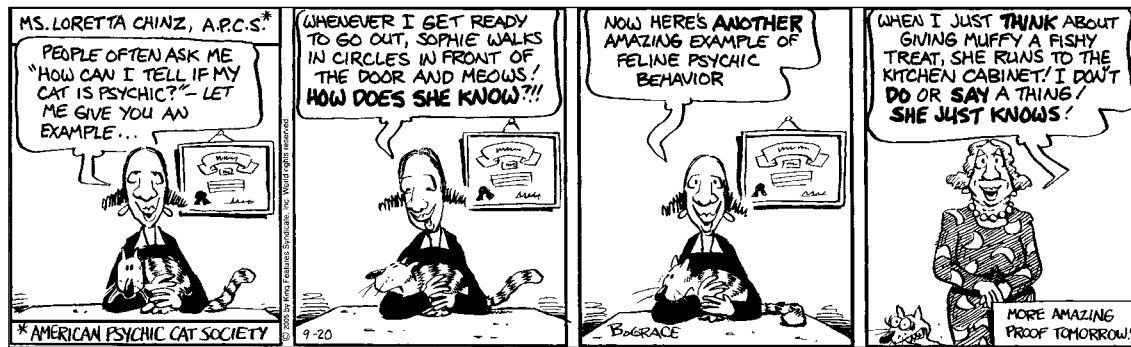
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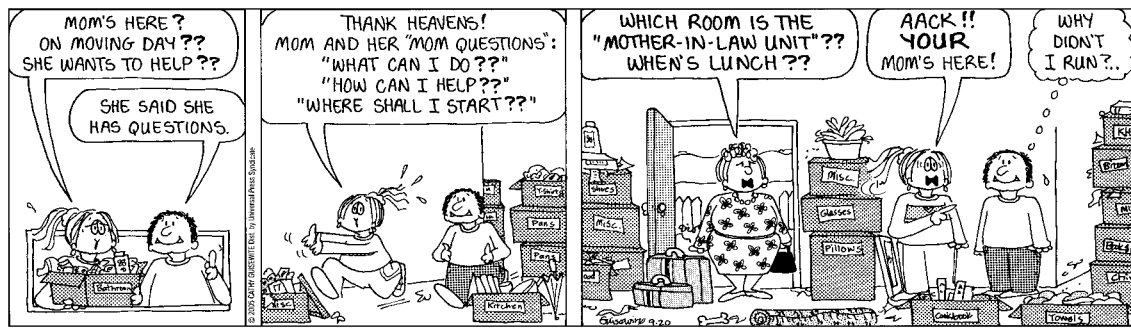
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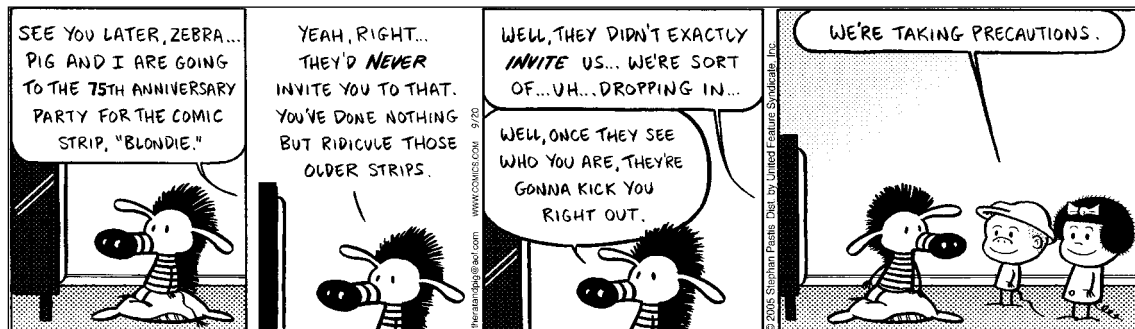
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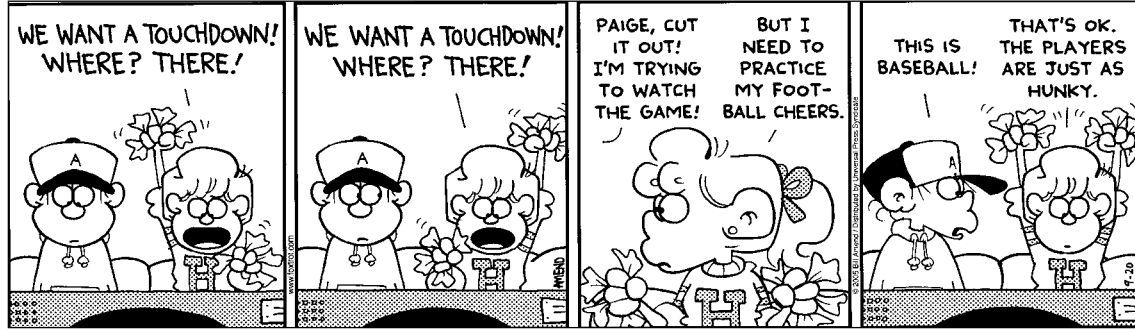
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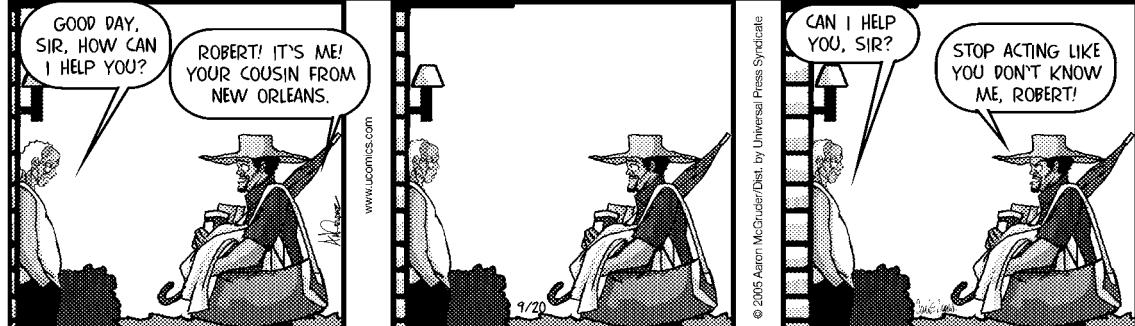
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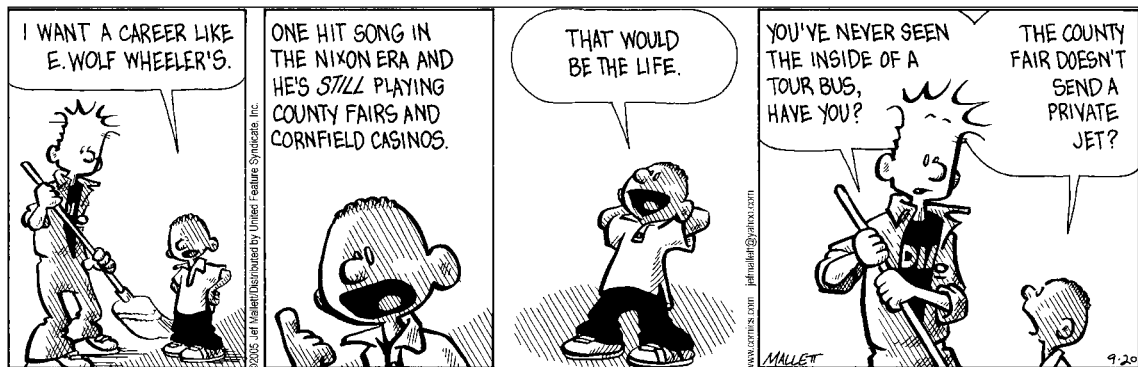
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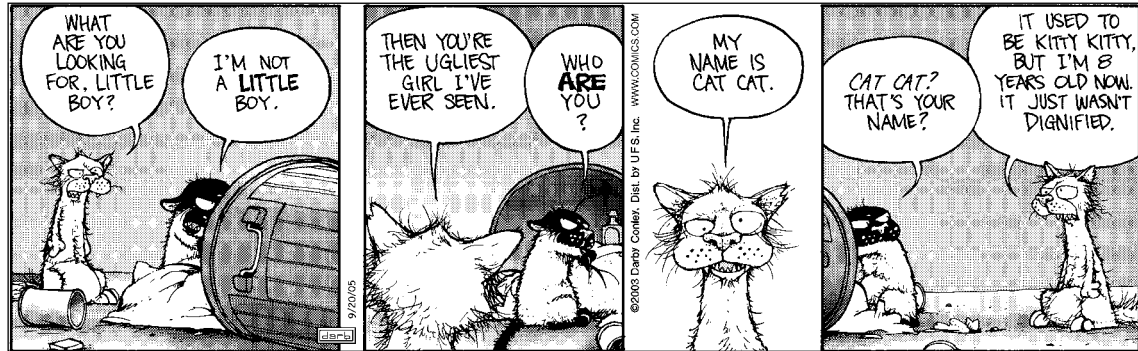
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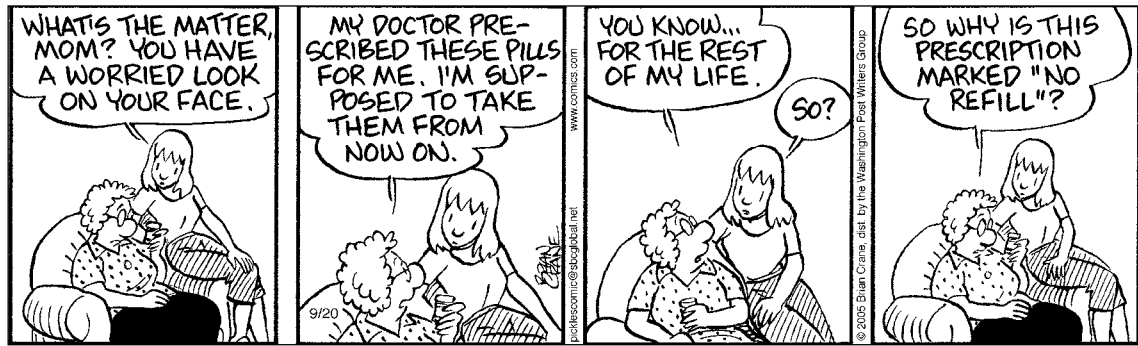
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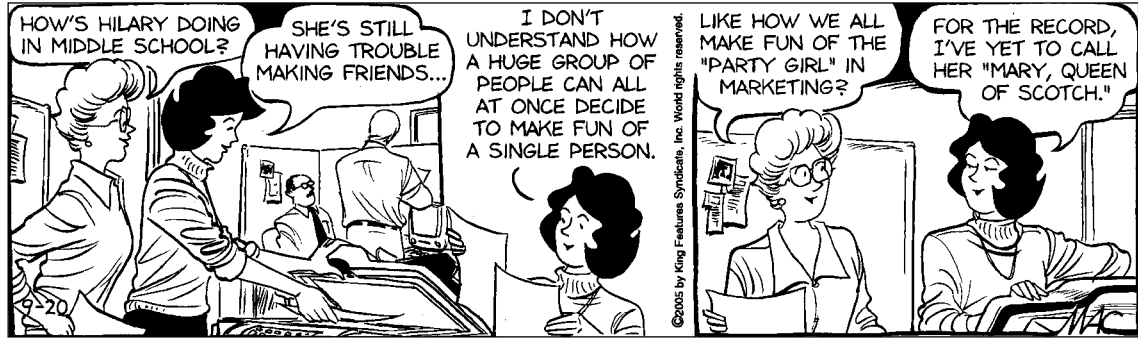
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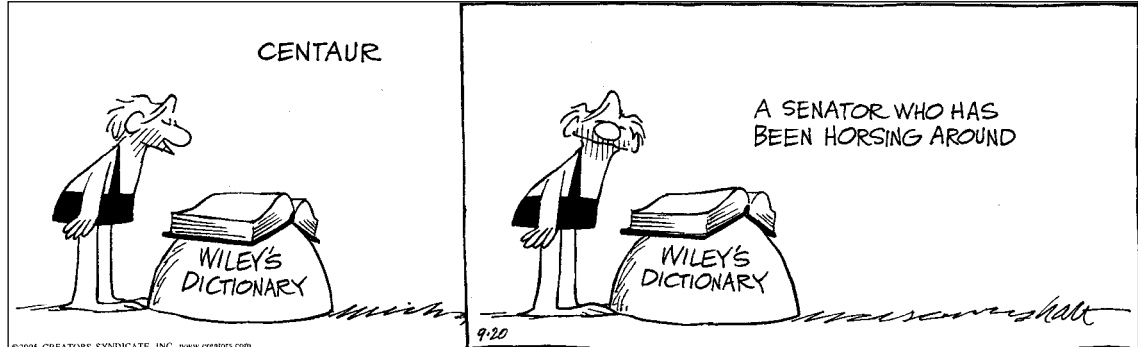
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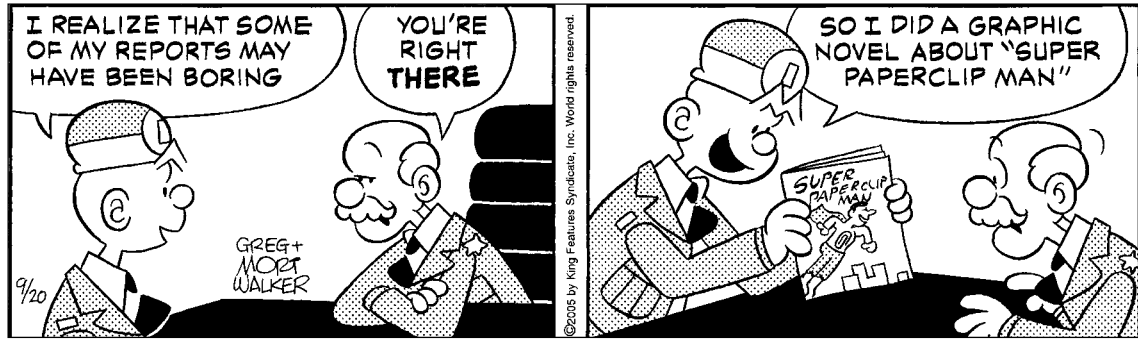
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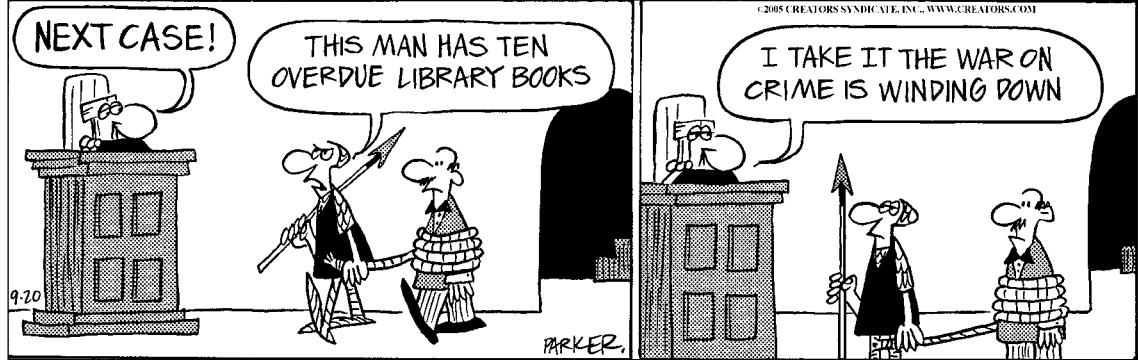
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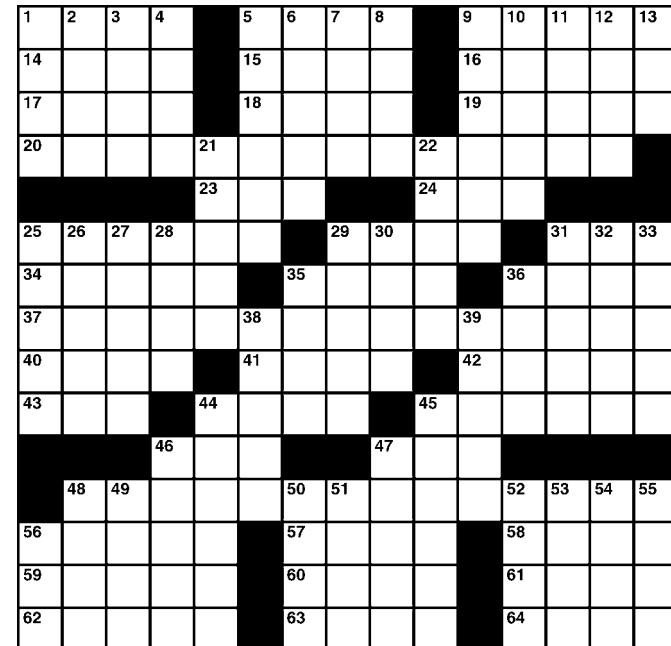


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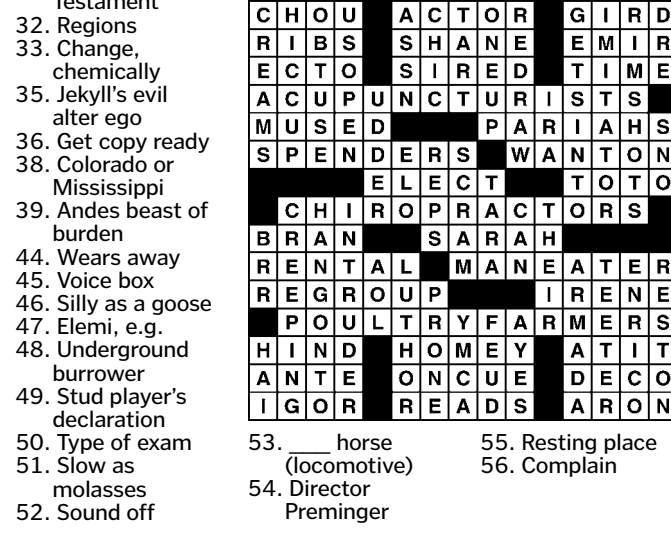
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 - Saudi Arabia, to OPEC
 - Military school attendees, mostly
 - Local meeting place, perhaps
 - 1979 Sigourney Weaver thriller
 - Itinerant traveler
 - Where the Shannon flows
 - Middle of the quip
 - Pindar poems
 - Kicked back
 - Perfume fragrance
 - Beatty of "Superman"
 - 12/24 and 12/31
 - Most recent
 - Pique
 - St. Louis griddle
 - End of the quip
 - Migrant worker, at times
 - Optimistic
 - Johnson of "Laugh-In"
 - Garment cut
 - Related by blood
 - Subdivision divisions
 - They're passed on from father to son
 - Forest wildcat
 - Shoelace problem
- DOWN**
- Algeria neighbor
 - Greenspan of the Federal Reserve
 - TV show that featured Hawkeye and Radar
 - Piedmont wine center
 - Agree
 - Leading the pack
 - Fairway positions
 - Rock group?
 - Looks down one's nose, perhaps
 - Barbarian of pulp fiction
 - Not pro
 - Criticize, with "on"
 - Psychic's "power"
 - Part of "CSI"
 - Arm of the Atchafalaya
 - Comedian Jackie
 - Duck
 - Stuck in the mud
 - Bums change
 - Orange and Peach
 - Bassoon cousin



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Monday's Puzzle Solved



ASK AMY

Dear Amy:
I am a 39-year-old divorced man with a beautiful 6-year-old daughter. I have been divorced more than five years, and the dating scene is tiresome. The women I meet do not seem ready for the family life that I so desire.

I have been talking more frequently with a woman I have known for the past three years. She has been unhappily married for seven years. We have become close and actually have gone out a few times. We have connected in ways I never knew existed. We have spoken about our life together once she is out of her marriage.

I feel that her ex-to-be is going to make this difficult for her. He has become so suspicious of her that he confronted her about her distant behavior.

She told him she has been talking to someone as a friend. He obviously did not take this news well. She was physically abused, and now I fear for her safety. I asked what I could do to help, but she assures me she can take care of it and does not want me involved. We have mutually decided to cool it.

I have fallen in love with this woman and cannot imagine my life without her.

How should I handle this? *Desperate*

Dear Amy:
I disagree with your answer to "Confused," who discovered a problematic instant-message dialogue with a friend on her 16-year-old daughter's computer document file.

You stated that her daughter had no right to privacy when she stored documents on the family computer. However, it is my belief, as a marriage and family therapist intern, mother and grandmother, that we all have a right to privacy, whether the information is in a diary under a pillow or in our computer.

I do not open my husband's document files and he doesn't open mine, without consent. If I left a letter addressed to me "lying around," no one else would have the right to read it, even though I hadn't locked it up.

What if the friend had told her story face-to-face or over the telephone? Would the daughter then be obligated to tell her mom?

I know from my own counseling experience that trust is an extremely important issue for teenagers, and because it wasn't her own daughter who "Confused" suspected of engaging in inappropriate behavior, she should have respected her daughter's privacy. *Ellen Howe*

If you fear for your friend's safety, you should do everything possible to make sure she is safe while keeping your distance so that you don't make things worse for her. If you know any of her friends or family members, contact them immediately and ask them to check in with her. Battered women often declare that they can take care of things themselves, but they cannot.

You can speak with a domestic violence counselor by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. Make sure that your friend has the phone number and that she will get out of the house immediately if she is afraid.

You also need to focus on your own behavior. You have chosen to engage in an adulterous relationship. Because you say that your family life means so much to you, I'm not sure how you can square your stance on family life with your presence in this relationship. You're setting a poor example for your young daughter.

The letter in question regarded an instant message from the girl's friend about sexual behavior that wasn't just "inappropriate" but was also apparently nonconsensual — and happening in the girl's home.

I understand and respect your point of view, but in my house, if I discover (not through snooping but through the normal course of events on the family computer) that my daughter's friend is engaging in alarming behavior, then I'm intervening.

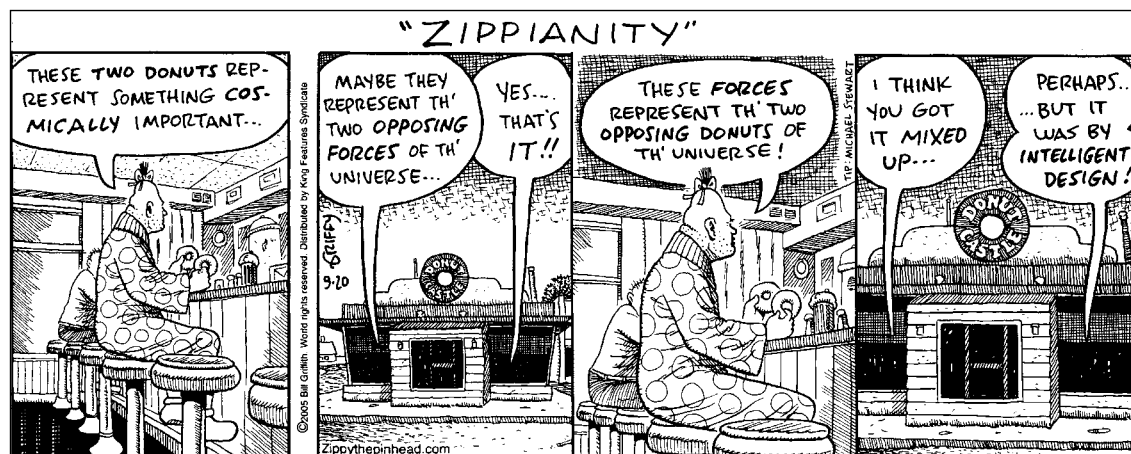
Then I'm going to sleep like a baby, even if I have violated the privacy of two teenagers.

You are right. In families, trust is paramount. Kids should trust that their parents will take the responsibility of intervening out of the hands of teenagers and place it into the hands of the grown-ups, where it belongs.

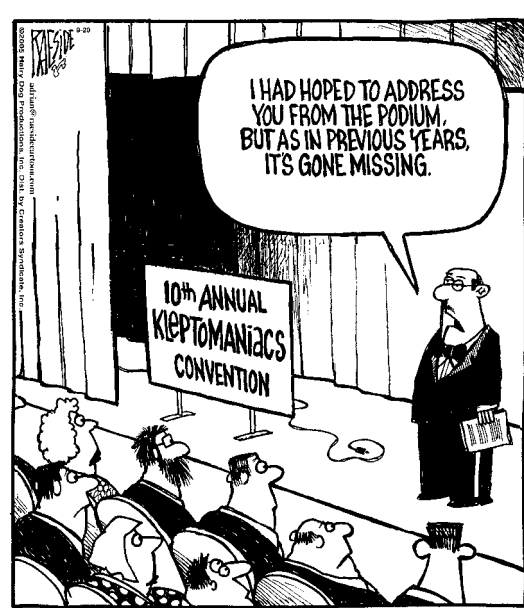
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THE OTHER COAST ADRIAN RAESIDE



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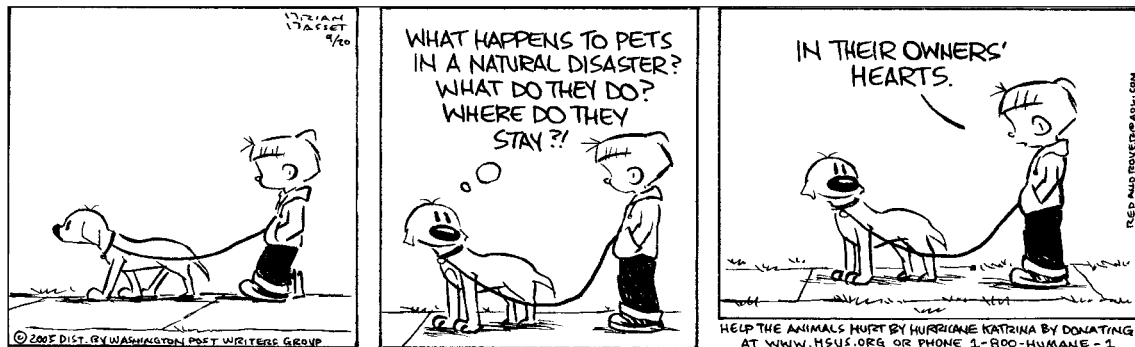
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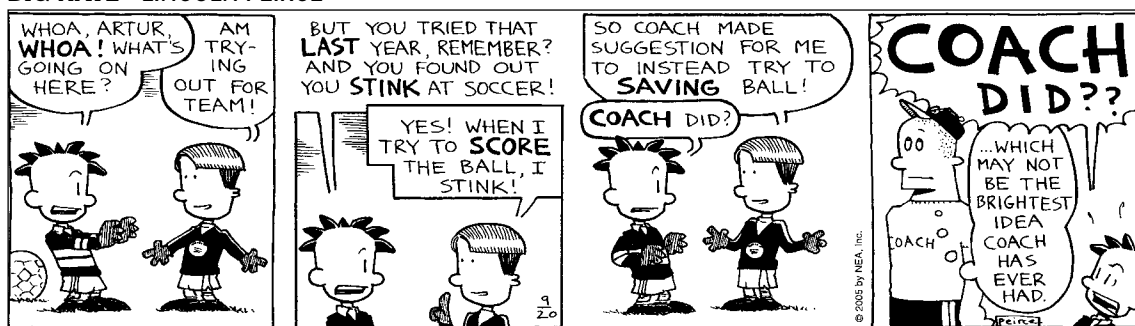
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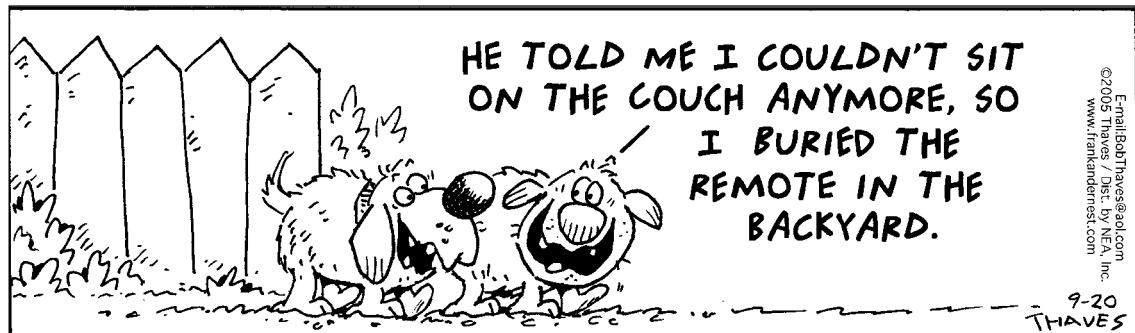
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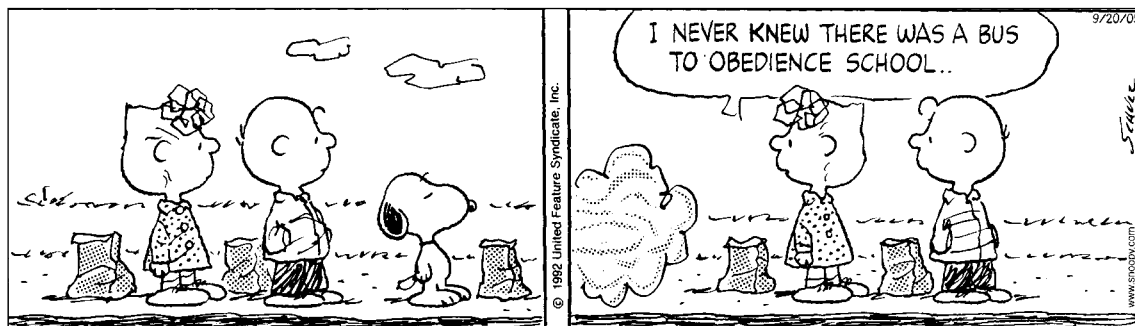
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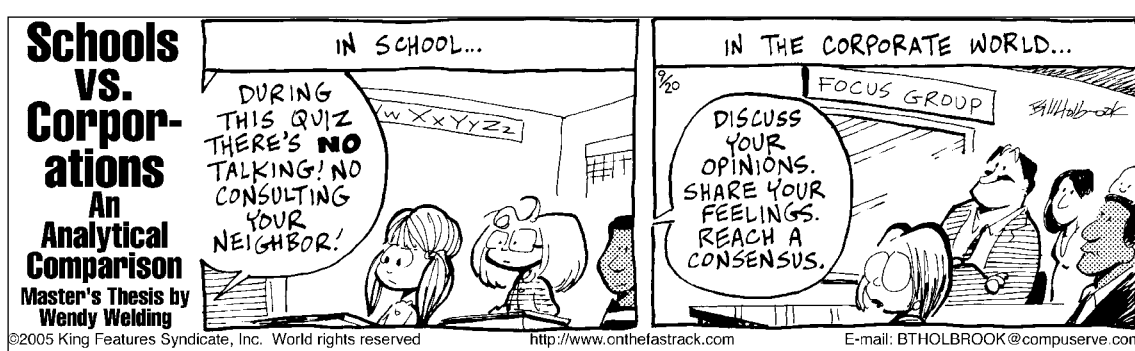
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EASY #25

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There really is only one solution to each puzzle.

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE | Holiday Mathis

Aries (March 21-April 19)
You appreciate when partners, colleagues and loved ones address you in a respectful tone. Reinforce their positive behavior with praise.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
It's a bureaucratic and automated world, but you need the knowledgeable human touch — how novel! A miracle happens: The first person who answers the phone also answers your question.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
You'll find a loved one very difficult to rein in, so focus your incredible disciplinary powers on yourself. There are so many ways to cut the nonsense out of your life, and cut it you must if you're to reach your splendid goal.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
The stars urge you to resist the temptation to judge and the need to change others. If you can do this, although it's potentially difficult, your day brings many unexpected but richly deserved gifts.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Your creative limits are self-imposed. Someone in the past told you that you couldn't do it, and you're still in the habit of believing that. Now the only way to prove to yourself that you CAN do it is to do it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Events of the day have a high potential to be misperceived, but even the sturdiest misperception can be corrected. Your best bet is to settle down and take it all in without reacting right away.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
What's stopping you from getting what you want is the other thing you want... your desires are in direct competition with each other. Figure out which you want more, and give up all things opposing that desire.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Work gets tense, but that's nothing compared to your personal life! What causes stress is not the situation itself but your thoughts about it. With a little help, you can manage those. Read or listen to something inspirational.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
It's out with the old and in with the new. Ditch the thing you've been chasing for the past few weeks, and take some time to get to know yourself. "You time" is much appreciated by your mind and body.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Don't let the haters get you down. People aren't thinking before they speak to you, and even if they are, it doesn't guarantee they're right. Your latest decision is best deliberated with inner wisdom alone. You can't go wrong.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Meetings, memos and e-mails help you maintain an open flow of communication. You can and should say "no" often. Believing that others won't like you if you don't agree is fallacious thinking.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Steal the spotlight, but don't hog it. You're the gracious star who knows when to let someone else have the chance to shine. Friends compete for your affection.

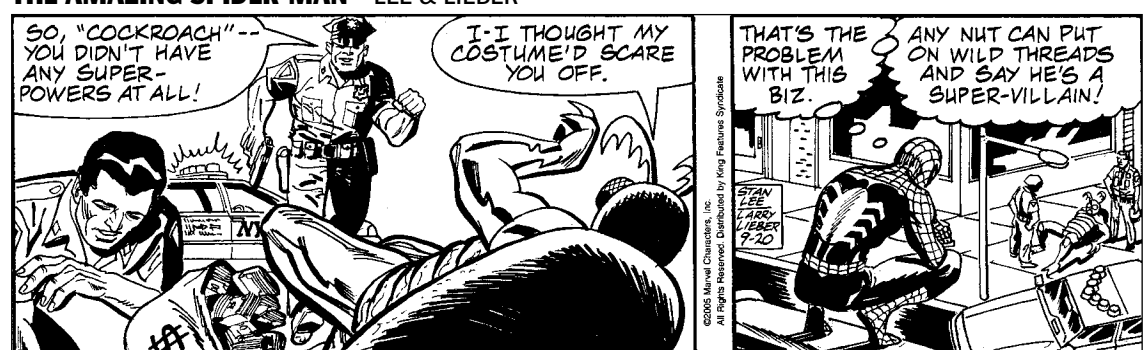
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY SEPT. 20: You defy convention and break through the boundaries of what you once deemed "appropriate behavior." You could even become slightly eccentric — and that's exactly why you'll win love in October. New clients or bosses are interested in your work in November. A big addition to your life happens in April. Love signs are Libra and Scorpio.

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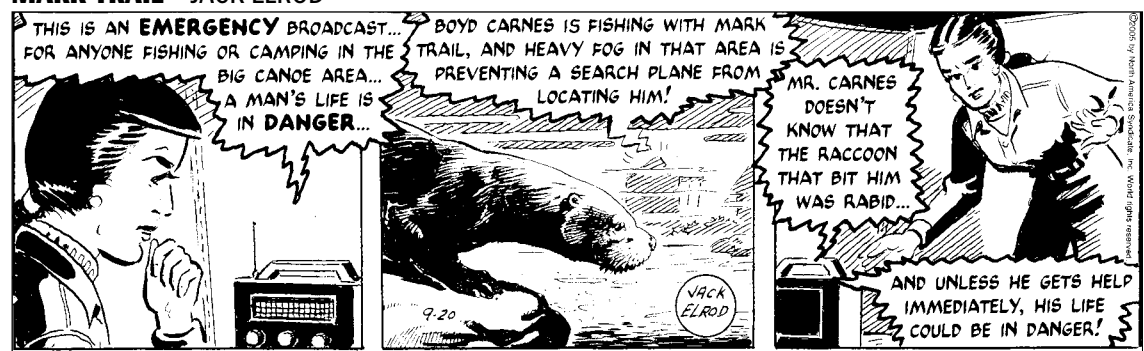
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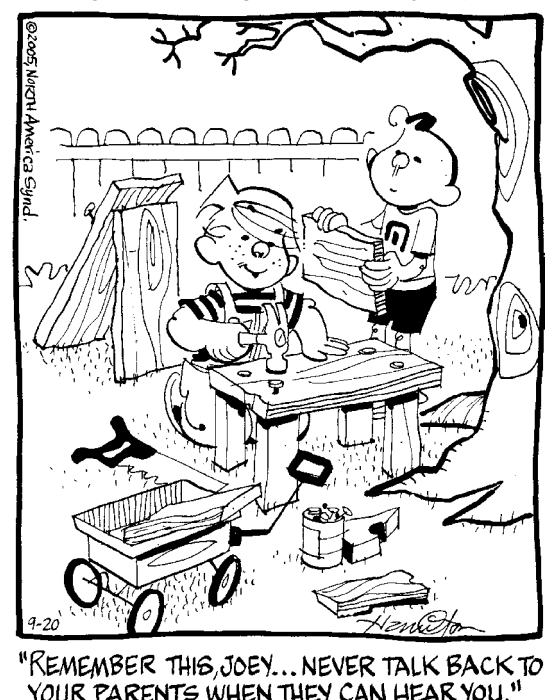
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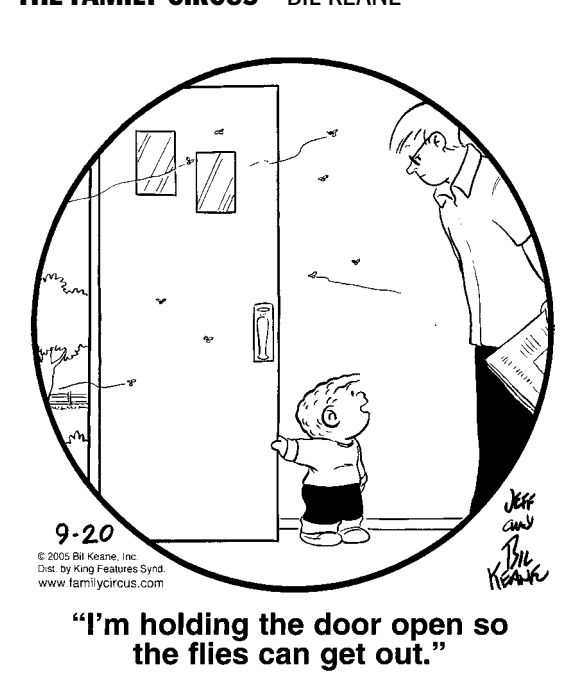
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SURVEY SAYS

Last week's survey asked: **What one thing would you save from your house?** More than 290 readers responded:

Pet	47.8%
Something else	20.5%
Photographs	16.7%
Stuffed animal	8.9%
Book	6.1%

TODAY'S NEWS

Once Again, NASA Shoots for the Moon

■ Fly me to the moon!
The head of NASA, the nation's space agency, announced more details yesterday of the government's plans to send men and women to the moon in the next 13 to 15 years.

NASA will spend about \$104 billion to create a new generation of space vehicles to take people to the moon and back. Last year, President Bush announced his goal of sending astronauts back to the moon by 2020. The last moon mission (Apollo 17) was in December 1972.

The new lunar vehicle would take the place of the space shuttle, which is set to be retired five years from now.

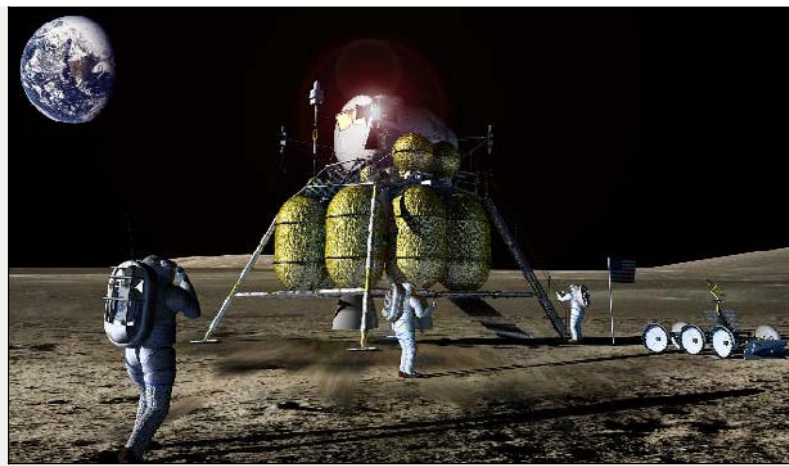


ILLUSTRATION BY NASA VIA GETTY IMAGES

One giant leap: NASA plans to send people back to the moon by 2020.

The new space vehicle design uses shuttlelike rocket parts and an Apollo-style capsule and lander to carry four people to the moon.

Hurricane Update

■ Just as some people were starting to move back into their homes in New Orleans, Louisi-

ana, they've been told to leave again.

That's because Tropical Storm Rita, moving west from the Atlantic Ocean into the Gulf of Mexico, could become a hurricane. The storm appears headed toward Texas, but weather forecasters say Louisiana could be affected by the storm.

WEATHER



TODAY: Partly sunny; storm.

HIGH 87 **LOW** 66

TOMORROW:

Early fog, then sun. High 85. Low 66.

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WEATHER TRIVIA

WHAT'S THE U.S. RECORD FOR MOST RAIN IN ONE MINUTE?
ANSWER: 1.23 INCHES IN UNIONVILLE, MARYLAND, JULY 4, 1956.

SPEAK OUT

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC

Cool Car Toys

It's now possible to sit in a car or van and really have all the comforts of home. Heck, your car might even be more comfortable than your family room.

Go to www.washingtonpost.com/kidspost and tell us:

■ Which car gadget could you not live without?

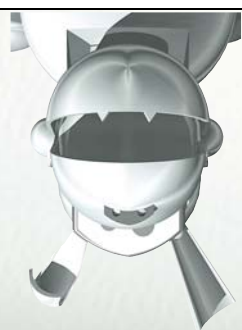
- A. Cup holders
- B. DVD/video player
- C. Headphones
- D. Windows (scenery is better to look at than a movie)



COURTESY GENERAL MOTORS

Look here: New cars seem to have all the comforts of home.

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How about making one of those cup holders a doggie treat holder?

You Are In the Driver's Seat

With High-Tech Gadgets — Plus All Those Cup Holders — Carmakers Try to Appeal To Kids and Their Parents

What do you like best about your family's car? At big car manufacturing companies, there are plenty of adults trying to figure out what's in your head. And in your hands. And in your backpack.

"The voice of children is very strong in the development of our products — they play a key role in the development of features," said Ed Larocque, whose job is making people in the United States want to buy Toyota cars, trucks and vans.

Larocque and other top auto executives are concerned about what features kids like to have in vehicles because car companies want to get younger people buying their products. The average age of a Toyota Camry buyer, for example, is 55. By coming up with gadgets that children love, carmakers hope to get more young parents as customers.

What are the gadgets that kids love? Lots of cup holders, places to put CDs and DVDs and portable games and, of course, in-car entertainment systems.

It used to be that car companies asked parents what they wanted in family cars. The result was lots of great safety features. Those are important, of course, but they just don't have the same impact on kids as a DVD player with wireless headphones and a Game Boy port.

These days, auto manufacturers are developing kid-friendly cars by actually talking to kids, and even videotaping families as they use their cars. General

Cool Car Toys

Here's a look at when various features were first offered in American cars (with first models, if known).

Radio: 1932.

Cup holder: 1983, on Dodge Omni and Plymouth Horizon sedans.

CD player: 1991.

VCR: 1999, on the Oldsmobile Silhouette Premiere minivan.

DVD: 2001, on the Infiniti QX4.

SOURCES: Edmunds.com; Automotive Hall of Fame



Motors gave early versions of its Buick Terazza, Pontiac Montana and Chevy Uplander to 30 families last summer and had them drive from Detroit to Orlando so the design team could find out what kids really want in a vehicle.

What kids want the most, it seems, is to watch movies and play games — just like they can at home.

"That was huge in my house — every so often we'd have to look back and make sure the kids were still in the car because of how quiet it got," said Ken Parkinson, who is in charge of exterior design for General Motors's trucks and SUVs. "Now you can hook your iPod right into the stereo of the vehicle."

Parkinson, who has worked on interior and exterior design for the giant automaker, says the best feedback for family vehicles comes from the designers who have kids. They not only talk to their kids at home, they sometimes bring their children to work and show them the newest ideas.

And everything aimed at kids gets a major durability test.

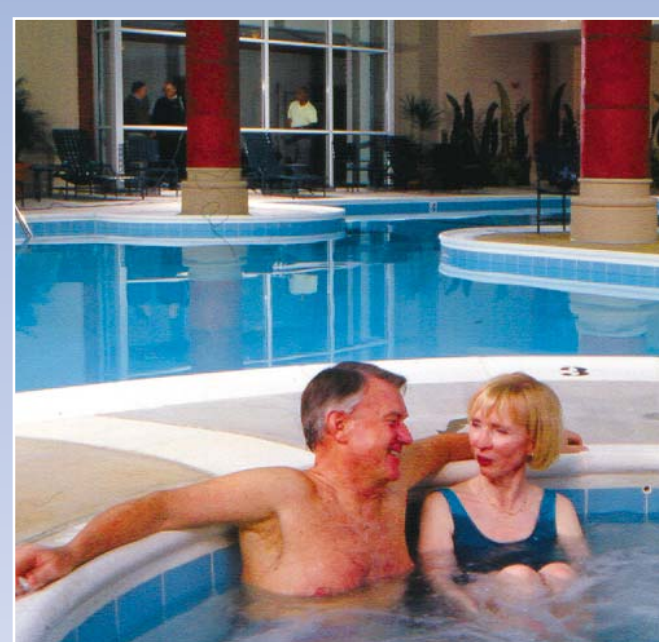
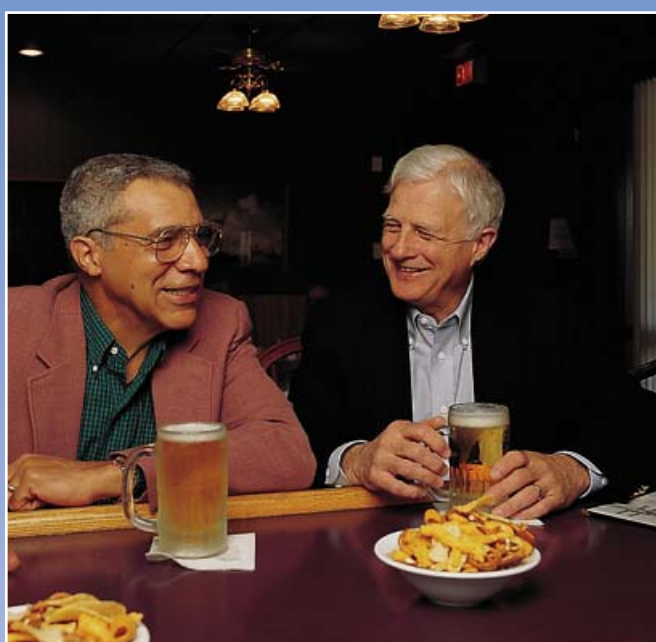
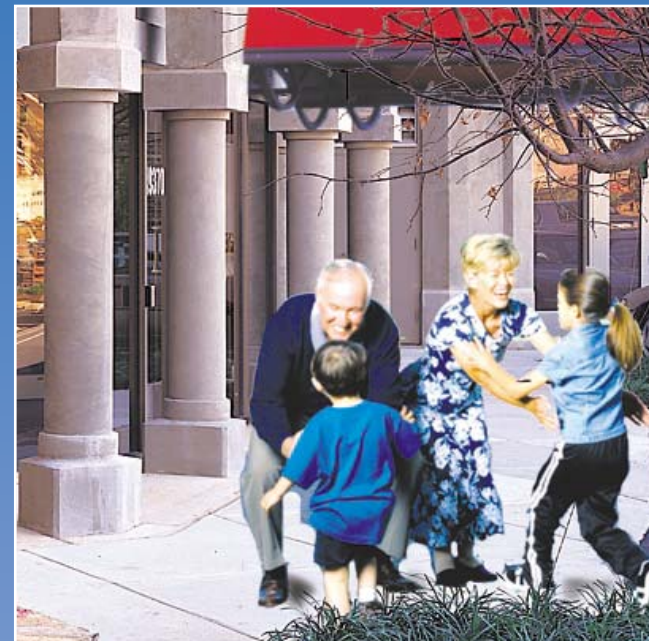
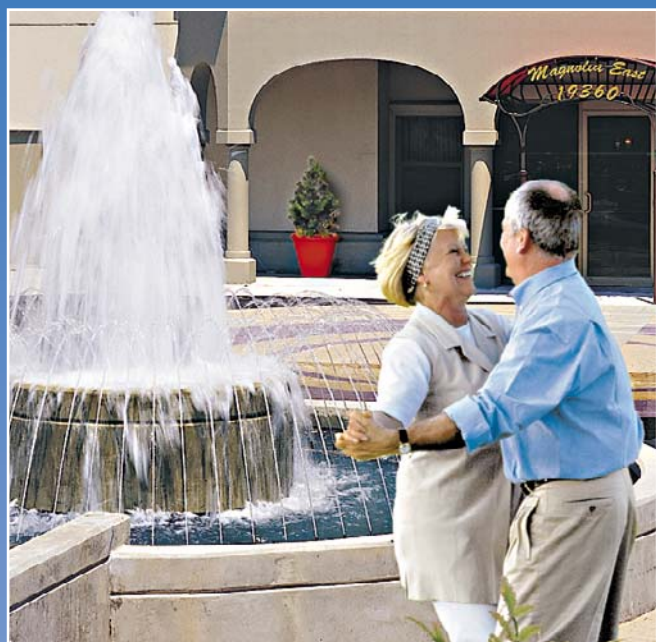
"You don't want it to be something that once . . . kids are climbing around back there, they step on it and it breaks," Parkinson said.

— Margaret Webb Pressler



General Motors and other companies are using families to test tricked-out versions of new vehicles, including easy-to-reach storage space for DVDs and snacks. The automakers hope that new features will lead to more sales.

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DOWN 84.31, 0.8%
-  **NASDAQ** 2145.26
DOWN 15.09, 0.7%
-  **S&P 500** 1231.02
DOWN 6.89, 0.6%
-  **POST-BLOOMBERG REGIONAL** 275.10
DOWN 1.77, 0.6%
-  **10-YEAR TREASURY**
UP \$2.19 PER \$1,000
4.25% YIELD

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The world's sixth-largest oil company would need 5 percent annual growth to reach its goal of 2 million barrels a day. **D5**

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BUSINESS CLASS

Keith L. Alexander is away. His column will return.



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Former Tyco executives L. Dennis Kozlowski, left, and Mark H. Swartz may serve at least part of their sentences in a maximum-security prison.

Ex-Tyco Officers Sentenced

Pair Get Up to 25 Years in Prison, Must Pay Almost \$240 Million

By BEN WHITE
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 — A state judge on Monday sentenced former Tyco International Ltd. executives L. Dennis Kozlowski and Mark H. Swartz to 8½ to 25 years in prison for looting the company of hundreds of millions of dollars to pay for lavish parties, luxurious homes and extravagances such as a \$6,000 shower curtain.

In a case that came to symbolize corporate greed, state Supreme Court Judge Michael J. Obus also ordered Kozlowski and Swartz to pay nearly \$240 million in fines and restitution. Kozlowski and Swartz were immediately taken into custody and led from a packed courtroom in handcuffs as family members of both men sobbed. The men are likely to serve

at least part of their sentences in one of New York's 16 maximum-security state prisons.

The sentences for Kozlowski and Swartz follow lengthy terms meted out to other white-collar defendants convicted in a wave of criminal cases that followed the collapse of the Internet bubble and multibillion-dollar frauds at companies such as WorldCom Inc. and Enron Corp.

Former WorldCom chairman Bernard J. Ebbers, 64, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for orchestrating an \$11 billion accounting fraud at his company. Because of Ebbers's age, that could amount to a life sentence. John J. Rigas, the 80-year-old founder of Adelphia Communications Corp., received 15 years in prison for stealing millions from the cable company for personal extravagances, hiding more than \$2.3 billion in debt and lying to in-

vestors. Rigas's son and former Adelphia chief financial officer Timothy J. Rigas was given 20 years in prison for his role in the scheme.

Prosecutors and many shareholder groups say long sentences are necessary to deter future abuses and restore investor confidence. But some defense lawyers question the extent to which a few high-profile cases will deter bad behavior at smaller public companies that present less tempting targets for prosecutors. "Officers and directors of major corporations, multinational corporations, clearly get the message," said defense attorney Jacob S. Frenkel. "The question is whether the message has been conveyed thoroughly to officers and directors at small and mid-size compa-

See TYCO, D6, Col. 1



BY RICH LIPSKI — THE WASHINGTON POST

Event founder Joseph E. Robert Jr. said some intended sponsors are redirecting aid to hurricane relief.

School Night Takes This Year Off

Local Fundraiser Won't Compete With Hurricane Relief

By ANNYS SHIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

School Night, the six-year-old annual gala started by developer Joseph E. Robert Jr. that has raised more than \$20 million mostly for school and college scholarships, has been canceled, the event's organizers said yesterday, citing declining attendance and the current focus of key sponsors on fundraising related to Hurricane Katrina.

Organizers say they still plan to

use the School Night name in future efforts, but hope to reach beyond the once-a-year-gala approach to charitable fundraising, said Kaleem Caire, executive director of Fight for Children, the organization Robert founded in 1990 to support children's issues in the District.

The event had become one of the Washington business community's premier fundraising events — and a prime networking opportunity as well, with hundreds gathered at a black-tie event that featured enter-

tainment by the likes of Stevie Wonder.

But attendance at School Night had been slipping for the past three years, and prospects dimmed for this year's event when previous backers such as the J.W. and Alice S. Marriott Foundation decided not to participate — in Marriott's case in order to target resources on hurricane recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast, according to a foundation

See SCHOOL NIGHT, D4, Col. 1

Oil Prices Spike As Storm Nears

Jump of \$4.39 Is Largest One-Day Surge on Record

By JUSTIN BLUM
Washington Post Staff Writer

Oil prices soared yesterday in the largest one-day gain ever as fears mounted that a developing tropical storm could damage oil operations in the Gulf of Mexico and Texas.

U.S. benchmark crude for October delivery gained \$4.39 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange to close at \$67.39. That was the largest one-day dollar gain since oil started trading on the exchange in 1983, according to the Energy Department. The oil price closed at a record \$69.81 on Aug. 30.

Futures prices for gasoline, natural gas and heating oil also rose yesterday.

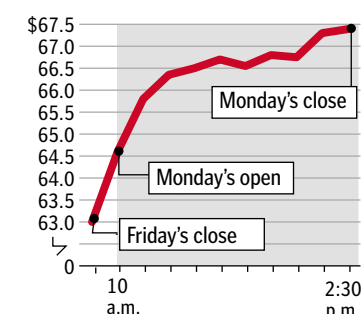
The spike came as gasoline prices, which surged after Katrina, continued to fall. The national average was \$2.786 a gallon for regular, down 16.9 cents from a week earlier, according to the Energy Department. The average price in the Washington area dropped under \$3 for a gallon of regular, according to a AAA-sponsored survey.

The increases in futures prices of oil and gasoline reflected con-

See OIL, D3, Col. 2

Record Jump

U.S. benchmark crude, price per barrel



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Nymex's Numbers: Reality or Speculation?

By BEN WHITE
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NEW YORK — When most people think of financial markets, they think of screaming traders on the floor of the iconic New York Stock Exchange.

But since Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf, and in fact for months before that, the more important screaming has been taking place across Lower Manhattan in a nondescript office building on the banks of the Hudson River. The building is home to the New York Mercantile Exchange, the world's largest physical commodities exchange and principal trading site for futures contracts on crude oil, gasoline, natural gas and other energy products, as well as gold and other precious metals.

Increasingly, the stock and bond markets take their cues from oil prices set at the Nymex. When oil drops these days, stocks tend to rise. Nymex prices also strongly influence what consumers pay for gasoline, home heating oil and other energy products.

But with a vast influx of money from mutual funds that invest in commodities, hedge funds and quick-trading individual investors, some industry analysts question how much Nymex prices reflect the reality of supply and demand and

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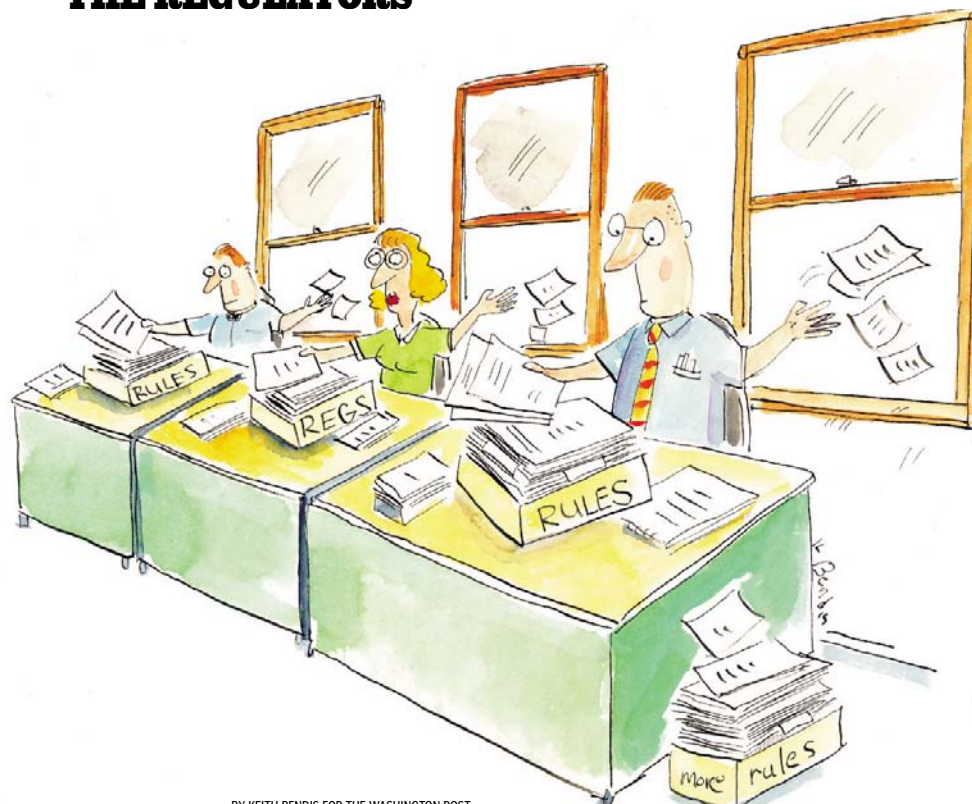
Katrina Relief Leads to Some Bending of Rules

The wake of Katrina has convinced some regulators that the time has come to break, or at least bend, some rules to help speed assistance to the victims of the storm.

When a Home Depot store in Hammond, La., wanted to set up a temporary gas station to provide fuel for suppliers and employees, the company approached the Environmental Protection Agency and asked regulators not to enforce all the usual pollution standards that cover pumping gas.

The store received permission to set up the station, as long as it used qualified contractors to do the work, trained store personnel to use the equipment safely, and tried to contain emissions. Because of the "enforcement discretion" the agency exercised, Home Depot could operate for the next 30 days without

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NATIONAL BRIEFING

AUTOMOTIVE

Chrysler to Drop Dodge Neon



After 11 years, Chrysler Group plans to end production of its low-priced Dodge Neon this week to make way for a sleek replacement. The last Neon is scheduled to roll off the line with little fanfare Friday at Chrysler's plant in Belvidere, Ill., company spokesman Ed Saenz said.

Chrysler, a unit of DaimlerChrysler, is spending \$419 million to revamp the Belvidere production line so it can build multiple models, including the Dodge Caliber, which will replace the Neon. The Caliber is expected to go on sale early next year.

AIRLINES

ATA, Pilots Agree on Pay Cuts

ATA Airlines, which is seeking a \$100 million investment to help it exit bankruptcy protection, reached an agreement with its pilots on pay concessions into 2008.

The accord extends pay cuts, about 18 percent compared with 2003 rates, to Sept. 30, 2008, the Air Line Pilots Association said. The contract, which also includes benefit reductions, gives ATA \$40 million in savings next year, \$44.5 million in 2007 and an undetermined amount in 2008, the ALPA said.

The contract, which preserves more pay and benefits than a proposal that ATA is seeking to impose in bankruptcy court, will take effect Oct. 1 if the airline's pilots vote in favor of it this month.

MUTUAL FUNDS

GAO Questions SEC Oversight

Congressional investigators have questioned the adequacy of inspections of mutual funds by the Securities and Exchange Commission, a few months after finding that the agency failed to uncover trading abuses throughout the fund industry that cost investors billions of dollars.

The Government Accountability Office, in a report released by Democratic Reps. Barney Frank (Mass.) and Paul E. Kanjorski (Pa.), said that the SEC has fewer examiners covering the mutual fund industry than it should and that funds

deemed to be lower risk may not be inspected for 10 years or more.

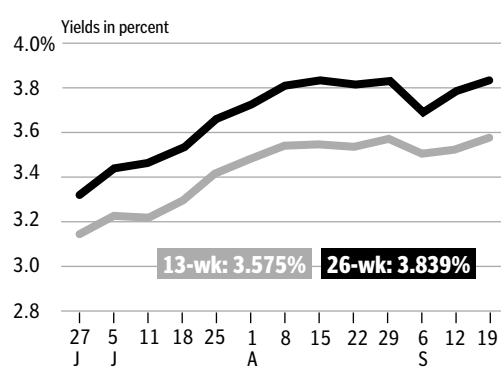
The SEC has said that, with a limited budget to police the fund industry, it had pursued issues that were believed to represent the biggest risks to investors.

EARNINGS

■ **Carnival** said its third-quarter profit rose 12 percent from the comparable period a year earlier, to \$1.15 billion, as higher ticket prices and increased onboard sales drove growth. Revenue rose 11 percent, to \$3.61 billion. The cruise ship operator said that it expects to miss expectations for the following quarter because of Hurricane Katrina but that its bookings for 2006 are ahead of a year ago.

■ **Nike** said its first-quarter profit grew 32 percent, to \$432.3 million, as the world's largest sneaker and athletic apparel company posted sales gains across all regions and product units. Revenue climbed 8 percent, to \$3.86 billion.

TREASURY BILLS



SOURCE: Treasury Department

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■ **T-bill rates rose.** The discount rate on three-month Treasury bills auctioned yesterday increased to 3.495 percent from 3.45 percent last week. Rates on six-month bills rose to 3.715 percent from 3.67 percent. The annualized return to investors is 3.575 percent for three-month bills, with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,911.65, and 3.839 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,812.19. Separately, the Federal Reserve said the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, a popular index for making changes in adjustable-rate mortgages, rose to 3.82 percent last week from 3.76 percent the previous week.

Compiled from staff and news service reports.

DEALS

Allan Sloan

Breaking the Bank for the Big Guy

Mutual funds are designed to be the small investor's friend. By pooling money and hiring a professional manager, the small fry can compete with the giant sharks that dominate the investment world. Or so the thinking goes. But sometimes, the big guy gets a much better deal out of a mutual fund investment than the small guy can dream of getting.

A case in point: the way a money manager for Harvard extracted a far better deal for the Crimson from the Korea Fund than mom-and-pop shareholders got. While it may not seem quite fair, it's all perfectly legal.

You've probably never heard of the Korea Fund, which was created in the 1980s to let U.S. retail investors buy a stake in the South Korean economy. The fund, not to be confused with the zillion other funds with Korea in their names, is what investment types call a closed-end fund.

Closed-ends are different from regular mutual funds, known as open-end funds. You buy and sell shares of an open-end fund by dealing directly with the fund. Closed-end funds, by contrast, trade on stock exchanges just like any other stocks.

For a variety of reasons, including the fact that you have to pay commissions to buy and sell closed-end shares, they typically trade for less than their so-called net asset value per share. (That's the total value of the securities that a fund owns, divided by the number of shares.) Open-end funds, by contrast, typically trade at net asset value.

Enter Sowood Capital Management LP, a Boston-based hedge fund founded last year by folks who used to work for the multibillion-dollar Harvard endowment, which is by far the largest such university fund.

When they set up shop on their own, they continued working for Harvard, which gave them money to manage. Sowood manages money for other clients, too, but its Korea Fund play is strictly Harvard.

Sowood was drawn to the Korea Fund because it was so cheap relative to the value of its assets. For part of last year, Korea Fund shares, which trade on the New York Stock Exchange, were selling for as much as 20 percent less than the value of the fund's stocks. Using a time-honored big-fish maneuver, Sowood bought 22 percent of the fund's shares for Harvard and began agitating for the fund to break itself up. That would let shareholders get

net asset value for their stock.

Sowood talked about finding new managers to replace Deutsche Asset Management at the fund's helm and in general made a pest of itself. To make peace, the Korea Fund agreed to buy back shares at 98 percent of net asset value. That's so close to NAV that even for a \$300 million holding such as Sowood's, the difference wasn't worth quibbling over. But rather than buying back its shares for cash, the Korea Fund did a stock swap. Holders turned in Korea Fund shares and in return got pieces of the 75 Korean stocks the fund owned. To own South Korean stocks, you've got to register with the South Korean government. You've also got to know what to do with obscure (to U.S. investors) holdings such as Nepes Corp. It's no surprise, then, that most Korea Fund holders didn't accept the offer. But Harvard did. By my math, Harvard is at least \$15 million ahead of where it would be if it were a regular old Korea Fund shareholder. (Harvard, Sowood and the fund all declined to comment.)

To be sure, retail holders did benefit from Sowood's raid on the fund. The stock price rose, relative to asset value, so holders could get a better price if they chose to sell. The fund committed to future buybacks (payable in Korean stocks rather than cash) that will presumably help support the fund's stock price. But Harvard benefited more — it got 98 percent of asset value for stock that traded recently at 93 percent. "Retail shareholders are better off than they would have otherwise been, but they're not getting the full benefit," says Thomas Herzfeld, whose Miami-based Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors is a leading analyst and dealer in closed-end funds.

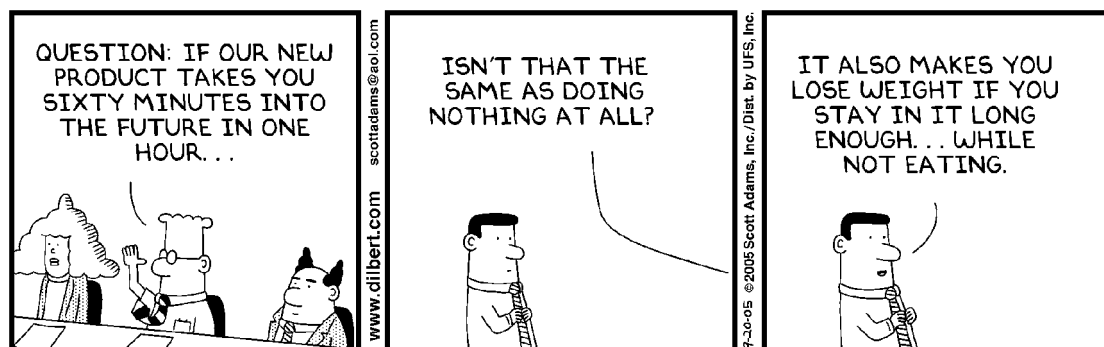
The idea here isn't to point a finger at Harvard or Sowood. It's to show that size matters.

Any player with lots of money, staying power and a thick hide could have gotten the same advantages that Sowood got for Harvard. (Indeed, the Korea Fund came under attack from a British money-management firm last week — but that's a tale for another day.)

The moral: In the fund game, as in basketball, you can pretty much bet that the big guy can take the little guy to the cleaners almost every time.

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Need for Dispatch Leads to Waivers

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worrying about issues such as vapor recovery from the pumps.

The EPA extended the same courtesy to tank truck carriers who asked that the normal certification and registration process for fueling at terminals be waived in some states, so their tankers could fill up at terminals they don't normally use.

The laws regulatory agencies operate under, or sometimes the rules themselves, permit emergency exemptions. There also is a specific federal law governing disaster response that allows agencies to "modify or waive" their procedures.

So since Katrina struck, agencies have been issuing waivers to help employers get up and running, as well as cranking out grants, offering help on the ground, rescheduling public meetings and extending reporting deadlines. The actions are too numerous for anyone to track meticulously, though the Department of Homeland Security lists major waivers on its Web site.

It includes the EPA issuing a waiver to allow use of higher-sulfur fuel to supplement gas supplies, a break that has been extended to Oct. 5 in 24 states and the District.

There also are decisions that won't be found by any list, though there was much internal deliberation.

"We are not granting things willy-nilly," said John Fogarty, EPA's associate director of air enforcement. "We consider whether it's appropriate to exercise enforcement discretion in a situation that would normally be a violation." The agency has issued 11 assurances that no enforcement action would be taken for a temporary period.

The Coast Guard has approved the hiring of more foreign workers to repair damaged offshore oil rigs; the number is usually limited to 25 percent of a crew. Truckers and airline pilots involved in relief efforts are allowed to work longer hours than the rules stipulate. Employers have been absolved from sanctions if they hire victims of Katrina who lost proper documentation.

Because so many stations were off the air, the Federal Communications Commission suspended rules prohibiting educational radio and television stations from airing commercial programming. The Federal Railroad Administration set up a special docket for handling petitions from

carriers seeking regulatory waivers since, the agency said, its normal procedures "do not lend themselves to quick and immediate decisions."

And the Forest Service waived the fee and the 14-day stay limit in 106 campgrounds to accommodate Katrina victims.

The Bush administration did not give the agencies any formal marching orders on how to proceed, though it said it is working with agencies to expedite relief initiatives.

"We want to make sure that no bureaucratic obstacles stand in the way of these relief efforts," said John D. Graham, who heads the Office of Management and Budget's regulatory review office. "We are also working to ensure that regulations issued in the normal course of agency business do not have unintended consequences that might impede relief from being delivered in the aftermath of the hurricane."

Others say the disaster should not be an excuse to push aside important regulatory protections.

Environmentalists, for example, are worried the administration will consider broader waivers to provisions of the Clean Air Act, especially for oil refineries, or will relax rules governing hazardous waste cleanup.

"No one wants to slow down the recovery, but there has been no input from people in the affected communities," said Erik Olson, senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. Olson said Katrina could become the "all-purpose excuse" to go ahead with efforts already underway to weaken public health standards.

But there are some rules that hold fast.

Katrina contaminated some 2,890 pounds of specialty smoked sausage and bacon made by Enslin & Sons Packing in Hattiesburg, Miss. The small company, which never had a recall in 81 years of business, had its well water tested and unacceptable bacteria were found.

Under Department of Agriculture rules, a plant cannot operate until it is "safe and wholesome." So a week ago, Enslin voluntarily recalled such products as its hickory-smoked Bowie River Swamp Hot Sausage. The facility has yet to resume operations, Enslin said, because it is "waiting on" a state agency for new test results.

Steven Cohen, an Agriculture Department spokesman, sympathized with Enslin. "This was not a deliberate attempt to produce product that was unsafe. This is 100 percent Katrina damage," he said.

WORKING

Anger Management

Life at work stinks sometimes. Anger and disappointment well up as projects get shot down. Co-workers or clients defect to the competition. Your boss ignores your ideas — again.

You don't want to quit, so you vent, speaking up about your emotions and the perceived injustices.

If you are lucky, you work in an

organization that accepts that, though not all do. "You may need to be more circumspect about it" at hierarchical organizations, said Peter Bonner, senior vice president of the human capital strategies practice at Fairfax-based ICF Consulting.

Find colleagues you trust, inside and outside of the organization, preferably people at your level. If you blow off to your boss or to someone who reports to you, you

may "trespass on the social rules of the organization," Bonner said.

He sounds off to peers or works off the frustration by bicycling.

Bonner and others believe in the value of anger at work, used selectively on key subjects. "It conveys that caring — that this is an important and critical issue."

So express your frustrations quietly, or loudly, when the issue is about more than blowing off steam. — Vickie Elmer

Trial Over Wal-Mart Lunch Breaks Begins

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 19 — Lawyers representing about 116,000 former and current Wal-Mart Stores Inc. employees in California told a jury Monday that the world's largest retailer systematically and illegally denied workers lunch breaks.

The suit in Alameda County Superior Court is among about 40 cases nationwide alleging workplace violations against Wal-Mart and the first to go to trial. The company settled a lawsuit in Colorado for \$50 million that contains similar allegations to California's class action. The company also is accused of paying men more than women in a federal lawsuit pend-

ing in San Francisco federal court.

The workers in the class-action suit are owed more than \$66 million plus interest, attorney Fred Furth told the 12 jurors and four alternates in an opening statement.

Wal-Mart declined to give an opening statement, reserving its right to give one later. Its lawyers also declined to comment.

Nine jurors must side with the plaintiffs for them to prevail. Millions of dollars also are sought to punish the company for the alleged wrongdoing.

The case concerns a 2001 state law, which is among the nation's most worker-friendly. Employees who work at least six hours must have a 30-minute, unpaid lunch

break. If they do not get that, the law requires that they get an additional hour of pay.

In court documents, the Bentonville, Ark., company says workers did not demand penalty wages on a timely basis. Wal-Mart says that it did pay some employees their penalty pay and that, in 2003, most workers agreed to waive their meal periods as the law allows.

The company also says some violations were minor, such as demanding employees punch back in from lunch and work during their meal breaks. In essence, workers were provided a shorter meal period than the law allows.

On Tuesday, as many as three plaintiffs are expected to testify in a trial that could last weeks.

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MARKETS

Stocks Drop as Another Storm Nears

Associated Press

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 — Stocks plummeted Monday as heightened fears of another hurricane hitting the Gulf Coast sent oil prices racing past \$67 a barrel and investors grew anxious about the Federal Reserve's upcoming interest rate meeting.

With an intensifying Tropical Storm Rita nearing Florida's tip and poised to hammer the Gulf Coast just weeks after Katrina's devastation, the market retreated heavily late in the session amid light trading volume.

Crude oil made its biggest one-day gain ever, even as the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries neared a consensus on selling 2 million additional barrels a day to offset a potential supply shortage from recent refinery shutdowns. On the New York Mercantile Exchange, a barrel of light crude jumped \$4.39 to \$67.39, as gasoline futures climbed 24 cents to \$2.04 a gallon.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 84.31, or 0.79 percent, to 10,557.63.

Broader stock indicators also declined. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 6.89, or 0.56 percent, to 1231.02, and the Nasdaq composite index sank 15.09, or 0.7 percent, to 2145.26.

Although Wall Street is uncertain about what the Fed's decision on interest rates is likely to be, many analysts are predicting the central bank will continue lifting rates to stem inflation and will keep that as its main priority despite the widespread economic ripple left in Katrina's wake. The Fed's policy announcement is expected Tuesday afternoon.

"I don't see where they're going to be able to back down with inflation increasing the way it is and oil rising," said Bill Groenveld, head trader at vFinance Investments.

Groenveld also said Rita was another concern for the market as it approached the southern end of Florida en route to the Gulf of Mexico. Some meteorologists were forecasting that the storm could strengthen into a hurricane by Monday night.

Movers

▲ **Nike** rose \$4.99 to \$83.45 on strong first-quarter earnings.

▼ **Sirius Satellite Radio** fell 35 cents to \$6.70 after its higher forecast failed to meet analysts' targets.

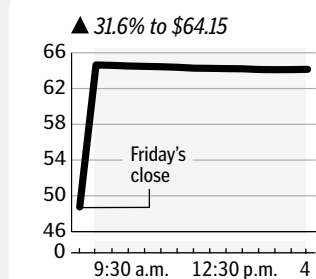
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MONDAY: SECTOR BY SECTOR

How components of the S&P 500-stock index performed

Energy	2.235
Utilities	-0.178
Consumer staples	-0.63
Information technology	-0.673
Health care	-0.752
Financials	-0.795
Materials	-0.866
Telecommunication services	-1.04
Consumer discretionary	-1.296
Industrials	-1.363

SOURCE: Standard & Poor's via Bloomberg News



Spinnaker Exploration

The Houston-based oil and gas company agreed to be acquired by Norsk Hydro ASA, a Norwegian petroleum and aluminum producer, for \$2.45 billion.

Indexes

▼ **New York Stock Exchange composite index** fell 34.40, to 7611.89.

▲ **American Stock Exchange index** rose 8.12, to 1729.44.

▼ **Russell 2000 index** of smaller-company stocks fell 4.96, to 667.02.

Volume

▼ **NYSE:** 2.07 billion shares, down from 3.14 billion on Friday. Decliners outnumbered advancers 2 to 1.

▲ **Nasdaq:** 1.59 billion shares, down from 2.33 billion. Decliners outnumbered advancers 2 to 1.

Commodities

▲ **Crude oil** for October delivery: \$67.39, up \$4.39.

▲ **Gold** for current delivery: \$466.70 a troy ounce, up from \$459.50 on Friday.

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Unions Forge a 'No-Raid' Agreement

By THOMAS B. EDSALL
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The Service Employees International Union and AFSCME, whose bitter fights over representation of home and child care workers threatened to debilitate an already-split labor movement, yesterday announced a peace agreement.

AFSCME President Gerald W. McEntee said the "no-raid" pact covering organizing in California and Pennsylvania "sets a standard" for future cooperative relations between unions that remain within the AFL-CIO and the four major unions that have bolted: SEIU, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the United Food and Commercial Workers and Unite Here. The dissident unions have formed the Change to Win Coalition.

Immediately after SEIU disaffiliated from the AFL-CIO last summer, its battle with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees over organizing home health care workers escalated sharply. Many in the labor movement expressed concern that organizing fights were likely to break out all over the country, pitting unions in the Change to Win Coalition against those in the AFL-CIO.

The new agreement lessens that threat. SEIU President Andrew L. Stern, who during the past year has exchanged harsh words with McEntee, said, "We look forward to working together with AFSCME to create better jobs and provide quality services."

McEntee, noting that "even though we would scream, yell and argue a lot, we always would sit down and discuss things."

"I look forward to working with SEIU to help unorganized workers get good jobs, health care and a voice at work," he said.

Under the terms of the agreement, SEIU will come out ahead in California. Five years ago, AFSCME and SEIU agreed to split home care worker organizing rights evenly, with each union getting 29 counties. In the interim, SEIU has been much more successful winning contracts in its counties. Under the new agreement, the remaining unorganized counties, most of which had been allotted to AFSCME, will now be organized jointly by a local union backed by both SEIU and AFSCME, which will split a portion of the dues typically paid to the national union.

Officials of both unions sought to play down calculations of which union won or lost. "Who is truly ahead in California?" asked SEIU Secretary-Treasurer Anna Burger. "Home care workers," she said, answering her own question.

Under the agreement, AFSCME and SEIU will together form statewide unions in both states to organize child care providers. Officials of both unions believe that an end to hostilities in Pennsylvania will encourage Democratic Gov. Edward G. Rendell to issue an executive order to make collective bargaining possible, a step he has been reluctant to take while AFSCME and SEIU have been at each other's throats.



BY KATHY WILLENS — ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traders work the oil pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange on Aug. 30, when the daily volume in crude oil futures hit a record of 406,314 contracts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

As Money Flows to Commodities, Nymex Price-Setting Questioned

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how much they reflect speculative "hot money" chasing big returns in a generally low-return investment environment.

"The flow of money into commodities is comparable with the flow of money into mutual funds in the 1980s and 1990s," said Tom Kloza, chief analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. "It's like steroids, pumping up prices and leading people to talk about super-spikes to \$100 a barrel or more."

Ten years ago, an average of 94,456 futures contracts for light, sweet crude oil (the most popular kind) traded hands each day at the Nymex. So far this year, the daily average is more than twice that, at 238,000. Daily volume in crude oil futures hit a record of 406,314 contracts on Aug. 30, in the wake of Katrina.

In 2002, the Nymex, along with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange,

introduced e-miNY, a half-size version of Nymex's standard 1,000-barrel oil futures contract that allows investors to get into the market at a lower cost. Targeted at speculative individual investors, e-miNY's popularity soared. Daily trading volume rose from an average of 1,110 contracts in 2003 to 12,695 so far this year. An increasing number of mutual funds follows benchmarks such as the Goldman Sachs Commodity Index.

Nymex members are feeling flush. A seat on the exchange, which confers trading rights, sold for a record \$2.75 million on Aug. 17, more than triple the amount from the same time in 2000. The privately held Nymex has flirted with the idea of an initial public offering and entertained multiple joint-venture offers from high-profile private equity firms.

Traders who spend their days in the Nymex trading pits say they see a torrent of cash flooding in from

speculative investors looking to capitalize on energy price momentum. But they also say the fact that oil-producing nations are pumping close to full tilt, while global energy demand continues to rise, is the key driver of high oil prices.

"Of course you see speculative spikes, but we could never get to these levels without real factors in the marketplace," said Raymond Carbone, president of Paramont Options, a Nymex floor trading firm. "That includes geopolitical events, it includes storms, and it includes the fundamentals of supply and demand."

In many ways, the Nymex appears to operate much as the NYSE, with men (and they are mostly men) in oddly colored jackets gesticulating and hurling paper at one another in a series of pits where trading takes place.

But in reality, the two markets are quite different. At the NYSE, traders exchange actual stock in

Katrina's Economic Toll

Traffic Jam

Some 500 Mississippi River barges are backed up and waiting to unload grain at hurricane-damaged terminals in Louisiana, causing a shipping shortage that has doubled equipment rental prices and raised export costs. About 60 percent of U.S. grain exports float down the Mississippi.

ELECTRICITY	TELEPHONE	
275,431	209,950	
customers remain without power in Louisiana and Mississippi, down from a peak of 2.7 million.	BellSouth lines out of service, down from a peak of 1.75 million.	
OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION	GAS PRICES	
IN THE GULF	Average per gallon for regular unleaded	
4 refineries remain off line.	U.S. Metro area	
-56% Oil production is down from normal levels.	Yesterday	\$2.805 \$2.938
-34% Natural gas production is down from normal levels.	Friday	2.887 3.058
	Change	-\$0.02 -\$1.12
COMPANIES		
» UPS Inc. said it has resumed service to parts of New Orleans's central business district and sections of the French Quarter. Outside of New Orleans, it has reopened 21 of 22 affected buildings and restored delivery service to every Zip code in Mississippi and Alabama. Daily flights in and out of Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport have also resumed, UPS said.		

SOURCES: AAA, Energy Department, Minerals Management Service, Associated Press, BellSouth, Bloomberg

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public companies. At the Nymex, physical commodities almost never wind up changing hands. Instead, participants in the Nymex market simply exchange pieces of paper called futures contracts, which are promises to buy or sell a certain amount of a certain commodity by a certain time.

The Nymex began life in 1872 as the Butter and Cheese Exchange of New York, a place for dairy merchants to gather and trade products. In the late 19th century, the exchange added dried fruit, poultry and other commodities. In the 20th century, national transportation and distribution networks eliminated the need for the thousands of local commodity exchanges.

Only a few big regional players, including the Nymex, remained. They survived by adapting to the new needs of the marketplace. At the Nymex, that meant providing big buyers and sellers of energy products an opportunity to protect themselves from dramatic swings in price.

For instance, giant retail chains that use lots of heating oil might buy a block of futures to lock in a price for the oil. If the retailer's cost

of heating oil from a supplier goes up, the value of the futures contracts also should rise, offsetting at least some of the retailer's higher energy costs. According to Carbone, such hedging activity still accounts for the bulk of daily trading at the exchange.

But in the past several years, as returns from stocks and bonds have languished, more speculative investors have flooded the energy market. This can be a good thing, experts say, providing liquidity and ensuring that buyers and sellers can meet at mutually agreeable prices.

But, because buyers and sellers of physical oil and gas rely on prices set at the Nymex, large amounts of speculation can artificially boost prices, leading to higher consumer costs for gasoline and home heating oil.

"Over the last five years there has been a huge move by money managers to own hard assets," said David P. Prokupek, chief executive of Geronimo Partners, a hedge fund and money management firm. "There is a substantial amount of capital in the commodities market that has nothing to do with oil production."

Fears of Another Gulf Hurricane Prompt Spike in Oil Futures

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cerns that Tropical Storm Rita, which was strengthening off the Bahamas yesterday afternoon, could disrupt offshore oil and natural gas production and impair operations at Texas refineries that produce gasoline. Supplies already are tight because of damage from Hurricane Katrina to offshore production and Gulf Coast refineries.

The new storm "could be coming in right exactly where Katrina didn't go," said Michael Guido, director of commodity strategy in New York for French bank Societe Generale. "It could be a bad situation for all the platforms that didn't get hit before."

The price spike came as ministers from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries were considering whether to offer additional oil to the market. Traders said a move by OPEC would have little impact on the market because refineries don't have the spare capacity to process the varieties of oil that could become avail-



BY ALAN DIAZ — ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drivers line up for gas in Miami as they prepare for Tropical Storm Rita. The storm has potential to cause further disruptions in oil production.

able. Oil companies yesterday were evacuating hundreds of employees from platforms in the Gulf of Mexico by helicopter and boat, a stan-

dard precaution in advance of tropical storms and hurricanes. BP, for instance, said it was in the process of evacuating half of the 1,500 workers it has on platforms in the

gulf.

Analysts said that pump prices should continue to fall but that yesterday's increases on Nymex mean they would not fall as much as they would have otherwise. Wholesale prices have dropped more quickly than retail prices, which have been catching up, they said.

"You may see local street prices drift lower," said Tom Kloza, chief analyst for the Oil Price Information Service of Lakewood, N.J. "That's how far behind pump prices were in catching up to the wholesale price."

Four major Gulf Coast refineries remain idle because of Katrina, according to the Energy Department. Even before that storm, analysts had said refining capacity worldwide was struggling to meet demand.

Now analysts say they are concerned that the developing tropical storm could hit Texas, home to about 27 percent of U.S. refining capacity, according to the Energy Department.

D. Mark Routt, an analyst with

Energy Security Analysis Inc. of Wakefield, Mass., said Houston is an "extremely important hub" for pipelines and other oil industry operations, adding to concern about storm damage.

Analysts said that they were concerned about damage to oil production in the gulf but that those concerns were secondary to refining.

Nearly 56 percent of daily oil production in the Gulf of Mexico remained off line yesterday because of Katrina, amounting to almost 838,000 barrels a day, according to the Minerals Management Service.

The Energy Department said yesterday that it would lend more oil from the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The department said it is releasing 600,000 barrels to Total Petrochemicals USA Inc., bringing to 13.2 million barrels the amount loaned from the reserve since Katrina.

The department previously agreed to sell 11 million barrels of crude from the reserve.

Verizon Wireless, Records Vendor Settle

Tennessee Firm Will Stop Selling Data on Cellular Telephone Customers' Calls

By JONATHAN KRIM
Washington Post Staff Writer

A Tennessee company will stop selling personal cell phone records of individuals over the Internet and will provide information on how it acquired such data under an agreement reached last week with Verizon Wireless.

The firm, Source Resources Inc. of Cookeville, Tenn., was among dozens of companies advertising that for fees starting under \$100, they would provide records of calls placed to and from any phone user.

Call records frequently are used by law enforcement, which obtains them through court orders. But

small data brokers and private investigators have made a business of getting and selling the information online, often acquiring the information using deceptive or illegal practices, according to experts.

Although phone records cannot lead to the type of financial fraud that can result when other types of personal data are stolen, experts said they can be exploited by criminals, such as stalkers or abusive spouses trying to locate their victims.

Wireless carriers say cases of purloined records are rare and that they take measures to safeguard the information. But the

Electronic Privacy Information Center, a leading privacy rights group, last month urged the Federal Communications Commission to crack down on carriers for having inadequate security.

Verizon Wireless sued Source Resources in July, after a Verizon Wireless customer complained that his records had been obtained from Source Resources without his permission.

Officials at Source Resources did not return messages seeking comment.

Verizon Wireless spokesman Jeffrey Nelson said that the information was obtained through a commonly used tactic known as

pretexting.

The companies that sell the records impersonate actual customers, using private data provided by the people seeking to buy the information. Nelson said the company is continually updating its procedures and training of call-center employees to guard against pretexting.

And he said Verizon Wireless is looking forward to learning more about the various sources of call records and how they are acquired.

"If you are one of these companies that are stealing people's identities, you better sleep with one eye open," Nelson said.

Online Crime Rises Dramatically, Report Says

By BRIAN KREBS
Special to The Washington Post

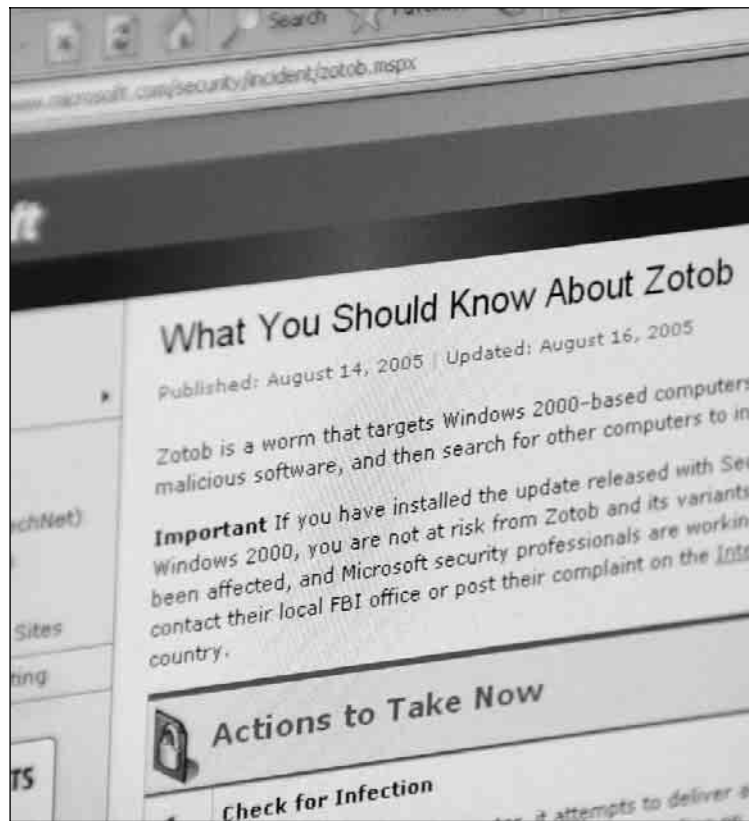
Online criminal activity of nearly every variety surged in the first half of 2005, fueled in large part by an increase in software security flaws and in the number of home computers being used against their owners' wishes to distribute spam, spyware and viruses, according to a new report.

The six-month period saw the discovery of a record 1,862 new software vulnerabilities, according to the survey from Cupertino, Calif.-based Symantec Corp., a computer security firm. The report classified nearly all of those flaws as moderate to high security threats and found that about 60 percent of them were in programs that run over the Internet.

Security holes in Web-based programs are especially serious threats for businesses because attackers can use them to bypass a company's outer security measures — such as Internet firewalls — or to access confidential information.

Some of the most common and dangerous vulnerabilities are found in Internet browsers. While Mozilla's Firefox browser gained popularity this year after being touted as a more secure alternative to Microsoft's ubiquitous Internet Explorer, security researchers uncovered 25 security holes in Firefox during the first half of 2005, nearly twice the number found in Explorer.

But Arthur Wong, Symantec's vice president for response and



A Microsoft Web page warns about the so-called Zotob virus unleashed last month. A Symantec study finds that illegal online activity is increasing.

managed security services, said Firefox's flaws "certainly [don't] mean it's any more vulnerable than other browsers," because Mozilla tends to issue security patches to mend problems much sooner than Microsoft does for Explorer.

Symantec also tracked a massive

increase in "denial-of-service" attacks. These online attacks employ thousands of "bots" — usually personal computers that have been hacked into so they can be controlled remotely — to overwhelm target Web sites with so much junk data that the sites can no longer ac-

commodate legitimate visitors.

According to Symantec, denial-of-service attacks during the first half of 2005 spiked from an average of 119 a day to 927.

The rise is directly related to the increase in home-computer bots, Wong said. During the study period, the number of such hacker-hijacked computers observed each day more than doubled, to 10,352 from 4,348.

But security experts say Symantec's estimates represent a small fraction of the global bot epidemic. The nonprofit SANS Internet Storm Center, which tracks hacking trends, sees an average of 260,000 bots each day being used to locate other vulnerable computers, said Johannes Ullrich, the center's chief technology officer.

Groups of attackers are increasingly assembling armies of hacked computers — called botnets — available for sale or rent as distribution networks for spam, spyware and viruses, Wong added.

One form of spam known as phishing — in which scam artists use e-mails to lure people into entering their personal and financial information at fake bank and e-commerce Web sites — also saw a dramatic rise this year. In six months, the volume of phishing e-mails grew from an average of about 3 million a day to about 5.7 million, according to the Symantec report.

Krebs is a staff writer for washingtonpost.com.

TECHNOLOGY BRIEFING

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Verizon-MCI Merger Faces Delay

Verizon Communications said that it expects to close its \$8.46 billion acquisition of MCI early next year, instead of at the end of 2005 as previously indicated. It gave no reason for the delay.

The firm also formed a committee to oversee the two companies' integration. Its members include Verizon chief executive Ivan G. Seidenberg, MCI chief executive Michael D. Capellas and Verizon President Lawrence T. Babbio Jr., Verizon said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Verizon Wireless: Storm Will Cost \$48 Million

Verizon Wireless, the second-largest U.S. mobile phone service provider, said the company will have costs of \$48 million to repair or rebuild stores and cell towers damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Verizon Wireless, jointly owned by Verizon Communications and Vodafone Group, has about 18 stores in the affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Sprint Launches Music Streams

Sprint Nextel and RealNetworks are launching a streaming music service for Sprint PCS customers called Rhapsody Radio. The service provides streaming radio stations; a service called "Beats N Breaks," which allows users to rap over prerecorded beats; music news; videos; and podcasts — recorded audio files downloaded from the Internet — for \$6.95 a month. Sprint Nextel already uses RealNetworks to provide streaming video for its Real-RTV service.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

ImClone Board Approves Buyback

The board of ImClone Systems, developer of the Erbitux treatment for colon cancer, approved the repurchase of as much as \$100 million in shares. The repurchase will occur over the next two years, New York-based ImClone disclosed in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing. It would help offset dilution of shares from future grants of stock options or similar compensation to company employees or directors.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

HP to Buy Peregrine Systems

Hewlett Packard agreed to acquire software provider Peregrine Systems for \$425 million, sending shares of both companies higher in early trading.

Peregrine shares rallied \$6.22, or 32.6 percent, to \$25.32, surpassing its 52-week high of \$25 on the Pink Sheets. Hewlett shares added 54 cents to \$28.88 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Under the deal, Hewlett said, it would pay \$26.08 per share for Peregrine. The companies expect to close the deal by the first quarter of next year.

CUTBACKS

Siemens to Cut 2,400 German Jobs

Siemens plans to eliminate 2,400 jobs at its German computer services division and replace the unit's head as part of a plan to weed out unprofitable businesses and revive the stock. The cuts at Siemens Business Services will help the company in its attempt to save \$1.8 billion over two years, the company said.

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International

Italian Multinational Oil Firm Feels Growing Pains

By GABRIEL KAHN
The Wall Street Journal

ROME — Eni SpA, the world's sixth-largest oil company by market value, has had a great run the past six years. Now, some investors fear it could become a victim of its own success.

Investors have come to expect plenty from Eni, which tripled its stock price under its previous chief executive, Vittorio Mincato, and increased its daily production of oil and natural gas more than 70 percent. That helped turn Eni from an also-ran in the oil business into a player. Mincato's strong management helped energize the former state-run behemoth while his prudence guaranteed that Eni wouldn't overpay for acquisitions.

Chief executive Paolo Scaroni, who took the helm in June, has an arguably more difficult task: bringing Eni into the same league as bigger oil companies such as Royal Dutch Shell PLC of the Netherlands and Total SA of France.

Eni's current daily production is about 1.7 million barrels of oil equivalent, compared with almost 2.6 million for Total and more than 3.5 million for Shell. That is the scale and ambition that some investors have come to expect, though it is likely to be much harder to achieve.

Finding additional cost savings will be harder for Scaroni because much of the cleanup at Eni has been completed. In addition, Mincato's prudence means that Eni never made the bold, transformative acquisition that many had been expecting, though it made plenty of smaller ones, such as British-Borneo Oil & Gas PLC and Lasmo PLC. To build the business now, Scaroni would have to go hunting for assets at a moment when sky-high oil prices have made many targets prohibitively expensive and supply concerns have driven big oil companies and oil-thirsty nations as China and India to scour the world for deals.

"Eni is coming through a very strong production-growth phase. But our analysis indicates that that is coming to an end, which puts them under some pressure," said Tom El-

lacott, an analyst at energy consultant Wood Mackenzie in London.

For now, investors seem pleased with Scaroni's performance. Eni shares have risen 15 percent on the Milan stock exchange in the past three months.

Analysts estimate that Eni could spend as much as \$18.36 billion without putting its credit rating at risk. In recent years, Eni flirted with two big acquisitions: Enterprise Oil PLC in 2002 and Unocal Corp. this year. Its bids were much too conservative to come away with the prize. Some now think that Eni may have missed the boat.

"The acquisition that we felt would have helped Eni was Unocal. At the time, these deals were viewed as quite pricey, and they held back. But with some hindsight, it looks like it would have been a cracking deal for them," Ellacott said.

The thinking among Eni executives is that a major acquisition will have to wait until prices come down. Scaroni has pledged to stick to the target of producing 2 million barrels of oil equivalent a day by 2008, and that would require an ambitious 5 percent annual growth rate. The company says it will try to achieve that through organic growth.

Scaroni, 58, a former McKinsey & Co. consultant, comes to Eni from a stint at the helm of Italian utility Enel SpA, where he produced an annual total shareholder return of more than 18 percent during his three-year tenure.

He has been busy since taking over. Last month, Scaroni signed new exploration deals in Alaska and India. Still, his most ambitious project to date, a bid for a big refinery in Turkey, fell short.

Buying the refinery would have nearly doubled Eni's refining capacity. It refines about half the oil it produces, while Exxon Mobil Corp., for example, refines more than double the oil it produces. In addition, Turkey represents a strategic location for Eni. As the sole operator of the massive Kashagan oil field in the Caspian Sea — the largest new find of the past 30 years — Eni will have to transport some of that oil across Turkey.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFING



CAW President Buzz Hargrove, second from left, shakes hands with union members at a ratification meeting in Windsor, Ontario.

LABOR

Ford Canada Workers Accept Contract

Ford Canada workers have overwhelmingly accepted a new labor deal, even though it offers some of the lowest wage gains in their union's history and allows for hundreds of layoffs. The Canadian Auto Workers union said Sunday that 95 percent of Ford union workers accepted the three-year deal, which had been tentatively reached by negotiators last week.

The deal allows Ford to trim its 11,600-member union workforce by 1,100 positions over the next three years and includes the closure of a casting plant in Windsor, Ontario. It offers base wage hikes of roughly 1.5 percent in the first year, followed by two annual increases of 1 percent.

The CAW is now negotiating with DaimlerChrysler on a new deal and was in talks with the automaker all weekend. There is a midnight strike deadline today for the union to reach a deal for 11,400 DaimlerChrysler workers.

EUROPEAN UNION

Developing Nations Call for Sugar Reforms

Farm ministers from developing countries called on the European Union to reconsider planned cuts in guaranteed sugar prices, arguing that the changes would hurt poor farmers. Ministers from Fiji, Guyana, Jamaica, Mauritius and Swaziland were holding talks with their E.U. counterparts on behalf of the 76-nation African, Caribbean and Pacific group.

Britain's farm minister, Margaret Beckett, is seeking an agreement on proposals to slash sugar prices by 39 percent before the end of November.

Targeted Subsidies Sought for Job Growth

European Union regulators will propose this week that government subsidies be directed to areas that will create jobs, such as in research and start-up companies, to boost economic growth in the 25-nation bloc.

The new rules, which must be approved by E.U. member states,

aim to clarify existing guidelines to help governments win faster approval for state aid. Under the proposals, the commission will allow aid to new business ventures through tax exemptions and subsidies of as much as 1 million euros over three years. The regulators also propose more flexible rules on government support for risk capital and research and development.

ENERGY

Russian Oil Producers to Freeze Gas Prices

Russia's major oil producers agreed at a meeting with Industry and Energy Minister Viktor Khristenko to freeze their domestic gasoline prices until the end of the year, Khristenko's spokesman said.

"Almost unanimously and absolutely voluntarily, the heads of the oil companies said that they are ready from today to freeze their fuel prices until the end of the year," spokesman Stanislav Naumov said.

Lukoil, the biggest Russian crude oil producer, confirmed that it had capped gasoline prices, but no other companies made a similar announcement.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Deutsche Post Looks to Buy Exel

Deutsche Post, Europe's biggest postal-service provider, offered to buy England-based Exel for \$6.7 billion, a deal that would make it the largest in the global logistics industry.

Deutsche Post is trying to reduce its dependence on mail operations in Germany, where it is due to lose its monopoly in two years. Exel is active in 135 countries, delivering food, medicine and auto parts.

Compiled from news service reports.

GLOBAL MARKETS

Yesterday's closes on major stock exchanges around the world

COUNTRY	INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE
United States	S&P 500	1231.02	-0.56%
Canada	S&P/TSX Composite	11,024.73	+0.31%
Brazil	Sao Paulo Bovespa	30,076.02	+0.87%
Mexico	Bolsa	15,656.84	+1.48%
Argentina	Merval	1649.95	+1.34%
Britain	FTSE 100	5429.70	+0.40%
France	CAC 40	4505.68	-0.08%
Germany	DAX Index	4926.13	-1.21%
Japan*	Nikkei 225	13,075.90	+0.90%
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	Market closed	
South Korea*	Composite	1189.92	+1.34%
Singapore*	Straits Times	2294.29	-0.18%

*Figures reflect morning trading today.

Ex-Executives Get Minimum Terms of 8½ Years

TYCO, From D1

nies.”
Kozlowski and Swartz will be able to cut one-sixth off of their 8½-year minimum sentence if they behave well and take part in prison programs, said Linda Foglia, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Correctional Services. That would reduce the point at which they can be paroled to six years and 11 months. Inmates are eligible to apply for work release two years before their first possible parole date, and parole officials will decide how much of the 8½ to 25 years the former executives must serve. Several legal experts said it was unlikely either man would serve more than 10 years in total.

There is no parole in the federal system, under which many other white-collar defendants have been tried and sentenced.

Though their sentences may be cut shorter than other executives', the time Kozlowski and Swartz spend behind bars may be in a harsher environment. Obus did not specify where the two former executives will serve their terms. He said that decision would be made by state corrections officials. But he said he did not view either man as a security risk, indicating he would not object if they are sent to a lower-security facility.

Former prosecutor David Gourevitch, however, said there were no facilities in the state system comparable to federal minimum-security prisons such as the one where entrepreneur Martha Stewart spent her five-month sentence.

“In the federal system, outside of maximum-security places, generally people are physically safe. I don't think anybody would say that about New York state prison,” Gourevitch said. “And from a state perspective, this is one of the longest sentences in a corporate fraud case that I can recall.”

Foglia said that in most cases, defendants sentenced to more than six years are sent to maximum-security prisons. She said it would be several weeks before the state decides where to send Kozlowski and Swartz. In the meantime, they will stay at a holding facility known as the Tombs in Lower Manhattan and then be sent to Rikers Island, the temporary jail for New York City inmates before they are sent to state prisons.

In June, a jury found former Tyco chief executive Kozlowski, 58, and former chief financial officer Swartz, 45, guilty of criminal counts of grand larceny, conspiracy, securities fraud and eight of nine counts of falsifying business records.

Obus imposed the same prison sentence on both men. He ordered

Kozlowski to pay a \$70 million fine and Swartz to pay a \$35 million fine. He ordered both men to repay Tyco a combined \$134.4 million in restitution of illegal bonuses and other illicit payments.

Kozlowski and Swartz each made brief statements in court Monday, asking Obus to be lenient. Lawyers for each also pleaded with the court to recognize the former executives' charitable works and the scores of letters sent on their behalf by friends and family.

Prosecutors, by contrast, asked

Obus to send a message that corporate theft will be treated the same as grand larceny committed with a handgun. They asked for the maximum term of 15 to 30 years for both men.

In imposing the sentence, Obus said, “The heart of this case is basic larceny” and described the charges as “extremely serious.” He expressed befuddlement at Kozlowski's and Swartz's plights, at one point asking, “how the defendants, with all they had going for them, managed to get themselves into this

disastrous position.”

Attorneys for Kozlowski and Swartz said they would seek to have their clients released on bail pending appeal of their convictions. At the sentencing hearing on Monday, state prosecutors said the Securities and Exchange Commission staff had recommended that the agency bring an accounting fraud case against Tyco. Tyco has said it expects to settle the SEC suit and has set aside \$50 million for that purpose. The SEC often simultaneously files and settles accounting cases.



Karen Kozlowski leaves court after her husband, L. Dennis Kozlowski, is sentenced to prison time, a \$70 million fine and restitution.

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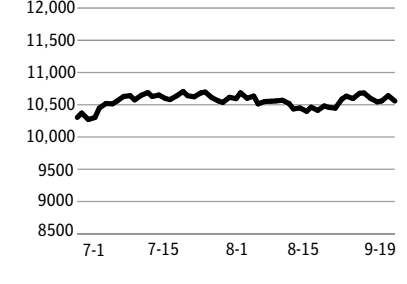
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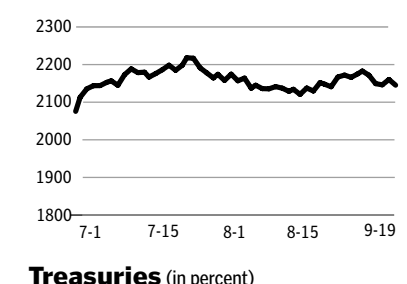
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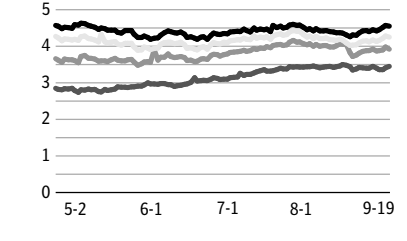
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Treasuries (in percent)



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Redskins Go Forth — and Long



BY JONATHAN NEWTON — THE WASHINGTON POST

Redskins wide receiver Santana Moss races past the Cowboys' Aaron Glenn, left, and Roy Williams en route to a 70-yard game-winning touchdown reception from Mark Brunell in the fourth quarter.

They Rally for 14 Points in Final Quarter With Big Plays, Get 1st Win in Dallas Since '95

By JASON LA CANFORA
Washington Post Staff Writer

IRVING, Tex., Sept. 19 — There was no indication the Washington Redskins were capable of scoring a touchdown, much less staging a miracle comeback. Trailing by 13 points, still looking for the first trip to the end zone this season, and facing an offensive crisis, quarterback Mark Brunell heaved a pretty pass on fourth and 15 from the 39, hit-

ting Santana Moss in stride with less than four minutes to play.

It was just the beginning of what would turn out to be a stunning 14-13 victory. Suddenly, Dallas's lead was halved, and when a holding penalty negated the Cowboys' apparent first down a minute later, it became clear the Redskins would get the ball back at least one more time. Their final drive began with 2:52 to play and no timeouts left and on the second play Brunell put

everything he had into the ball, unleashing a 70-yard bomb over the middle. Moss outraced cornerback Aaron Glenn and safety Roy Williams, and did not stop running until he hit the wall behind the end zone.

Nine months after enduring a horrendous loss on a last-second bomb in that same end of the field, the Redskins reached ecstasy there, silencing a sellout crowd. Their streak of nine straight losses at

Texas Stadium was snapped. Washington had not scored a touchdown for the first 116 minutes of the season, then, shockingly, produced two huge strikes in a 71 second span.

After losing 14 of their last 15 against the Cowboys, the Redskins (2-0) had finally snatched a victory from Dallas; last December it was Washington's clock management that doomed its ability to hold a late lead, and tonight the same fate be-

fell its rivals.

The Cowboys had one more chance to salvage this evening — an occasion on which former stars Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith were honored at half-time — and it looked as if they would do just that.

Tyson Thompson took the kickoff back to the Washington 48 — rookie kicker Nick Novak was forced to intervene between him and a chance to score. Safety Sean

Taylor, who was burned on the game-winning touchdown here last December, broke up a third down pass, and on fourth-and-four cornerback Walt Harris, who had a heroic game, kept the Cowboys a yard from getting where they needed to go.

Dallas had controlled the tempo of this game, taking a 10-0 lead on a 70-yard flea flicker, continually

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Saints Left Feeling Far From Home

■ Giants 27, Saints 10

By MARK MASKE
Washington Post Staff Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., Sept. 19 — The vagabond New Orleans Saints may have become the nation's adopted NFL team, but Giants Stadium was about as inhospitable a home for them as they'd anticipated when they were miffed by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue's decision to move their first scheduled home game to their opponent's stadium. The New York Giants raced

to an early lead and never looked back in a 27-10 victory over the Saints on Monday night.

An announced crowd of 68,031 in the 80,242-seat stadium cheered the Saints politely when they took the field at the beginning of the evening, then quickly reverted to cheering raucously for the Giants about the time the Saints fumbled the opening kickoff. The Giants got two touchdowns by tailback Tiki Barber, one on a pass from quarterback Eli Manning and one on a run, to build a 21-7 lead in the second quarter.

They coasted from there to improve to 2-0 and grab a share of the lead in the NFC East. The error-prone Saints fell to 1-1 after a stirring road victory at Carolina. After the Saints were displaced from New Orleans when the city was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina and floodwaters, Tagliabue moved the game here as part of an effort to use the big New York stage to boost the league's fundraising efforts for hurricane victims in the Gulf Coast region.

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New Orleans Saints' Darren Howard looks up during the national anthem before the start of their first scheduled home game — in East Rutherford, N.J.

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BY GEORGE NIKITIN — ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I'm coming to get them. . . . Bring it on, baby," the Giants' Barry Bonds says of the reception he is expected to receive away from friendly San Francisco.

Bonds Set to Swing Through Washington

Controversial Slugger to Play First Road Game of Season at RFK

By DAVE SHEININ
Washington Post Staff Writer

On April 1, 1989, the Pittsburgh Pirates' skinny left fielder strolled to the plate to lead off the bottom of the first inning of an exhibition game against the Baltimore Orioles at Washington's RFK Stadium. Barry Bonds, who was beginning his fourth season in the major leagues, went 0 for 3 on a damp, chilly afternoon in front of 24,877 fans who could only wish they had a team of their own to root for, and a true villain to root against.

Sixteen and a half years, 40

NL Wild-Card Standings

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Philadelphia	80	70	1	Day off
Florida	79	71	2	Day off
Washington	77	73	4	Day off

pounds of muscle and 640 home runs later, Bonds returns to RFK Stadium today for a three-game series as a member of the San Francisco Giants and as a seven-time National League most valuable player, and it is a safe bet that neither Bonds nor RFK Stadium would rec-

ognize the other from all those years before.

While Washington now has a team to call its own — the Nationals, in fact, are trying to remain in playoff contention, four games back in the National League wild-card chase — Bonds, now 41, makes his return to Washington as the most compelling, controversial and accomplished player in the game.

Having returned to the field only eight days ago from a season-long stay on the disabled list, Bonds will

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The Washington Post debuts its weekly Fantasy Football page and with it comes a new weekly chat with assistant NFL editor Gene Wang. He will be online Thursday at 11 a.m. to answer questions about how to manage your team.

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Who better to chronicle the first season of the Nationals than Washington Post columnist Thomas Boswell? His weekly column is available only via e-mail. To sign up, go to www.washingtonpost.com/newsletters. And join Boz for his online chat Friday at 11 a.m.

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WICKET HOP



BY MIAN KHURSHED — REUTERS

Asher Zaidi avoids a bouncer as wicketkeeper Brad Haddin looks on during the third day of the second four-day cricket match between Pakistan's and Australia's A teams in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

RUNNING

Marine Corps May Have to Move Expo

The D.C. Armory's role in housing Hurricane Katrina evacuees may force the relocation of next month's Marine Corps Marathon Runners' Expo.

As first reported in Sunday's Washington Times, the armory cannot host the expo on Oct. 28 and 29 if evacuees are still living there.

Cameron Ballantyne, a spokesman for the Red Cross of the National Capital Area, said yesterday that there is no timetable for the departure of the approximately 140 evacuees currently staying at the armory, making it increasingly likely that race organizers will have to find an alternate location. Marine Corps Marathon Director Rick Nealis said yesterday that moving the expo would increase organizers' costs from about \$100,000 to \$300,000 and set a Friday deadline for a decision.

"We want to show the world that not only are we taking care of evacuees . . . but at the same time we're going to put on a world-class event," Nealis said.

The expo requires 60,000 square feet of space to accommodate approximately 225 vendors, thousands of runners and their guests and an area for the 30,000 registered runners to pick up race materials for Oct. 30's Marine Corps Marathon. The space requirement limits organizers' alternatives, but they are considering holding the event under a tent in the RFK Stadium parking lot.

Nealis said that, if the expo must be moved, he hopes the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission, which oversees the operation of the armory, helps to find an alternate location and finance the move.

Said Nealis: "Are they obligated? No. They're doing something good" by housing evacuees.

D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission spokesman Tony Robinson is hopeful the armory can host the expo but was realistic about the situation.

— Rich Campbell

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Pro Basketball

The Miami Heat re-signed free agent swingman **Shandon Anderson**. Anderson, who signed with the Heat on Nov. 14, averaged 3.9 points, 2.9 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 65 games with Miami and New York last season. For his nine-year NBA career, the defense-minded Anderson has averaged 7.8 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.5 assists.

Hockey

The NHL Players Association has filed a grievance on behalf of St. Louis Blues forward **Keith Tkachuk**, who was suspended Friday for failing his physical.

Blues GM **Larry Pleau** said he was aware of the grievance but did not know any particulars, and wouldn't have discussed the situation if he had read the appeal.

Tkachuk, 33, is the second-highest paid player in the NHL at \$7.6 million. . . .

The Columbus Blue Jackets signed right wing **Adam Pineault**, the club's second-round pick in the 2004 draft.

NEWS & NOTES

Klitschko, Rahman Set Title Bout

Hasim Rahman believes WBC heavyweight champion **Vitali Klitschko** did everything he could to avoid a title defense against him, possibly even faking a back injury.

Klitschko feels Rahman disrespected him by making such an accusation.

Neither pulled many punches yesterday at a news conference in Beverly Hills, Calif., to formally announce that the long-awaited 12-round bout between the two will be Nov. 12 at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas.

The fight was first scheduled for April 30, but was pushed back twice because of injuries to Klitschko before the champion's camp announced April 20 he had undergone surgery to remove a small spur from his spine, sidelining him through the summer.

Before Rahman took the microphone, he left the stage briefly, came back wearing a chef's hat and holding a tray of food he said was for Klitschko.

"I just had some chicken Kiev prepared for him, because I am so happy he's not chicken anymore," Rahman said afterward. "We're finally getting in the ring. I'm glad he's all healed up. I just hope and pray he doesn't stub his toe or prick his finger before November 12th."

Promoter **Bob Arum** said the 34-



BY MICHAEL BUCKNER — REUTERS

WBC heavyweight champ Vitali Klitschko, left, and Hasim Rahman traded recipes for each other's ruin at a news conference announcing their bout.

year-old Klitschko will earn \$7.8 million and Rahman, who turns 33 five days before the fight, will collect \$4.2 million.

Klitschko, from Ukraine, is 35-2 with 34 knockouts. Rahman, from Baltimore, is 41-5-1 with 33 knockouts.

Klitschko maintained his poise when Rahman presented him with the plate of food, but it was obvious he was upset.

"You talk about me, I am chicken to fight you. That's not true," Klitschko said. "I bring you dessert on November 12th." . . .

Leavander Johnson remained in critical condition after undergoing emergency surgery for a brain injury suffered during a weekend bout. The 35-year-old lightweight was placed in a medically induced coma following surgery. He was in the intensive care unit at University Medical Center in Las Vegas, hospital spokeswoman **Cheryl Pers-**

inger said.

■ **COLLEGE FOOTBALL:** Maryland tight end **Vernon Davis** was named the ACC's offensive lineman of the week after catching five passes for a career-high 158 yards and a touchdown against West Virginia. Davis is seventh in the country in receiving yards. . . .

Maryland's Oct. 1 game against Virginia will start at noon and be televised on WDCA-20, the ACC announced. Virginia Tech's Oct. 1 game at West Virginia will also start at noon and will be broadcast on ESPN. . . .

Georgia Tech quarterback **Reggie Ball** was released from the hospital after being treated for viral meningitis. . . .

Michigan safety **Ryan Mundy** is expected to miss the rest of the season with an unspecified nerve injury, Coach **Lloyd Carr** said.

— From News Services and Staff Reports

CYCLING

More Denials Over Armstrong

Cycling's governing body denied that its president supplied a French sports newspaper with documents used to accuse **Lance Armstrong** of doping at the 1999 Tour de France.

The International Cycling Union also said yesterday that World Anti-Doping Agency chief **Dick Pound** was blocking its investigation by withholding information. UCI said Pound must be held accountable and "conduct of this type will not be tolerated."

Pound said last week he received a letter from UCI President **Hein Verbruggen** saying he had provided L'Equipe with forms indicating Armstrong had tested positive for EPO during the first of his seven Tour victories.

Pound's "transparently erroneous statements about the UCI being the source of the forms are difficult to explain, except that they appear to be an attempt by Mr. Pound to draw attention away

from his efforts to obstruct and delay the UCI investigation," UCI said in a statement.

"Mr. Verbruggen has never been involved personally, contrary to what Mr. Pound said in another statement. However, it is also apparent that the reporters were given at least five and perhaps 15 of Lance Armstrong's doping control forms from the 1999 Tour de France, and it is certain that those forms did not come from the UCI."

The UCI said it was conducting an investigation at WADA's request, and it urged WADA to either censure its chief or assign someone else to this case.

"The investigation of the testing and the results that were published must logically start with the laboratory and WADA and we are waiting for a response from them to our questions," UCI said.

— From News Services

SAILING

Defending Champ Leads Rolex Event

Defending champion **Sally Barkow** of Nashotah, Wis., held the lead after the opening day of the Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship yesterday in Annapolis.

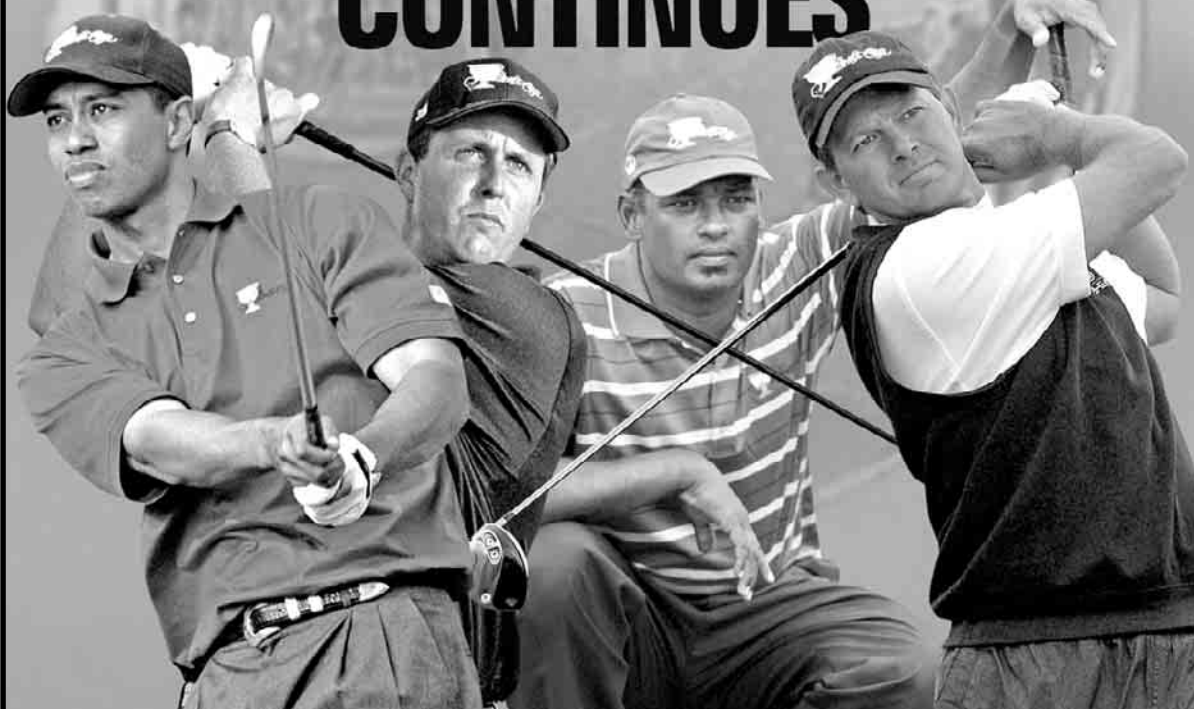
Racing was delayed more than three hours by fickle, light winds, but the 42-boat fleet managed two races after a gentle sea breeze came in. Barkow took third in the first

race, easily won by **Cory Sertl** of Rochester, N.Y., and won the second. **Jody Swanson** of Buffalo had back-to-back second-place finishes to nail down second place overall, with Sertl third after finishing ninth in the second race.

Racing in J-22 sloops continues through Friday in Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Severn River.

— Angus Phillips

THE QUEST FOR THE CUP CONTINUES



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Yesterday's Results and Tomorrow's Games. Lists scores for various games and upcoming matchups.

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Around The Horn

GAME OF THE DAY

Red Sox at Devil Rays. Boston needs to beat the worst team in the division, and one of the worst in baseball, to stay ahead of the Yankees.

QUOTABLE

"I'm sure he'll get votes. If he doesn't get votes, then the wrong people are voting." - Twins Manager Ron Gardenhire.

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Red Sox: RF Trot Nixon didn't feel well before last night's game and was scratched from the starting lineup.

TODAY IN BASEBALL

1968: Mickey Mantle hit his last home run in the major leagues, a solo shot against Boston's Jim Lonborg.

1988: Wade Boggs became the first player in the 20th century to get 200 hits in six consecutive seasons as the Red Sox routed Toronto.

1998: Cal Ripken took himself out of the starting lineup and did not play in the Orioles' loss to the Yankees.

AL WILD CARD

Table with columns: Team, W, L, GB. Lists standings for Cleveland, New York, and xOakland.

REMAINING GAMES

Indians: at White Sox (2), at Royals (4), vs. Devil Rays (3), vs. White Sox (3).

TODAY'S GAME TO WATCH



Indians' Jake Westbrook VS. White Sox' Mark Buehrle



Table with columns: W-L, ERA, Team Rec. for Indians (15-14, 4.56, 16-15)

Table with columns: W-L, ERA, Team Rec. for White Sox (15-8, 3.21, 17-13)

vs. White Sox (career)

Table with columns: Batter, AB, H, HR, BB, SO, OBP, SLG, AVG. Lists stats for various players against the White Sox.

vs. Indians (career)

Table with columns: Batter, AB, H, HR, BB, SO, OBP, SLG, AVG. Lists stats for various players against the Indians.

AL NOTEBOOK

A's Activate Crosby in Time for Stretch Run

Bobby Crosby hopes his second comeback of the season is as successful as his first. The Athletics activated the reigning AL rookie of the year from the 15-day disabled list yesterday and rewrote the lineup with him at shortstop and batting seventh.



Oakland went 55-24 with shortstop Bobby Crosby in the lineup. The 2004 AL rookie of the year is recovering from a fractured ankle.

Crosby, recovering from a fractured left ankle that forced him into a second stint on the DL this year, fielded ground balls, ran the bases and took batting practice in the cage before the Athletics decided he was ready to go.

"My feeling is why not get him back in there, kind of like last time," Manager Ken Macha said.

Crosby already sat out April 5 to May 29 with two broken ribs after getting hurt on Opening Day at Baltimore. The Athletics went 55-24 for a .696 winning percentage from the day he came back (May 30) to Aug. 27, when he got hurt again.

In addition, RHP Rich Harden, who began the season as the number two starter behind Barry Zito, threw long toss in the outfield as he works to recover from a strained muscle in the back of his throwing shoulder that has sidelined him since Aug. 19.

TODAY'S PITCHING PROBABLES AND KEY MATCHUPS

Table with columns: Team, Pitcher, W-L, ERA, Team Rec. Lists probable pitchers and key matchups for various teams.

ORIOLES NOTEBOOK

Players, Congress Discuss Palmeiro

By JORGE ARANGURE JR. Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 — The House Government Reform Committee's investigation of Rafael Palmeiro has led them to interview players who have worked out with the first baseman, according to a report by the Associated Press.

According to the report, which cited anonymous sources, investigators spoke with Colorado Rockies outfielder Jorge Piedra last week. Piedra, who was suspended for 10 days in April because of a positive steroid test result, worked out with Palmeiro in the offseason.

Several players have spoken to the committee. Other players, who were chosen because of their close relationship with Palmeiro, are to be interviewed as well.

The committee is looking into whether Palmeiro committed perjury when he testified in a congressional hearing in March that he had never used steroids.

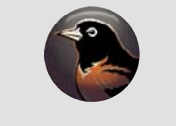
Young Is Impressed

Before Monday's game, Walter Young, 25, took his camcorder to Monument Park at Yankee Stadium to record his first visit at the historic stadium.

"You hear about it and then you actually come here and get to see it, that is something that my dad would want to see so I'm taping it for him," Young said.

One costly error in Sunday's game won't deter interim manager Sam Perlozzo from putting Bernie Castro in the outfield again.

"I think it's important for me to play there," said Castro, usually a second baseman. "The more positions I play, the better chance I have of being here."



UP NEXT

Today at Yankees: 7:05 p.m. Maine (2-1) vs. Small (8-0). Tomorrow at Yankees: 7:05 p.m. Lopez (14-10) vs. Johnson (14-8).

Yesterday's Games

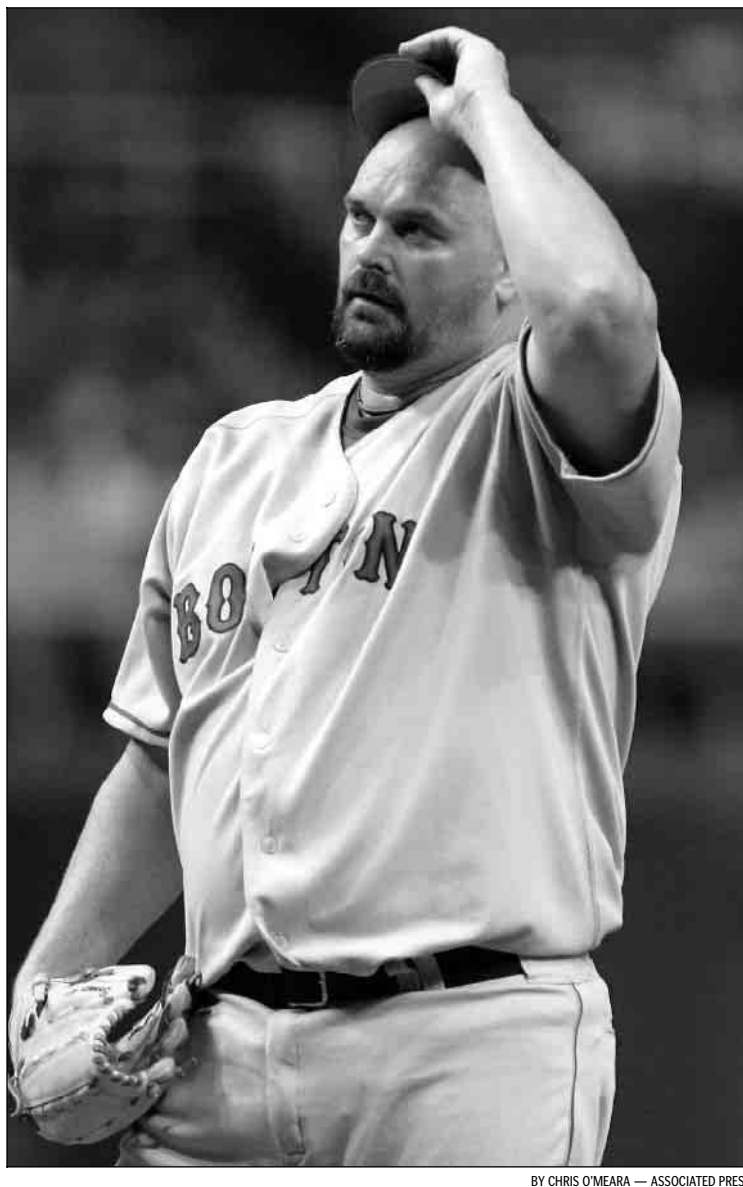
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Richie Sexson hit a grand slam in the ninth inning to rally visiting Seattle, snapping the Mariners' four-game losing streak.

Sexson's slam off Miguel Batista was his his 38th homer, his third grand slam of the season and the ninth of his career.

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, AVG. Lists stats for Seattle and Toronto players.

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Red Sox starter David Wells struggled against the Devil Rays, allowing 4 runs on 10 hits in just 2 1/2 innings. Boston's AL East lead is down to a half-game.

Table with columns: Team, W, M. Wood (5-7), L: Borderman (14-13).

Matt Stairs had a three-run homer, and Kansas City beat Detroit before its smallest home crowd in 10 years.

The Tigers are 4-15 in September, and with 82 losses are assured of their 12th consecutive losing season.

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WEST DIVISION

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LEADERS

Tables for Yesterday's Results, Tomorrow's Games, and various league statistics.

YESTERDAY'S GAME

Player statistics for Lee, Jones, and other players from the Pirates vs Astros game.

Player statistics for Eyre, Carpenter, and Martinez from the Pirates vs Astros game.

Player statistics for Bonds from the Pirates vs Astros game.

Yesterday's Game

Summary statistics for Pirates 7 vs Astros 0.

That mismatch between 340-game winner Roger Clemens and zero-game winner Ian Snell turned out to be exactly that.

Snell limited the Astros to three singles over eight innings for his first career victory and Freddy Sanchez homered among his three extra-base hits against Clemens.

Pittsburgh's fifth victory in six games ended Houston's five-game winning streak and reduced Houston's lead over idle Philadelphia to one game in the NL wild-card race.

Clemens lost to Pittsburgh for the first time in six career starts. His 670th career start was his first in Pittsburgh in his career — PNC Park was the only current park where he had not started.

Detailed batting statistics for the Pirates vs Astros game, including totals and player names.

Sunday's Game

Summary statistics for Marlins 14 vs Phillies 6.

Miguel Cabrera drove in four runs and Josh Beckett pitched six innings to help host Florida end a four-game skid.

The Marlins' injury-plagued infield was further depleted when 2B Luis Castillo left the game in the seventh with a tight right hamstring.

His status is day-to-day.

Detailed batting statistics for the Marlins vs Phillies game, including totals and player names.

Around The Horn

GAME OF THE DAY

Astros at Pirates
Houston's weak schedule gives it the wild-card advantage. Case in point: Astros veteran Andy Pettitte (16-9) vs. Pittsburgh's Tom Gorzelanny (0-0), making his major league debut.

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Reds: 1B Sean Casey was examined by a spine specialist and cleared to participate in light physical conditioning, but there's no timetable for his return.

QUOTABLE

"We just stunk up the joint. We definitely can't put this one behind us."

Phillies Manager **Charlie Manuel** after Sunday's 14-6 loss to the Marlins

TODAY IN BASEBALL

1949: Ralph Kiner of the Pirates became the first NL player to hit 50 home runs in two different seasons.
1955: Ernie Banks of the Cubs set a major league record with his fifth grand slam of the season.

NL WILD CARD

Table showing wild card standings for Houston, Philadelphia, Florida, and Washington.

REMAINING GAMES

Phillies: at Braves (3), at Reds (3), vs. Mets (3), at Nationals (3).
Marlins: at Mets (3), at Braves (3), vs. Nationals (3), vs. Braves (3).
Astros: at Pirates (3), at Cubs (3), at Cardinals (2), vs. Cubs (4).
Nationals: vs. Giants (3), vs. Mets (3), at Marlins (3), vs. Phillies (3).

TODAY'S PITCHING PROBABLES AND KEY MATCHUPS

Table of pitching probables and matchups for various NL teams, including team records and pitcher statistics.

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TODAY'S GAME TO WATCH



Marlins' A.J. Burnett VS. Mets' Kris Benson



W-L ERA Team Rec. for Burnett: 12-11 3.46 16-14

W-L ERA Team Rec. for Benson: 9-8 4.16 14-11

vs. Mets (career)

Table of career stats for Burnett vs Mets: Batters, Victor Diaz, Doug Mientkiewicz, etc.

vs. Marlins (career)

Table of career stats for Benson vs Marlins: Batters, Carlos Delgado, Jeff Conine, etc.

NL NOTEBOOK

Cardinals? Playoffs? Yeah, That's the Ticket

It took about two hours yesterday for the NL Central champion Cardinals to sell out all of their playoff games leading up to the World Series.

For the first time, playoff tickets were not sold at the Busch Stadium ticket office or at other ticket outlets; they were sold online through the Cardinals' Web site and by phone.

The team said problems with long lines and new stadium construction prompted the change. The new Busch Stadium is being built next to the existing ballpark, which will be demolished at the end of the season.

It wasn't immediately clear how many tickets were sold. ■ **SMALL BALL:** Baseball had a brownout this year, with home runs dropping to their lowest level in eight years.

diets. There are too many people having off years.

An average of 2.06 homers per game were hit through Sunday, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, down 8.5 percent from last season's final average of 2.25.

"I think it's cyclical," Commissioner **Bud Selig** said. "It's very hard to determine what variables are at work here." Some players point to the first year of steroid testing with penalties for first offenders.

Nine players have been suspended for 10 days each for violating the major league policy, including **Rafael Palmeiro**. **Gene Orza**, the chief operating officer of the players' association, said linking steroid testing to the home-run average is too simplistic and pointed out that this year's level is only slightly lower than the 2.09 average for 2002.

"A lot of guys who were hitting them haven't been hitting them," Florida's **Lenny Harris** said. "I think the drug policy had a lot to do with it. It changed a lot of guys' diets. There are too many people having off years."

From News Services

Bonds's First Stop on the Road: Washington

BONDS, From E1

be playing his first game away from the friendly confines of San Francisco's SBC Park, where on Sunday he clobbered the 705th home run of his career — which ranks third on the all-time list, nine behind Babe Ruth and 50 behind Hank Aaron.

It also will be Bonds's first game away from home since baseball's steroid scandal, with him as one of its central figures, exploded over the winter amid leaked grand jury testimony, widespread allegations and intense scrutiny from much of official Washington, including President Bush and two congressional committees that launched separate investigations.

Although Bonds has not played here since 1989, there may be no place where he is less welcome than Washington.

"They're supposed to boo me," Bonds told reporters in San Francisco on Sunday when asked about the harsh welcome he is expected to receive on the road. Asked why, he said, "Because I'm good, that's why."

Then, turning the taunts around, he said: "I'm coming to get them. ... Bring it on, baby."

Bonds's brazenness is understandable. Although nine big leaguers have been suspended this season for steroid violations in the first year of baseball's tougher policy — with the highest-profile violator, four-time all-star **Rafael Palmeiro**, having been chased practically out of the game — Bonds has suffered no such direct hit.

"The fact that someone should write in the newspaper," Bonds told reporters Sunday, "is [that] I've never failed a drug test."



Bonds, taking a curtain call after hitting his 705th homer on Sunday, will be away from his home stadium for the 1st time since a steroid scandal exploded last winter.

reached a plea agreement in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative grand jury case and thus avoided testifying. "In the case of Bonds, we have no smoking gun. It's all speculation," said Gary Wadler of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

"Many of us were hoping the Balco trial would be a way to move past the realm of specu-

lation, but it never came to pass."

Bonds's involvement as a witness in the Balco trial also helped him avoid a potentially unpleasant trip to Washington in March, when the House Government Reform committee convened a panel of current and former baseball stars — including **Palmeiro**, **Sammy Sosa**, **Mark McGwire** and **Jose Canseco** — to testify about steroid use in the game.

Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.), the committee chairman, did not return telephone messages yesterday, but a committee staffer said, "It would not be appropriate for us to comment on Barry Bonds when we still have an active investigation going on."

Bonds's absence from the nationally televised hearing, his absence from the baseball diamond for the first five months of the season and his absence from the lists of steroid violators may have helped him to distance himself from the scandal.

Even those who have been quick to condemn **Palmeiro** and others as cheaters tread carefully when it comes to Bonds, who was subject to the testing program throughout his stay on the disabled list. "A lot of people say [Bonds's] records are tainted. [But] how do you know they're tainted? It hasn't been proven," said Nationals Manager **Frank Robinson**, who last month called upon baseball to "wipe out" **Palmeiro's** statistics after he failed a drug test.

NATIONALS NOTEBOOK

Guzman Safely Above .200

By **BARRY SVRLUGA**
Washington Post Staff Writer

The downside to the Washington Nationals' just-completed six-game road trip was obvious, for they lost the final two games to the San Diego Padres in gruesome fashion, blowing two late leads. In doing so, they fell well behind the Houston Astros in the race for the National League's wild-card playoff berth.

But even during those two games, the offensive resurgence of shortstop **Cristian Guzman**, which began at the beginning of September, continued. When August came to a close, **Guzman** remained in danger of posting a historically bad offensive season, hitting .196 with an on-base percentage of .236 and a slugging percentage of .279.

Not since **Rob Deer** hit .179 for the Detroit Tigers in 1991 had a player endured an entire major league season and hit below .200. With 12 games remaining in the regular season, **Guzman** may be ready to avoid that fate. Since Sept. 1, he has hit .326 — by far his highest batting average in a month.

And this is more than just a few hits falling that had been caught before. **Guzman** is driving the ball like he hasn't all season. He drove in three runs with a double and a triple in Friday night's win over San Diego, the first game in which he had three RBI since Aug. 21, 2004, when he was with Minnesota.

His slugging percentage in September is a robust .558 — highest on the team — and his seven RBI in 14 games this month match his high for any month this year. "He's hitting the fastball," hitting coach **Tom McCraw** said. "It's nothing we haven't talked about before. He's doing the things we've wanted him to do. He's finally brought them into a game."

Guzman's average for the season is now at .209, the highest it has been since June 21.

Robinson: Pitch to Bonds

Manager **Frank Robinson** has a simple strategy for dealing with San Francisco slugger **Barry Bonds**, who comes to RFK Stadium tonight with the Giants. "Go after him," **Robinson** said. "Make your pitches and go get him out."

Robinson considers the strategy some managers take — walking **Bonds**, even if the bases are empty — to be "ridiculous." In 13 games against the **Robinson**-managed Montreal **Expos** from 2002 to '04, **Bonds** hit five homers, drove in eight runs, walked 17 times and hit .306. "We haven't completely shut him down," **Robinson** said. "But we contained him."

Professional Hockey

Ouellet Will Be Caps' Backup Goalie

By TARIK EL-BASHIR
Washington Post Staff Writer

The role of backup goaltender in the NHL is often an unheralded one. But it could prove to be vital this season in Washington, where Maxime Ouellet will be asked to do more than sit on the bench for weeks at a time, opening and closing the dasher board door for his teammates.

Ouellet officially became the Capitals' second goalie yesterday when fellow prospect Maxime Daigneault was reassigned to the minor league Hershey (Pa.) Bears.

"He's ready to do it," Washington Capitals Coach Glen Hanlon said. "He's had good years for us in [the minor leagues]. [Olaf Kolzig] is going to play the brunt of the games. But Maxime will get enough, just by way of the schedule. I haven't counted back-to-back games, but you can do the math."

The Capitals, to be exact, play on consecutive nights 16 times. Sprinkle in a some stretches of three games in four nights, and Ouellet, 24, could see 20 or more starts while backing up Kolzig. The schedule has been compressed to accommodate a 15-day break for the Olympics.

"I believe he will be able to do the job," Capitals coaches coach Dave Prior said. "But until you do the job in this league, it's not a given. When he was up with us in [2003-04], he performed well for us. And he had some games where he wasn't as good as he needed to be. But that was 16 months ago. He's stronger mentally now."

Ouellet was acquired from Philadelphia in the 2002 deal that sent Adam Oates to the Flyers, and scouts expect him to blossom into an elite goalie. The 6-foot-2, 195-pound Quebec native went 15-20-3 with a 2.89 goals against average and .911 save percentage last season with the AHL's Portland Pirates. He missed the final two months with a high ankle sprain.

Ouellet's start Friday against Carolina in the



BY KARL DEBLAHER — ASSOCIATED PRESS

"He's ready," Capitals Coach Glen Hanlon said of Maxime Ouellet, above, being the backup goalie. Ouellet, 24, was acquired from the Flyers in 2002.

teams' preseason opener was his first game action in eight months. The Capitals lost 6-0.

"It felt pretty good, so it was a step in the right direction," said Ouellet of his ankle. He surrendered four goals on 23 shots in two periods. Three of the scores came on the power play.

Kolzig, 35, said he plans to help Ouellet deal with what could be a tough season for the rebuilding franchise.

"I'm as bad as anybody for getting upset when things aren't going good," said Kolzig, who's entering his 14th season with the Capitals. "I've learned over the years that you can't beat yourself up. Or it can turn into a really long year. This season, there are going to be some growing

pains with the team. You have to be patient, play your game and not try to do too much out there." Ouellet said he's prepared: "That's the goalie's job: to stop the puck, no matter how many shots you face. We have some young defensemen. The goalie has to be ready for whatever comes."

While the Capitals' goalies will face similar challenges on the ice, they couldn't be more different off it. Kolzig jokes with his teammates on game days; Ouellet is introverted. Some say he's the stereotypical "quirky" goalie.

"I try not to be too superstitious," Kolzig said. "Did I eat the same thing? Did I go in the left-hand elevator down and go out the back door, or did I take the right-hand elevator? Maxime's a pretty ritualistic guy."

Ouellet, for the record, says he's not superstitious. He simply has a routine — that he follows every day, without fail. Apparently, one of those routines is not divulging the specifics to reporters.

"I have a routine on game day," he said. "It's just a way to feel better, just a way to kill time before the game. I do certain drills at the end of the [pregame] practice or eat the same thing, stuff like that. I don't even realize it. I don't notice because it's normal to me."

One thing Ouellet plans to add to his routine is studying Kolzig's technique.

"He has so much experience, he's been here for so long," Ouellet said. "It's a great chance for me to watch him, learn from him and ask questions."

Capitals Notes: C Dainius Zubrus (arthroscopic knee surgery), C Andrew Cassels (broken cheekbone) and D Jakub Cutta (infected muscle tissue near elbow) all skated during practice yesterday. Shaone Morrisonn (strained groin muscle) skated on his own. . . Jeff Halpern, Kolzig, Alexander Ovechkin and Zubrus will visit the Hurricane Katrina evacuees Thursday at the D.C. Armory.

Professional Basketball

NOTEBOOK

Development League Sets Team Allotments

By MICHAEL LEE
Washington Post Staff Writer

The NBA took its final step toward officially establishing a minor league system yesterday when it announced how players will be dispersed to the new NBA Development League. Under the system, each of the eight teams will be affiliated with either three or four NBA teams, while NBA teams will be able to assign players in their first two seasons. The latter was agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement that was ratified in July.

The Washington Wizards and two other teams will send players to the Roanoke Dazzle.

No NBA team can have more than two players on assignment at the same time. No player can be sent down to the D-League more than three times, and there is no maximum or minimum length for an assignment. A player on assignment will be listed as inactive on the NBA team's roster.

"This is another step in the right direction to assist in the continuing development of players," said Stu Jackson, NBA senior vice president of basketball operations.

The NBA teams were matched up primarily according to geographic proximity to the D-League teams, which are mostly located in the southeast and southwest part of the nation. The Wizards, New Jersey Nets and Philadelphia 76ers will send players to Roanoke. The Dazzle and the Fayetteville Patriots, two of the original teams from the league formerly known as the NBDL, are the only teams that will draw from a pool of three NBA teams instead of four.

The Patriots will share players from Charlotte, Detroit and New York, with the remaining team allotments going as follows: Albuquerque Thunderbirds (Phoenix, Sacramento, Seattle, Utah); Florida Flame (Miami, Orlando, Boston, Minnesota); Arkansas Rim-Rockers (Atlanta, Memphis,

Cleveland, Toronto); Fort Worth Flyers (Dallas, Golden State, Los Angeles Lakers, Portland); Austin Toros (San Antonio, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles Clippers); and Tulsa 66ers (New Orleans, Chicago, Indiana, Milwaukee).

Oklahoma City Hornets?

Oklahoma City is making preparations to become the temporary home of the New Orleans Hornets. An announcement that the Hornets will play at least part of their 41-game home schedule at Ford Center could come as early as tomorrow, Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett said yesterday.

"We are hoping by that time to have a deal worked out," Cornett said. "Right now, we still don't have a deal. We're still working on the details [but] that's where we're headed."

A league source confirmed yesterday that the NBA is discussing a proposed lease agreement for the

three-year-old, 19,675-seat Ford Center. The Hornets have been without a home after Hurricane Katrina left the team unable to play games at New Orleans Arena until at least February, if it all. Cornett scheduled a city council meeting for tomorrow to review the contract proposal.

NBA officials toured Ford Center on Sept. 9 and Cornett said they left with a favorable opinion. The NBA is also considering playing games at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. Training camp begins on Oct. 4.

Looks Like Portland for Wizards' Blake

By IVAN CARTER
Washington Post Staff Writer

Steve Blake could be joining former University of Maryland and Washington Wizards teammate Juan Dixon in Portland.

Blake, an unrestricted free agent point guard who was selected by the Wizards in the second round of the 2003 draft, was in Portland, Ore., last night and has agreed to sign a two-year contract with the Trail Blazers, according to Blake's agent, Joel Bell.

Terms of the contract were not available. But according to a league source, Portland offered Blake less than \$2.3 million for the upcoming season, which is what the team had remaining from its mid-level exception.

Dixon, who spent three seasons with the Wizards after teaming up with Blake to lead Maryland to the NCAA championship in 2002, signed a three-year, \$8 million contract with Portland in July.

Starting tomorrow, the Wizards will have seven days to match Portland's offer should they choose to retain Blake, who averaged 17.1 minutes, 5.4 points and 2.3 assists in 118 games with Washington.

Wizards General Manager Ernie Grunfeld declined to comment on Portland's offer.

Blake was the primary backup to all-star point guard Gilbert Arenas the last two seasons but was bothered by a sore ankle last year and appeared in only 43 games, with one start.

After the season, Blake expressed a

desire to leave Washington, and the team's acquisitions of veteran point guard Chucky Atkins, shooting guard Antonio Daniels and swingman Caron Butler further increased the chances that the Wizards would not retain him.

"I've enjoyed my time here, but I would like to go someplace where I can play more," Blake said following Washington's playoff series loss to Miami. "If someone can provide me with a larger role, that's something I'm going to look at. I think I have a lot of good basketball in me."

Blake visited Cleveland and Miami but may get his best opportunity with the Trail Blazers, who have two inexperienced point guards on the roster, Sebastian Telfair and Jarrett Jack.

Telfair, the team's first-round pick in the 2004 draft, is just 20 years old and didn't crack the rotation until late last season while Jack, a native of Fort Washington, is a 21-year-old rookie.

Golf

Toms Set for Play In Presidents Cup

Doctors Clear Him After Collapsing

By LEONARD SHAPIRO
Washington Post Staff Writer

David Toms walked off the 18th green at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club yesterday and pronounced himself ready to play on the U.S. Presidents Cup team starting Thursday, despite spending two days in the hospital last week when he collapsed because of a rapid heartbeat during the first round of the 84 Lumber Classic in Farmington, Pa., last Thursday.

"I felt good today, maybe a little sluggish this morning, but I don't know if that's just from lack of sleep or the medication," Toms said after walking 18 afternoon holes on the Gainesville course with U.S. teammate Fred Funk.

"I'll be fine by Thursday. My sleep is just going to get better and my chest feels fine."

Toms was taken from the Woodlands Resort course in an ambulance and eventually spent last Thursday and Friday at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh. His doctors there told him he had a condition known as supraventricular tachycardia, a rapid heartbeat caused by an abnormal electrical connection in the upper portion of his heart. He's currently taking low doses of the drug Toprol-XL, and said he will eventually have a surgical procedure known as a catheter ablation to correct the problem, probably next week after the tournament.

Toms, 38, said he had about a half-dozen incidents of rapid heartbeat over the last four years, none of them as debilitating as last Thursday's episode. He said the most recent incident had been at the NEC event in Akron, Ohio, the week after the PGA Championship, and he underwent a physical three weeks ago that did not discover the problem that was eventually diagnosed in Pittsburgh.

Toms said he was told by doctors in Pittsburgh that he can safely play this week with the medication. He indicated he would have had the procedure done last week, but was told it could not be performed before yesterday. At every tournament, including the Presidents Cup,

the PGA Tour has a contingent of emergency medical personnel on site, and marshals at every hole can summon help immediately, as was the case last week when Toms collapsed.

"If they did [the ablation on Monday], I wouldn't have been able to play here this week," Toms said. "They said the medicine should take care of the problem and that I shouldn't have any problems playing. This is a very important week to me. I really do want to play."

Earlier in the day, at a news conference to announce his involvement with a new 18-hole private golf course under construction in Loudoun County, U.S. team captain Jack Nicklaus said he would rely strictly on Toms and his physicians to tell him if he could play in the matches against a 12-man international team.

"If David and his doctors say he can play, the captain shouldn't play doctor," Nicklaus said. "I'd love to have his experience and have him play, but it's up to David to make that decision. My guess is David will be able to tell me [tonight]. If I was in David's position, I'd say it's not fair to you or the team to let it go beyond [tonight], and I think David will do that."

Nicklaus had already told Zach Johnson, who did not make the 12-man team, that he would be the first alternate if anyone on the U.S. side becomes injured or is too ill to play when the matches start Thursday.

Nicklaus said Johnson is prepared to come join the team on a moment's notice, if necessary.

Toms said after his first practice round yesterday that it definitely won't be necessary and that he would tell Nicklaus last night at the players' first meeting of the week that he'll be ready to go on Thursday.

"I'll tell him I don't see myself having any limitations at all," Toms said. "The only concern I have is that I've only played nine holes of tournament golf in the last month after taking three weeks off following the PGA Championship in mid-August. But I drove the ball well today."

"I'm just trying to get it to where I can hit good golf shots."

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HIGH SCHOOLS

FIELD HOCKEY

Murphy, Woodson Are in Harmony

By LIAM DILLON
Special to The Washington Post

Cathleen Murphy's performance before No. 6 W.T. Woodson's 2-1 victory over Thomas Jefferson last night was topped only by her performance during the game.

The senior forward sang an impressive rendition of the national anthem prior to the game, and then beautifully redirected a shot over Jefferson goalkeeper Rachel Miller with 20 minutes remaining for what turned out to be the Cavaliers' winning score.

W.T. Woodson took control when senior Lizl Gericke opened the scoring, putting in the rebound of her own missed shot seven minutes into the second half. Murphy's goal was a perfectly timed tip of Mia Naccarato's shot, accomplished with an ease that belied the effort gone into its production.

"We've been practicing that tip drill for weeks," Cavaliers Coach Andy Muir said. "I'm glad we got an opportunity in the game to try it. She had a nice touch with it."

Murphy is no stranger to the rigors of practicing, having sung since she was 2 years old. She began singing the anthem before Cavaliers home games during her sophomore season when she asked Muir if she could perform as a way to become more involved.

"We just had a recording for the anthem before I started doing it," Murphy said. "It's always a lot more fun when someone sings it, though, and I think it gets the team into the game more."

W.T. Woodson (9-1-1, 1-0 AAA Liberty District), which defeated Jefferson for its third straight Northern Region title last year, last night showed its ability to handle strong teams without two key players from that squad: graduated All-Mets Ashley McCulloch and Ashley Peck.

By contrast, Jefferson (5-5, 0-1) has had a more difficult time adjusting this season, after losing eight seniors and an excellent defender in junior Alyson Heon, who transferred to Westfield. Still, as the Colonials showed with a number of quality chances at the end of the game, including a goal by junior Ruth Isenstadt, they remain a dangerous squad.

"T.J.'s a really good team," Murphy said. "I definitely think we're going to see them again later on in the year. But we'll be ready again for them."

RESULTS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

GOLF
Mount Hebron 86, Oakland Mills 54

FIELD HOCKEY
Annandale 5, West Springfield 0
Good Counsel 5, Elizabeth Seton 1
Herndon 3, Fairfax 2 (2OT)
Osborn Park 5, Battletfield 4
Poolesville 5, Kennedy 0
W.T. Woodson 2, Jefferson 1
Watkins Mill 3, Gaithersburg 0
Westfield 3, Robinson 1

BOYS' SOCCER
Bladensburg 3, Northwestern 1
Kennedy 2, Paint Branch 0
Notre Dame 9, Massanutten 1
O'Connell 1, Bishop McNamara 0
Rockville 1, Einstein 0
Whitman 1, Gaithersburg 0

GIRLS' SOCCER
Georgetown Day 1, Sandy Spring 1 (2OT)
Georgetown Visitation 2, Holy Cross 2
Damascus 2, Blake 1
Einstein 4, Rockville 1
O'Connell 4, Bishop McNamara 0
Paint Branch 5, Kennedy 1
Potomac School 4, Holton-Arms 3 (2OT)
Quince Orchard 4, Northwest 0
Spalding 2, Severn 0

GIRLS' TENNIS
Bishop Ireton 5, St. John's 4
Churchill 7, Wootton 0
Holy Cross 9, O'Connell 0
Magruder 7, Kennedy 0
Paul VI Catholic 9, Elizabeth Seton 0
Rockville 6, Seneca Valley 1
Walter Johnson 5, Whitman 2

VOLLEYBALL
Bishop Ireton def. Bishop McNamara, 23-25, 25-19, 26-28, 25-23, 15-9
Damascus def. Northwest, 25-18, 25-17, 25-14
Good Counsel def. St. Mary's Ryken, 25-14, 25-11, 25-16
Madison def. Herndon, 18-25, 25-23, 18-25, 25-19, 15-13
Langley def. Robinson, 25-22, 25-20, 25-16
Lee def. Mount Vernon, 25-11, 25-6, 25-7
O'Connell def. Elizabeth Seton, 25-14, 25-17, 25-21
Oakton def. Jefferson, 25-13, 25-12, 25-15
Paul VI Catholic def. Holy Cross, 21-25, 25-15, 25-15, 25-22
Severna Park def. Bryn Mawr School, 25-17, 28-26, 25-18
St. John's def. Carroll, 25-7, 25-11, 25-21
West Potomac def. Washington-Lee, 25-16, 25-20, 19-25, 25-17
Wootton def. Quince Orchard, 25-22, 25-22, 22-25, 25-20

Instant Replay

A look back at last weekend's games



BY PRESTON KERES — THE WASHINGTON POST

Matt Winger (3) was given room to run during his 340-yard effort against Rockville. "The way my team blocked for me was incredible," he said.

HOWARD COUNTY

Atholton's Winger Proves Virtually Unstoppable

By JON GALLO
Washington Post Staff Writer

September Gains

The season's best rushing performances so far:

Player, School	Opponent	Carries	TDs	Yards
H.B. Banjoman, Warren County	Randolph-Macon	24	7	366
Matt Winger, Atholton	Rockville	16	4	340
Jared Christman, Poolesville	Smithsburg	31	4	321
Jared Christman, Poolesville	Brunswick	26	3	293
Michael Johnson, Lackey	Calvert	21	5	280
Evan Royster, Westfield	W.T. Woodson	10	4	246
Trey Crayton, Glenelg	Howard	13	4	229
Evan Royster, Westfield	Annandale	19	2	222
Delonte Gordon, Einstein	Kennedy	16	4	215
Brock Bell, Loudoun Valley	Loudoun County	20	2	215
Corwin Acker, Blake	Wheaton	31	3	214

Atholton senior running back Matt Winger said Friday's 340-yard rushing performance — on only 16 carries — wasn't the first time he'd had a game for the record books.

"I do that playing video games all the time," he said after scoring four touchdowns en route to setting the school mark against Rockville. "I created myself and my whole Atholton team and we just run over teams, so when I did it in real life it felt like I was playing Madden NFL 06."

But there was nothing virtual about what Winger did in leading his team to a 40-22 victory over the Rams. On the first play of the game, Winger took a handoff from junior Brett McQuilkin and followed fullback Patrick Hayden into the hole between right tackle Sonny Mazzullo and guard Stan-

ley Onyimba before bouncing outside for a 77-yard touchdown. After Rockville punted, Atholton Coach Chuck Fales called the same play and Winger provided a replay, running untouched for an 80-yard score.

In the second quarter, Winger took a handoff and followed Hay-

den up the middle. As Hayden blocked the linebacker, Winger bounced outside for a 65-yard touchdown. In the third quarter, Winger took a pitch and swept right. He picked up two blocks along the sideline and then cut across the field — picking up two more blocks in the process —

during a 45-yard scoring run in which he became the first Raider to score four touchdowns in a game.

"I took him out after the third quarter because if I would have left him in, he would have run for more than 400 yards," Fales said. "What Matt did was just amazing. Every time we gave him the ball he made something big happen."

Winger, who broke the school's single-game rushing record of 210 yards set by Ricky Trotter in 1995, said that if he had finished the game, he could have broken the state record, which is 446 yards set by Hancock's Sam Hess against St. James in 1998.

"I would have gotten at least 450, and with the way my team was blocking, there's no telling how many yards I would have had," said Winger, who has rushed for 428 yards on 37 carries this season. "The way my team blocked for me was incredible."

SHORT YARDAGE

All-Met LB Navorro Bowman suffered only a bruised right shoulder and might be able to play Saturday when No. 14 Suitland plays Bladensburg, Rams Coach Nick Lynch said. Bowman was injured in a 28-0 loss to No. 9 Douglass and went to Southern Maryland Hospital Center for X-rays, Lynch said. . . .

Four C.H. Flowers players — Raphael Johnson, Antione Cuff, Steve Williams and Keenan Fenwick — rushed for at least 100 yards in a 69-20 victory over Bladensburg. The Jaguars set a Maryland public school record with 605 yards rushing. . . . After allowing 340 rushing yards to Atholton's Matt Winger last weekend, Rockville will face Poolesville and Jared Christman, who has rushed for 293 and 321 yards, respectively, in the Falcons' two games this season. . . .

Theodore Roosevelt senior wide receiver Jelani Walker took over as starting running back at the beginning of the season because of an injury to Charles Wallace and has amassed 625 yards and nine touchdowns for the Rough Riders (2-2). Walker had 183 yards and four touchdowns Friday in a 27-20 win over Ballou, snapping a four-game losing streak to the Knights dating from 2001. . . .

Robinson has won 35 consecutive regular season games. Poolesville (22) has the area's next longest streak.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Johnson Taking Lackey's Offense to Another Dimension

So much for Lackey ditching its running game this season for lack of an experienced back. The two-time Maryland 3A runner-up found out in last Friday's 32-14 victory over Calvert that sophomore Mike Johnson is more than a capable replacement for graduated All-Met Morgan Green.

After being held for negative yardage on each of his first three carries, the 5-foot-7, 205-pound Johnson finished with 280 rushing yards and five touchdowns, falling just five yards and one score from Green's single-game school records. His 27-yard touchdown run on Lackey's first play from scrimmage of the second half broke a 7-7 tie.

Lackey (2-0) returned a solid passing game this season, led by senior quarterback Aaron Smith and wide receivers Greg Bowman and Dante Page. But Johnson, who rushed for 70 yards and a touchdown in his first varsity start last season, a 24-0 victory over Douglass in last year's 3A semifinals, proved last Friday that opponents have to give honest attention to the Chargers' ground game, too. Lackey will need that this week, as it hosts No. 8 Westlake (2-0).



BY JONATHAN NEWTON — THE WASHINGTON POST

Lackey Coach Scott Chadwick, center, has another solid running back in sophomore Mike Johnson.

"It certainly gives us a dimension to our offense that we didn't know would be there," Lackey Coach Scott Chadwick said. "I've had some pretty good tailbacks [Green, and former

Bowie All-Met Barrington Edwards] the past four years, and that performance ranked right up with them."

— Alan Goldenbach

DRIVE OF THE WEEK

Quarterback Chris Rich's one-yard touchdown plunge helped No. 15 Linganore edge F.S. Key, 12-9, on Friday. Rich's score punctuated the Lancers' opening drive of the second half. Leading 6-3, it took Linganore five plays and little more than four and a half minutes to march 66 yards on the ground to the end zone. Here's how the Lancers did it:

Down-Dist.	Field Pos.	Play
1-10	Linganore 34	FB Chad Stevens carried on a halfback lead. Gain of two yards.
2-8	Linganore 36	Out of a spread formation with one back, RB Jon Sweadner took a toss left, saw a hole, made a cutback and broke loose for a 46-yard gain.
1-10	Key 18	Stevens carried on a FB trap to the weak side. Gain of 13 yards.
1-Goal	Key 5	Sweadner carried on an inside counter. Gain of four yards.
2-Goal	Key 1	Rich scored on a quarterback sneak.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Damascus Sticks With the Run

At Damascus, life after Matt Reidy appears to be moving at the same torrid pace it was with the former All-Met running back. Reidy carried a state record 374 times as a senior last season, and though he's now at Virginia Tech, the Hornets have stuck to the ground game, sharing the load between seniors Kyle Hogan and Steven Anderson.

There has been little drop-off — Damascus (2-0) is averaging more than 240 yards per game on the ground.

The fact that the Hornets re-

turned four starting offensive line-men from last season and can go eight-deep across the line every game made the transition considerably easier.

"In the past we've been a feature back kind of team," said Damascus Coach Dan Makosy, whose team will face No. 15 Linganore (2-0) on Friday. "It's too big of a blow if that feature back goes down with an injury."

"Now with everyone sharing the wealth, you're not missing a beat."

— Andrew Levine

THE POST TOP 20

1 **Robinson** (3-0)
Fri.: McLean (1-1), 7:30 **Last: 1**

2 **Damascus** (2-0)
Fri.: at Linganore (2-0), 7 **2**

3 **Hylton** (2-0)
Fri.: Osborn Park (2-0), 7:30 **3**

4 **Urbana** (2-0)
Thu.: Frederick (0-0), 7 **4**

5 **DeMatha** (2-1)
Fri.: at Paul VI Catholic (2-1), 7 **6**

6 **Gwynn Park** (2-0)
Sat.: Friendly (2-0), 2 **7**

7 **Centreville** (3-0)
Fri.: at West Potomac (1-1), 7:30 **9**

8 **Westlake** (2-0)
Fri.: at Lackey (2-0), 7 **10**

ON THE RISE

9 **Douglass** (2-0)
Hard-hitting defense sparked a dominant effort in 28-0 win over erstwhile No. 5 Suitland. The move to Prince George's 4A league appears to be working out just fine.
Sat.: Crossland (1-0), 2 **17**

10 **Sherwood** (2-0)
Fri.: at Blake (1-1), 6:30 **11**

11 **Dunbar** (1-1)
Fri.: Ballou (1-2), 3:30 **12**

12 **Seneca Valley** (2-0)
Fri.: Churchill (2-0), 6:30 **13**

13 **Lackey** (2-0)
Fri.: Westlake (2-0), 7 **14**

14 **Suitland** (1-1)
Sat.: at Bladensburg (0-2), 2 **5**

15 **Linganore** (2-0)
Fri.: Damascus (2-0), 7 **15**

16 **Oakton** (2-0)
Sat.: at T.C. Williams (3-0), 1 **16**

17 **Liberty** (2-0)
Fri.: at Culpeper (0-3), 7:30 **18**

18 **Broadneck** (2-0)
Fri.: at Arundel (1-1), 7:15 **19**

19 **Potomac (Md.)** (2-0)
Sat.: Surrattsville (0-0), 2 **20**

20 **Georgetown Prep** (2-0)
Sat.: Gilman, Balt. (1-0), 1:30 **NR**

Scoreboard

NFL STANDINGS AND BOX SCORE

NFC Standings table with columns for team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA.

AFC Standings table with columns for team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA.

Yesterday's Results: Washington at Dallas, N.Y. Giants 27.

Table of game results for Sunday, Sept. 25, listing teams and scores.

Monday, Sept. 26: Kansas City at Denver, Baltimore, Detroit, Houston, Washington.

Table of game results for Monday, Sept. 26, listing teams and scores.

LATEST LINE

NFL Favorite/Underdog table for Sunday, Sept. 25, listing teams and odds.

MLS

MLS Eastern and Western Conference tables with columns for team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA.

Tomorrow's Games and Saturday, Sept. 24 game results for MLS.

Sunday, Sept. 25 and Saturday's Results for MLS.

LOCAL GOLF

Washington - Jeff Leiter won the Miller Cup, while Arthur Speck won the Horton Cup.

TENNIS

China Open in Beijing Singles First Round: Ai Sugiyama, Japan, def. Akiko Morigami, Japan.

Doubles First Round: Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Martin Muller, Germany, def. Shinobu Asagoe, Japan.

Slovenia Open in Portoroz, Slovenia Singles First Round: Katarina Srebotnik (6), Slovenia, def. Henrieta Nagyova, Slovakia.

Doubles First Round: Kvetta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Meilen Tu (3), United States, def. Ekaterina Bychkova, Russia.

Slovenia Open in Caltanissetta Singles First Round: Vilmarie Castellvi, Puerto Rico, def. Emanuele Gagliardi, Switzerland.

Doubles First Round: Chuang Chia-juin, Taiwan, and Rika Fujiwara, Japan, def. Nicole Pratt, Australia.

Professional Football



BY GARY HERSHORN — REUTERS

Two Giants fans taunt New Orleans Saints fans with a Saints flag during the team's first home game of the season, played in East Rutherford, N.J.

Giants Leave Saints Feeling Far From Home

SAINTS, From E1

The result was an odd mixture of circumstances in which the Saints, the Giants and everyone else involved did their best to balance the competitiveness of a football game with the feeling of unity toward a greater cause.

Nearly two hours before the game, Tagliabue stood on the field and spoke amiably to Eddie Compass, the police chief of New Orleans. Moments later, Manning trotted past the two on his way from the field back to the locker room.

WNBA

WNBA Finals (Best of Five) table for Sacramento 2, Connecticut 1.

RESULTS

COLLEGE SOCCER Women and COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Women results.

NHL PRESEASON

EASTERN CONFERENCE

NHL Eastern Conference table with columns for team, W, L, T, O L Pts., GF, GA.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NHL Western Conference table with columns for team, W, L, T, O L Pts., GF, GA.

Yesterday's Results: Columbus 3, Pittsburgh 2 (shootout); Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 3.

Today's Games: N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, Boston vs. Toronto in Hamilton, Ont.

Tomorrow's Games: Buffalo at Washington, Atlanta at Carolina, Boston vs. Pittsburgh in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

to him. "The competitive aspects were inconsequential," Tagliabue said, adding that might have been different if the Giants were a divisional opponent of the Saints.

Any complaints by the Giants' rivals about them being given an extra home game were "not on my radar screen [and] will not be on my radar screen," Tagliabue said.

The commissioner and the NFL have been so magnanimous making the Saints feel at home," he said. "He's a class act. He's a great guy. We had over 300 policemen from New York come down and help us police our streets, so we appreciate what New York has done for us."

The game, which originally was scheduled for Sunday at the Superdome, was made part of a nationally televised Monday doubleheader by Tagliabue. Hall of Fame players were rounded up for a telephone, headquartered in Times Square. Former president George H.W. Bush — who, along with former president Bill Clinton, is leading nationwide fundraising efforts — was on the field for the pre-

game coin-toss ceremony. The NFL, calling the theme of the evening "Recover and Rebuild," arranged for more than 600 hurricane evacuees to attend the game. The Giants and Saints planned to donate about \$1 million from the game's gate proceeds to relief efforts, bringing total donations by the NFL, its teams and its players to around \$11 million.

There were plenty of empty seats in the upper deck behind the end zones, but Tagliabue said he was pleased with ticket sales and would have been satisfied with a crowd of 50,000 or more. One end zone was inscribed with the word "Saints," and the Saints wore their black home jerseys and were listed as the home team on the scoreboard.

The Saints attempted a bit of trickery on the opening kickoff but watched Fred McAfee fumble after taking a handoff from Michael Lewis on a reverse. The Giants recovered at the Saints 10-yard line, leading to a one-yard touchdown plunge by rookie tailback Brandon Jacobs. The Saints made it 14-0 on their next possession, with Barber scoring on a six-yard screen pass from Manning.

The Saints pulled within 14-7 early in the second quarter on a 21-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Aaron Brooks to wide receiver Joe Horn. The Giants restored their lead to 14 points on Barber's 12-yard touchdown dash.

The Saints got within 21-10 on kicker John Carney's 21-yard field goal five seconds before halftime, but Brooks' third-quarter fumble led to a Giants' field goal and Carney clanked a 29-yard field-goal try off the upright early in the fourth quarter.

GIANTS 14 7 3 3 - 27 SAINTS 0 10 0 0 - 10

FIRST QUARTER: New York: Jacobs 1 run (Feely kick), 13:25. New York: Barber 6 pass from Manning (Feely kick), 4:13.

SECOND QUARTER: New Orleans: Horn 21 pass from Brooks (Carney kick), 14:11. New York: Barber 12 run (Feely kick), 1:54. New Orleans: FG Carney, :05.

THIRD QUARTER: New York: FG Feely 39, 7:48.

FOURTH QUARTER: New York: FG Feely 30, 6:37. Attendance: 68,031.

Box score table with columns for team, First Downs, Total Net Yards, Rushes-Yards, Passing, Punt Returns, Kickoff Returns, Interceptions Ret., Comp-Att-Int, Sacked-Yards Lost, Punts, Fumbles-Lost, Penalties-Yards, Time Of Possession.

RUSHING: New York: Barber 12-83, Jacobs 3-5, Ponder 1-4, Manning 3-0. New Orleans: McAllister 15-47, A.Smith 4-15, Brooks 3-10.

PASSING: New York: Manning 13-24-0-165. New Orleans: Brooks 27-45-3-375.

RECEIVING: New York: Burress 5-64, Shockey 5-64, Toomer 2-31, Barber 1-6. New Orleans: Horn 9-143, Stallworth 8-141, McAllister 6-64, Henderson 3-42, Karney 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS: New Orleans: Carney 29 (WL).

NOTEBOOK

Tagliabue: Questions Surround Saints' Future

By MARK MASKE, Washington Post Staff Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., Sept. 19 — NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said here Monday that the league wants to take an active role in discussions with New Orleans officials about the Saints returning to the city after this season but it's too soon to know what the long-term future of the franchise in New Orleans is.

"I haven't gotten beyond worrying about 2005," Tagliabue said as he stood on the field at Giants Stadium before the Saints-New York Giants game. "Obviously, the biggest issues in New Orleans now are the ones the president spoke about, which their elected leadership is beginning to discuss with their business community: How do they rebuild the city? What's the shape of the city? What kind of businesses do they want there? What kind of a population base do they want there? All of those issues are going to have to be addressed."

"It would be our intention to have a seat at the table in those discussions, as appropriate. But to start speculating about the future right now when all those questions have to be addressed first is kind of pointless." The Saints' future in New Orleans beyond this season was unclear even before Hurricane Katrina and floodwaters ravaged the city and damaged the Superdome, the Saints' home stadium. The team's lease allows it to leave New Orleans after this season if it chooses. Saints owner Tom Benson said during the offseason said that he had received a \$1 billion offer for the club from prospective buyers who would move the franchise. An attorney for Benson was quoted as saying that Benson was interested in moving the team to Los Angeles, San Antonio or Albuquerque.

The Saints have based their operations in San Antonio this season. Tagliabue moved the club's first scheduled home game here, and



BY RAY STUBBLEBINE — REUTERS

From left, former president George H.W. Bush, Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Saints owner Tom Benson talk with the Saints' Joe Horn.

helping to broker a deal in which four of their remaining seven home games will be played in Baton Rouge, La. The other three games will be played in San Antonio, where the Saints might have preferred to play even more games—for the sake of convenience — if Tagliabue had allowed it.

Tagliabue said Monday, though, that he would have preferred for all seven games to be played in Baton Rouge if it could have been worked out, and it was important to him for the majority of the team's home games this season to be played in Louisiana.

"It was very important," Tagliabue said. "We wanted all the games to be in Louisiana if that was possible. . . . If we could have had all seven games there, it would have been ideal. . . . We were anxious to get all seven. We couldn't do it, so we ended up with the four and three that was agreed to."

Saints and NFL officials plan to discuss the possibility of Baton Rouge being the team's home next season if a more permanent solution has not been reached by then.

Labor Talks Optimistic

Tagliabue said he's hopeful that the league's negotiations with the NFL Players Association on an extension of their collective bargaining agreement are progressing toward a deal. The talks have picked up momentum since Tagliabue added two team owners regarded as compromisers, the Denver Broncos' Pat Bowlen and the Carolina Panthers' Jerry Richardson, to the league's bargaining committee.

"I think that reshaping the [committee] the way I did and getting Pat Bowlen and Jerry Richardson to become directly involved the way Dan Rooney and Wellington Mara were in past negotiations is a real positive," Tagliabue said. "It shows that we are serious and determined to reach out across the table, and hopefully that will be the beginning of a deal." . . .

The Houston Texans fired offensive coordinator Chris Palmer on Monday following the team's second straight embarrassing loss. Joe Pendry, the team's offensive line coach, was introduced as his replacement by Coach Dom Capers on Monday afternoon.

Palmer, who had been the offensive coordinator since the team's inception, also called the plays. The Texans lost to Pittsburgh, 27-7, on Sunday after losing to Buffalo, 22-7, in the opener. Houston has averaged the fewest yards (170.5), fewest passing yards (66.5) and points (7) in the NFL through its first two games. . . . Defensive end Michael Strahan was in the Giants' lineup Monday even after suffering severe back spasms in recent days that had left his status for the game in doubt.

News services contributed to this report.

Professional Football



NFL WEEK 2
Redskins 14, Cowboys 13

REDSKINS	0	0	0	14	-	14
COWBOYS	0	3	7	3	-	13

SECOND QUARTER
Dallas: Cortez 33 FG, 11:20.

THIRD QUARTER
Dallas: Glenn 70 pass from Bledsoe (Cortez kick), 12:51.

FOURTH QUARTER
Dallas: Cortez 41 FG, 5:58.
Washington: Moss 39 pass from Brunell (Novak kick), 3:46.
Washington: Moss 70 pass from Brunell (Novak kick), 2:35.
Attendance: N/A.

	Redskins	Cowboys
First Downs	14	14
Total Net Yards	346	351
Rushes-Yards	25-104	29-90
Passing	242	261
Punt Returns	1-9	4-29
Kickoff Returns	4-82	3-94
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-12
Comp-Att-Int	20-34-1	21-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-49	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	8-39.5	6-48.2
Penalties-Yards	12-80	7-60
Time of Possession	27:53	32:07

RUSHING
Washington: Portis 17-52, Brunell 4-35, Betts 4-17.
Dallas: Jones 22-81, Bledsoe 2-5, Thompson 3-4, Thomas 2-0.

PASSING
Dallas: Bledsoe 21-36-0-261.
Washington: Brunell 20-34-1-291.

RECEIVING
Washington: Moss 5-159, Portis 4-25, Thrash 3-42, Royal 3-19, Cooley 2-20, Patten 1-12, Jacobs 1-9, Betts 1-5.
Dallas: Glenn 6-157, Witten 4-35, Jones 4-24, Johnson 2-26, Pierce 1-10, Crayton 1-5, Thomas 2-5, Price 1-(-1).

MISSED FIELD GOALS
Dallas: Cortez 41 (WL).

Best&Worst

Best Throw I: On first down and 10 with the Redskins trailing 13-7, quarterback Mark Brunell threw a pinpoint pass under a heavy rush to Santana Moss, who had beaten the secondary and was wide open for a 70-yard touchdown that energized the Redskins and demoralized a Cowboys defense that had been stout through most of four quarters.

Best Throw II: One series earlier, Brunell and Moss connected on virtually the same play. This time, Moss beat Aaron Glenn on a post pattern and hauled in Brunell's pass for a 39-yard touchdown.

Best Coaches: The Redskins' Joe Gibbs and the Cowboys' Bill Parcells have five Super Bowl titles between them and seven Super Bowl appearances. Gibbs is in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and Parcells is a virtual lock to get there.

Worst Memories: Redskins fans attending the game probably left their seats at halftime rather than endure the induction of Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin and Troy Aikman into the Texas Stadium Ring of Honor. The trio consistently made life miserable for Redskins faithful beginning in 1990, when they became teammates.

Best Tackle: Redskins cornerback Walt Harris, 31, faced Cowboys running back Julius Jones, 24, in the open field in the first quarter but was not fooled by a stutter-step. Harris made a textbook tackle, and Jones wound up with a two-yard loss after catching a pass in the left flat from quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

Best Fortitude: Redskins tackle Jon Jansen played last night's game with casts on both of his thumbs, but they did not appear to hinder his blocking. He protected Brunell's blind side and mostly kept pass rushers at bay.

Worst Throw: Late in the first quarter, Brunell was looking for wide receiver James Thrash near the right sideline, but the pass was off target. Cowboys cornerback Anthony Henry was there for the interception.

Best Scramble: Late in the third quarter, Brunell was under heavy pressure and rolled to his right. He managed to get a couple more seconds to throw, then delivered a 41-yard strike to Santana Moss down the right sideline for a first down at the Cowboys 38-yard line.

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BY TONI L. SANDYS — THE WASHINGTON POST
Mark Brunell, throwing for a first down, made his two biggest completions in the fourth quarter.

REDSKINS NOTEBOOK

Jacobs Gets Off Injured List and Into Game

By NUNYO DEMASIO
Washington Post Staff Writer

IRVING, Tex., Sept. 19 — Washington Redskins wide receiver Taylor Jacobs was among the Washington Redskins players making their 2005 debut in Monday night's game against the Dallas Cowboys. Jacobs missed the season opener, a 9-7 victory over the Chicago Bears last week, because of a toe injury.

Jacobs was activated for the first time since the 2004 regular season finale. He hadn't played in the preseason because of a fractured big toe. Jacobs suffered the injury in an August 6 scrimmage against the Baltimore Ravens at M&T Bank Stadium. Jacobs didn't participate in another practice until Sept. 5. He had felt healthy enough to play last week but wasn't activated by Coach Joe Gibbs.

Jacobs' return is significant since the Redskins have only four receivers on the roster after releasing kick returner Antonio Brown last week. Brown had been Washington's fifth receiver in a part-time role. The Redskins filled Brown's roster spot with kicker Nick Novak, who made his NFL debut, because John Hall suffered a quadriceps injury last week.

After being picked 44th overall in the 2003 draft, Jacobs performed well during his rookie preseason. But in the preseason finale, Jacobs suffered an abdominal injury that plagued him early in the season. Jacobs was inactive for the first three games before making his NFL debut Sept. 28 against the New England Patriots. He finished his rookie season playing eight games.

Last year, he suffered an injury during training camp that caused him to miss the season opener. But he appeared in 15 games while starting four times.

Outside linebacker Chris Clemons also was activated for the first time this season. Clemons strained his hamstring the week leading to the season opener and was forced to sit. After showing promise late last season, Clemons is expected to provide the Redskins with pass rushing. Clemons wasn't signed until Nov. 24, when he was activated from the practice squad. In only six games, Clemons collected three sacks, nine tackles (six solo) and a forced fumble. (Clemons's brother, Nic, had a strong preseason to make the roster as the backup to left defensive end Renaldo Wynn.)

Clark Still Sidelined

Strong safety Ryan Clark, who was on the first unit for most of preseason, missed his second straight game because he isn't fully recovered from a left knee strain. Monday night, Pierson Prioleau started again next to free safety Sean Taylor, with Matt Bowen (right knee injury, bruised chest) coming off the bench. But Prioleau suffered a pulled hamstring about five minutes into the game and did not return.

Oldies but Goodies

The Cowboys donned throwbacks jerseys from the 1960s. During a halftime ceremony at Texas Stadium, Dallas's "Triplets" were inducted into the club's Ring of Honor: Quarterback Troy Aikman, wide receiver Michael Irvin and tailback Emmitt Smith helped the franchise win three Super Bowls in four years. Their inductions to Dallas's Ring of Honor brings the total to 15....

Right tackle Jon Jansen made his debut of sorts — with two broken thumbs, wearing soft casts he is expected to be in for the next few weeks. Jansen broke his left thumb in a Sept. 5 practice and then his right thumb against Chicago. Monday night, Jansen matched up against left defensive end Kenyon Coleman, a fourth-year veteran who made only his second career start.

Quarterly Report



BY TONI L. SANDYS — THE WASHINGTON POST
Renaldo Wynn tries to block a pass by the Cowboys' Drew Bledsoe. Neither team was able to score despite reaching field goal range.

FIRST QUARTER

Both teams had drives into opposing territory, but neither was able to turn them into points. The Cowboys used 6 minutes 5 seconds on their opening possession and went 47 yards before Jose Cortez missed a 41-yard field goal. The Redskins got to the Cowboys 27-yard line, but a sack took them out of field goal range. Mark Brunell threw an interception on their next series.

	REDSKINS	COWBOYS
0	Points	0
29	Yards	62
2	First Downs	5
2-10	Penalties	0-0
	Yards	
5:18	Time of Possession	9:42

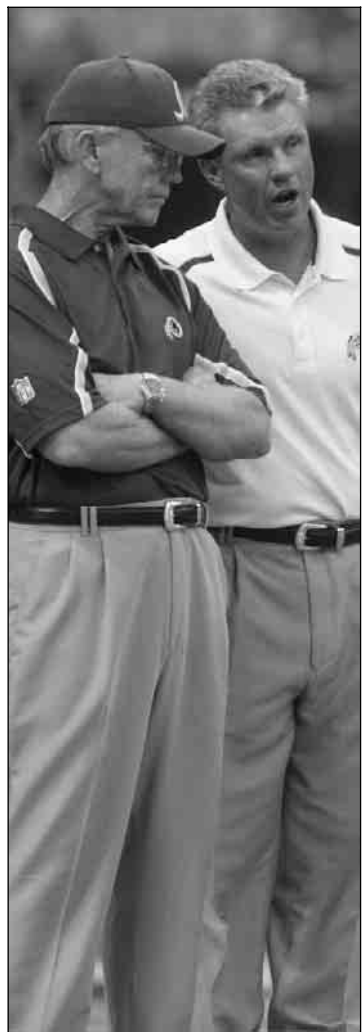


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Linebacker Lemar Marshall trips up Julius Jones to force a punt. The quarter's lone points came on a field goal by the Cowboys' Jose Cortez.

SECOND QUARTER

The only scoring of the first half came on a 33-yard field goal by Cortez. The Cowboys were able to get into field goal range thanks to a first-quarter interception that set them up on the Redskins 31. Dallas drove to the 15-yard line but could not convert a third and nine. The Cowboys also forced a turnover just before halftime, but time ran out as they were trying to set up for a field goal attempt.

	REDSKINS	COWBOYS
0	Points	3
56	Yards	42
3	First Downs	1
3-15	Penalties	1-5
	Yards	
7:54	Time of Possession	7:06



BY JONATHAN NEWTON — THE WASHINGTON POST

Last-Minute Strategizing

Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs, left, and assistant head coach-defense Gregg Williams confer before the game.



BY JONATHAN NEWTON — THE WASHINGTON POST
Mark Brunell is sacked by Chris Canty as Marcus Spears closes in. The Cowboys scored on a 70-yard flea-flicker pass to Terry Glenn.

THIRD QUARTER

The Cowboys used trickery to score the first touchdown of the game. Bledsoe handed the ball to Julius Jones, who ran toward the middle of the line. Jones then pulled up and flipped the ball back to Bledsoe. Wide receiver Terry Glenn was running free up the middle of the field after Redskins safety Sean Taylor slipped, and Bledsoe lofted a pass to Glenn that went for a 70-yard touchdown.

	REDSKINS	COWBOYS
0	Points	7
78	Yards	111
3	First Downs	3
3-25	Penalties	2-25
	Yards	
7:26	Time of Possession	7:34



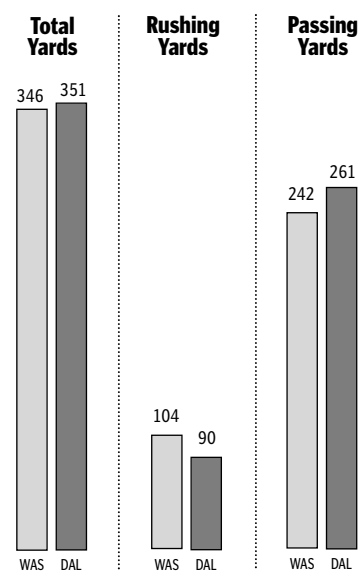
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The Cowboys' Patrick Crayton is slammed into by the Redskins' Mike Sellers (45) and Marcus Washington on a punt return.

FOURTH QUARTER

The Redskins awoke on offense in explosive fashion with consecutive long scores. The first was a 39-yard pass over the middle to wide receiver Santana Moss, who had beaten Aaron Glenn. The second touchdown covered 70 yards and was virtually identical to the previous score, with Brunell connecting with Moss again and giving the Redskins their first win in Dallas since 1995.

	REDSKINS	COWBOYS
14	Points	0
183	Yards	136
6	First Downs	5
4-20	Penalties	4-30
	Yards	
7:19	Time of Possession	7:41

TOTAL YARDS/GAME HIGHS



TRACKING THE TRADE

The Redskins traded Laveranues Coles to the New York Jets for Santana Moss. A comparison of how the two wide receivers performed in Week 2 and this season:

Coles	Category	Moss
5 (11)	Receptions (season)	5 (9)
68 (134)	Yards (season)	159 (255)
1 (1)	Touchdowns	2 (2)

Drive Charts

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Drive	Time Rec'd	Drive Began	No. of Plays	Net Yards	Result of drive
1	8:55	WAS 31	9	30	Punt
2	0:48	WAS 36	2	-6	Interception
3	11:20	WAS 28	3	7	Punt
4	7:09	WAS 10	8	7	Punt
5	1:44	WAS 20	6	17	Fumble
6	15:00	WAS 18	3	7	Punt
7	12:51	WAS 18	3	4	Punt
8	8:59	WAS 8	7	50	Punt
9	1:37	WAS 4	8	28	Punt
10	5:58	WAS 24	10	76	Touchdown
11	2:52	WAS 20	2	80	Touchdown
12	1:47	WAS 39	3	1	Punt

DALLAS COWBOYS

Drive	Time Rec'd	Drive Began	No. of Plays	Net Yards	Result of drive
1	15:00	DAL 30	12	47	Missed FG
2	4:25	DAL 14	5	20	Punt
3	15:00	WAS 31	17	16	Field goal
4	9:31	DAL 35	3	9	Punt
5	2:42	DAL 37	3	7	Punt
6	0:06	WAS 36	2	5	End of half
7	13:26	DAL 40	1	60	Touchdown
8	11:24	DAL 33	5	20	Punt
9	5:11	DAL 19	6	19	Punt
10	12:25	DAL 24	9	53	Field goal
11	3:46	DAL 31	5	18	Punt
12	2:35	WAS 48	4	9	Downs

REDSKINS SCHEDULE/RESULTS

SEPT. 11 Redskins 9 Bears 7	YESTERDAY Redskins 14 Cowboys 13	OCT. 2 Seattle Seahawks (1-1) Kickoff: 1 TV: WTTG-5	OCT. 9 At Denver Broncos (1-1) Kickoff: 4:15 TV: WTTG-5	OCT. 16 At Kansas City Chiefs (2-0) Kickoff: 1 TV: WTTG-5	OCT. 23 S.F. 49ers (1-1) Kickoff: 1 TV: WTTG-5	OCT. 30 At New York Giants (2-0) Kickoff: 1 TV: WTTG-5	NOV. 6 Philadelphia Eagles (1-1) Kickoff: 8:30 TV: ESPN	NOV. 13 At Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2-0) Kickoff: 1 TV: WTTG-5	NOV. 20 Oakland Raiders (0-2) Kickoff: 1 TV: WUSA-9	NOV. 27 San Diego Chargers (0-2) Kickoff: 1 TV: WUSA-9	DEC. 4 At St. Louis Rams (1-1) Kickoff: 4:05 TV: WTTG-5	DEC. 11 At Arizona Cardinals (0-2) Kickoff: 4 TV: WTTG-5	DEC. 18 Dallas Cowboys (1-1) Kickoff: 1 TV: WTTG-5	DEC. 24 New York Giants (2-0) Kickoff: 1 TV: WTTG-5	JAN. 1 At Philadelphia Eagles (1-1) Kickoff: 4:15 TV: WTTG-5
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NFL WEEK 2

Redskins 14, Cowboys 13



BY JONATHAN NEWTON — THE WASHINGTON POST

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Terence Newman intercepts Washington quarterback Mark Brunell's pass, which was intended for James Thrash, in the first quarter at Texas Stadium.

Redskins Rally for Their First Win in Dallas Since 1995

REDSKINS, From E1

sacking Brunell. Washington again turned the ball over and committed penalties, but found a way to earn a memorable victory despite all of it, and heads into the bye week on an emotional high. For so long, it seemed that the Cowboys would be the victors.

In days long gone, when Gibbs' offense was the envy of the NFL, he might have made the audacious call himself. Instead, he watched from

the sidelines, stunned, as Dallas Coach Bill Parcells celebrated a perfectly executed flea flicker resulting in a 70-yard touchdown pass. Nearly half the game remained to be played, though, and the Redskins trailed by only 10 points.

Despite an inability to accrue yardage, the Redskins trailed by just a field goal coming out of half-time. But Washington went three-and-out to start the second half.

Quarterback Drew Bledsoe faced first-and-20 from the 30 when he

handed off to running back Julius Jones. Jones tossed the ball back to Bledsoe and he had ages to pick a receiver, spotting Terry Glenn streaking down the right side. Safety Sean Taylor, burned on a game-winning bomb here last December, and cornerback Shawn Springs trailed Glenn by five yards when he hauled in the pass, and in an instant the Cowboys had nearly equaled Washington's entire offensive output from the first half. Jose Cortez added a 41-yard field goal to pad the

lead in the fourth quarter.

The Redskins, 3-16 against the NFC East since 2002, had one play over 10 yards in the opening 30 minutes. Brunell mustered 56 yards passing and the two times he had receivers open deep he underthrew Moss and Patten, with cornerback Anthony Henry, who was everywhere tonight breaking up both plays. With no semblance of a passing game, running back Clinton Portis (46 yards through three quarters) was easily contained.

Much like last season, the Cowboys were able to stack the line of scrimmage when necessary. Portis carried nine times for 31 yards in the first half, and, unlike in the opening weekend, the Redskins were unable to sustain any decent drives without that thrust from the Pro Bowl back.

Dallas was not particularly better moving the ball, but did manage to put points on the scoreboard. The Cowboys most efficient drive came off the opening kickoff, churning 47

yards on Washington's stout defense. Jones did the bulk of the work, but Cortez — a former Redskins castoff — missed from 31 yards.

Brunell's interception at the end of the first quarter gave Cortez a second opportunity. His pass was not close to James Thrash, the intended receiver, and Terence Newman picked it off easily. Dallas' offense took over at the 31, and Cortez capped the drive with a 33-yard field goal.



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Surprisingly, Ravens Find Nowhere to Run

By CAMILLE POWELL
Washington Post Staff Writer

OWINGS MILLS, Md., Sept. 19 — It is only two weeks into the NFL season, and the Baltimore Ravens' offense is surrounded by questions. The most pressing is one they never thought they'd face: What happened to the running game?

The ground game — which was tops in the NFL two years ago and was ranked ninth last season — produced a franchise-low 14 yards in Sunday's 25-10 loss to the Tennessee Titans. The Ravens have rushed for a total of 91 yards on 34 carries this season.

That has been the biggest disappointment of the first two weeks for the Ravens, who are 0-2 and at the bottom of the AFC North Division as they head into their bye week.

"We've had a lot of success with a certain profile," Coach Brian Billick said. "I'm not sure that as much as we've tried to change the profile a little bit — and I think we have enhanced it, I think we've thrown the ball a little bit better — it hasn't been as productive. I think we can build on that, but our profile should remain the same: Play good defense and run the ball well, which we haven't done in two games. That certainly has to be a focus."

It appears unlikely quarterback Kyle Boller will be able to play on Oct. 2, when the Ravens host the New York Jets. Boller's hyperextended right big toe was examined by a specialist on Monday, and Billick conceded surgery is a possibility.

The Ravens traditionally have relied on their running game, regardless of who is playing quarterback. But this season, they have run more than three times as many pass plays (104) as rushing plays (34) in two games. Those numbers are skewed because of the nature of Baltimore's first two games; against both Indianapolis and Tennessee, the Ravens faced double-digit deficits in the third quarter and had to abandon the run in favor of throwing to get back into the game.

"If we're going to win, we're going to have to run the ball more," Billick said. "Therefore we'll have to be in games that are more controllable that we don't put ourselves in a position where we have to throw to catch up."

Running back Jamal Lewis, who rushed for the second-highest total in league history (2,066 yards) two years ago, has gained just 57 yards on 26 carries this season. He had one of his least productive days as a professional against Tennessee, rushing for nine yards on 10 carries.

The Titans gave up 206 rushing yards to the Pittsburgh Steelers in the season opener, and they were determined to not let that happen again. Lewis had no room, and he was often hit by two or three defenders before reaching the line of scrimmage. Seven of his 10 carries resulted in zero or negative yardage.

Last season, Lewis occasionally expressed frustration with his production or the way he was being used. He didn't do that on Sunday; instead, he credited the Tennessee defense and said the Ravens would watch the game film and correct their mistakes.

"Honestly right now, I'm on mute right now," Lewis said with a smile. "I'm going to keep saying the same thing."

Lewis underwent surgery on his ankle in January, and he missed all of the team's offseason workouts because he was serving a federal drug sentence. He played in one preseason game, taking a total of six carries, and Billick said the Ravens would gradually work Lewis in, with the idea he would be ready for his full workload the week after the bye.

That timetable appeared to be accelerated after Lewis had 16 carries for 48 yards in the season-opening, 24-7 loss to the Indianapolis Colts. Last week, Lewis said he was ready for his usual load: "Just let the horse run," he said. "Let me go."

"I think it's a little bit of everything. We had to gear Jamal up because of the offseason and training camp he had," Billick said when asked about Lewis's slow start. "I think Jamal is now out of training camp, past the preseason games, and he's ready for a regular season, if we can manufacture it, a 25- to 30-carry game."

Fullback Alan Ricard, who earned a reputation as a first-rate blocker due to his role in helping Lewis gain more than 3,000 yards

on the ground during the past two seasons, was deactivated for the first two games. Ovie Mughelli, a third-year fullback, took his place, and tight end Daniel Wilcox was even used as a blocking back.

Ricard missed the first three games of the preseason with a calf injury, but he has been practicing and is medically cleared to play. Billick said he felt Ricard wasn't ready to be the physical presence — "the hammer" — the position requires.

"Alan has not been healthy, in my opinion," Billick said. "Alan is just now, with this bye week, ought to be fully healthy. That will be an asset we'll have to utilize."

The Ravens need to use every advantage they have to help an offense that has been dreadful thus far. Baltimore has scored only two touchdowns this season, and both came in the fourth quarter with the outcome of the game already decided. The offensive line has strug-

gled, giving up nine sacks and committing eight penalties. The Ravens have committed six turnovers, two of which have been returned for touchdowns.

"I am accountable for everything that goes on with this football team," Billick said. "I take that very personally. The buck stops here, whatever other cliché you want to throw in there. I am accountable and am going to be the one that has to put us on a course to correct it."



Jamal Lewis, left, was stifled by Keith Bulluck and Tennessee on Sunday.

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Our second birthday party We've spent 100 weeks badgering, wheedling and prodding you into action. Now it's your turn to speak up. F3

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Who's got ADHD? The Centers for Disease Control does the breakdown by sex, race, socioeconomic group and geography. F3

Quick Studies

The latest on a drug to treat anxiety, soy consumption and fractures, and an inhaled bronchodilator for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. F6

20 Years Ago

2005 marks the 20th anniversary of the Washington Post Health section. A look back: **From Sept. 18, 1985** Psychotherapy, found helpful for most but not all patients, didn't always conform to the Freudian stereotype. More than 400 therapies fell into three general categories: behavioral/cognitive therapy (emphasizing problem solving); psychodynamic (looking to childhood for roots of problems); and experiential (encouraging guided exploration of feelings) . . . Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret M. Heckler vowed the government would win the war against AIDS.



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Special Issue | **Women's and Family Health**

Hormones Weather 'the Change'



BY JONATHAN ERNST FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Phyllis Greenberger, president of the Society for Women's Health Research, says the federal government's advice about limiting hormone therapy doesn't apply to her.

Three Years After a Landmark Study Hammered Sales, Use of Hormone Therapy for Menopause May Be Inching Up

By SANDRA G. BOODMAN
Washington Post Staff Writer

As president and chief executive officer of the Society for Women's Health Research, Phyllis Greenberger knows all about the studies showing that women who take hormones after menopause have a greater risk of breast cancer, stroke, heart attack, incontinence and dementia. She is aware that federal health officials recommend that the drugs be taken at the lowest dose for the shortest time possible to treat severe symptoms of menopause such as hot flashes.

But Greenberger has no plans to stop taking the hormones she started at age 50 more than a decade ago, although she has

reduced the dose. In her case, she said, she doesn't think the advice is relevant. And she believes the risks of the estrogen-progestin combination have been exaggerated.

"I feel better, I have no side effects and in my case I see no downside," she said, noting that estrogen protects against osteoporosis and colon cancer. "Obviously if I thought it was dangerous, I wouldn't be taking it," Greenberger said.

Greenberger's experience is emblematic of a medical landscape that has shifted dramatically since July 2002, when federal researchers made a stunning announcement: Because of the risks to women taking hormones, they were halting a key arm of the mammoth study known as the Wom-

en's Health Initiative (WHI) three years early and advising women taking the drugs to consult their doctors.

For decades, despite little evidence of their safety and effectiveness, post-menopausal hormones had been widely regarded — and aggressively marketed — as one of the best ways for women to stave off the ravages that accompany age.

The 2002 bombshell was followed by a spate of studies that seemed to systematically strip the remaining gloss from the rosy view of hormones: They don't prevent dementia or memory problems but in fact may increase them; they don't prevent incontinence but may contribute to it; and

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LEAN PLATE CLUB

Sally Squires

Whole Grains, Out of Hiding

The latest U.S. dietary guidelines urge Americans to consume at least three servings daily of whole-grain foods. But if you've ever stood in a grocery aisle trying to figure out what products have whole grains and how much they contain, you're not alone.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which oversees food labels, provides no definition of "whole grain." The agency allows whole-grain products to use such terms as "multi-grain" and similar statements as well as "whole grain," FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford told the American Association of Cereal Chemists' annual meeting last week. Prompted by the new guidelines, Crawford said, the agency has made defining "whole grain" one of its priorities for the coming year.

To help cut through the nutritional fog in the meantime are three stamp-like images that already adorn more than 300 whole-grain products, with many

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New labels specify whole grain content in some products.



BY TETONA DUNLAP — THE WASHINGTON POST

Xavier Scheeler, 15 months, center, and brother Max, 2, back right, with their Alexandria play group. When one group member had chickenpox, it was an occasion for a party.

A Pox on My Child: Cool!

Some Parents Are Reviving the Custom of Chickenpox 'Parties' to Expose Unvaccinated Kids. Experts Call That a Dangerous Game

By SHANNON HENRY
Special to The Washington Post

When Trish Thackston's 7-year-old son, Connor, broke out with chickenpox recently, she quickly scheduled play dates with four families over the next four days at their Alexandria house.

The kids made art projects with glue and glitter, worked side by side on dinosaur puzzles and shared spoons, all with the intention of transmitting the illness to the healthy children. Her son, thrilled not to be sequestered from friends as he usually is on sick days, said excitedly one morning: "Who's coming over to catch my chickenpox today?"

Some parents, including Thackston, are shunning the chickenpox vaccine, introduced in 1995 and considered safe

and effective by most health authorities, in favor of the old-style method of exposing children to the real thing at an early age. Today's parents may remember their own moms and dads tucking sick siblings in bed with healthy ones and inviting friends over to spread the illness.

Many who choose to expose their children believe that catching the illness at "chickenpox parties" is safer and more effective than using vaccines.

But some doctors and other health experts are warning that the practice is dangerous. They say that chickenpox is an unpredictable disease. A "wild" exposure may not necessarily make for a milder case, or, on the other hand, guarantee the child will catch the virus.

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Meeting Women's Desire for Desire

Testosterone Fix Risky, Say Some Experts

By LYNN CRAWFORD COOK
Special to The Washington Post

If you could follow gynecologist Jessica Berger-Weiss around in her Silver Spring office for a day, you might be surprised by what you hear. Four to five times a day, every day, women in their thirties, forties and fifties emotionally tell Berger-Weiss about a problem they think is uniquely theirs: "Doctor, I just don't have any interest in sex."

Women in midlife are inundated with emotional and physical reasons why they can't experience a fulfilling sex life. Who hasn't heard the jokes about cou-

ples saying so long to sex once they have children? Add in typical midlife events such as stress, illness, depression, medications, relationship problems and plain old boredom, and it's no wonder some middle-aged women have little interest in intimate relations. "Though loss of sex drive is unfortunate, it is common — almost universal," said Andrew Goldstein, co-director of the Sexual Wellness Center in Annapolis.

"Libido is very important for a relationship," said Goldstein. "If a woman has no desire, the responsibility [for initiating sex] always falls to her partner.

Of course, partners become very unhappy. They take it personally. They feel rejected."

Although many factors contribute to low sexual desire in women, Goldstein said that for some there is an underlying biological mechanism at work. Goldstein is an investigator in a study of Intrinsa, a Procter & Gamble (P&G) testosterone patch that the company hopes will provide a medical solution for women's diminished desire. He and many of his colleagues believe that testosterone can restore sex drive in some women.

Like all hormones, testosterone works by stimulating an area of the brain, in this case the area associated with sexual desire. Usually thought of as a male hormone, testosterone is produced by women as well, albeit in small amounts, beginning at puberty. Women produce testosterone primarily in their ovaries with a small amount produced by the adrenal glands. Between the ages of



BY KATHERINE FREY FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Silver Spring gynecologist Jessica Berger-Weiss prescribes testosterone to women with low libido.

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THE SCAN

The Filter

I'm With Stupid

Why Men Never Remember and Women Never Forget by Marianne J. Legato (Rodale, \$24.95)

Men are different from women. You say you knew that. But if you truly understood and appreciated those differences, you might get along much better with members of the opposite sex, including your spouse, your son or daughter or colleagues at work. At least that's the theory promoted in this book by Marianne Legato, founder of the Partnership for Gender-Specific Medicine at Columbia University.

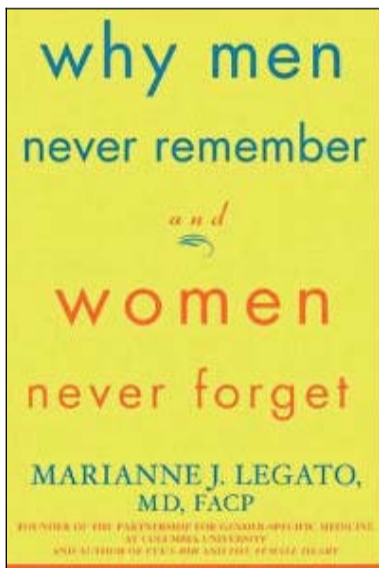
In the myriad differences in brain function now emerging across the range of human activity, from fighting (women stay angry longer than men because certain hormone levels take longer to return to normal) to making love (hormones impel men to resist post-coital cuddling), Legato sees potential for rapprochement, suggesting we can train ourselves to think more like the other side.

She readily acknowledges that her credentials are not as a brain specialist or a relationship expert, noting that she is a cardiologist and internist whose entrée to this realm was through her pioneering work in gender-specific medicine.

The science is present, but not overwhelming, and the general tone is conversational in an "Oprah" sort of way. The book plays to both sides until midway, when in "Legato's Laws for Improving Communication between the Sexes" — the heart of the book — it lays bare its vaguely patronizing attitude toward men, giving advice to women that seems to presume men less capable of change.

On the other hand, a book that advises a woman not try to have a conversation with a guy while he's watching a ballgame, that she say what she means and that she resist using an argument as an excuse to revisit every grievance in the history of the relationship might help men, even if they don't read it.

— Gregory Mott



Picture of Health Learning to Ride



COURTESY OF STEVE VISSER

Look, Ma, no training wheels! The Shift bicycle was designed for toddlers just learning to ride. The idea is to teach newbies how to balance, not just to keep them from falling over. When stationary, the two rear wheels nearly touch at the top but sit 10 inches apart at the ground; the A-shape keeps the bike upright, just as training wheels do. Start to ride and the wheels moves closer together at the bottom while the tops separate, forming a V as shown in the inset. Slow down, and it's back to A.

"The slower you go, the less balance you have," said Scott Shim, an assistant professor of industrial design at Purdue University and co-designer of the Shift. Shim hopes to see the bike for sale — for about \$100 — within a year. That's good news for kids stuck on tricycles. "Trikes are so ugly, so heavy, so embarrassing," said Shim. "Kids on bikes make fun of kids on trikes. This will build up confidence for kids not ready for a bike."

—Matt McMillen

The Dose

A Weekly Shot of News and Notes

PRESSURED TO LOSE WEIGHT For those who are overweight, new research shows how important it is to control your blood pressure as well as lose those extra pounds.

Scientists studying nearly 250,000 people in France found that only overweight people who also had high blood pressure were at significantly greater risk of dying of heart-related problems than normal-weight people.

This doesn't mean that extra pounds aren't dangerous, researchers said, because overweight people are more likely to develop hypertension over time.

But it does show that blood pressure may be an important mediator, or mechanism by which excess weight can cause heart problems, said Frank Hu, an associate professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, who reviewed the work. The study appeared last week in the journal Hypertension.

Health experts have long agreed that obesity raises the risk of dying, but they argue about how dangerous it is to be merely overweight.

The new study found that, over a given period of time, overweight people have a greater risk of dying, from all causes as well

as specifically from cardiovascular causes. But when researchers took into account health factors that affect the heart, like high cholesterol, diabetes and hypertension, only high blood pressure made a difference in the risk of dying.

The study points to the importance of controlling both weight and blood pressure, experts said. The research included few obese people, so the researchers made no conclusions about that group, which much research shows is at elevated risk of death.

— From News Services

INTERACTIONS

The Heartbeats of America

"Be Still, My Beating Heart" [The Moving Crew, Sept. 13] answers all my questions and quells my anxiety. I was wondering why during running my heart rate could soar to 193 beats per minute when my maximum heart rate established in spinning was 187.

Thanks also for mentioning about the "talk test." I won't worry about the numbers anymore. As long as I can recite the Pledge of Allegiance smoothly, I know my heart is okay.

Kie Ho
Carlsbad, Calif.

That was a great piece. Sometimes you think you're the only one experiencing things — you think you're weird, a hypochondriac, just getting older or even ill. Then you read something like this and it all makes sense.

My heart beats fast, too, when I do cardio. When I was younger I never gave it a second thought. Then I started paying attention to the heart rate stuff and got really scared because my heart rate just would not stay in the "right" range for my age. My doctor said I was fine, but the machines said differently. So, I stopped doing cardio.

It's been probably a year and a half now. I've gained weight and I miss doing my LifeStep. No more now! I'm starting my cardio again knowing that I can feel comfortable about my heart rate.

Moya Jarboe
Springfield

I was particularly interested in your discussion about a means for approximating one's maximum heart rate. As a long-time runner, I was aware of the widely used formula that uses 220 minus one's age as an approximation of HRM (although I learned that it was 230 minus age); and that training at roughly 70-80 percent of HRM provides for a near optimal cardiovascular "training effect." But I have also read that this formula is not considered appropriate for "trained athletes" so, your variation: 217-0.85 (age) would seem to afford a closer approximation. But, wisely, you also acknowledged that this "still doesn't

account for genetics."

My personal numbers in this realm provide an example of the limitations of your amended:

I started running at age 38, in 1967. Seven marathons, numerous 10 Ks and other races, and 20,000 miles later, at age 76, I'm still at it; but now running only 2-3 miles, four times a week, at a 10-minute pace. Yesterday, for example, at the end of a three-mile run, my pulse measured 140. Applying your amended formula provides a calculated HRM of 152. My 140 rate would place me at about 92 percent of my theoretical maximum rate, which would seem excessive.

However, another measure often used for avoiding over-exertion is heart rate recovery time following sustained exertion. The guidance that I long ago read about, and have applied, is: If your heart rate has recovered to about 100 beats per minute within three minutes after stopping your run, you are not training excessively hard. Lesson: Individual differences limit generalizations.

Jim Danaher
Alexandria

Abstinence Should Be Plan A

"Is Plan B 'Unsafe'?" [Sept. 6] tried to make the case that Plan B is safe for teens' or anyone else's use without medical supervision. Yet the claims for reducing teen, or any, unplanned pregnancy are not supported when one reads the entire article on which the story's claims are based.

The study authors analyzed a subset of adolescents, 45 percent of the women who attended four family planning clinics in San Francisco. The study group had been given three different forms of access to Plan B tablets. The "advance provision" group received a supply of emergency contraceptive pills. The "pharmacy access" group received a card which entitled them to receive emergency contraceptives free of prescription or cost at pharmacies, while the "clinic access" group had to go the clinic for supplies.

There was no significant difference in behavior or outcomes between the teens and the

adults, except a higher pregnancy rate: The 10 percent pregnancy rate reported for the teens was nearly double that for the adult participants (5.8 percent), and it does not compare well with the national 5 percent teen pregnancy rate.

More than 50 percent of the teen participants engaged in "unprotected" intercourse despite the benefit of their prior education in the clinics. Emergency contraceptives were used by 44.3 percent of those who had advance provision, 29.8 percent of those with pharmacy access and 28.9 of those with clinic access. While their 13 percent sexually transmitted infection rate (they were only tested for herpes simplex type II and chlamydia) was no higher than that of the adult study participants, it is a rather low standard to meet.

It is not necessary to assume that once teenagers have begun sexual activity the best one can do is to protect them against unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. We have found that teaching teens to understand and value their fertility supports primary as well as secondary abstinence. The rate of sexual experimentation in our Teen STAR programs was 8.8 percent for males, 3.4 percent for females. Twenty percent of previously sexually active teens discontinued intercourse over the course of the seven-month program.

Hanna Klaus, MD
Natural Family Planning Center
of Washington
and Teen STAR Program
Bethesda


Swimming Through Rough Waters

I've never been a Masters swimmer ["Into the Deep End," Sept. 6], but I have been a three-times-per-week fitness swimmer since 1979. It has gotten me through:

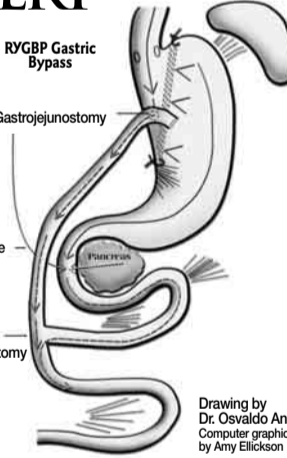
- Numerous knee injuries, including an ACL injury and meniscal tears;
 - Two years of failed fertility treatments;
 - Two bar exams (passed both on the first try);
 - A successful high-risk pregnancy in my forties; and
 - A stress-related gastrointestinal problem.
- It is so utterly boring, yet it is the perfect Zen exercise. I recommend it highly to everyone I know.

Anne Wolfson
New York

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Attention Seekers

A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report estimates the number of U.S. kids with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) as well as the number being medicated. It also reveals disparities in diagnosis and treatment across sex, geographic, cultural and socioeconomic lines. The report is the first of its kind, said CDC epidemiologist and lead author Susanna Visser. "Previous studies hadn't been generalizable to the nation."

Stand Up and Be Counted Nearly 8 percent (4.4 million) of children ages 4 to 17 have been diagnosed with ADHD. Fifty-six percent of those diagnosed are taking medication. (Other forms of treatment were not reported.) The numbers come from the 2003 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH), a telephone survey covering both physical and mental health.

Equal Opportunity Disorder? Hispanic children were half as likely to have received a diagnosis of ADHD as non-Hispanics. Kids in homes where English is the primary language were five times more likely to be diagnosed and 15 times more likely to be on medication than those in non-English-speaking households. Uninsured kids were also less likely to be diagnosed and treated. "That's a large issue," said Visser. "We need to investigate the socio-demographic disparities in the report."

Girls Against Boys Boys are 2.5 times more likely than girls to have been diagnosed. That doesn't necessarily mean that few girls have the disorder. Unlike boys, girls with ADHD are less likely to be hyperactive. Because "they are not turning their desks over, girls tend to be overlooked," said Adelaide Robb, a child psychiatrist at Children's National Medical Center, who did not work on the report.

Crossing State Lines Approximately 6 percent of D.C. kids have been diagnosed with ADHD, compared with about 9 percent of kids in Maryland and Virginia. In all three jurisdictions, about half of those kids are taking meds. "The report is important because we'd only seen snippets from smaller studies and areas," said Robb. It also raises concerns, he added: "Is everybody who needs help getting help?"

—Matt McMillen

The Moving Crew

Fear Not the Birthday Clown



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Most second birthdays are marked with balloons, cake, party hats, maybe a weird rent-a-clown and the concealed dread that the toddler is entering a famously cantankerous year. Not for us, though.

Aside from our disciplined avoidance of processed sugars and almost unnatural fear of clowns, we have another reason for wanting the Moving Crew's second birthday to be free of traditional narcissistic indulgences: It's time for a fitness assessment of our own, and we need you to conduct it.

When we launched this column and its sister online chat in September 2003, we asked what was working for you in the realm of fitness, what wasn't and, most important, the top obstacles to making regular exercise — whether that's a daily 20-minute stroll or a grueling three-hour Lance-a-thon on the bike — a part of your life.

Many of you told us that your top five obstacles were lack of time, time, motivation, support and time. Where, you asked, can fitness squeeze into a day already bursting with pre-dawn wake-up alarms, Cheerios to feed small people, eternal commutes, demanding jobs, all that e-mail, Sisyphean chores around the homestead and annoying social obligations? Not to mention, um, the things you actually like to do?

And, you continued, when I do make it to the gym, sidewalk, pool, court or field, how am I supposed to know what to do, with so much contradictory work-out advice fluttering around? And did I mention I'm really busy?

So for the past 24 months, we have served up ideas for quick workouts, varied workouts, fun workouts, solo, group, hard and easy workouts, and provided inspirational tales and the most strenuously vetted science on what works and why.

In our inaugural column, we snuck up on you bearing gym clothes, running shoes and some innocent questions about your workout habits. Since then we've had a flurry of high points (including how to

stay fit during pregnancy, a didactic on interval training and our survey on why you hate your gym) and some, well, less stellar performances that provoked worthwhile dissent (dismissing single-set weight lifting as not so beneficial and implying, in an online chat, that bicycling should be considered weight-bearing exercise). But we're pleased with the ratio of fan mail to finger wagging.

But enough about us: Now that we're 2, and now that we've gathered a bigger, more eclectic crowd, we would like to hear your thoughts about this whole enterprise, and what we can do for you.

What are your primary challenges in starting, maintaining and advancing a fitness program? Have those conditions changed over the years? Tell us how you get your exercise

and whether you work out regularly. Is your approach working — that is, do you feel more fit than you did in years past?

And then, all right, back to us: Has The Moving Crew helped you? Scared you in a useful way? If yes, how? What do you think is missing, or lame? New ideas? And what would you like to see in our biweekly online chats?

So: Tell us. (And make it the truth. We know all about the phenomenon of exaggerating one's workout regimen. We have this very good friend who has been known to do it, too).

E-mail responses to: move@washpost.com; U.S. mail is Washington Post Moving Crew, Health Section, 1150 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20071. We're also online today — to take all your fitness questions, or to hear your thoughts about the above — at 11 a.m. at www.washingtonpost.com.

All are welcome to send comments, except for clowns. Even if you're a clown in good shape. Especially if you're a clown in good shape. That would scare us even more.

— John Briley

So Noted

"The decline in two-parent families since 1960 has been closely linked with a rise in child poverty, primarily because poverty rates are far higher in single-mother families than in two-parent families."

— From "The Future of Children," a report from the Brookings Institution and Princeton University showing that stable marriage can increase the prosperity of couples and improves the lives of American children, including those raised by same-sex couples.

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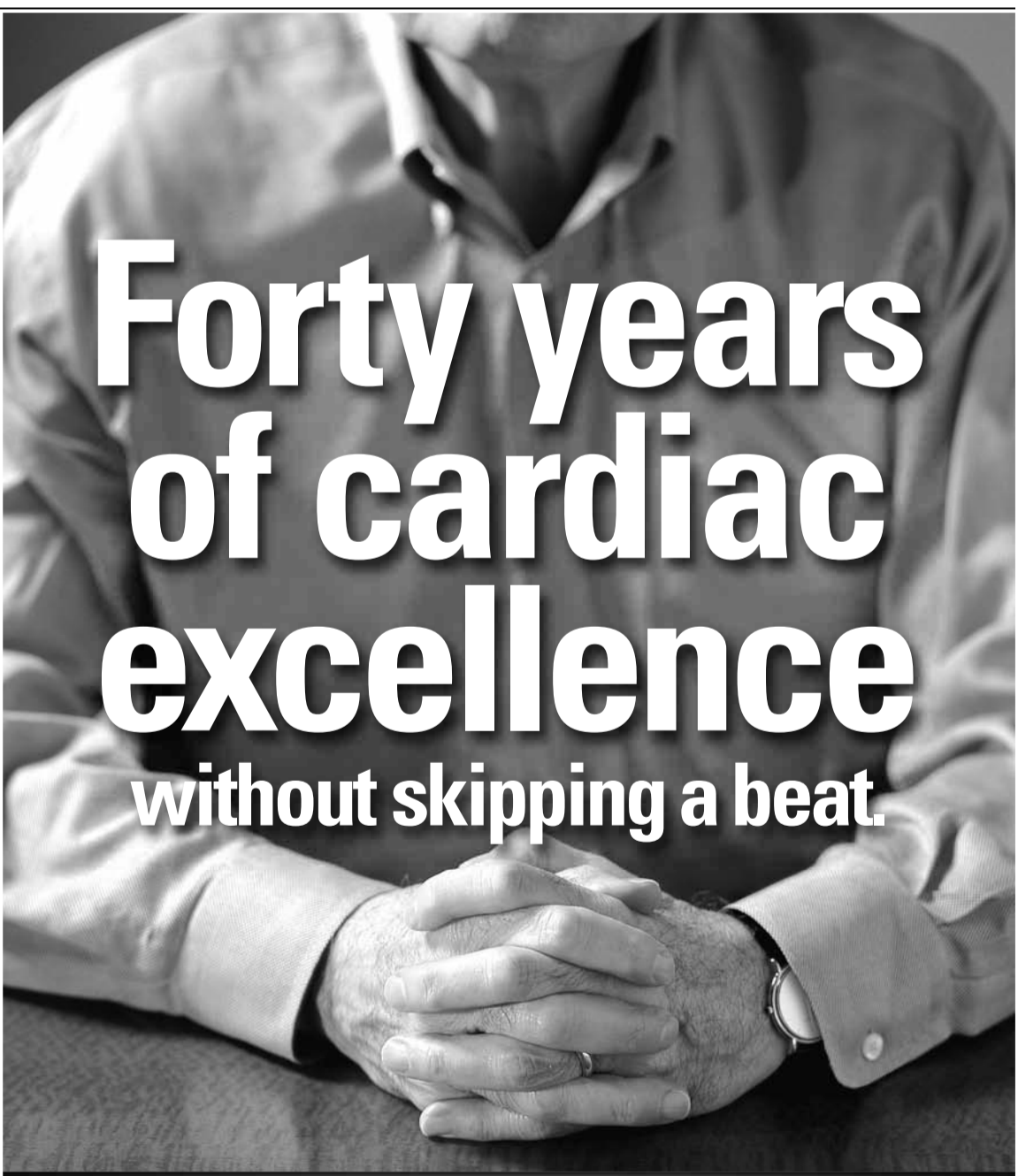
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From left, Nate Howder, 3, Mia Rose Thackston, 3, and Max Scheeler, 2, and other play group members have been urged to share more than toys.

Risks From 'Wild' Chickenpox Are Worse Than Vaccine's

CHICKENPOX, From F1

They say complications from chickenpox can be life-threatening.

"Chickenpox is not necessarily a benign disease or a childhood rite of passage," said Curtis Allen, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "We don't recommend parents expose their children. The vaccine is best."

Allen points out that before the vaccination was available, there were 11,000 hospitalizations and 100 deaths annually in the United States from chickenpox, also known as varicella. During 2003 and the first half of 2004, the CDC reported eight deaths from varicella, six of whom were children or adolescents. While the vaccine protects 70 percent to 90 percent of those who receive it, he said, those who do contract the disease after vaccination usually get a milder case than what occurs naturally.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children get the vaccine between the ages of 12 months and 18 months. Schools and day-care centers are increasingly adding the shot to their list of requirements for attendance.

'Like Old Days'

Chickenpox is a highly infectious disease that causes tiredness and fever in addition to its blister-like rash. In a mild case, a child may get only a dozen or so lesions, while a full-blown case could sprout several hundred pox. The lesions usually appear first on the face and chest, but can spread over the whole body.

Chickenpox is generally transmitted by direct contact or through the air from coughing or sneezing and lasts about five to 10 days. Treatment usually consists of making the patient more comfortable, often with fever-reducing medicines, topical lotions and soothing baths. About one in 10 children has a complication from the disease, according to the AAP. Complications can include infected skin, dehydration, pneumonia and encephalitis. The CDC recommends keeping children's fingernails short and discouraging scratching to avoid infection.

Darlene White of Bealeton, Va., who successfully exposed all four of her children (even one who had been vaccinated) to chickenpox, said she questioned her decision when her 2½-year-old contracted the illness.

"You could not even see healthy skin between the majority of the pox, and her scalp had them so bad that she looked like she had gone through radiation treatment," said White. However, now that her daughter is healed without a scar, she said she would do it again, because she now believes her family has lifelong immunity — something experts say does not exist.

"I am very glad for people who have chicken pox parties," she said. "A little playing, some conversation and some passing of the pox to the next family. I

am glad there are still enough of us who see the benefit and have these play dates."

In an AAP survey published in May, 70 percent of responding physicians reported that at least one parent had refused an immunization for a child in the past 12 months. The chickenpox vaccine was the second most refused immunization, trailing only the shot that combines measles, mumps and rubella.

For those in favor of pox play dates, finding each other has become much easier through the Internet, where parents can post e-mails on message groups seeking the pox or offering their homes for a party.

Many parents who don't vaccinate their children or who use vaccines sparingly worry that ingredients in the shots could cause autism or other disorders, although no connection between vaccines and these disorders has been proven.

When Laura Eisen wanted to expose her son before he started preschool this year, she posted messages on Mothering.com and two message boards. Eisen, who lives in Bethesda, asked friends and her pediatrician to also point her toward any leads. She heard about a child attending summer camp at a local school who had caught the pox and contacted the child's family through the camp nurse. The parents rejected Eisen's suggestion that they sponsor a pox party, saying they thought sharing the pox might be a legal liability.

"That's when I knew I lived in Washington," Eisen said. This summer, Eisen and her son both caught chickenpox, though she's not sure where. Eisen, who came down with it first, immediately called a friend who also was searching for the pox, who brought her son over.

"I hugged him, coughed on him, let him touch the pox," said Eisen.

The same friend a few years ago had brought her younger child over to catch the pox from

Eisen's youngest. "It's like the old days," said Eisen of the growing chickenpox party network. She remembers pox parties being part of her own childhood.

Mind of Its Own

While chickenpox is sometimes extremely contagious, parents are also finding it's not always easy to contract. That child who touched Eisen's pox is, a few weeks later, still perfectly healthy. Sally Holdener of Nokesville has been trying to infect her youngest three children (her older two have already had the disease) with no luck.

She's been to a chickenpox party. And she went to a play group where one of the kids had recently contracted the pox ("prime time" in chickenpox party vernacular) and stayed five hours. Part of the problem is that children are most contagious just before the pox show up, although they can still pass the disease until the scabs heal over, a window of about five to 10 days. Holdener will keep trying, because her family embraces a lifestyle that includes eating mainly whole foods and not using any vaccines.

Mothering, the Magazine for Natural Family Living, published a story last year celebrating the exposure method. The story suggests asking pediatricians to contact you when a child comes down with the illness. "Pass a whistle from the infected child to the other children at the party," it recommends.

The story warns against exposing adults who have never had chickenpox, as they are likely to get a more severe case than children, and pregnant women who could put their unborn babies at risk.

But Robert B. Shearin, chief of staff with Capitol Medical Group, a pediatric practice in Chevy Chase, said even children who get the disease naturally can contract it again. Shearin

said both children and adults will likely be offered chickenpox boosters over the next few years because there is no such thing as lifetime immunity from the illness.

"The immunization is the way to go," said Shearin. He calls chickenpox parties very dangerous and says they represent an outdated way of thinking because it is impossible to predict how severe chickenpox will be in individual cases.

"We only have to have one child die of chickenpox to put this into perspective," Shearin said.

Still, not every doctor agrees. Andrea Falack said the pediatrician who treats her five children in Brooklyn, N.Y., called her to come in when another patient had just been there with the pox. (Her doctor and another doctor who also let a patient know when chickenpox was in the office either did not return phone calls or did not want to be quoted in this story).

Falack, who does not use vaccines, says she doesn't like the idea of her children ever being sick but believes it's better for children to get the chickenpox over with at a younger age. The doctor's visit didn't work, so she's still on the lookout. "If I know someone with chickenpox I'll expose the kids," Falack says.

Weeks after Thackston's four-day pox party, none of the children exposed had caught the illness. Still, she'd do it again.

"It's a little weird to help other kids get sick," she admits, but she believes it's the right thing to do, because the pox vaccine is "mediocre at best."

"People are trying to find another way to protect their kids," Thackston said.

Shannon Henry, a former Washington Post staff writer, is working on her second book. She last wrote for the Health section about online moms. E-mail: health@washpost.com.

Playing Safe With the Chickenpox Vaccine

While some parents choose unconventional methods to expose their children to the chickenpox virus, vaccination remains the recommended way to limit the spread of the virus.

A study published in the Aug. 17 Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) found that since the vaccine became widely available, chickenpox-related hospitalizations and ambulatory care visits have "declined dramatically among all age groups in the United States."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says the vaccine protects children and adults from severe complications tied to the disease, which include skin infections, scars, pneumonia, brain damage and death.

The JAMA study examined data from 1994 — just before

the vaccine was approved — through 2002, when vaccination rates among children ages 19 to 35 months reached 81 percent. Chickenpox-related hospitalizations during that period "declined by 88 [percent] (from 2.3 to 0.3 per 100,000 population) and ambulatory visits declined by 59 [percent], from 215 to 89 per 100,000 population," according to the study. Money spent on chickenpox care declined by 74 percent, from an average of \$84.9 million a year in 1994 and 1995 to \$22.1 million in 2002, the study reports.

Redness, swelling and soreness at the injection site are the most common side effects reported from the chickenpox vaccine, according to the CDC.

Small bumps or a mild rash happen in about 1 to 4 percent of patients. And as with

any vaccine, there is a small chance of serious problems, including seizures, brain infection, pneumonia, severe allergic reactions and loss of balance. Risks associated with the shot are much lower than for the disease itself, the CDC advises.

Wondering whether you or your child should get vaccinated? Here are the CDC's recommendations:

- All children ages 12 to 18 months should have one dose of chickenpox vaccine. Those who have already had the virus don't need to get the shot.
- Children ages 19 months to 13 years who have not had chickenpox should get a single-shot vaccine.
- Those ages 13 and older who have not had chickenpox should get two doses of the vaccine, four to eight weeks apart.

— January W. Payne

Too High a Risk for a Boost to Women's Sex Drive?

TESTOSTERONE, From F1

30 and 50, a woman's ovaries gradually shut down in the process leading up to menopause. By the time a woman is 40, her testosterone level has declined by up to 50 percent. After menopause, it drops even further.

Goldstein, Berger-Weiss and dozens of other physicians in the Washington area offer testosterone therapy to women seeking to improve their sex lives. Although the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved a testosterone-only product for women, citing the lack of long-term safety data, some physicians prescribe methyltestosterone, an estrogen-testosterone combination designed to treat symptoms of menopause. Some, like Berger-Weiss, refer patients to compounding pharmacies, which make customized testosterone products.

But is it normal, or even desirable, for a middle-aged woman to have the testosterone level of someone much younger?

"It's not natural for it [testosterone] to be there [after a certain age]," said James Simon, a clinical professor at George Washington University Medical School. However, he said, "only in the last 100 years have women lived long enough to need hormone therapy. In every other species, females die when their reproductive ability goes away. Historically, we don't know what 'normal' is," said Simon, who is also involved in the P&G research.

A Fact of Life?

Low libido is the most common sexual disorder in women, according to the 1994 National Health and Social Life Survey, in which one in three female respondents said they were uninterested in sex. Hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) — defined as "persistently or recurrently deficient (or absent) sexual fantasies and desire for sexual activity" — has been listed in the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) since 1987.

"Women are raising the issue with their physicians as frequently if not more so than men," according to Berger-Weiss.

Numerous studies over the past 20 years have established the therapeutic value of testosterone for restoring women's libido. A review of the research published in



BY KATHERINE FREY FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

"Women are raising the issue [of low libido] with their physicians as frequently if not more so than men."

—Silver Spring gynecologist Jessica Berger-Weiss

the journal *Menopause* last year concluded that "certain types of testosterone therapy were associated with higher frequency of sexual activity . . . desire, thoughts and fantasies, arousal, responsiveness, and pleasure."

In 2000, the *New England Journal of Medicine* published the results of some of the first studies of the P&G patch, which showed that testosterone markedly improved sexual function in women whose ovaries had been surgically removed. In the past year, several more published studies have shown significant improvement in the libidos of surgically menopausal women who used the patch. So far, there have been no published studies of women who have gone through menopause naturally, although P&G is funding research on that group.

Last year, the journal published an article showing the patch prompted substantial improvement in low-libido women who had gone through natural menopause. Most recently, *Intrinsa* was found to slightly improve sexual function in pre-menopausal women, as published in the journal *Menopause*.

Hormones play a critical role in all aspects of reproductive health, according to Judith Reichman, "Today" show medical correspondent and author of "I'm Not in the Mood" (William Morrow & Co., 1998). Women need estrogen for

lubrication and comfort during sex. But they need testosterone to feel desire in the first place. With diminished testosterone, Reichman said, women don't just lose desire for their partners, they lose desire for *any* partner.

Some women's health advocates oppose the use of pharmaceuticals to stimulate sex drive. According to Leonore Tiefer, associate professor at New York University Medical School, "There are no norms in terms of sexual desire, nor could there ever be any." Treating lack of libido with a drug "causes a lack of attention to real sexual problems and their sources. Just because a chemical produces a response is no reason to think the situation prior was a medical condition," she says.

What's the Problem?

For some women, lack of desire is not a problem. Like the late writer Hunter S. Thompson, they are glad to finally dismount the "wild stallion" they've been riding most of their adult lives and settle down to other pursuits. But many who no longer enjoy sexual satisfaction miss it — a lot.

Jean Atkins, 53, of suburban Maryland, said she lost interest in sex completely after a hysterectomy and removal of her ovaries three years ago. Until that time, sexual desire was a normal part of her life. After the surgery, she said, "it was the furthest thing from my mind."

Atkins mourned the loss of what had been an important part of her relationship with her husband. "He was very understanding," she said. "But we were both just kind of disappointed." When a friend told her that P&G's testosterone patch was being tested in a clinical trial, Atkins jumped at the chance to enroll in it.

Now she is welcoming sex back into her life.

"I notice a difference. I think about sex more than I have in years," Atkins said. After completing her part in the study, she learned that she had received *Intrinsa*, not the placebo against which it was being compared. Although she experienced some of the common side effects of testosterone, such as an extra facial hair or two, she plans to continue taking testosterone.

How Much Is Enough?

Blood testosterone levels in women have not been shown to correspond with libido. According to Simon, "In men there is a correspondence — the more testosterone, the more erections and sexual thoughts." But while men may be more creatures of their hormones, said Simon, "women are very complex" in their sexual responses.

Further confounding the issue is that measurements of testosterone are not reliable in women. Because women produce so little of the hor-

Analysis Backs Testosterone for Libido Loss

A new analysis of published research suggests that testosterone therapy may aid many postmenopausal women dealing with loss of libido. The analysis — labeled a position statement from the North American Menopause Society (NAMS) and published in its journal, *Menopause* — states that testosterone "has a positive effect on sexual function, primarily desire, arousal, and orgasmic response, in women after spontaneous or surgically induced menopause."

The report was sponsored by Procter & Gamble, the maker of *Intrinsa*, a women's testosterone patch rejected by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) last year. It recommends testosterone for postmenopausal women with diminished sexual function, but it says this advice applies only to women taking concurrent estrogen therapy. Not enough evidence exists to make recommendations for women not taking estrogen or for those who wish to use testosterone therapy for longer than six months, the report states. The report's conclusions are based on randomized, con-

trolled clinical trials, as well as meta-analyses and systematic reviews. Safety and efficacy data regarding premenopausal and peri-menopausal women are lacking, according to the report.

The statement is based on an analysis of data involving prescription testosterone products available in the United States and Canada. NAMS said it conducted the inquiry to respond to the need for clearer clinical standards in treating menopause-associated health conditions.

NAMS — a nonprofit that reports a membership of 2,000 practitioners, scientists and other professionals and receives funding from various industry sources — acknowledges that published data on testosterone are limited, but it says the evidence is consistent.

"Adding either oral or nonoral testosterone to estrogen therapy results in a positive effect on sexual function, primarily an increase in sexual desire," the statement says. It suggests the use of transdermal patches and topical creams or gels rather than oral medications because adverse

liver effects have been associated with oral testosterone.

But some women's health groups have concerns about the long-term safety of testosterone and oppose use of the drug until more research is completed. Several argued against approval of *Intrinsa*, and an FDA advisory committee decided that such concerns outweighed the product's potential benefits.

"The world changed when the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) revealed the negative long-term health effects of hormone therapy," wrote Amy Allina, program director of the National Women's Health Network (a nonprofit that says it does not receive industry funding), in a statement to the FDA in December. "A six-month study of a testosterone patch that would be the first drug of its kind may have seemed adequate before, but it's not today. . . . In the wake of the WHI, it's appropriate and necessary to exercise special caution about the safety of long-term hormone use without long-term data."

— January W. Payne

mon, testosterone tests, which were developed for men, are not sensitive enough to provide an accurate measurement.

In a study published in the July 6 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, researchers in Australia (one of whom receives funding from P&G) found no association between low libido and low blood testosterone levels. They wrote, "The measurement of serum testosterone . . . in individuals with low sexual function is not informative and levels of these hormones should not be used for the purpose of diagnosing (testosterone) insufficiency in women."

In other words, said Simon, with female sexual function, "Treat the symptom, not the blood test."

The Hormone of Desire

The 1990s saw several books about the benefits of testosterone for loss of sexual desire. "The Hormone of Desire" by Susan Rako (Harmony Books, 1994) decried the "patronizing, dismissive and irresponsibly uninformed" attitude of medical establishment toward the female sex drive.

Reichman created a stir when she appeared on Oprah Winfrey's television show with her book "I'm Too Young to Get Old: Health Care for Women Over Forty" (Times Books, 1996), and touted testosterone for increasing libido. Demand for the product spiked after that broadcast, according to compounding pharmacists.

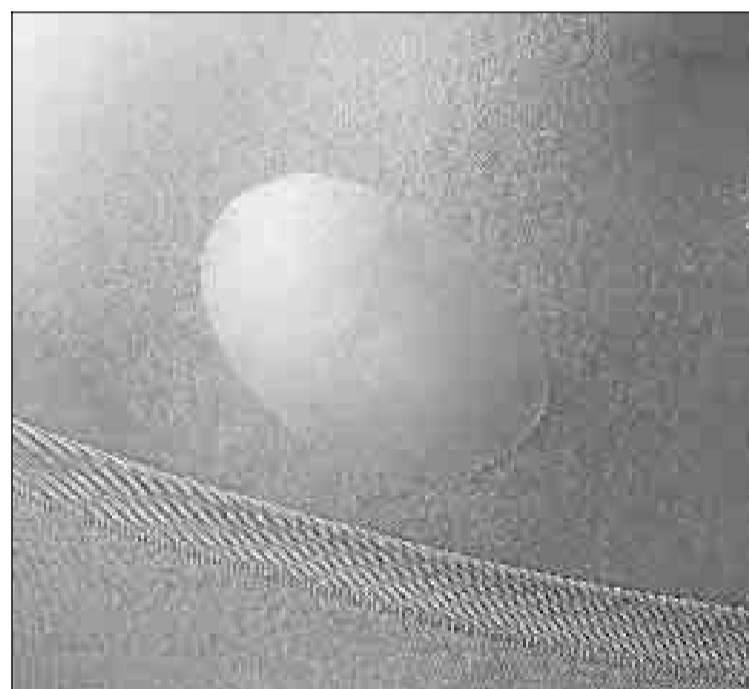
That was nearly a decade ago. At the time, Reichman declared a "revolution" in testosterone use. But revolutions can be a long time in the making, and they seldom come without a battle.

Perceiving a potentially huge market, P&G developed *Intrinsa*, the first in a new class of drugs designed specifically for women's sexual problems. The product has been in clinical trials throughout the United States, Australia and Europe for more than six years.

Last December, the FDA denied approval of *Intrinsa*. Testimony from Tiefer and others persuaded an advisory panel that there were not enough long-term data to prove the product is safe.

In addition, Tiefer says, off-label use of *Intrinsa* was likely, meaning physicians would prescribe it in wider populations, such as premenopausal women and postmenopausal women who still had their ovaries. There are no studies of *Intrinsa*'s safety in these women, Tiefer said.

Jan Shifren, director of the Vin-



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Intrinsa, a Procter & Gamble (P&G) testosterone patch, has boosted sexual function in women in some studies. So far, though, no published studies have shown a benefit for women who have gone through menopause naturally.

cent Menopause Program at Massachusetts General Hospital, is investigating the use of *Intrinsa* in women who have gone through natural menopause. All the women in Shifren's study expressed dissatisfaction with their sex lives. Her data show that the testosterone patch restored their desire. She presented this research at a meeting of the North American Menopause Society last year.

Both the women receiving testosterone and those receiving a placebo reported an increase in frequency of intercourse and sexual pleasure. Researchers can only speculate as to why this placebo effect occurred — the desire of participants to have a better sex life, for example, or improved communication with their partners.

"We could never assume that this treatment would be suitable for everyone. If we see a premenopausal woman with low sexual desire, we treat the other causes first," says Shifren. "It's not a tablet you take an hour before you have sexual relations. It's a hormone designed for long-term use."

And that's precisely what bothers critics like Tiefer. "It was tested against a placebo for only six months," Tiefer said in a written statement. "This is grossly inadequate to evaluate long-term cardiovascular risk and rule out worries about breast cancer."

P&G issued a statement in December saying it hopes to work with the FDA to provide additional safety data. Until that time, many physicians like Berger-Weiss are

comfortable prescribing compounded testosterone and combination testosterone-estrogen therapies.

Women Do Care

After more than six years of taking testosterone she obtains from a compounding pharmacy, Fran Way, 72, a retired nurse practitioner in Fort Meyers, Fla., feels better about her whole life. Not only did the testosterone cream she applies each day restore her desire for intimacy, she said, "for me, it even caused the return of sexual dreams and fantasies."

Way wishes more women were aware of testosterone. "We seem to think that women are just bored or dissatisfied with their relationships. I watch some of our friends who have been in relationships for a long time. There is no seductiveness. It seems they have just settled."

Simon has made a similar observation. "Some in our profession think that women don't care [about sex]. We would never say that about a man. Women do care more than we think. Women are entitled to a healthy sex life." ■

Freelance writer Lynn Crawford Cook last wrote for Health about parents who quit or rearrange their jobs to spend time at home with their teenage children. To respond to this article, send e-mail to health@washpost.com, or send a letter to the address on Page F2.



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Compounding the Solution

U.S. drug makers are not authorized to sell testosterone-only drugs for improving women's libido. However, special laboratories called compounding pharmacies make customized testosterone creams and gels. (The Food and Drug Administration allows for the sale of such products, provided they are prescribed for a particular individual and made from an approved list of ingredients.)

Taking these drugs can be tricky, however. Because every

batch is unique even if the prescription is identical, compounded testosterone requires careful monitoring for adverse side effects such as facial hair and acne.

Silver Spring gynecologist Jessica Berger-Weiss counsels her patients to note any subtle changes that may be caused by different formulations of the products. If they feel differently after switching to a new batch, she sometimes recalibrates their prescription.

— Lynn Crawford Cook

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Hormone Scare Has Subsided . . . but Have Risks?

HORMONES, From F1

there is no evidence they improve skin tone, combat wrinkles or blunt mood swings. These findings contravened the gospel drug companies and many doctors had been preaching since the 1960s.

After the announcement, sales of the estrogen-progestin combination drug Prempro, along with estrogen-only Premarin, both manufactured by Wyeth and tested in the WHI, nosedived off the list of best-selling pharmaceuticals. In the months before the WHI announcement, an estimated 14 million women in the United States were taking hormones. Today the number hovers around 6 million.

Even the name has changed. Hormone replacement therapy been renamed hormone therapy (HT) — the word “replacement” has been dropped.

Despite the scientific sea change of the past three years, it's unclear to what extent clinical practice has been altered, and whether doctors are prescribing the drugs inappropriately or softpedaling their risks.

Some health advocates say they worry that the dangers of hormone therapy may be obscured by the fog of marketing or lingering doubts among doctors about the validity of the WHI's findings.

“There are clinicians who read the data and say the earth is still flat” or insist that their patients are different, said Amy Allina, program director of the National Women's Health Network, a nonprofit educational group located in Washington.

“I think a lot of doctors have been slow to change,” said Diana Zuckerman, president of the Washington-based National Research Center for Women and Families. How many women, she mused, are trading relatively short-term relief for a long-term threat like invasive breast cancer?

A Quiet Return

While women are not returning to the drugs in droves, there has been an uptick in their use to treat the more troublesome symptoms of menopause. Some of the increase seems to have been spurred by the marketing of new, lower-dose formulations of existing drugs.

Two months ago Wyeth launched a television marketing campaign featuring actress Cheryl Ladd. Best known for her role as one of “Char-



BY JONATHAN ERNST FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

lie's Angels” in the eponymous television series Ladd, 54, discusses her own experiences with menopause. She never mentions a specific drug but advises women to talk with their doctor about how best to cope with hot flashes, night sweats and osteoporosis.

“There seems to be a very strong interest in low-dose hormones,” said Wyeth vice president Natalie de Vane, citing recent company data showing that 25 percent of women who stopped taking hormones after the WHI was halted are now back on them. A study by Minnesota researchers published earlier this year in the journal *Menopause* yielded similar results; it found that women in their fifties were more likely than older patients to stay on HT.

Some gynecologists who switched their patients to low-dose pills say they still believe the benefits for many women with severe menopausal symptoms outweigh the small risks, which they regard as hyped and not necessarily applicable to younger, healthier women. The average age of women in the WHI was 63, they note.

“I think the fear factor has definitely calmed down now — as it should — and other points of view have come forward,” said Anne Brown, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Inova Loudoun Hospital.

“I think the WHI has unnecessarily scared too many women,” said obstetrician-gynecologist Constance Bohon, who practices near Washington's Sibley Hospital. “I tell patients it's a very specific study” of a single drug at a particular dose and let them decide for themselves.

But women's health advocates say the potential risks apply to women of all ages, not just those over 60.

The WHI included women between the ages of 50 and 79, including thousands in their fifties.

“The thing about science is that you can always ask another question — like, ‘What about women who are 49?’” said Allina, of the Women's Health Network. The WHI, she said, remains the scientific gold standard.

Zuckerman points to the latest WHI-related study, published two months ago in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, which found that more than half of women who had taken hormones to treat hot flashes and night sweats experienced those problems when they stopped taking the drugs. Some women “are taking a risk with their health with the possibility of just dragging this out,” she said.

Other advocates say that one reason women return to HT is that nothing else has been shown to work for severe menopausal symptoms.

“Nobody ever said that women who tried other approaches and had miserable hot flashes and couldn't sleep shouldn't take estrogen” for a short time at the lowest dose, said Judy Norsighian, co-founder of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, which wrote the landmark feminist guide “Our Bodies, Our Selves.” But, she noted, women must be properly informed of the potential hazards.

Earlier this year an independent state-of-the-science panel convened by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) called for the “demedicalization of menopause” and warned doctors and patients to use hormones sparingly. The panel also noted that it is difficult to distinguish between symptoms of menopause, which are usually transitory, and those of normal aging.

“I feel better, I have no side effects and in my case I see no downside . . . Obviously if I thought [hormone therapy] was dangerous, I wouldn't be taking it.”

—Phyllis Greenberger, president of the Society for Women's Health Research

“Little is known about major adverse events that could be associated with three- to five-year exposures to low-dose estrogen and progestins,” including breast cancer that occurs five to 10 years after the drugs are taken, the panel said. Its members warned against the overuse of “treatment approaches that are known to carry serious risks.”

Feminine Forever

It's been nearly 40 years since New York gynecologist Robert Wilson published “Feminine Forever,” a book that fueled the popularity of estrogen and the notion that menopause is a medical problem that needs to be fixed.

Wilson warned that women were doomed to become shriveled, sexless, sickly hags unless they took supplemental estrogen, which could keep them looking and feeling better.

“I vividly remember one ACOG meeting when we were told we should start all our post-menopausal women on estrogen unless they had advanced breast cancer — it was that good,” recalled Bohon of a meeting sponsored by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

By the early 1990s, noted Isaac Schiff, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, “it was almost malpractice not to offer it to women for the prevention of heart disease,” although previous studies had linked it to uterine cancer. Schiff chairs ACOG's task force on hormone therapy.

Results from the ongoing Nurses Health Study, a huge study involving 120,000 women begun in 1976, found that women who took hormones had lower rates of heart disease than women who did not, seemed to underscore the benefits of

estrogen. Because it was an observational study, however — one in which an association between the drug and the benefits was found, but no cause-and-effect relationship established — critics led by the National Women's Health Network said that the benefits could be due to factors other than drugs.

In an attempt to definitively answer the question, NIH funded the landmark WHI, which employed the most rigorous scientific methodology: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study that involved more than 68,000 women.

The Prempro arm of the study, which involved 16,000 women, was halted in 2002 after researchers decided the risks of continuing were too great. (Two years later, a trial of estrogen-only Premarin involving women who'd had hysterectomies was also stopped early for the same reason.)

For every 10,000 women taking Prempro, there were eight more cases of breast cancer, eight more women had strokes, seven more had a heart attack and 18 more had blood clots, compared with women taking a placebo, researchers found. There was a modest reduction in hip fractures — five fewer in the Prempro group — and six fewer colon cancers.

The risk of breast cancer rose significantly after the fourth year, while the risk of cardiovascular problems increased immediately in the hormone group.

“There's really no safe period” of time the drug can be taken without risking side effects, Jacques Roussouw, acting director of the WHI, said at the time.

Serious Symptoms

While most women experience at least some symptoms of menopause, no one knows how many suffer from the most severe, debilitating problems — drenching night sweats, hot flashes, mood swings and vaginal dryness that makes sex painful — or how long symptoms typically last. Those are among the questions being examined by a large, long-term NIH-funded study known as SWAN (Study of Women's Health Across the Nation). Mass General's Schiff said that estimates of the most severely affected range from 10 to 25 percent.

“I still prescribe hormones for symptomatic women,” Schiff said, “as long as they understand the risks

and benefits.” Some patients, he said, say they simply cannot function without the drugs; among these patients is a corporate executive whose face repeatedly turned crimson and sweat-drenched during business meetings. Others, he said have told him, “I know I'm going to be the person who gets breast cancer, and I want to stop right now.”

Inova's Brown, whose mother has taken hormones for 20 years, said she tries to reassure patients who find they can't go off the drugs without feeling awful.

Brown, who described herself as a “huge hormone fan” before the WHI, said she no longer prescribes the drugs as preventive medicine but tries to reassure jittery younger patients who decide to take hormones that their risk of harm is probably small.

“Who are we to deny them their quality of life?” Brown asked.

One 65-year-old Leesburg woman, who agreed to be interviewed on the condition that her name not be published, decided her quality of life was worth the risk.

Three months after stopping the drugs she had taken for 10 years, “I was miserable, breaking out in hot flashes, sobbing, and my hair was falling out,” she said, so she asked her doctor to renew her prescription.

“Most of my friends who took them are still taking them,” she said, adding, “Breast cancer is always in the back of my mind. Sometimes I wish I'd never gone on them.”

Isidra “Sheila” Munoz, a 57-year-old nurse at Sibley Hospital, said she decided last month to see if she could live without her hormone regimen of 10 years. “I'm fine,” said Munoz, who has experienced only minor hot flashes.

Greenberger, head of the Society for Women's Health Research, said she had such severe symptoms when she cut her dose that she doesn't plan to stop taking hormones. Her group receives funding from more than 18 drug companies, including Wyeth, according to its Web site.

She said she hopes future studies will further refine the risk-benefit calculation, and thinks hormones may be beneficial in ways not yet discovered.

“There are still questions that need to be answered and more research that needs to be done,” she said.

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ANXIETY

An epilepsy drug seems to act faster than a standard option.

THE QUESTION When people have chronic worry and tension — often for no apparent reason and usually accompanied by fatigue, headache, nausea or trembling — doctors can pick from various drugs to tailor treatment. Might pregabalin — which has been used to treat epilepsy and fibromyalgia — be an addition to the arsenal against this illness, called generalized anxiety disorder?

THIS STUDY randomly assigned 454 adults with generalized anxiety disorder to take pregabalin, alprazolam or a placebo daily. Alprazolam (Xanax) is commonly prescribed for anxiety. After four weeks, people taking either of the two drugs showed more improvement on standardized anxiety rating scales than those in the placebo group, with scores falling (indicating fewer symptoms) 11 or 12 points from about 25 at the start of the study, compared with a decline of roughly eight points for the placebo group. People taking pregabalin noted improvements more quickly than those taking alprazolam, including a decrease in physical symptoms that was not immediately seen by those taking the other drug.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THESE FINDINGS? Adults with generalized anxiety disorder, which affects an estimated 4 million Americans.

CAVEATS The study was too short to determine whether pregabalin would be safe and effective long-term. Pfizer, which makes the drug, funded the study; five of the 10 authors had financial ties to the company.

FIND THIS STUDY September issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*; abstract available online at www.archgenpsychiatry.com.

LEARN MORE ABOUT generalized anxiety disorder at www.adaa.org and www.nlm.nih.gov/healthinformation.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THESE FINDINGS? People with COPD, a disease that combines chronic bronchitis and emphysema and is characterized by generally nonreversible airway obstruction. More than 16 million Americans have been diagnosed with COPD.

CAVEATS The study did not determine whether the drug would control flare-ups over the long term, and results may not apply to people other than white men. Beohringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals designed the study and collected and analyzed the data. Funding came from Beohringer and Pfizer, which jointly market the drug; three of the eight authors worked for Beohringer, and the others had received fees from the company.

FIND THIS STUDY Sept. 6 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*; abstract available online at www.annals.org.

LEARN MORE ABOUT COPD at www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health and www.mayoclinic.com.

FRACTURES

Soy-based foods appear to help older women keep bones intact.

THE QUESTION Worries about health risks associated with hormone therapy have prompted many women to reject it as an option after menopause. Might eating soy-based foods offer an alternative for preventing the broken bones that often follow post-menopausal bone loss?

THIS STUDY analyzed the diets of 24,403 post-menopausal women, comparing the amount of soy they consumed with the number of broken bones they sustained. In about 4 1/2 years, 1,770 broken bones were reported. Women who ate the most soy foods (13 grams or more of soy protein daily) were 37 percent less likely to break a bone than were those who consumed the least (less than five grams of soy protein a day). Women registered the greatest benefit during the first 10 years after menopause, when consumers of the most soy were 48 percent less likely to break a bone than were those who took in the least.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THESE FINDINGS? Post-menopausal women, for whom accelerated loss of bone density can lead to osteoporosis and fractures.

CAVEATS The authors suggested that the findings indicate that soy consumption may be more beneficial in preventing bone loss than in reversing it. Data on fractures were based on the participants' reports and were not confirmed through medical records; some fractures may have resulted from high-impact trauma rather than osteoporosis. All participants were Chinese; whether the results apply to other women remains unclear.

FIND THIS STUDY Sept. 12 issue of the *Archives of Internal Medicine*; abstract available online at www.archinternmed.com.

LEARN MORE ABOUT osteoporosis and bone fractures at www.cdc.gov (search for “bone health”) and www.osteoporosis.com.

—Linda Searing

The research described in Quick Study comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals. Nonetheless, conclusive evidence about a treatment's effectiveness is rarely found in a single study. Anyone considering changing or beginning treatment of any kind should consult with a physician.

CALENDAR

*Workshops, Seminars, Classes and Exercise Groups***AUDITORY THERAPY**

Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. Special Needs Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. A seminar, sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County, on the benefits of auditory therapy for people with dyslexia, attention-deficit disorder (ADD) and other learning disorders. This program is open to the public. To register or learn more, call 301-933-1076 or see www.ldamc.org.

MEDICARE DRUG PLANS

Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to noon. George Washington University School of Law, Moot Court Room, 2000 G St. NW. An orientation, sponsored by the Health Insurance Counseling Project at the George Washington University Community Legal Clinic, for volunteers willing to help District residents understand the new Medicare drug plans, which become effective Jan. 1, 2006. The volunteering begins Nov. 15. Space limited. Arrive at 8:30 p.m. to register, or register by phone at 202-739-0668.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Sept. 26, 7 p.m. First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A seminar, sponsored by NAMI Northern Virginia and Fairfax County Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team, about a new program designed to keep people with mental illness from unnecessary arrest or jail time. This meeting is open to the public, and family and friends are welcome. To learn more, call 703-525-0686.

*Support Groups***ASPERGER'S SYNDROME**

Sept. 25, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Teism (lower level), 400 Eighth St. NW. A peer-run group, called Asperger Adults of Greater Washington, for adults with Asperger's syndrome or high-functioning autism. To learn more, call 703-516-9265 or e-mail willardston@yahoo.com.

BEREAVEMENT

Sept. 26, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Washington Regional Transplant Consortium, Conference Room,

8110 Gatehouse Rd., Suite 101 West, Falls Church. A support group, sponsored by the Washington Regional Transplant Consortium and led by a psychotherapist, for young adults who have lost a spouse. To learn more about the Young Widowhood Support Group, call 866-Be-ADonor (1-866-232-3666) or see www.BeADonor.org and click on "events."

CAREGIVERS

Sept. 24, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. A support group, sponsored by the church and open to the public, for caregivers of elderly or disabled adults. The group meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. To learn more, call 703-451-8631.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

Chemically Dependent Anonymous is a national 12-step program that meets throughout central Maryland for anyone with a drug or alcohol problem. For locations and times, call the 24-hour hotline 1-888-232-4673 (888-CDA-HOPE) or see www.cdaweb.org.

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church, 728 23rd St. NW. A beginners' meeting to a 12-step program, sponsored by Debtors Anonymous, for people who have problems with money and debt. The beginners' group meets every Sunday. To learn more, call 202-319-0229 or see capitalareadebtors.org.

DIVORCE

New Beginnings Inc. has meetings in Maryland, Virginia and the District for people coping with separation or divorce. For locations and times, call 301-924-4101, or see www.newbeginningsusa.org. The group also provides a free brochure, "Helping a Friend or Family Member Through Divorce."

EATING ADDICTIONS

Sept. 24, 7 p.m. Holy Cross Hospital, 1500 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring (private dining room one). Eating Addictions Anonymous is a 12-step program that meets every Saturday for people with eating and body-image disorders to discuss recovery. To

Referral**Circus for the Senses**

At Circus for the Senses, a one-ring show coming to Washington this month, the toughest act isn't juggling or acrobatics. The real challenge is playing for an audience that might not see or hear the performance.

The circus, free to special-needs kids and their families, goes to lengths to make sure they enjoy the show. Kids with vision problems can listen to narration through wireless headsets, said Michael Christensen, co-founder and creative director of Big Apple Circus, the sponsor of the event. Children who are deaf or hard of hearing can watch American Sign Language interpreters. Children with autism or learning disabilities are also welcome.

The narration of the trapeze act, featuring acrobats called a flyer and a catcher, might sound like this: "Here comes one: The catcher on the far left is swinging; his hands are free. There's a guy swinging on the right. . . . The catcher throws him back in the air — and the flyer catches the swing. Wow! That was exciting." The narration, Christensen said, is "very quick, because we have to keep pace with the act."

Besides acrobats and jugglers, the circus will feature Grandma the Clown. A half-hour "touch session," in which children can pet the circus horse and small dogs and visit with entertainers, follows the show. The circus takes place Wed., Sept. 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Dulles Town Center.

To order tickets by Sept. 22, call 212-268-2500, extension 149, or see the Web site www.bigapplecircus.org.

— Samantha Sordyl



BY TRACY A. WOODWARD — THE WASHINGTON POST

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LOSS

Sept. 27, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church, 8415 Fenton St., Silver Spring. A peer support group for children and their parents dealing with loss from death, divorce or a separation. To register or learn more, call 301-495-0051 or 1-888-610-9804.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Smart Recovery is a program for overcoming substance abuse. Smart has several meetings in

the Washington area. For meeting times and locations, call 703-486-0202 or see www.his.com/washdcsmart.

TINNITUS

Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8403 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield. A peer support group for anyone diagnosed with tinnitus or anyone experiencing ringing in their ears. The group discusses coping strategies and medical resources. To learn more, call 703-610-1825.

*Screenings, Volunteers and Donations***VOLUNTEER**

Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to noon, 8720 Georgia Ave., Suite 210, Silver Spring. An orientation, sponsored by Services for the Visually Impaired, for people willing to read, shop or visit with blind or vision-impaired people. To learn more, call 301-589-0894.

*Lectures and Discussions***CAREGIVING**

Sept. 21, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. George Mason Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. A discussion, sponsored by Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium, about good decision-making skills for caregivers. A nurse and mediation expert will speak. To register, call 703-324-5205 or 703-449-1186 (TTY). www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/aaa

CHRONIC PAIN

Sept. 26, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. The Montgomery County Silver Spring Monday Speakers Series, sponsored by Pain Connection, for anyone with chronic pain or anyone interested in chronic pain. At this meeting, a physical therapist will discuss managing the condition with ergonomics. To learn more, call 301-309-2444 or see www.pain-connection.org. Bring pillows, mats, ice or hot packs to make yourself comfortable.

*Special Events***CANCER**

Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to noon. Sibley Hospital, 5255 Loughboro Rd. NW, Renaissance Rooms One and Two. An educational program, sponsored by the Lymphoma Foundation of America and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, about the stress-relieving effects of the slow moving exercise method chi gong for people with cancer. Family and friends are also welcome. To register or learn more, call 703-875-9800.

Sept. 26 to Oct. 16, Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE, West Hall. An art exhibit called "Oncology on Canvas: Expres-

sions of a Woman's Cancer Journey," sponsored by Elli Lilly and Co., National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, and the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University Hospital. To learn more, see lillyoncology.com.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Sept. 25, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Highway, Auditorium, Bethesda. A health education program called "Teach the Facts — Just Say Now to Comprehensive and Inclusive Health Education," sponsored by the Montgomery County parents' group "Teach the Facts." A panel will include Paul Wertsch, chair of the American Medical Association's advisory committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues; Deborah Roffman, author of a book about sex and parenting, and other sex education speakers. Questions welcome. To learn more, call 301-529-0841 or see teachthefacts.org.

KATRINA AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

To find resources for Hurricane Katrina victims with dementia, call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

PRE-NATAL CARE

Sept. 24, Noon to 3 p.m. Chartered Family Health Center, 3924 Minnesota Ave. NE. An educational program called "D.C.'s Largest Baby Shower," sponsored by Chartered Health Plan, for low-income pregnant women interested in learning about prenatal care. To register or learn more, call 301-429-4613.

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"We're trying to help make consumers' hands move to the right place on the shelves," said Cynthia Harriman, director of food and nutrition strategies for Oldways and the Whole Grains Council.

That's because the latest national nutritional survey shows that "42 percent of American never eat a whole grain," said Eric Hentges, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Yet, three, one-ounce servings of whole grains — equal to about three slices of whole-grain bread — not only can help reduce the risk of such chronic diseases as diabetes and heart disease but may help with weight maintenance, according to the dietary guidelines.

Here's what you need to know about increasing whole grains:

■ **Ease into them.** Whole grains can be an acquired taste. So add a quarter-cup of whole-grain cereal to your more refined cereal and slowly increase that percentage over several weeks while decreasing the amount of processed cereal. Enjoy pancakes or waffles made with buckwheat or other whole grains. Or make rice pilaf that is a mixture of white, brown and wild rice. Consider pasta salads that are made from a mix of both regular and whole wheat pasta.

■ **Look for whole-grain white bread.** Yes, you read that correctly. It sounds like a nutritional oxymoron, but a growing number of bakers are using winter white wheat to make whole-wheat white bread. It has the same nutritional punch as traditional whole wheat, but its milder flavor and color rivals traditional white bread.

In the Washington region, Great Harvest Bread stores sometimes feature whole-wheat white loaves. Or make your own: King Arthur Flour's white whole-wheat product is sold in grocery and specialty stores and on the Web at www.kingarthurfLOUR.com.

Nationally, look for Sara Lee Soft & Smooth Made With Whole Grain White Bread and Wonder White Bread Fans 100% Whole Grain. The latter is now being tested in northern California, Memphis, Little Rock and St. Louis and is scheduled to be sold nationwide by early 2006, according to Stan Osman, vice president of marketing for Interstate Bakeries Corp., maker of Wonder Bread.

■ **Sip your whole grains.** Three new Frontier soups — Iowa Open House Grain & Pasta Potage, Montana High Plains Wheat Berry Chili and Washington State Lentil Cracked Wheat — are all made with 100 percent whole grains. These mixes, which are also low in sodium and have no MSG or other preservatives, are available online at www.frontiersoups.com, at many health food stores or at Great Harvest Bread stores.

■ **Look for new opportunities to try whole grains.** Vacations can be a good time to expand your culinary horizons. At Walt Disney World in Orlando, brown rice and other whole grain offerings were already available. But after the latest dietary guidelines were released, Joel Schaefer, manager of culinary development and special dietary needs for the resort, added sandwiches made with whole-grain breads to the menu. "If visitors eat these foods in our restaurants, they learn more about them, and then they think, 'Maybe I should have this when I get home,'" Schaefer said. Whether traveling or not, you may want to try Greek, Middle Eastern, Indian, Japanese and other ethnic restaurants that feature whole-grain fare.

■ **Find snacks with whole grains.** Popcorn, granola bars, many cereal bars, tortilla chips, whole-wheat pretzels, some varieties of graham crackers and snack mixes, such as Wheat, Rice and Corn Chex are popular options. Many more products are being introduced, including King Arthur's whole-grain semolina pizza crust, made with white whole-grain flour.

At the University of Minnesota, associate professor of nutrition and food sciences Len Marquart compared the palatability of pizzas made with varying percentages of whole-wheat flour, whole-wheat white flour and traditional processed white flour. During the two-month study, he fed 600 children pizza for lunch once a week. The youngsters, who range in age from first to sixth graders, consumed 75 percent of the pizza made with either whole-wheat white flour or refined white flour, but only about 30 percent of the pizza made with regular whole-wheat dough. His next step: a federally funded nine-month study to examine the best way to introduce dinner rolls and hamburger buns made with traditional whole wheat and with white whole wheat.

Share your tips or ask questions about nutrition and activity when Sally Squires hosts the Lean Plate Club online chat, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. today, on www.washingtonpost.com. Can't join live? E-mail leanplateclub@washpost.com anytime. To learn more, and subscribe to our free e-newsletter, visit www.leanplateclub.com.

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