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At Least 96 Killed in Nightclub Inferno

Governor: DNA might be only clue to identity of some victims

CNN - Rhode Island

With 35 people in critical and serious conditions, the governor said it would not surprise him if the death toll were to rise above 100.

Because some bodies are badly burned, Carcieri said, family members might have to wait for DNA testing to learn their loved ones' fate.

Dorothy Palazzo is searching for her cousin, who attended the music show at The Station concert club in West Warwick.

"We're hoping that he walks in that door," she said. "He's got a great wife, beautiful children waiting for him to walk through the door and come home."

Other families made the rounds of hospitals and morgues, several showing photographs of the missing in hopes that someone saw them escape the club.

Pyrotechnics used by the heavy metal band Great White ignited the inferno. Owners of the nightclub have said they did

not know the band planned to use fireworks, but Great White lead singer Jack Russell said, "Our tour manager set that up with the club."

At least 187 injured people were taken to nearby hospitals, where 81 were admitted, the governor said. Ten were flown to the nearest burn centers in Massachusetts.

Investigators are sifting the charred wreckage for personal identification and belongings that might help identify the victims, he said.

Families are being asked to bring photographs of the missing to a crisis center that has been set up at the nearby Crowne Plaza Hotel. Grief counselors and clergy members are on hand to help families.

Carcieri said 80 people who escaped from the club have come forward and that all 81 hospitalized victims have been identified.

Carcieri praised fire and

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Two Die in Staten Island Barge Explosion

Associated Press - New York City

A barge exploded at a fuel loading dock on Staten Island on Friday morning, shaking homes for miles and sending smoke and flames hundreds of feet into the air. Two workers were killed and another critically burned.

Police described the explosion as a "refueling accident" at the loading dock of the Port Mobil fuel storage complex owned by Exxon Mobil Corp. The barge was unloading 4 million gallons of unleaded gasoline, officials said.

"It was an accident; no sabotage, no terrorism," said Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the barge

had unloaded half its cargo when the explosion occurred about 10:10 a.m. "for a reason which we do not know yet." It later sank.

"There is absolutely no evidence and no reason to think whatsoever that this is anything other than a very tragic industrial accident," he said.

Several hours after the blast, the bodies of the barge's two tankmen were pulled from the Arthur Kill Waterway, which separates Staten Island from New Jersey, a police spokesman

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and more....

'United We Land' - BMU-1 Beachmasters Own the Beach

By JO1 Joseph Krypel

In the tranquility of an early morning sunrise, U.S. Navy vessels can barely be seen transiting along the watery horizon. Along the shoreline, waves rustle in, and the Sailors of Beach Master Unit One (BMU-1), homported in Coronado, Calif., stand ready to receive amphibious landing craft of all types.

According to Chief Warrant Officer David Hanna, the primary vessels staffing the beaches of Camp Patriot are Landing Craft Utility (LCU), Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) and Marine Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAV).

"The LCU and LCAC are multifunctional transports," explained Hanna. "Each of them can carry weapons systems,

cargo, rolling stock and personnel."

The AAV, often referred to as a 'fighting duck,' is essentially an armored personnel carrier, capable of carrying 25 combat ready Marines and their required gear.

"Beach Masters own the beach," explained Constructionman Justin Jardenaux, a 20-year-old Sulphar, La. native. "We are the experts, and we run the show from the three fathom mark to the high-water mark."

The Beach Masters of BMU-1 have recently been charged with managing multiple amphibious offloads at more than one location.

"The two offloads that have taken place so far have kept us pretty busy," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class James Wallace, 27, from Phoenix, Ariz.

According to Wallace and Hanna, BMU-1 directed and managed a recent offload of multiple pieces of rolling stock and track vehicles, hundreds of pallets of supplies and ammunition and a few "quad-cons;" large shipping containers carrying various pieces of maintenance equipment.

"Our guys did really fantastic," declared Wallace. "We worked a solid 8 to ten hours a day for three days with just two beach party teams covering three beaches – we had our work cut out for us!"

Wallace went on to explain that each beach party team consists of approximately 15 Sailors. Each team has a beach party commander, salvage officer, flank petty officer, ramp marshals, traffic control personnel and at least one two-man Lighter, Amphibious, Resupply, Cargo (LARC) crew.

The LARC is a floating tow-truck that enables beach masters to aide landing craft when necessary, conduct salvage activities, rescue personnel and assist in damage control.

With more operations on the horizon, the sailors of BMU-1 continue their efforts in ensuring that the men and women of the U.S. Armed Services receive their cargo and personnel dry and whole.



Coalition forces from both the United States and United Arab Emirates work together in the offload of the UAE Ship Marrawah (L81). Chief Warrant Officer Three (select) David Hanna and Chief Boatswains Mate Derrick Wagner (center), observe and direct their team of U.S. and UAE Sailors as they offload and "clear the ramp" of the multiple pieces of rolling stock that have arrived in support of the Gulf Country Council operation "Peninsula Shield." (Photo by JO1 Joseph Krypel)

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'Sand Dune Diner' Opens For Service to all at Camp Patriot

By PH3 Aaron Pineda

Friday February 14th, 2003 marked the opening day of the new "Camp Patriot" Galley.

The "Sand Dune Diner" which consists of three, six pole circus tents provides a seating capacity for 1080 residents and will be able to feed approximately 6000 personnel. The Galley is manned with 25 cooks and 36 Food Service Assistants, all Sailors, Soldiers, and Marines.

With the camp growing bigger everyday, meeting food requirements has proved a challenge.

Galley personnel have met this challenge by putting in the extra man



SN Nistoli Archer 23, from Panama City, Panama, of Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE attends to a customer of the new "Sand Dune Diner". (U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Aaron Pineda)

hours as needed.

"This is a very large group of people to feed. This crew is going past the normal 12 hour workday, sometimes

putting in 13 to 14 hours a day," said Chief Mess Management Specialist Elmer Manarang of Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE.

Although the working hours in the Galley have been long, that doesn't mean it's all work and no play.

"I like working in the Galley, I get to meet different people from all different branches," commented Seaman Nistoli Archer, a line server who is attached to ACB-1.

Hours of operation for the "Sand Dune Diner" are:

0500 - 0800

1700 - 2000

Sailor reflects on different challenges faced by foreign nationals

By PH3 Aaron Pineda

As Camp Patriot continues to grow in size and number, there is also a unique group of people growing within our population from other nations. Look around you and you will be sure to see an individual who is representing a nationality other than yours, yet wears the very same uniform.

While the reasons that many from other countries join the

U.S. Armed Forces vary, there is a common goal we all share . . . to take advantage of a great opportunity.

Senior Chief Boatswains Mate Vorapong Kritsanajootha of Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE immigrated with his family to the United States in 1976 at the age of eleven, and joined the United States Navy in 1982 after graduating from High School.

He sites job security and equal opportunity as what influenced his decision to go Navy.



BMCS Vorapong Kritsanajootha is sworn in to a new enlistment by Lt. Jones-Chow. This July will mark the Seniors' 21st year of U.S. Naval Service. (U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Aaron Pineda)

"I thought the Navy was a good starting point for adulthood, offered 3 square meals a day, a roof over my head, equal opportunity for advancement and a pay check every two weeks," said Kritsanajootha.

Kritsanajootha's story brings to light some of the difficult challenges and deci-

sions that face many that seek citizenship - entering adulthood in a land that is foreign to them yet at the same time, a place they call their home.

"At the time I joined the Navy I had already spent much of my childhood living in the U.S., and already felt closer to my new Americanized identity," reflected Senior Chief Kritsanajootha.

CBR Training Note

The CFLCC area of operations, which includes Camp Patriot, has set Mission Oriented Protective Posture Zero (MOPP 0). All residents are to install a canister to their gas masks and carry masks at all times. **DO NOT** break your chemical suits out of the packages. All medicinals will be issued no later than February 15th.

Here is a MOPP breakdown to remember:

MOPP 0

Carry masks and have gear within 10 minute reach.

MOPP 1

Wear chemical suit

MOPP 2

Wear chemical suit and boots

MOPP 3

Wear chemical suit, boots and mask

MOPP 4

Wear chemical suit boots, mask and gloves

Chaplains' Corner . . .

GETTING PRIORITIES RIGHT!

The story goes that an old priest from Spain, a former soldier known for his courage and combat experience, was preaching to some college students in Paris, France. He was calling the men to join him in preaching, teaching and serving God around the world. The life he spoke of was hard, filled with discipline, obedience, and absolute dedication. One talented young man from a wealthy family, and with a great career awaiting him, challenged the older man in words to the effect, "Why should I give up all this and join you? I can do so many great things, what can you offer in comparison?" The old priest looked at him and quoted the gospel of St. Matthew 16: 26, "What does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his soul." With those words the light of grace penetrated the college student's heart and mind, and everything fell into perspective. He became a priest and a great missionary throughout Asia. Today the young man is known as St. Francis Xavier and the older priest as St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits.

Here in the dust and sun of Kuwait we have the opportunity to put things in their proper perspective. With God's wisdom and strength we can put our priorities in order and start working on being the best man or woman that God has made us to be.

As you might expect, being a chaplain I

put God and our relationship with Him as the first priority. Since "God and prayer" are my MOS or rating, I admit to being biased, however, I also passionately believe that when God is given His proper place than everything else is more properly prioritized. In Luke 1: 37 the Archangel Gabriel declares, "For nothing is impossible with God." So with God's guidance we see that the next priority is one's spouse. Make that commitment to treat her or him with love, forgiveness, patience, attention, and constant kindness, even if these are not always returned. Next, be determined to show children how a moral, responsible, faith-filled and loving adult acts and lives at home and outside. Finally, with neighbors, family, friends and co-workers, make the effort to be honest, reliable, considerate and positive, and do it all with God's help.

There are other priorities, but when these top priorities are in order, the others more easily take their proper place. Make a priority of the things that truly matter, for they are the most valuable things in the world and save our souls.

A Prayer for Generosity

O Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve You as You deserve: to give without counting the cost, to fight without looking for rest, to work without asking for a reward, except the reward of knowing that I am doing Your will.

AMEN.

Nightclub . . .

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rescue crews, saying the first responders "probably saved as many as 100 lives by pulling people out of there."

Fire Chief Charlie Hall said because the wooden structure was small and was built before 1976, it was not required to have a sprinkler system. But when asked if one would have helped the situation, he said, "If there were sprinklers in this building, we wouldn't be here right now."

Great White did not have the required city permit for a pyrotechnics display, officials said Friday. Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick Lynch said he was deal-

ing with "a potential criminal investigation."

Carcieri said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was involved in the investigation.

It was the second fatal incident at a U.S. club in recent days. Monday, 21 people died and more than 50 were injured in a nightclub stampede in Chicago, Illinois, that apparently began when a security guard used pepper spray to break up a fight.

Video showed the band performing Thursday as on-stage fireworks went off in the background. As the crowd cheered, fire engulfed the soundproofing foam behind the stage and quickly spread.

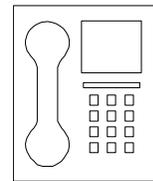
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Watch Officer

618-6700

Medical Clinic

617-7280



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- Cmdr. Jeffrey H. Seiler, CHC*
- Lt. Cmdr. Francis Foley, CHC*
- Lt. Cmdr. Gregory Todd, CHC*
- Lt. Hussain M. Shaikh, CHC*
- Cmdr. Terry Pletkovich, CHC*
- Chap. (Capt.) Alan Savage, USA*

Catholic Mass

- M - F.....1130
- Sunday.....0830 / 2030
- Tues.....Rosary/Confessions.....1930

Pentecostal Worship

- Thursday.....1800

Muslim Salah Al-Jumua

- Friday.....1230

Quran Study

- Monday - Friday.....2030

Jewish Shabat

- Friday.....1800

Buddhist Prayer

- Saturday.....1200

Protestant Worship

- Sunday.....1000

Episcopal / Lutheran Communion

- Sunday.....1100

Prayer and Praise

- Sunday.....1900

- Wednesday.....1030 / 1900

Solo Prayer and Praise

- Tuesday.....1900

Choir Practice

- Tuesday.....2030

Bible Study

- Tuesday / Thursday.....1215

Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy

- Sunday.....1000

Contact Cmdr. Seiler at 973-5964 for info

Barge . . .

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said. The barge was operated by Bouchard Transportation Co.

The injured worker, a 48-year-old employee of Exxon Mobil, was taken to Staten Island University Hospital, where he was in critical condition with second- and third-degree burns over 15 percent of his body. A hospital spokesman predicted that he would remain hospitalized a week.

At the time of the explosion, about 30 Exxon Mobil employees were on the job, and all have been accounted for, Bloomberg said. He said fire marshals were interviewing the hospitalized worker to try to determine what happened.

Residents near the industrial area were evacuated after the accident but were allowed to return home early in the afternoon.

"It shook my entire house, I thought the window was gonna break," Staten Island resident Ann Lang said.

The Department of Environmental Pro-

tection was setting up air-quality measuring stations at the storage facility and downwind.

"Our advice to people is: 'Go about your business,'" the mayor said. "If the air quality, the smell of burning gas, bothers you, stay inside, but — as you can see — it is dissipating very rapidly."

As the blaze was at its height, officials used tugs to push a nearby barge loaded with 8 million gallons of gasoline to the other side of the waterway, where they covered it with water and foam to ensure that it did not explode. The blaze was extinguished about 2 p.m.

"We thought we got hit by terrorists," said Vonna Foley, who lives nearby. "We were just terrified."

Exxon Mobil is in a dispute with New York State over allegations of environmental law violations at the Port Mobil facility.

Last fall, New York State environmental regulators filed a complaint against the company alleging numerous violations at the facility during a two-day inspection in June.

The complaints included improperly discharging petroleum, failing to report or contain spills in a timely manner, using tanks and piping in need of repair and improperly transferring hazardous substances.

The company has not formally responded to the complaint, but a spokeswoman said Friday that "the inquiry was not related to safety and had nothing to do with today's incident."

Welcome Issue Three of the Patriot Press!

Our apologies for the delay in production this week - but hope you were not inconvenienced too much. We continue to strive, and provide the information you are requesting to see.

Your input and submissions are greatly appreciated and always welcome.

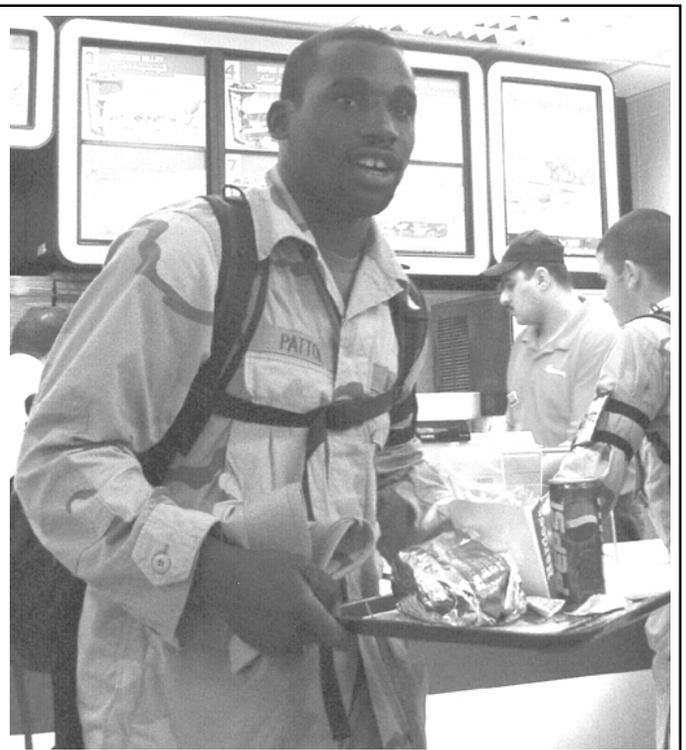
-- the Editor

Quote of the Week

Secretary of State Colin Powell was recently approached by an Iraqi newspaper reporter and accusingly asked, "Isn't it true that only 13 percent of young Americans can locate Iraq on a map?" Secretary Powell stopped, turned, and stated "Yes, it's true. But, unfortunately for you, all 13 percent are United States Marines."

Food Court Opens!

A hungry Camp Patriot resident grabs a bite from the newly opened "Hardees" located in the food court. The Camp Patriot food court opened for business on Thursday, February 20th. According to Henry D'Souza, manager of the Baskin Robbins and Hardees food stores here, he is very happy to bring our residents a "taste from back home."



Engineer Warned NASA of Danger to Shuttle

CNN - Johnson Space Center, Texas

As space shuttle Columbia circled Earth on its final, fateful 16-day mission, a NASA safety engineer e-mailed a colleague saying he was worried that foam that fell off the shuttle's external fuel tank shortly after launch might have caused a devastating breach near the shuttle's left wheel.

Meanwhile, NASA officials confirmed late Friday that a piece of Columbia's tile was found by a man plowing a field near Lubbock, Texas, the farthest west that debris from the space shuttle has been discovered.

Although NASA officials have maintained that they evaluated the damage from the foam and determined that it did not pose a significant problem for Columbia, the latest documents — including e-mails and three reports from engineers at NASA contractor Boeing — indicate that there might have been more internal concern than previously indicated.

Three days before the shuttle disintegrated February 1, Robert Daugherty, a landing gear expert at NASA's Langley Research Center, sent an e-mail expressing frustration that not enough was being done to simulate the possible effects of the damage on Columbia's landing gear.

"It seems that if Mission Operations were to see both tire pressure indicators go to zero during entry, they would sure as hell want to know whether they should land gear up, try to deploy

the gear or go to bailout," Daugherty wrote. "We can't imagine why getting information is being treated like the plague. Apparently, the thermal folks have used words like they think things are 'survivable' but 'marginal.'"

"I imagine this is the last we will hear of this," he wrote. The next day, Daugherty sent another e-mail outlining possible scenarios of what might happen in case of excessive heating in the shuttle's wheel wells.

"I am admittedly erring way on the side of absolute worst-case scenarios, and I don't really believe things are as bad as I'm getting ready to make them out," he said. "But I certainly believe that to not be ready for a gut-wrenching decision after seeing instrumentation in the wheel well not be there after entry is irresponsible."

When Columbia entered the atmosphere two days later, sensors in and around the left wing, including the tire pressure and temperature sensors in the left wheel well, stopped working. The shuttle broke up moments afterward, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

The independent board investigating the shuttle disaster has said that evidence points to a thermal breach in the left wheel well as the origin of serious trouble caused on Space Shuttle Columbia.

	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<i>Weather Conditions</i>	<i>Ptly Cldy - Dusty</i>	<i>Ptly Cldy - Haze</i>	<i>Mstly Cldy ISO pm Showers - Haze</i>	<i>Mstly Ptly Cldy am Showers - Dusty</i>	<i>Ptly Cldy - Dusty</i>
<i>TEMPS</i>	<i>55 / 71</i>	<i>50 / 69</i>	<i>52 / 72</i>	<i>48 / 67</i>	<i>48 / 69</i>

What you had to say about . . .

Each week, the residents of Camp Patriot will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on a particular topic. This week, we wanted to get your feelings about being away from home. The question was:

What was your major concern during the recent NBC happenings?

(photos by SN Lina Sandoval)



Sgt. John Wilson
169th POCC, 24th Bn.

"Hoping to make it so I could be with my family, and worrying about my Soldiers, hoping they paid attention during training"



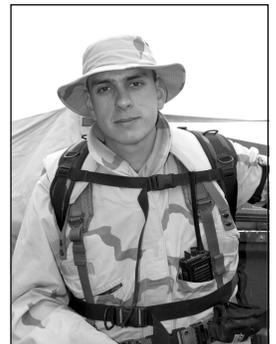
HMCA Gonzales
BMU-1

"Are we prepared? I was on a ship at that moment. There were alot of people that weren't prepared. We had alot of questions"



YN2 Crystal Cly
CNBG-1

"My concern is my parents and family because they are probably more concerned about me being here than I am."



SWCM Villapando
ACB-1

"Safety of Squad members, dependibility of bunkers, how effective the decontamination line will be".

WOW!!! ...And You Think You Have Bad Days

Thanks to Cmdr. Gregory of medical for passing this on...

WILL THE REAL D U M M Y PLEASE STAND UP?

- AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

- Police in Oakland, California spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, "Please come out and give yourself up."

WHAT WAS PLAN B???

- An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

THE GETAWAY!

A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop, and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

DID I SAY THAT??? - Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

ARE WE COMMUNICATING?? - A man spoke frantically into the phone, My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"

NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!! - In Modesto, California, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a

weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. **THE GRAND FINALE** - Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, California, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 ft. boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power was applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted to a nearby marina, thinking someone there could tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out drive went up and down, and the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. **NOW REMEMBER... THIS IS TRUE** Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

Movie Schedule

Sunday

*Legally Blonde
Ocean's Eleven*

Monday

*Riding in Cars...
...Pretty Horses*

Tuesday

*13 Ghosts
Othello*

Wednesday

*Bubble Boy
All About
Benjamins*

Thursday

*Nutty Prof. II
Mission Impos.*

Friday

*Woman on Top
Chocolate*

Saturday

*Loser
Basketball*

*Movies begin
each evening at
1800 in the movie
tent.*

Things to Remember!

Sick Call Hours

0800 - 1100
1300 - 1400
1900 - 2000

Emergencies 24 hours a day

Barber Shop Hours

Appts.....0800 - 1100
.....1300 - 1600
Walk-ins....1800 - 2000



Laundry Service

Monday - Sunday
1000 - 1300
1400 - 2000

AAFES Hours

Daily.....0900 - 1800
CLOSED Wednesdays

Internet Cafe

Open 24 Hours!

Galley Hours

Breakfast.....0530 - 0830
Dinner.....1730 - 2030

Sports Shorts



NBA OVERALL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT	GB
New Jersey	37	19	.661	---
Boston	31	24	.564	5.5
Philadelphia	30	24	.556	6
Orlando	27	29	.482	10
Washington	26	28	.481	10
New York	23	30	.434	12.5
Miami	18	36	.333	18
Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	37	17	.685	---
Indiana	37	18	.673	0.5
Milwaukee	27	25	.519	9
New Orleans	29	27	.518	9
Atlanta	20	34	.370	17
Chicago	19	37	.339	19
Toronto	17	36	.321	19.5
Cleveland	10	45	.182	27.5

Western Conference

Midwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	43	12	.782	---
San Antonio	37	17	.685	5.5
Minnesota	35	21	.625	8.5
Utah	32	22	.593	10.5
Houston	28	26	.519	14.5
Memphis	16	36	.308	25.5
Denver	12	43	.218	31
Pacific	W	L	PCT	GB
Sacramento	38	18	.679	---
Portland	35	18	.660	1.5
Phoenix	30	25	.545	7.5
LA Lakers	28	25	.528	8.5
Golden State	24	30	.444	13
Seattle	22	30	.423	14
LA Clippers	18	34	.346	18

NHL OVERALL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
New Jersey	60	36	16	4	4	80
Philadelphia	60	31	16	11	2	75
NY Islanders	60	29	23	6	2	66
NY Rangers	63	24	30	7	2	57
Pittsburgh	60	24	27	4	5	57
Northeast	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Ottawa	62	38	16	7	1	84
Toronto	60	34	21	4	1	73
Boston	60	28	24	6	2	64
Montreal	62	24	24	7	7	62
Buffalo	59	17	30	7	5	46
Southeast	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Washington	62	28	24	7	3	66
Tampa Bay	61	25	21	10	5	65
Florida	60	18	22	11	9	56
Carolina	62	18	29	9	6	51
Atlanta	59	20	31	4	4	48

Western Conference

Central	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
St. Louis	61	31	17	8	5	75
Detroit	60	31	17	9	3	74
Chicago	61	24	24	10	3	61
Nashville	59	22	24	9	4	57
Columbus	59	22	29	6	2	52
Northwest	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Vancouver	60	35	16	9	0	79
Colorado	60	28	15	11	6	73
Minnesota	60	29	22	8	1	67
Edmonton	60	26	21	6	7	65
Calgary	62	18	30	10	4	50
Pacific	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Dallas	60	34	12	13	1	82
Anaheim	60	28	20	8	4	68
Los Angeles	61	26	27	4	4	60
Phoenix	59	23	25	7	4	57
San Jose	60	21	28	6	5	53

Friday Scores

Los Angeles 4 - Buffalo 1, NY Islanders 4 - Colorado 1, Tampa Bay 2 - Caroline 2, NJ 3 - Boston 2, Phoenix 2 - Dallas 2,

Men's NCAA Division 1 Rankings Week 15 (Feb. 17 - 23)

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Arizona	20 - 2
2.	Kentucky	20 - 3
3.	Louisville	19 - 2
4.	Texas	17 - 4
5.	Oklahoma	17 - 4
6.	Kansas	19 - 5
7.	Florida	20 - 4
8.	Duke	17 - 4
9.	Pittsburgh	17 - 4
10.	Notre Dame	19 - 5
11.	Wake Forest	17 - 3
12.	Marquette	18 - 4
13.	Maryland	15 - 6
14.	Xavier	18 - 4
15.	Illinois	16 - 5
16.	Oklahoma St.	19 - 4
17.	Syracuse	17 - 4
18.	Creighton	22 - 3
19.	Mississippi St.	16 - 5
20.	California	18 - 4
21.	Stanford	19 - 6
22.	Missouri	15 - 6
23.	Purdue	16 - 6
24.	Connecticut	15 - 6
25.	Georgia	14 - 7

Thursday Scores

(11) Wake Forest 75 - Georgia Tech 67, UCLA 76 - (20) California 75, (12) Marquette 75 - Charlotte 67, (21) Stanford 73 - USC 67

Friday Scores

Orlando 110 - Chicago 96, Wash. 89 - N.J. 86, Toronto 92 - Phoenix 89, Philly 119 - Cleve. 99, Dallas 100 - Houston 85, Minn. 103 - Detroit 96

Blaney Tops Rain, 42

Cars to take Bud Pole

It was a rainy day at Rockingham - and Winston Cup Bud Pole qualifying was barely completed before darkness fell at North Carolina Speedway. When it was over, it was Dave Blaney atop the speed chart. It's the first Bud Pole for Blaney, who barely beat Johnny Benson for the top speed spot.

It made for lackluster qualifying runs, with Blaney taking the top spot by turning a lap in the No. 77 Ford at 154.683 mph.

"That's pretty cool," Blaney said. "But Sunday is when it really counts, and that would be really cool."

Winton Cup Standings

After: Daytona 500 Next: Subway 400
Daytona Super Speedway North Carolina Speedway

Rank	Driver	Points Behind
1.	Michael Waltrip	Leader
2.	Kurt Busch	-15
3.	Jimmie Johnson	-15
4.	Kevin Harvick	-25
5.	Mark Martin	-30
6.	Tony Stewart	-34
7.	Robby Gordon	-35
8.	Jeremy Mayfield	-43
9.	Mike Wallace	-47
10.	Dale Jarrett	-51