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Blix, Inspectors Want More From Iraq

Blix: "They still have along way to go to prove they're serious!"

United Nations

In a report to the Security Council the chief inspector called Iraq's disarmament efforts "very limited so far." The report was written before Iraq accepted "in principle" Blix's order to eliminate Iraq's Al Samoud 2 missiles. The Blix report did not draw definitive conclusions on Iraq's compliance and made no recommendation on the future of inspections.

Instead, he stressed that he still needs documents, physical evidence or testimony by individuals who participated in Iraq's weapons programs to answer unresolved issues. A reference in the draft report that this was needed "to give confidence" that Iraq's claim to having no weapons of mass destruction is accurate was eliminated.

The final 13-page report was critical of Baghdad for missing a chance to clear up outstanding issues about its weapons programs in its 12,000-page declaration submitted Dec. 7. Blix said the declaration provided "little new substantive information."

Blix also said he didn't understand why Iraq waited until mid-January to take steps that could lead to the discovery of banned items or evidence about long-standing disarmament issues.

"If they had been taken earlier, they might have borne fruit by now," he said. "The results in terms of disarmament have been very limited so far."

A commission established by Iraq on Jan. 20 to find banned weapons has only turned up four empty 122 mm chemical munitions and "two complete R-400 aerial bombs" - one of which may be filled with a biological agent, Blix said.

A second Iraqi commission charged with finding missing documentation has turned up some documents about the country's unilateral destruction of weapons, but more written evidence is needed, he said.

But while speaking to reporters, Blix said that Iraq could carry out "a very significant piece of real disarmament" by destroying the Al Samoud 2 missiles. If Iraq does follow demands to begin demolishing them Saturday, Blix said he would take note of it in his upcoming report to the council, expected late next week.

With the crisis over Iraq coming to a head, Iraq's cooperation is expected to be a key factor as the 15 nations on the deeply divided Security Council decide whether to back war or continued U.N. inspections.

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U.S. Troop Buildup Hits 200,000 in March

Fox News - Washington

President Bush called anew for Saddam's "total, complete disarmament" and defended his father for stopping short of ousting the Iraqi president in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Secretary of State Colin Powell urged Arab leaders who are planning to hold a summit meeting this weekend "to issue the strongest possible statement" to Saddam that he must comply with U.N. Security Council disarmament resolutions. Powell also said the Arab League meeting in Egypt might consider urging Saddam to "step down and get out of the way and let some responsible leadership take over in Baghdad."

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld rejected the U.S. Army chief's estimate this week that several hundred thousand troops would be needed for a post-Saddam occupying force in Iraq.

"The idea that it would take several hundred thousand U.S. forces is far off the mark," Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference.

Estimating how much a war with Iraq would cost is impossible, Rumsfeld said during a joint news conference with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

"If you don't know if it's going to last six days, six weeks or six months, how in the world can you come up with a cost estimate?" Rumsfeld said. "There are so many variables that the numbers of possible point answers create a range that simply isn't useful."

Administration officials said that in recent days members of Iraq's northernmost Republican Guard division have moved south in what the United States interpreted as a further effort to protect Saddam's power centers — his hometown of Tikrit and the capital of Baghdad 100 miles south.

Significant parts of the Adnan Republican Guard division, based near the northern city of Mosul, were moving toward Tikrit, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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492nd Harbor Master Det. Provides Command and Control Almost Any Port

By Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Michael

The Army's 492nd Transportation Detachment pro vides services much like those of the BMU-1 unit profiled last week.

The detachment, consisting of 18 personnel, has been given the task of maintaining command and control of coalition vessels inside the harbor. This type of tasking is exactly what this unit was developed to do. The detachment stood up as a unit only four years ago, and has honed it's skills in virtually every exercise and operation the 24th Transportation Battalion has been involved in. Commanded by CW3 Walter Ortiz, the detachment can operate in several different points at once, running 24 hours a day.

With only 18 personnel assigned, this can sometimes be a formidable task. At one point in a past exercise, there were five separate control points, including three Ship Lighterage Control Points (SLCP), a Beach Lighterage Control Point (BLCP) and the Harbormaster Operations section, each operating with two to three personnel per point.

With this type of manning, it not unusual to see a SPC or below placed in charge of the operations, tracking and movement control of millions of dollars of equipment; a tasking each soldier assigned looks forward to. This deployment has been no different. As SPC Joseph McGinnis, from Holly Ridge, NC, says, ".. I have a wife and seven month old child at home, and I miss them a lot, but I kind of enjoy it here, also. We all help each other get through it together."

Sergeant Gunia of Muskeega, Michigan agrees, ".. I like it here, it's interesting." He is anxious to see his wife and eight month old daughter, but agrees it's important to be here. ".. We've been here almost a month, and running twelve hour shifts."

The detachment has been charged with operational control of watercraft in California during past JLOTS missions, as well as Fort Eustis, Va. In past operations, working with their naval counterparts had been challenging. Terminology differences and methodology were some of the more interesting obstacles to overcome.

The detachment, unlike it's naval counterpart in BMU-1, have only three vehicles to operate, one of them an expandable five ton truck. "The Bus", as it's called, contains everything necessary to operate a harbormaster unit, including communications and digitized chart systems. The detachment continues to upgrade and modernize it's equipment, and thus, it's capabilities. At present, though, all it takes is a soldier and a radio, and the "Corsairs" detachment is prepared to take control of a port at a moments notice.

What You Should or Shouldn't Say During an Interview

With the growing possibility of civilian media visiting Camp Patriot, there are a number of things you should know in case you are interviewed or asked to speak to a media representitive.

Do NOT discuss your location - KNB or Kuwait
Do NOT discuss numbers or operations involving forces here
Do NOT have photos taken with Kuwaiti assets
Do NOT have photos taken with Kuwaiti nationals

Remember - It's for the United Nations and the President of the United States to make judgments to determine whether, and at what point, Saddam's behavior reflects compliance and cooperation, and at what point it reflects something other than that.

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West Coast Ships Offload Kuwait

By JO1 Joseph Krypel

A joint-service, multi-national force is participating in the offload of seven American West Coast ships here. The armada of ships, known as Task Group 51.6, and formerly called Amphibious Task Force West, recently arrived to offload personnel and equipment for possible future contingencies in the Central Command area of responsibility.

This is the third such offload to take place at Camp Patriot. More than 2,000 sailors, Marines, soldiers, airmen and Coast Guardsmen make up Camp Patriot, which is the location for Task Force 51.8.

During the week-long process, Camp Patriot residents will work with their Kuwaiti counterparts in ensuring that weapons systems, aviation assets, combat equipment, military supplies, and more than 1,500 Marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Battalion are transported from the beach to their specific mission areas.

Typical loads include 155mm Howitzer artillery guns, Light Armored Vehicles (LAV), HMMWV'S, a variety of trucks and trailers, power generators and other miscellaneous military supply requirements.

According to Navy Capt. Donald P. Cook, Commander, Task Group 51.8 and the "mayor" of Camp Patriot, the offload requires close attention and cooperation from all parties involved. "We work as a team here - we are a coalition not only of American forces, but a multinational cooperative with our host nation and others."

The ships of CTG 51.6 will transition their cargos through the use of the Navy's Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC) hovercraft, Land Craft, Utility (LCU) boats and a multitude of helicopters assigned to the task group.

An early morning offload sets this LCAC close to its return station USS Cleveland at the start of a very busy week for over 2500 servicemen and women here. (Photo by JO1 Joseph Krypel)

Political Refugee to U.S. Sailor Camp Patriot - A Diverse City

By PH3 Aaron Pineda

A Camp Patriot resident who shares a similar story from last week is Hmong decendent Storekeeper 2nd Class Shao Yang Thrasher.

Thrasher and here family fled the hills of Loas when she was eight... headed for Thailand where they sought political refuge from Communist Vietnam. After a brief stay in a Thai political refugee camp, Thrasher and her family relocated to the United States and made a home in Minneapolis Minnesota.

Due to the political history experienced by the Thrasher family, her decision to join the United States Military was met with some opposition.

"At first my family was upset that I joined because war and politics had taken so much from them. After a while they finally came to respect my decision and came to terms with me joining".

The contributions and sacrifices given to the United States Military by people of foreign nationalities have been monumental to our Country and deserve our grateful recognition.

"At first my family was upset that I joined because war and politics had taken so much from them."

- SK2 Shao Yang Thrasher

(U.S. Navy Photo by Aaron Pineda)

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 . . .

Billboard Theology Along the Journey Through the Desert

By Chaplain (CPT) Alan T. Savage
Battalion Chaplain for the 24th Transportation Battalion, Ft. Eustis, Va.

Some ten years ago, I was the senior pastor of a Baptist church in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio and spent quite a bit of time traveling downtown on hospital visitations and the like. During these ministerial trips, I nearly always pondered some theological issue or another for one very important reason - *Cleveland billboards*. If you've ever driven through the downtown area of Cleveland, you've probably seen some simple billboards with a black background and a white text.

Not surprisingly, God has a variety of theological messages—for those that will seek to see such—in a myriad of different contexts and through variety of different mediums. In fact, the scripture advises to "Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take" (Jer. 31:21a). Life's journey is filled with these billboards; we just have to learn what to look for.

Take children for example. Jesus declared that, "Whosoever humbles himself like [a] child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 18:4). He likewise spoke of strong faith being analogous to a "house built upon a rock." He explained that, in such a house of faith, "The rains came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" (Mt. 7:25).

And what, you may ask, are God's theological billboards out here in the desert of Kuwait? My friend they're literally everywhere around us! To be sure, think of God's provision of nutritious sustenance through our esteemed "Sand Dune Café". This is closely likened to God's gift of manna in the desert in the Old Testament (Ex. 16:15ff). Likewise, consider the water bottles we drink every day. The Lord once told a Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst" (Jn. 4:13-14).

The truth is that God's billboards are quite literally everywhere we look. The Lord advised in this context that, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). Look with diligence and discernment at all the theological billboards throughout Camp Patriot and life's road. You'll be surprised what you may find on this "journey through the desert."

Chaplains Honor Seabees Sunday

The Chaplains are considering this Sunday "Seabees Sunday" because it is closest to the Seabees Birthday. The prayer is for Masses and any of the other services that wish to use it. Please join us in this Sunday Celebration of Seabees.

Eternal Father, Your wisdom is limitless, your power without measure. The world and all that is in it was formed by your hand. Be pleased to bestow a share of your power and wisdom on all Seabees who design and build the structures so essential to the missions of our Navy and Marine Corps. Give them all the skill they need, the strength required for every task, and the endurance to persevere under any condition. Reward them for the heroic and faithful service they have provided in war and in peace, on our shores and in every corner of the globe. Hallow the memory of those who have served and sacrificed in the past, and bless those who carry on in the present. We ask this in Your Holy Name. AMEN.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

ROMAN CATHOLIC:

- *Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 0745 & 2030*

PROTESTANT:

- *Distribution of Ashes 1200 & 1700*

Quick Reference Phone Numbers

Watch Officer
618-6700

Medical Clinic
617-7280

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

Catholic Mass
M - Sat.....1130
Sunday.....0830 / 2030
Tues.....Rosary/Confessions.....1930

Catholic Instruction / Faith Class
Thursday.....1800

Pentecostal Worship
Mon & Wed.....1930

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

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

Inspectors . . .

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The United States, Britain and Spain have cosponsored a resolution opening the door for war while France, Russia and Germany are have proposed strengthening inspections and continuing them at least into July.

Both sides have been lobbying undecided members of the council, who all want some kind of compromise that will unite the council and deliver a strong message to Hussein.

Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Mohammed Al-Douri expressed hope that the report would be "well balanced" so the United States and Britain couldn't use it to launch an attack.

"The Americans and the British try to use the U.N. as justification, as a cover for their war," he said. "We are doing utmost to avert this war through the United Nations, but at the same time we are preparing ourselves for such eventuality."

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Friday that Moscow was prepared, if necessary, to veto a resolution authorizing war.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin wouldn't say whether France would use its veto but he praised the missile-destruction agreement, calling it "an important step" that "confirms that inspectors are getting results."

The Blix report will likely give ammunition to both sides of the issue.

The Bush administration is certain to welcome his complaint that inspectors still haven't been able to interview Iraqi scientists and disarmament officials privately "in circumstances that give satisfactory credibility." This has been a major U.S. demand.

Blix noted that inspectors are currently examining ways to conduct interviews outside Iraq — another key U.S. demand.

On the other hand, Blix said Iraq has been helpful in arranging prompt access to sites and launching inspections. In an apparent reference to the French-Russian-German proposal, he said his inspection operation "could certainly further expand and strengthen its activity."

He also said he was finishing a list of key unresolved disarmament issues, which if adopted by the Security Council would continue inspections for at least four months.

Rumsfeld Reconsiders Philippines Deal

Associated Press

A week after defense officials announced they had an agreement to deploy more than 1,000 U.S. troops in March in an effort to rout Abu Sayyaf forces from the island of Jolo, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he didn't know how many would go, or when, or exactly what they would do.

The Pentagon's initial announcement of planned joint operations — which could draw Americans into combat — had stirred controversy in the Philippines.

The former U.S. possession prohibits foreign groups from engaging in combat unless allowed by a treaty

Amphibious Power!

The Navy's Joint Venture HSV-X1, a high-speed, sealift catamaran built and designed by Australian shipbuilders, sits pierside here. The Navy's newest operational amphibious asset is a display of the pure speed and power to military forces around the globe. The vessel design was coordinated by the Navy Warfare Development Command in close partnership with elements of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The vessel's speed, ranging from 30 to 40 knots, can get troops and equipment into theater quicker than current military transport vehicles. The ability to carry such loads is a considerable savings in time and money when compared to using military and commercial aircraft. Operation Enduring Freedom is the first time the craft has been deployed for military operations. (U.S. Navy Photo by JO1 Joseph Krypel)

Troops . . .

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Word on that movement followed statements by a senior defense official Wednesday that Saddam also has concentrated a substantial number of forces around the Baghdad area in an attempt to draw U.S. forces into high-risk urban combat.

Other such preparations included digging trenches that could be filled with oil to create fires in an attempt to make airstrikes more difficult, Pentagon officials said. Iraq has recently tested a burning trench, the officials said.

The repositioning would leave only one full Republican Guard division in northern Iraq to oppose any invasion from the north by U.S. and Turkish forces as well as forces of Iraq's Kurdish minority, the U.S. officials noted. Seven of Iraq's regular army divisions remain in the north, but they are not as well-equipped and trained as the guard.

It is widely believed that American war plans call for the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division, supported by elements of the 1st Infantry Division, to gather in Turkey to Iraq's north for a possible thrust south toward Tikrit and Baghdad.

But the plan to base 60,000 American combat troops in Turkey remained stalled. Turkey's ruling party Thursday delayed a vote on the proposal.

The Pentagon said the number of American troops now deployed to the region stood at 225,000, which includes some 16,000 in and around Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa pursuing the war against Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

As part of that buildup, the Navy announced Thursday that the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz and its battle group would leave San Diego for the Gulf on March 3. The Nimitz is the sixth of America's 12 aircraft carriers to be sent to the region.

Also, Pentagon officials said B-2 stealth bombers have been ordered to move from their base in Missouri to overseas bases closer to Iraq: a base in Britain and a British base on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

"The purpose of flowing forces is to demonstrate the seroiusness of purpose of the international community," to disarm Iraq, Rumsfeld said.

Bush said he was closely watching to see whether Saddam complies with an order to start destroying his Al Samoud 2 missiles by Saturday. A panel of international experts determined earlier this month that the missiles exceed the 93-mile range limit set by the U.N. Security Council at the end of the Gulf War.

"The discussion about these rockets is part of his campaign of deception," Bush said. "See, he'll say, 'I'm not going to destroy the rockets,' and then he'll have a change of mind this weekend and destroy the rockets and say, 'I've disarmed."'

In fact, a U.N. diplomat told The Associated Press late Thursday that Iraq had agreed "in principle" to destroy the missiles.

In an interview with USA Today for Friday editions, Bush suggested that he viewed war as inevitable. "My attitude about Saddam Hussein is that if he had any intention of disarming, he would have disarmed."

	Saturday	***Sunday***	***Monday***	***Tuesday***	***Wednesday***
Weather Conditions	*Partly Cloudy Some Dust*	*Partly Cloudy Some Haze*	*Mostly Cloudy Fog / Haze*	*Cloudy Poss.T-Showers*	*Mostly Cloudy*
TEMPS	*48 / 63*	*44 / 64*	*53 / 66*	*53 / 70*	*52 / 68*

The men and women of Commander, Task Group 51.8 work diligently, day and night, to offload U.S. Marines and supplies from Navy ships on station in the Northern Arabian Gulf. The evolution involves the coordination of many different forward deployed units and men and women of all pay grades. The ability to offload forces and vital supplies in forward areas demonstrates the importance of the Navy and Marine Corps team in the support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Arlo K. Abrahamson.)

Entertainment News...

Fred Durst tells all about Britney Spears affair.

He blabs to Howard Stern after Spears says she hardly even knew him !

By Gary Susman

Fred Durst, who in recent weeks has been denying that he and Britney Spears dated, changed his tune Thursday, telling Howard Stern that his brief fling with Spears was not that innocent. The *Limp Bizkit* frontman said Spears' recent statements compelled him that she barely knew him to set the record straight. ''This [relationship] went on for a little while, that's what's pretty unbelievable about this crap she's talking.'

According to Durst, who was producing some tracks for Spears in January, he developed a crush on her and slipped her a love note. She responded by returning to the studio late at night in a ''see-through shirt with no bra'' and invited him back to her house. As for what happened next, he quoted a lyric from one of his upcoming songs: ''Ain't it funny, scared to admit it/ Very first night made the Limp dog hit it.'' Durst even blabbed about Britney's fabled endowments; in the words of ''Seinfeld,'' they're real, and they're spectacular.

On Monday, Spears appeared on MTV's ''TRL,'' and when asked by Carson Daly if she was dating Durst, she scowled and said, ''No, he's not my type.'' In another recent interview, she said of Durst, ''We worked together for three days and he's a really cool guy, but there's no relationship.'' Durst's response to such denials has been to release a new Limp Bizkit song, ''Just Drop Dead,'' on the band's website, in which the singer disses a woman who left him for another guy. Talking to Stern on Thursday, Durst said this song was not specifically about her but that she was a partial inspiration.

Responding to Durst's latest dish, Spears' spokesperson told the New York Post, ''Once again it's Fred playing kiss and tell. Only Fred's doing a lot more talking than he ever did kissing. This whole stuation is very junior high school.'' As for Spears, she's dropped the three Durst-produced tracks from her forthcoming album, MTV News reports.

Entertainment Weekly

"Harry Potter"author to guest on "Simpsons" - J.K. Rowling and Sir Ian McKellen will appear in an England-set episode

Maybe J.K. Rowling can call her sixth book ''Harry Potter and the Four-Fingered Tourists.'' That is, if she's inspired by her up-close-and-personal encounter with the Simpson family. Her spokesperson tells Reuters that the author has lent her voice to a guest appearance on a future episode of ''The Simpsons'' that has the Springfield clan visiting England. ''Lord of the Rings'' star Sir Ian McKellen will also appear in the episode, according to British newspaper The Sun.

The paper quotes ''Simpsons'' producer Don Payne as saying the episode sends the family to England to find a woman with whom Grandpa Simpson had a wartime fling. ''The Simpsons bump into J.K. Rowling outside a bookshop and they talk all about Harry Potter,'' Payne tells the Sun. The family then catches McKellen in a stage performance of ''Macbeth,'' but Homer violates theatrical superstition by saying the play's name aloud, causing the actor to be hit by a falling scaffold and struck by lightning. (D'oh!)

Series creator Matt Groening is even trying to get Prime Minister Tony Blair to play himself, the Sun reports. ''We're very excited about the episode,'' Payne tells the paper, ''and rest assured every British cliché will be trotted out to get a laugh.''

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

AA Meeting
Monday.....1930

Laundry Service
Mornings 1000 - 1300
Afternoons 1400 - 2000

AAFES Hours
Daily.....0900 - 1800
CLOSED Wednesdays

Internet Cafe
Open 24 Hours!

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

Movie Schedule

Sunday
Lord of Rings
Bean

Monday
Joe Dirt
X-Men

Tuesday
American Beauty
Coyote Ugly

Wednesday
The Green Mile
Tue Lies

Thursday
At First Sight
Can't Hardly Wait

Friday
Selena
The Mexican

Saturday
Christmas Story
The Santa Clause

Movies begin each evening at 1800 in the movie tent.

Sports Shorts

Men's NCAA Division 1 Rankings
Week 16 (Feb. 24 - March 02)

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

Thursday Scores

(1) Arizona 88 - (21) California 75, (19) Stanford 88 - Arizona State 77, (11) Marquette 78 - (9) Louisville 73

NBA OVERALL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT	GB
New Jersey	38	21	.644	---
Philadelphia	33	24	.579	4
Boston	32	25	.561	5
Orlando	29	29	.500	8½
Washington	28	29	.491	9
New York	24	33	.421	13
Miami	19	38	.333	18
Central	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Indiana	38	21	.644	---
Detroit	37	21	.638	½
New Orleans	32	27	.542	6
Milwaukee	28	30	.483	9½
Atlanta	21	37	.362	16½
Chicago	21	38	.356	17
Toronto	17	37	.315	18.5
Cleveland	11	47	.190	26½

Western Conference

Midwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	44	14	.759	---
San Antonio	39	17	.696	4
Minnesota	39	21	.650	6
Utah	33	25	.569	11
Houston	30	28	.517	14
Memphis	17	39	.304	26
Denver	12	46	.297	32
Pacific	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Sacramento	41	18	.695	---
Portland	37	20	.649	3
LA Lakers	32	25	.561	8
Phoenix	31	27	.534	9½
Golden State	28	30	.483	12½
Seattle	25	31	.446	14½
LA Clippers	19	37	.339	20½

Friday Scores

Indiana 107 - Milw. 98, Boston 90 - Toronto 85, Philly 104 - Utah 83, Minn. 118 - Clev. 95, Memphis 126 - Miami 116, Atlanta 110 - Chicago 88

NHL OVERALL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
New Jersey	63	37	16	6	4	84
Philadelphia	63	33	17	11	2	79
NY Islanders	63	29	24	8	2	68
NY Rangers	67	26	31	8	2	62
Pittsburgh	64	25	30	4	5	59
Northeast	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OTL**	**PTS**
Ottawa	65	40	17	7	1	88
Toronto	64	36	23	4	1	77
Boston	63	28	25	8	2	66
Montreal	65	24	27	7	7	62
Buffalo	63	19	31	8	5	51
Southeast	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OTL**	**PTS**
Washington	65	30	25	7	3	70
Tampa Bay	64	27	22	10	5	69
Florida	64	19	24	12	9	59
Atlanta	62	21	32	5	4	51
Carolina	64	18	31	9	6	51

Western Conference

Central	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Detroit	63	34	17	9	3	80
St. Louis	64	32	18	8	6	78
Nashville	63	25	25	9	4	63
Chicago	64	24	27	10	3	61
Columbus	63	23	32	6	2	54
Northwest	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OTL**	**PTS**
Vancouver	64	38	17	9	0	85
Colorado	63	30	15	11	7	78
Minnesota	63	32	22	8	1	73
Edmonton	64	26	23	7	8	67
Calgary	64	19	31	10	4	52
Pacific	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OTL**	**PTS**
Dallas	65	35	13	15	2	87
Anaheim	65	30	23	8	4	72
Los Angeles	64	27	29	4	4	62
Phoenix	63	25	26	8	4	62
San Jose	63	24	28	6	5	59

Friday Scores

Buffalo 5 - Dallas 3, Phoenix 3 - Anaheim 1

B. Labonte Wins Bud Pole Under Vegas Lights

Cool track conditions helped Bobby Labonte set a qualifying record at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where he waited out a long rain delay before winning the pole Friday night.

Labonte ran a lap at 173.016 mph around the 1.5-mile oval to take the top spot and bump fellow Chevrolet driver Jeff Gordon to the outside of the front row.

Labonte's lap beat Todd Bodine's track record of 172.850 set last year.

"The car was very comfortable, it was two good laps for us," Labonte said. "The car was good right off the truck. We just had a great day and a good little race car."

Gordon, the third driver to make his run, sat on top of the leaderboard until Labonte went out 37 cars later. He just shrugged when he saw the No. 24 Chevrolet slip into second on the board.

Winton Cup Standings

After: *Subway 400* — *Winner: Dale Jarrett*

Next: *Daimler Chrys 400* — *Las Vegas Mtr. Speedway*

Rank	Driver	Points Behind
1.	Kurt Busch	Leader
2.	Dale Jarrett	-31
3.	Jimmie Johson	-33
4.	Mark Martin	-39
5.	Michael Waltrip	-54
6.	Matt Kenseth	-67
7.	Jeff Burton	-83
8.	Ricky Craven	-90
9.	Tony Stewart	-91
10.	Kevin Harvick	-97