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Elizabeth Smart kidnapping

Girl alive, well after 9 months



Going home: Elizabeth Smart, accompanied by her mother, Lois, leaves the Salt Lake City Police Department following questioning. She was found on the streets of Sandy, Utah, earlier in the day in the company of a man named in her abduction.

Family, city rejoice in teen's 'miracle' rescue

By Patty Henetz
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom nine months ago, was found Wednesday walking down a suburban street with a

drifter who had briefly worked at the family's home. The man was taken into custody, and the teen-ager was whisked away for a reunion with her jubilant family.

"Miracles do exist," said Tom Smart, the girl's uncle. Elizabeth was returned home at about 8:30 p.m. in an unmarked police van. She did not speak to reporters as she rushed inside the house.

Relatives said Elizabeth was in good condition and was talking with police about her ordeal.

"All of the children out there deserve to come back to their parents the way Elizabeth has come back to us," father Ed Smart said as he burst into sobs during a celebration at his home.

He added: "I don't know what she's gone through and I'm sure she's been through hell. I just know that she's a part of our family, she's loved and we love her so much."

The police offered no motive or details of where the teenager had been since she vanished in June. Authorities in San Diego were trying to confirm reports that the drifter was spotted there in the past couple of weeks; the Smarts had released a sketch of the man last month.

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Apache copter at home in desert

Marana heliport is training site for Army Guard

By Scott Simonson
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

MARANA — Lt. Col. Louis Jordan Jr. hosed the low, fast beat of rotor blades, then watched the AH-64A Apache leave the ground and glide past the maintenance hangar and out of sight.

"That's an impressive aircraft," said Jordan, deputy brigade commander at the Western Army National Guard Aviation Training Site in Marana.

The Apache fired the first shots of the 1991 Gulf War and is expected to figure prominently should the United States invade Iraq.

The training site at Silverbell Army Heliport is home to some of the nation's experts on flying, fighting with and fixing the U.S. Army's combat helicopters.

Marana is a principal training center for the AH-64A Apache for the Army National Guard. Active Army pilots come here for Apache simulator training.

The helicopter is capable of going from Tucson to Phoenix in about 40 minutes, all the while flying scarcely higher than a seagull's top.

The Apache fires Hellfire missiles, which follow a laser beam to their target. The rockets have a range of nearly five miles — making them capable of hitting the "A" on a Mountain from the parking lot at Tucson Mall.

The Apache carries remarkably advanced weapons but handles unsmoothly when heavily loaded, said Chief Warrant Officer Brad Rinehart, an Arizona Army National Guard instructor pilot at the training site.

Rinehart is an Oro Valley resident and one of the 381 full-

Brits offer a way out of standoff

France indicates it may consider U.N. resolution

By Shelley Emiling and Bob Deans
THE NEW YORK TIMES

UNITED NATIONS — Hoping to break a diplomatic deadlock, Britain set out a proposed list of disarmament tasks for Iraq Wednesday that it hopes will make a resolution authorizing war more palatable to wavering U.N. Security Council members.

The Bush administration appeared to support the British steps — which Iraq would have to complete in less than 10 days — and expressed optimism about gaining enough votes for

an ultimatum to Iraq to disarm or face war.

Under the proposal, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein must appear on television and admit that he possesses weapons of mass destruction and promise to get rid of them. He must also account for anthrax cultures, permit Iraqi scientists to be interviewed by U.N. arms inspectors outside Iraq, destroy all of Iraq's Al Samoud 2 medium-range missiles, dismantle drone aircraft fitted for use in dispensing chemical and biological weapons, and surrender mobile chemical weapons facilities.

France, which has pledged to use its veto to stop any resolution authorizing war, indicated that it would at least consider the British plan.

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War? What war? It's spring break!

Many won't be able to resist Mexico's lure

By C.J. Karamargin
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Spring break in Mexico: It's a rite of passage that even the prospect of war can't derail.

Every year at this time, the allure of sun, surf and an 18-year-old drinking age proves irresistible for thousands of University of Arizona and Pima Community College students. This year is no different.

Determined to mark the midpoint of the spring semester with a grand party, students say they are not about to let the storm clouds of war with Iraq darken a long-anticipated respite from class.

"Spring break is a time to get away and relax and forget about things," said Anne Madeo, an architecture student who will travel to the seaside resort of San Carlos. "The architecture program is very tough. I'm just looking forward to having a week off."

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