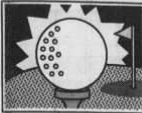


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Deadly crash on I-10

Officers say Jimmy Hering, the driver of this pickup, and his son were killed in a collision with a tractor-trailer on I-10. Hering

swerved into the westbound lanes after trying to miss a spare tire that fell off another tractor-trailer. Story, Page 2A.

Agents arrest 2nd suspect in N.Y.C. blast

Chemical expert had know-how, FBI chief says

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A Palestinian-American chemical engineer was arrested yesterday on a charge of helping to bomb the World Trade Center. He was the second suspect linked directly to the fatal blast. Nidal A. Ayyad, 26, was arrested at his suburban Maplewood home by an FBI SWAT team. Authorities said the Kuwait-born, naturalized American citizen had ties to Mohammed Salameh, accused last week of raising the van used to carry the bomb that devastated the skyscraper complex Feb. 26, killing five people. A federal investigator said Ayyad, like Salameh, also had ties to El Sayid Nosair, who was acquitted of the 1990 assassination of militant Israeli Rabbi Meir Kahane but convicted of related charges. James Esposto, the FBI chief for New Jersey, said Ayyad's chemical background was significant, but he wouldn't say whether Ayyad was believed to have made the bomb. "By his educational background he has expertise that lends itself to this kind of crime," Esposto told reporters. Ayyad and Salameh knew each other for more than a year, Esposto said. Ayyad's father, Abdel-Rahman Joseph Ayyad, confirmed that Salameh had visited his son at the home in Maplewood. He didn't know how often or how recently. Resia Ayyad, Ayyad's 17-year-old brother, said during his brother's court appearance that Nidal and Salameh worshipped at the same mosque, the location of which he didn't specify. Officials have said Salameh worshipped at a Jersey City, N.J., mosque where Nosair also had worshipped. The FBI said Ayyad and Salameh share a bank account, and that Ayyad's business card was found among Salameh's personal effects when Salameh was arrested March 4. Ayyad is a research engineer for Allied-Signal Inc., which makes explosives and aerospace and automotive products. On the day before the bombing, an FBI complaint said, Salameh and Ayyad were in New York City. See BOMBING, Page 4A

U.S. official tells of gains, losses in cancer war

By Jane Erikson
The director of the National Cancer Institute last night described exciting progress in the "War on Cancer" but warned against too much optimism in the face of steadily climbing cancer death rates. Dr. Samuel Broder described progress on several fronts, including the ability to genetically alter cells to turn them into cancer killers, the synthesis of vaccines to treat and prevent cancer, and the identification of genetic "markers" that predict cancer risk. But such progress must be evaluated, Broder said, against the back-

drop of steadily increasing cancer death rates in the United States. Cancer will strike one in three Americans and is the No. 2 cause of death in this country, behind heart disease. But early in the next century cancer is expected to surpass heart disease as the leading cause of death in the United States. Broder is head of the federal agency that is spending \$1.9 billion this year on cancer prevention, treatment and research. He spoke before an audience of several hundred physicians and experts gathered from around the world for the Seventh International Conference on the Adjuvant Therapy of Cancer, sponsored by the Arizona Cancer Center. On the good news side, Broder pointed to decreasing deaths from testicular cancer, Hodgkin's disease and childhood leukemia. "The 'astonishing' bad news, Broder said, is a 200 percent increase in lung cancer deaths in women over the last 20 years — an increase directly related to increased smoking in women. Rapidly rising death rates also are seen in breast and prostate cancer, melanoma skin cancer and in colon cancer in men. "These are statistics we have to deal with. We can't only report the good news. We have to report the bad news that we make," Broder said. But Broder also had encouraging words for his audience. "All of you in this room are working as hard as you can. You should not become defensive about these statistics. It's not your fault," he said. "On the other hand, we have to be very, very clear that the one thing we must tell the public, the one thing they have an absolute right to expect, is that we will tell it like it is. "We've made some progress. We have a long way to go with some cancer. See CANCER, Page 15A

King admits past lies about police beating

By Seth Meydans
LOS ANGELES — Under intense cross-examination, Rodney King conceded yesterday that he had lied in the past about his beating two years ago and that he was not sure whether police officers had used racial epithets or threatened to kill him, as he testified Tuesday. But throughout a grueling day, King's demeanor remained quiet as he seemed to search his memory and guff for answers. Licking his lips and puffing his cheeks in seeming exhaustion in the final hour, he admitted his confusion but insisted, "I'm telling you the best way I remember it." At one point, caught in an apparent contradiction about why he had risen from the ground and tried to run during the beating, King's voice despaired and broke as he said, "Because I thought that I was going to die." For nearly a full minute, he held his huge hands high above his head, displaying what he said had been his gesture of surrender. He tried to flee the beating. His day and a half on the witness stand ended under rapid-fire questions from a defense lawyer who suggested that he had changed his story and had added assertions of racial epithets to enhance his multi-million-dollar civil suit against the city of Los Angeles. "You can become a rich man," King told the jury. See KING, Page 2A



Shari Lewis and her puppet "Lamb Chop," testifying at a congressional hearing, urge broadcasters to improve children's TV programming. Lamb Chop told the lawmakers yesterday that children "need the best you grown-ups have to offer." Story, Page 10A.

Activist shoots, kills doctor in protest at abortion clinic

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A doctor was shot to death during a protest outside his abortion clinic yesterday, and an anti-abortion activist then calmly surrendered. It was the first fatality ever reported at an abortion protest, abortion-rights activists said. Dr. David Gunn, 47, was shot several times in the back as he got out of his car at the Pensacola Women's Medical Services clinic he operated, police Sgt. Jerry Potts said. Gunn died in surgery hours later. First reports said Gunn was shot in the chest, but an autopsy showed he was shot in the back, police said. At the time of the shooting, a dress and abortion protesters were gathered in front of the clinic. Michael Frederick Griffith, 31, of Pensacola was arrested and charged with murder. Potts said. Potts refused to confirm the shooting was abortion-related. "I don't want to speculate, but it occurred while a protest was going on," he said. During a service Sunday, Griffith had offered a prayer for the doctor at the Whitefield Assembly of God Church outside Pensacola, said John Burt, a lay preacher who led the protest. "He asked that the congregation pray, and asked that we would agree with him that Dr. Gunn would give his life to Jesus Christ," Burt said. "He wanted him to stop doing things the Bible says is wrong and start doing what the Bible says is right." Don Trushman, head of the anti-abortion group, said Gunn was arrested. See ABORTION, Page 2A

Up to 20 Muslim extremists are killed, 40 wounded in 4 police raids in Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Police officers killed at least 20 Muslim extremists in raids, displaying the fiercest anti-terrorist approach against the fundamentalist movement, officials said yesterday. An extremist's wife and baby also died when used as a shield in an escape attempt. At least 40 people were wounded in four raids around the country, which also claimed the lives of four police officers, the government's Middle East News Agency said. It was the highest 24-hour casualty toll since 1981 in the struggle between Egypt's secular government and Muslim extremists who seek to establish an Islamic state. President Anwar Sadat was assassinated in 1981 during an attempted coup. The raids also showed the government's willingness to use violence to crush the fundamentalist movement, whose attacks have crippled the nation's vital tourism industry. President Hosni Mubarak's government arrested Egyptian months ago that it had destroyed the core of the movement and only isolated pockets of resistance remained. Later Minister Abdel-Rahman Mousa said the arrests of the remaining extremists were imminent. The mother and child died in Qalyubia province north of Cairo when her husband, Khalid Mohammed Ramadan, and a second extremist "used them as a shield in trying to escape," an Interior Ministry spokesman said. Both men were killed. The worst clash was late Tuesday at a mosque in the southern city of Aswan, where 14 extremists and a policeman died and 20 people were wounded. Police officers seeking to prevent a protest march had surrounded a mosque used by radicals. Aswan, about 600 miles south of Cairo, is southern Egypt's No. 1 tourist magnet after Luxor, the city on the site of the ancient capital Thebes. It is one of Mubarak's favorite vacation retreats. The Aswan shoot-out came hours after a military court near Cairo heard hearing terrorist charges — including attacks on tourists — against 48 Muslim extremists.

Tax breaks proposed to lure paper recyclers

By Howard Fletcher
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PHOENIX — Fort Howard Corp. would get tax breaks amounting to more than \$26,000 a year for every job it would directly create if lured to build a \$1 billion recycled-paper mill in western Arizona, the top Democratic state senator said yesterday. Senate Democratic Leader Clay Bennett, of Tucson, said a tax package proposed by the state Department of Commerce would reduce the company's taxes by an estimated \$33 million over 20 years from what it would otherwise have to pay. With about 1,000 jobs to be created, that comes to \$33,000 per job, or \$26,000 per job per year. Jeff Eves, a Fort Howard vice president, said that looking at the figures the way Bennett presents them presumes the state actually will be losing money. He said that misses the real point: Arizona will get no revenues at all from Fort Howard if it does not locate here. He said that the actual tax-shipment figure is closer to \$7,400 annually for every one of the 175 jobs created at the plant over 20 years. David Jones, manager of special projects for Fletcher Challenge, said he did not see Bennett's numbers until late yesterday and did not have any of his own figures in response. He said, though, that even if his figures were accurate — a point he did not concede — the amount Fletcher Challenge still would pay in taxes in Pinal County would provide a major boost in revenues. The Fort Howard and Fletcher Challenge jobs are high-paying manufacturing jobs — averaging \$40,000 or more per year, including benefits. Bennett's computations come as the Senate is set to debate today. See BREAKS, Page 2A

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