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Body Identified as Laci Peterson

Associated Press

There is "no question" that the female body found in the San Francisco Bay this week is Laci Peterson, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said in a news conference Friday.

Lockyer also announced that DNA testing established that the fetus found is the child of Scott and Laci Peterson.

"We're scientifically convinced the match is one in billions," Lockyer said.

Earlier in the day, Scott Peterson was arrested without incident in San Diego in connection with his wife's disappearance, a San Diego County Sheriff's deputy said. Sources said police had been aware of Peterson's location for the past few days. Peterson was considered a flight risk, and had indicated that he had discovered he was under police surveillance, Lockyer said.

Prosecutors said Peterson was expected to be arraigned early next week. "He'll be charged with capital murder," with the option of seeking the death penalty, said Stanislaus County District Attorney Jim Brazelton. "There are no other suspects in this case," he added.

They said they would seek a special circum-

stance of double homicide, which could carry the death penalty upon conviction. They hadn't decided, however, whether they would seek the death penalty.

Peterson was being driven to the Stanislaus County jail in Northern California on Friday night for a court appearance next week.

The bodies of a male fetus and a woman were discovered about a mile apart on Sunday and Monday by people strolling along the San Francisco Bay shoreline.

Law enforcement sources have told Fox News that ever since the case first opened they believed Peterson was responsible for the murder. They suspected him of throwing his wife's body into San Francisco Bay and securing it with concrete blocks, hooks and fishing weights.

Scott Peterson has denied any role in his wife's disappearance.

The state's DNA laboratory in Richmond worked "24-seven" to determine if the remains discovered are those of Laci Peterson and the son she was due to bear in February, said Halle Jordan, a spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office.

Crime lab technicians compared DNA swabbed from the mouths of Laci Peterson's parents and taken from Laci Peterson's hairbrush with samples from the two corpses.

It was not immediately known how Peterson delivered the baby. One theory centers around the unusual medical phenomenon called "coffin birth." It occurs when the gas that naturally builds up in the abdomen and pelvic area of a decomposing body produces enough pressure to push the unborn baby through the birth canal.

Meanwhile, Kirk McAllister, Scott Peterson's attorney, says his client still hopes his missing wife and son will be found alive.

McAllister told the Modesto Bee he had spoken regularly with Peterson this week.

"His thought is that certainly, for somebody, this represents a tragedy," McAllister said of the discovery of the bodies. "He is hoping this doesn't mean that his search for Laci and the baby is over."

Laci Peterson, 27, was eight months pregnant when she vanished from her Modesto home on Christmas Eve.

Her husband told police he last saw her that morning as he left to go fishing in Berkeley, three miles south of where the bodies surfaced.

Modesto police seized his boat, pickup truck and nearly 100 items from the couple's house but had not formally named him as a suspect in his wife's disappearance.

A knock at the door went unanswered Friday evening at the home of Scott Peterson's parents in Solana Beach, north of San Diego.

"Families in their circumstances will always tell you the worst thing is not knowing," said spokeswoman Kim Petersen, executive director of the Carole Sund-Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation. "I don't know if relief is the right word. ... The waiting this week has been horrific for them."

From virtually the moment his wife was reported missing, Scott Peterson's moves and statements have been scrutinized by authorities.



Hey Chief - I mean...

Congratulations to Ensign Darin Keeter, United States Navy. Keeter was pinned to his new rank by Capt. Donald P. Cook and Marine Capt. Speros Koumparakis. Ens. Keeter spent 13 years as an enlisted sailor before transitioning to a commissioned officer. According to Keeter, his most recent past rank of Chief Aerographer's Mate has been the highlight of his career... until now. Best of Luck Ensign Keeter!

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and more....

CAN DO: Master Chief of The Seabees Visits Dual-Coast Bees of Camp Patriot

By JO1 Joseph Krypel

The Chief of Naval Operations Master Chief representing the Seabee community, CNOCM Harrell L. Richardson, brought his "Can Do" spirit to Camp Patriot Wednesday.

Richardson, accompanied by Command Master Chief Kevin Timmons of Naval Construction Division One, and hosted by CMDMCM Kevin Eichmann of Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) One homeported in Coronado, Calif., and CMDMCM Mike Holdcraft of ACB-2 homeported in Little Creek, Va., spent nearly four hours visiting, talking with, and answering the questions of the Camp Patriot Bees.



ACB-1 Equipment Operator 3rd Class Aaron Lafountain, 23, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., greets CNOCM Richardson at the Transportation Dispatch tent during his visit.

"The Seabees here have done an awesome job," praised Richardson. "... and I don't think I can say enough about just how much it all is appreciated."

Camp Patriot is home to nearly 650 amphibious specialty Seabees from ACB-1, ACB-2, Naval Cargo Handling Group, and Underwater Construction Team One. During his visit, Richardson visited local sites of interest to include the campgrounds, Beach Support Watch Office (BSWO) and the Elevated Causeway System-Modular (ELCAS\M).

ELCAS\M, currently in the final stages of construction by the Seabees from both U.S. coasts, reaches 1,200 feet in length from ramp to pier-head, and stands high above water that is 20-feet in depth. The ELCAS\M will serve as an additional tool in the ongoing Combined Joint Logistics Over the Shore (CJLOTS) activities, as well as a key tool for the projected redeployment of troops and ammunition once Operation Iraqi Freedom's main fighting phase is declared victorious.

The combined efforts of ACB-1 and ACB-2 have proved that the U.S. Navy Seabees and their "Can Do" mindset continue to be the premier engineers of the U.S. military.

"The ELCAS looks great," said Richardson, "and it is due to the great cooperation between these two great coast forces of Seabees!"

Richardson brought a media message to the troops as well. "It's important to know, that in this day and age of real-time viewing, some pick out the 1% of negativity towards our presence out here - 99% of the people at home fully support everything you are doing - make no mistake, whether your pulling the trigger or providing the support for those that are - you are all heroes!"

Camp Patriot was just one stop on CNOCM Richardson's visit to the nearly 4,500 Seabees - half of the Seabee population - deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Other Seabees visited include Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 133, 74, 7, 4, 15, 25 and 21; Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303, and Construction Battalion Unit 402, 415 and 412.

Camp Patriot is currently home to the only Amphibious Seabees in the United States Navy - specializing in coastal construction and offload practices.

Beach Master Moments. . .



(left) CWO3 David Hannah presents a Letter of Commendation to Seaman Dung Nguyen for outstanding performance during Operation Enduring Freedom aboard USS Gary (FFG 51). Nguyen is now attached to BMU-1, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Congratulations to Construction Mechanic Brandon Jeffrey reenlisted for another five years recently. Jeffrey is attached to BMU-1 as a traffic controller.

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Camp Patriot Home-Grown Security Team Shines

An Interview with the Sheriff

The past few weeks have called for Camp Patriot residents to 'walk the wall.' Some have asked why - so we thought we'd find out for you. The following is an interview with Cmdr. Jim Lehner, Deputy Force Security Officer to Capt. Doug Ash.

Lehner and his primary staff have done an outstanding job protecting you. Known as 'Sheriff', Lehner, along with Maj. Hernandez, Lt. Kelly and their 'Marshals', MACM Carpenter and CMCS Degraffenried have done all that can be done to keep you protected!

PP: Why is Camp Patriot using its embedded assets - it's working populace - for force protection?

Sheriff: The Army Rifle Company that was here was critically needed in Iraq to provide rear area security for the troops that were being attacked from behind. Generally speaking, the plan here provides for the Force Security Officer (FSO) to be responsible for seaward and landward assets. Seaward asset protection is provided by the Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Units (MIUWU) and Inshore Boat Units (IBU). The plan calls for the rear to be manned by the Army - but, our responsibility of protecting the personnel on the base has not gone away. So... we had to obtain personnel from the tenant commands of Camp Patriot to fully staff the security force and protect ourselves.

PP: How many people are being used?

Sheriff: Presently we have 83 people assigned to the security force manning the walls and roving the perimeter. Our leadership work port and starboard. Everyone comes from commands that live here... and we've gotten some relief lately thanks to the Guardian Mariners of Puerto Rico.

PP: What is the protection philosophy you've established for Camp Patriot?

Sheriff: We want to ensure that we provide quality force protection to the 3,000 or so U.S. troops living at Camp Patriot. Everyone needs to successfully complete the missions of moving equipment, ammunition and personnel to and from locations in the theater of operation. Our goal as a protective body is to present a hard target and prevent any potential hostile action from coming inside our base. For us - no incidents means success. That's what we strive for.

PP: Where did you obtain the assets for security?

Sheriff: Everyone, every command contributes - Our host nation is very interested in providing the

best security possible too, so we work hand-in-hand with them, under the Kuwaiti direction of Lt. Col. Waleed. We have literally "home grown" our protective force.

PP: Without giving away too much, how many protective points are out there?

Sheriff: We have really improved things a lot her of late - hardened entrance control points in which all vehicles and people are searched - towers, fight positions, roving patrols, quick response teams... but when you think about it, every person that lives here takes part. Individual alertness and reporting really keeps the base the safest!

PP: In general terms - how are the folks doing? I mean, most are trained on the job right?

Sheriff: These folks are great! Everyone knows just how important this job is, and everyone knows that the entire population here depends on them. These folks are vigilant, alert, and extremely dedicated. They have a tough job - and they do an excellent job at it!

PP: Is this out of the ordinary? Who normally protects this kind of basecamp?

Sheriff: I wouldn't say this is odd at all. Most units would have identified a different makeup of personnel mobilized to Camp Patriot if it was known from the beginning that this would be required, but as individuals, we all have the responsibility to take care of one another. We've been able to take a bunch of folks that normally don't do this together with folks that have varied levels of experience to create a great force. I have a long history of this - and I'm exceptionally proud of this group in particular.

PP: Do you foresee a larger rotation or even a full replacement?

Sheriff: Not at this point - but everything is in flux. Once the operations elsewhere are completed, there might be assets available to plus us up. There are just not enough folks in country to be spread as thin as they could be if we didn't pitch in. This is extremely important - lives are at stake.

PP: Is there anything that I have not asked specifically that you would like to get out there to your force, or the residents of Camp Patriot?

Sheriff: I am so very proud of the dedication shown by all these folks. The commitment that has been displayed by all these people has been fantastic! I personally appreciate the commitment and would like everyone that has stood a watch to know that they have made a difference.



Construction Mechanic Apprentice Joe Laboni, a security force fill in, verifies that Lt. Cmdr. Phil Farias' weapon is cleared prior to entering the compound.

CBR Training Note

The CFLCC area of operations, which includes Camp Patriot, has set Mission Oriented Protective Posture Ready - (MOPP Ready). All residents are to have your chemical protective suit, boots, gloves and masks within ten minutes of you. All medicinals should also be within ten minutes of you at all times. Notify your chain of command if you are missing any portion of your protective gear.

Here is a MOPP breakdown to remember:

MOPP Ready

Be within 10 minutes of all gear.

MOPP 0 - Modified

Carry masks and be within 10 minutes of your chemical gear.

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.

USA Today

State News Shorts . . .

Georgia

Atlanta - The Board of Regents approved \$10,000 grants for six state schools to begin or expand programs designed to attract black men to college. Black men make up 7% of the total enrollment in Georgia's public colleges and universities, but make up 16% of the state's 18-to-21-year-old population.

Hawaii

Honolulu - Chief of Police Lee Donohue was sworn in for his second five-year term recently. Following his swearing in, Donohue hinted to officials that he may in fact take an early-retirement. Donohue, 60, explained that his main consideration as to whether or not to retire would be based solely on his health.

Chaplains' Corner . . . From Death Came Life - Easter

By Lt. Eric Verhult, CHC, USNR

It's another sacred time of year. For Christians, it's Easter, a time in which the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is celebrated. For Jews, it's the Passover, celebrating the time when the Angel of Death passed over the Hebrew households, but struck down the first born sons of Egypt, precipitating the exodus. There are many of these seasons throughout the year and I used to find them grating. Sometimes I still do. Called to preach on Easter, I want to say something fresh, something new, but after two thousand years, what can one say that has not been said already?

And yet it is important to say it again. It's a matter of drilling. Every year, spring brings the beginning of the baseball season. And every year players get out on the diamond and practice fielding, batting, throwing, base running - the same fundamental drills begin every baseball season and it makes no difference whether it's a young five-year-old getting ready for T-ball or the multi-million dollar professional ball player. They always start each season with the basics, the fundamentals.

I'll grant you that the fundamentals are not the most exciting part of being a ball player. By the time that 500th ball comes at you in the batting cage, you've had enough of bats, balls, cages, and everything else. By the time you've been playing ball for years on end, checking into spring training so you can relive your little-league years of fielding practice out at the local park seems tedious. And rehearsing the fundamentals may not always be the most exciting part of one's religious experience, either. I'm 38 years old. I've heard this same Easter story,

the same passages from the Bible, the same pictures, the same songs, the same rituals, the same everything 38 years running. I know what will be read before I even darken the door of the chapel. Many of the rites I could do blindfolded. But without those fundamentals, you'll lose the game.

That ball player may be very skilled, but those skills are based on a foundation of basic baseball drills. Without those, everything else about his game falls apart, and when it falls apart, the game is lost. All the ponderous tomes filling library shelves with erudite theology (big books with an over-educated vocabulary) stand on a foundation of basic truths and simple stories. Without those, everything else crumbles. And you lose.

Now, when it comes to games - whether it be baseball or football or basketball or even PlayStation and Xbox games - when it comes to these we know there are basic skills that need to be mastered and repeatedly practiced. But when it comes to the game of life, we often think we can play it successfully without worrying about the basics. We can't.

Too often we discover that only after we've lost a match and too often we look elsewhere for the reason why we lost. It's time to look here, in the basics again.

I can't promise you that every Sunday (or Saturday or Friday) that you'll hear something new or sing something fresh. But if you come, we'll work on those basic drills again. And if you master those drills and keep them up from week to week, you will play this game of life very well. In fact, I feel quite confident that you'll win.

Quick Reference Phone Numbers

Watch Officer

618-6700

Medical Clinic

617-7280

Camp Patriot Chapel Services

Chaplains:

- Cmdr. Jeffrey H. Seiler, CHC, USN
- Cmdr. Terry Pletkovich, CHC, USNR
- Lt. Cmdr. Francis Foley, CHC, USNR
- Lt. Eric Verhult, CHC, USNR
- Lt. Hussain M. Shaikh, CHC, USNR
- Chap. (Capt.) Alan Savage, USA

Catholic Mass

- Mon - Tues.....1130
- Fri - Sat.....1130
- Sunday.....0800 / 2030
- Tues.....Rosary/Confessions.....1930
- Fri.....Stations of the Cross.....1930

Catholic Instruction / Faith Class

- Monday.....1930

Muslim Salah Al-Jumua

- Friday.....1230

Quran Study

- Monday - Friday.....2030

Jewish Shabat

- Friday.....1800

Buddhist Prayer

- Saturday.....1200

Protestant Worship

- Sunday.....0930

Episcopal / Lutheran Communion

- Sunday.....1100

7th Day Adventist Sabbath Service

- Saturday.....1700

LDS Services

- Sunday.....1700

Prayer and Praise

- Sunday.....1900
- Wednesday.....1030 / 1900

Choir Practice

- Tuesday.....2030

Bible Study

- Tuesday / Thursday.....1215

Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy

- Sunday.....TBD

Contact Cmdr. Seiler at 973-5964 for info

Easter Schedule for Chapel Services

Catholic Services

- Easter Vigil (19th).....2030
- Easter Sunday.....0800

Protestant Services

- Easter Vigil (19th).....2030
- Easter Sunday.....0930 / *1100

* denotes Episcopal and Lutheran Services

Easter Sunrise Service for All 0500 at the Parade Grounds

Camp Patriot Operation Iraqi Freedom Patch Available

Modern day Navy enclaves and cruises tend to be defined by the logo and patch designed - you just aren't anyone without it - plus it's just really, really cool!

Thanks to the PhibCb's of ACB-1, Camp Patriot is now immortalized in color and symbol as the unveiling of the Camp Patriot Operation Iraqi Freedom patch becomes available.

Designed by Lt. Cmdr. George Suther, YNC Linda Waldenmaier, EA2 Anthony Johnson, and PH3 "Cool Hand" Pineda - the new found symbol of Camp Patriots contribution to OIF holds a lot more substance than just looking really cool.

"We put a lot of thought behind this," Lt. Cmdr. Suther. "We all had a lot of ideas; some of them silly, some of them serious. We really wanted to ensure that what we finally presented was truly representative on why we were here, and where we were at."

Suther and his team first wanted to ensure that the logo was professional, since

everything that has been done here at Camp Patriot itself has been done with the utmost in professionalism.



The inner ring bears the map of the region atop the U.S. Flag - symbolizing that the people of the United States stand behind the

liberation of the Iraqi people from the dictatorial regime of Saddam Hussein and the leadership of the Baath

Party. The Map itself shows the locations and two major rivers that U.S. Troops traversed on their way to Baghdad.

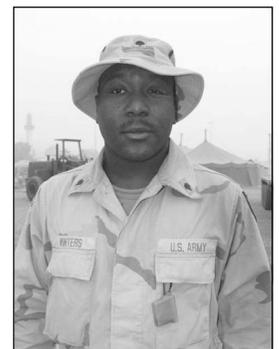
The placement of the Kuwaiti flag, on the right, shows our respect for the host nation since the right side is the more dominant side in Arabic protocol - and of course, Camp Patriot itself is denoted with a gold star.

If you are interested in obtaining a Camp Patriot Operation Iraqi Freedom patch, contact your command representative to place an order. Cost estimate is between \$2 and \$4. Show where you've been - Take Pride in your job - and get this really, really cool patch!

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Weather Conditions	Prtly - Mstly Cloudy	Mstly Cloudy Showers	Mstly Cloudy Showers/TS	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
TEMPS	65 / 88	73 / 90	70 / 82	69 / 77	71 / 82

What you had to say about . . .

The residents of Camp Patriot have the opportunity to voice their opinion or feelings on a particular topic. With rumors flying about leaving soon, this weeks question was:



What will your fondest memory of Camp Patriot be?

Spc. Richard Cruz
567 CTC, 24 BN

"I think my fondest memory will be all the good people I've met while I'm here - and, of course, the Camp Patriot Food Court."

SWCN Blake Kelley
ACB-1

"I'd have to say that my fond memories will come from just hanging out with all my Seabee compadres. I'll miss the people."

EN3 Rob Robinson
ACB-2

"Hearing sirens, the whole 'ALL KNB, ALL KNB' thing - and then running off the nearest available bunker. How could you not miss it."

Spc. Ennis Winters
331 CTC, 24 BN

"I will really miss the brotherhood and sisterhood shown by every single branch of service here. I've just never seen anything like it."

(photos by SN Lina Sandoval)

Causeway Commanders Continue to Add Fleet Flare to Amphibious Seabee Tradition

By Lt. Summer Jones-Chiow

You may be asking yourself what the heck is a "causeway?" Chances are you may have witnessed these 360-foot platforms offloading containers and equipment at Camp Patriot's south beach during the past three months. Typically referred to as a "Barge Ferry", the Causeway Section Powered (CSP) is a platform that is powered by two 360-degree rotatable Water Jet Propulsion Assemblies. The CSP is connected to multiple nonpowered causeway sections to form a Barge Ferry that can maneuver its load to the pierhead of the Elevated Causeway System (ELCAS) or directly through the surf zone to the beach.

When Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Jessie Willie of Batesville, Miss., an Amphibious Construction Battalion One (ACB-1) Sailor with over twenty years experience, was asked about his job as the Pilot of a Barge Ferry, he said "It's cool being the Pilot of a barge ferry. This is what being a Boatswain Mate is about. We can land this ferry on almost any beach - anytime - anywhere."

According to Willie, the ship doesn't even have to pull into port. "It just drops the anchor and we pull along beside them to offload their cargo. We take the cargo to the beach and the Army picks it up, and moves it forward to the battlefield."

Barge Ferries are an essential element of the PhibCB mission to provide ship-to-shore transportation of combat supplies, ammunition and supplies in support of both Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) and Joint Logistics Over The Shore (JLOTS) operations. Barge Ferries are

operated by the Boatswain's Mates, Signalmen, Enginemen and Seaman of Bravo Company. It is certainly unique for a Seabee Battalion to have an entire company of "Fleet rates" but the PhibCBs hail from a proud tradition and these personnel affectionately refer to themselves as "Fleet Seabees!"

The idea to use hollow, sheet steel boxes as pontoons and pontoon-assembled structures was originated in 1935 by a Civil Engineer Corps officer. It was conceived that these pontoons could be used interchangeably as wharves, docks, piers, lighters, tugs and special duty barges. In order to be most effective, pontoon assembly parts were designed to be light, rugged and easy to handle.

When the United States entered World War II, the Navy was faced for the first time with the problem of landing and supplying large forces where the enemy occupied conventional harbor facilities. In 1942 this difficulty was overcome by designing pontoons that could be shipped aboard Navy vessels and easily assembled for many purposes.

In today's contingency operations, barge ferries continue to carry on a proud military heritage. Amphibious Construction Battalion One, as it is now known, was actually commissioned in 1943 and designated a Naval Construction Battalion, Pontoon, (NCB (P)). Pontoon operating battalions, like ACB-1 and ACB-2 have since participated in every major conflict including World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Operation Desert Shield/Storm and most recently

Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I had no idea that barge ferries had such a major part of all those wars, but I am not surprised," said Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Michael Miller from Naples, Italy. Engineman 3rd Class Randy Tapia from Moreno Valley, Calif., added, "What I do know is that we are having an important impact out here. We are working 24 hours a day to make sure those ground forces in Iraq get the ammo and supplies they need to win this war. It makes the long hours worth it."

Since arriving at the beginning of January, barge ferries have been heavily involved with the offload of Moter Vessel (M/V) CARTER, M/V BUFFALO SOLDIER, M/V SNOEKGRACHT, SS CORNHUSKER STATE, M/V CHIPPEWA BELLE, M/V PITSENBARGER, and M/V MERLIN.

There are even more ships still coming and the offloading, will continue and backloading will soon begin, for as long as the war effort requires.

Currently, barge ferries have offloaded over 1500 containers of ammunition and the entire Elevated Causeway (ELCAS) system being constructed to form an expeditionary pier.

When asked about barge ferry operations, ACB-2 Chief Boatswain's Mate Patrick Gehrke of Pillager, Minn., said "What we do out here may not seem glamorous, but it is critical to this war effort. I've been in the amphibious warfare community for most of my career and barge ferries are critical to our ability to fight this war. I am proud to be a Fleet Seabee and proud of what we are doing out here to support the war."

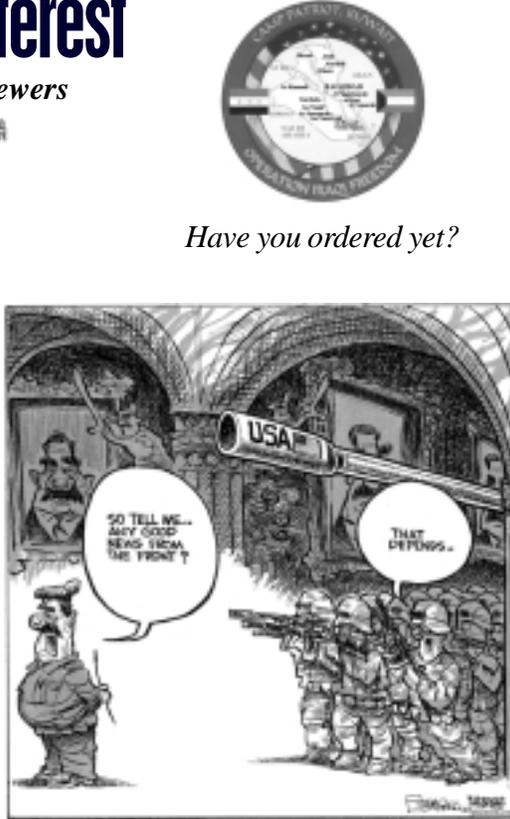


As a PhibCB dozer keeps the beaches in shape, a RTCH heads towards its next container aboard a Bravo Six barge ferry at Camp Patriot. Cargo containers are ferried from an Army or Navy prepositioning vessel participating in Combined Joint Literage Over the Shore (CJLOTS) activities as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Barge ferries crews have offloaded nearly 1500 containers and the entire ELCAS since the beginning of OIF, and will likely play a large role in any regeneration plan in the future. (U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krysel)

Entertainment News...

Editorial Cartoons of Interest

Baghdad Bob a hit amongst American Viewers



Have you ordered yet?

Movie Schedule

Sunday

What Dreams
Joe Black

Monday

Mstr of Disguise
Me, Myself...

Tuesday

Soul Food
Jerry McGuire

Wednesday

Monster's Inc.
Shrek

Thursday

Roxbury
Major Payne

Friday

The Matrix
Joe Dirt

Saturday

Pluto Nash
South Park

Movies begin
each evening at
1800 in the movie
tent.

Things to Remember!

Sick Call Hours

0800 - 1000
1300 - 1400
1800 - 1900

Emergencies 24 hours a day

Barber Shop Hours

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



Library

1000 - 2200

AA Meeting

Monday.....1930

AAFES Hours

Daily.....1000 - 2000

Galley Hours

Breakfast.....0500 - 0730
Lunch.....1130 - 1230
Dinner.....1700 - 1930

Laundry Service

Mornings 1000 - 1300
Afternoons 1400 - 1800

Sports Shorts

Canucks' Gets it in Game #5

Todd Bertuzzi and Brendan Morrison both scored their first goal of the playoffs and the Vancouver Canucks avoided elimination with a 5-3 win over the St. Louis Blues on Friday night.

Brent Sopol and Markus Naslund also scored as the Canucks top line finally broke through. The Blues return to St. Louis for Sunday's Game 6 with a 3-2 lead in the first-round series. Game 7 would be Tuesday.

The trio of Naslund, Morrison and Bertuzzi combined for 119 goals and 272 points in the regular season, but had just one goal and three assists in the first four games of the playoffs.

St. Louis' Martin Rucinsky scored with 55.5 seconds left to make things interesting, but Sami Salo restored the two-goal cushion just over seven seconds later with a slap shot from the top of the circle.

Tyson Nash and Cory Stillman also scored for the Blues.

Lightning Strike Again

Martin St. Louis, listed generously at 5-foot-9, 181 pounds, had a goal and an assist Friday night as the Lightning beat the Washington Capitals 2-1 to take a 3-2 lead in their first-round playoff series.

"He's got the heart of a 6-foot-6 guy. You know what the players think of a guy like that," teammate Brad Lukowich said after Tampa Bay's third straight victory in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference matchup.

"He's invaluable. We don't look at him as a small guy. The way he plays, he has a big man's game."

St. Louis, a first-time All-Star this season, has teamed with Vincent Lecavalier and Vinny Prospal to score Tampa Bay's last nine goals — all four in Game 3, all three in Game 4 and both Friday night.

NBA OVERALL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	50	32	.610	----
New Jersey	49	33	.598	1
Indiana	48	34	.585	2
Philadelphia	48	34	.585	2
New Orleans	47	35	.573	3
Boston	44	38	.537	6
Milwaukee	42	40	.512	8
Orlando	42	40	.512	8
Washington	37	45	.451	13
New York	37	45	.451	13
Atlanta	35	47	.427	15
Chicago	30	52	.366	20
Miami	25	57	.305	25
Toronto	24	58	.293	26
Cleveland	17	65	.207	33

Western Conference

	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	60	22	.732	----
Sacramento	59	23	.720	1
Dallas	60	22	.732	----
Minnesota	51	31	.622	9
LA Lakers	50	32	.610	10
Portland	50	32	.610	10
Utah	47	35	.573	13
Phoenix	44	38	.537	16
Houston	43	39	.524	17
Seattle	40	42	.488	20
Golden State	38	44	.463	22
Memphis	28	54	.341	32
LA Clippers	27	55	.329	33
Denver	17	65	.207	43



Playoff Bracket Next Week!

MLB REGULAR STANDINGS

American League

	W	L	PCT	GB
NY Yankees	13	3	.813	----
Kansas City	12	3	.800	½
Boston	11	5	.688	2
Chicago Sox	10	6	.625	3
Minnesota	9	7	.563	4
Oakland	9	7	.563	4
Seattle	9	7	.563	4
Anaheim	8	8	.500	5
Baltimore	7	8	.467	5½
Texas	6	10	.375	7
Toronto	6	11	.353	7½
Cleveland	5	11	.313	8
Tampa Bay	5	11	.313	8
Detroit	1	14	.067	11½

National League

	W	L	PCT	GB
San Francisco	14	2	.875	----
Chicago Cubs	11	6	.647	3½
St. Louis	9	6	.600	4½
Colorado	10	7	.588	4½
Houston	9	7	.563	5
Montreal	9	7	.563	5
Atlanta	9	8	.529	5½
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	5½
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	6
Florida	8	10	.444	7
Los Angeles	7	10	.412	7½
NY Mets	7	10	.412	7½
San Diego	7	10	.412	7½
Milwaukee	6	11	.353	8½
Cincinnati	5	11	.313	9
Arizona	5	12	.294	9½

Friday Scores

Orioles 9 - Rays 7, Bosox 7 - Blue Jays 3, Chisox 5 - Indians 3, Cubs 7 - Pitts 2, NY Mets 6 - Marlins 3, Royals 4 - Tigers 3, Yankees 11 - Twins 4, Seattle 8 - Anaheim 2, As 9 - Rangers 0, Braves 5 - Philly 4, Astros 11 - Brewers 5, Cards 6 - Ariz 3, Rockies 12 - Padres 1, San Fran 5 - LA 1

Points Leader Kenseth Quietly Effective

Associated Press

Matt Kenseth says he'll probably never get the attention Dale Jr. gets, but according to the points leader that's fine by him. The five Winston Cup drivers at Roush Racing couldn't be more different. There's a veteran, a politician, a brash youngster and a rookie.

In the middle - Kenseth - Winston Cup leader. Quiet and reserved, Kenseth knows his personality is dramatically different from teammates Mark Martin, Jeff Burton, Kurt Busch and Greg Biffle.

Winston Cup Standings

After: Virginia 500

Next: Auto Club 500

Winner: Jeff Gordon

California Speedway

Rank	Driver	Points Behind
1.	Matt Kenseth	Leader
2.	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	-51
3.	Jeff Gordon	-139
4.	Jimmie Johnson	-179
5.	Kurt Busch	-205
6.	Kevin Harvick	-233
7.	Tony Stewart	-238
8.	Michael Waltrip	-242
9.	Ricy Craven	-248
10.	Elliott Sadler	-275