


Morales pleads guilty to two federal charges

BY KELLEY SHANNON

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER $\quad$ As he was getting into a car to drive away

South,North Korean soldiers exchange fire SEOUL, South Korea (AP) shot irst. The South was inves- U.S. military officicials are

- South and North Korean tigating whether the shooting paying close attention to
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traded was inadvertent or a scheme to reports of the incident. said machine-gun fire in their bor- rattle nerves, possibly to gain Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, der zone Thursday, raising ten- leverage in the dispute over the Pentagon spokesman.
sions even as Secretary of State North's suspected develop- "It appears to be an isolated Colin Powell expressed opti-
ment of nuclear weapons.
mism about diplomatic efforts
"We need to clarify whether to resolve the North Korean it's intentional or accidental occurred in the past and serv
nuclear standoff.
before we can say anything to illustrate nuclear standoff.
The South Korean military said it did not suffer casualties issue," said Lee Jihyun, a demilitarized zone." in the shooting between two spokeswoman for South dents were commonplace guard heavily mined there tapered off in recent years. The Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ, A team from the U.S.-led last exchange of fire in the the buffer created at the end of United Nations Command, DMZ, in November 2001,
the $1950-53$ Korean War to which oversees the southern caused no casualties. A naval
cee $\begin{array}{lll}\text { North Korea did not com- site of the shooting near the two Koreas in June } 2002 \text { killed } \\ \text { ment on the exchange. } & \text { South Korean town of six South Koreans and }\end{array}$ South Korean military offi- Yonchon, 35 miles north of unknown number frum the
cials said the North Koreans

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| MURDER | loving person," he said. "She was a good nurse and loved | Fritz was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church |
| Rogers said Fritz was tak- | people." | he said. |
| ing chemotherapy treatment | Rogers said that every | "She loved her church and |
| for liver cancer, not as a cure | morning residents of the | the people loved her |
| to extend her life seve | apartment complex would | church," he said. |
| onths. He said she had sur | meet for coffee. | "I just want her to have a |
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## Texans clean up after Claudette

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SURFSIDE BEACH (AP) decades-old bubert Smith that pre -Dr. Hubert Sminh and for a ladder so they could get hing even more damage. "At Claudette's eye came ashore for a ladder so they could get high tide, it's maybe 20-25 suffered severe, perhaps per-
back into the beach house to yards." retrieve their belongings and a As he spoke, the Gulf con- jackhammering waves. refrigerator full of food, items tinued to lap at the bulkhead Surfside Beach is 60 miles up they had stowed the day even though Claudette was the coast from Palacios, before Hurricane Claudette drifting over Mexico and far approximately where the forced their evacuation and West Texas, and he wondered storm center first touched ended their vacation as it how much beach would land, and further beach dambegan. remain once the seas returned age might have happened The ladder was need because Claudette decimat the stairway on the house, storm zone for the first time Bolivar Peninsula.
which like which like all the homes along Thursday, stopping at an ele- coastline, many of the Texas the beach is built on piers in mentary school serving as a Brazoria and Galveston counthe event of high surf such as shelter in Port Lavaca, ties are lined with front-row
the 9 -foot waves that accom- "'m panied the hurricane Tuesday- "I'm committed to doing homes just behind the dunes. panied the hurricane Tuesday. everything we can to provide Under the recently modified physician waited for his step- most to clean up and then to once the vegetation line at the son to bring the ladder, he rebuild and make a full recov- back of a beach moves behind pointed out something else ery," Perry said, surrounded a structure because of erosion, that was missing. by state officials and relief the General Land Office con"At low tide, the beach workers, at Jackson-Roosevelt demns the property if dune


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goes out about 50 yards. Elementary School, which grasses don't start returning in About half a football field, housed 68 Port Lavaca-area the front of it within two Smith said, peering over the residents Wednesday night. years


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Partisan politics place rural areas concerns at risk From the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal:
After observing what has taken place in the state capitol in Austin since June 30, it's not an overstatement to say that the future of the rural areas, including West Texas, is at stake.
Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican who was thought to have Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican who was thought to have
deep roots in West Texas, called the Texas Legislature back deep roots in West Texas, called the Texas Legislature back
into special session on June 30 with specific instructions to redraw the lines for the 32 Texas congressional districts in the United States House of Representatives. A three-judge federal panel had drawn the current map
being used to determine the Texas districts because the Legislature in 2001 had not been able to reach an agreement on how to redistrict the state following the 2000 Census. While most Texans don't approve of federal judges telling them how to run their business, there had been little concern from the public about how the court had drawn the map.
The only people visibly upset were a few Republicans in The only people visibly upset were a few Republicans in
Washington, mainly House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Washington, mainly House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of
Sugar Land, and Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, RMidland, and Mr. F
It seems that Texans are not sending enough Republicans to
Washington to satisfy Mr. Washington to satisfy Mr. DeLay. In May, Mr. DeLay tried to
work his will on the Texas Legislature, but most Democrat members of the House bolted to Ardmore Okla until it was too late to redistrict during the regular session. hearings across the state, including Lubbock, in preparation for the called session.
What they heard overwhelmingly was, "Leave the map
alone."
Sadly, most Republicans in the Texas House have decided that they represent their party first and that doing the dirty
work of Messrs. DeLay, Perry and Craddick is more important work of Messrs. DeLay, Perry and Craddick is more important than serving the interests of their constituents.
The plan put forward by the Texas House and now on its
way to the Senate for consideration places newly elected U.S. Rep. Randy, Neugebauer of Lubbock, a Republican, against House veteran Charlie Stenholm of Stamford, the ranking Democrat on the important House Agriculture Committee. If the Senate doesn't kill this bill, the future of agriculture,
one of the key elements in our economy, will be at risk The good news for Texas is that Sen. Robert Duncan, RThe good news for Texas is that Sen. Robert Duncan, R-
Lubbock, is chairing the Senate committee charged with developing a redistricting plan. He knows the value of having treating all Texans fairly. Another bit of good fortune is that Lt. Gov. David
Dewhurst has demonstrated that he is his own man and is interested in the Senate developing a plan that will be fair to Texans and not just fair to a political party. He now has an opportunity to succeed President Bush as the most bipartisan leader in Austin.
With these two statesmen at the helm in the Senate, we
hold out hope that the West Texas area, as well as other rural hold out hope that the West Texas area, as well as other rural
areas, will not be put at risk by the partisan politics of Messrs. areas, will not be put at risk
DeLay, Perry and Craddick.
The governor and lieutenant governor need to know immediately that West Texas supports Mr. Duncan in his efforts to equally and preserve the political influence of this exan

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## Don't bulldoze ethics, beliefs

"Ultra-conservative lawmakers are sion of the Texas legislature to attack the LGBT community," so says a press Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. The lawmaker LGRL refers course, is State Rep. Warren Chisum and his efforts in filing House Resolution 6 (HRC 6), a resolution imploring Congress to construct laws to protect the universally-accepted union between a man and a woman.
LGBT evidently perceives any opposition to the gay/lesbian worldview as "discrimination" and views mainstream Christianity with contempt.
"The religious right is reacting to the monumental Supreme Court decision at the end of June. The government can no longer use sodomy laws to justify disrelease quotes Randall Ellis, e press director of LGRL of Texas, as saying.
things to do than waste their time with
this resolution," another quote by Ellis this resolution," another quote by Ellis
lifted from the release said "We all lifted from the release said. "We are all aware of Mr. Chisum's stance on equality tion to clarify his position. The only thing tion to clarify his position. The only thing
this resolution does is to perpetuate homophobia in Texas."
In other words, if you or your legisla tor disagree with LGBT's stance on what exactly constitutes "marriage," LGBT takes it as a personal attack and not as a genuine difference in ideology. It is heresy and "persecution" for any individual to hold moral convictions as espoused by the Bible, a text viewed, no doubt, by LGBT members as so much out-dated propaganda.
The ethics and beliefs that founded this nation are being bulldozed in the mad rush to an anything-goes-society where
tolerance and sensitivity exist for everyone except for those who still believe in one except for those who still believe in the Ten Con
basic truths.

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And this quote is obviously nothing Texans who an attempt to scare those ion of marriag hold the age-old institu GBT's arriage dear into kowtowing to With the-minded agenda.
Went tecis Canadian governments recent decision to recognize gayhesbia rush of victory experiencing the heady States will be the next ons whelming pressure applied by it and sim ilar groups. Thus the dumbing down of standards continues in the name of "toler nce" and "sensitivity."

Surely Texas lawmakers have better


## Liberia could be a bridge too far

The Bush administration is showing signs of all of the vices of successful
foreign policies - arrogance, overforeign policies - arrogance, over-
reaching, elitism, and messianic zeal quagmire.
Americans will gladly support their president when he attacks nations that
sponsor or harbor terrorists. We will even back him in a preemptive war against a country that might attack us. But when we start sending troops around the world to stabilize nations that, if left to disintegrate, might become breeding grounds for terror, it's a step too far for most Americans.
Why are we suddenly sending troops to Africa?
Is it because President Bush is touring the continent and wants to have something to offer the leaders he meets? Is it in response to importuning from
U.N General Secretary Kofi U.N General Secretary Kofi Annan or other world leaders who are asking for a quid-pro-quo for sending troops to Iraq?
Does the desire to satisfy global pubDoes the desire to satisfy global pub-
lic opinion play' a role?
Africa?
None of the above is justification for
sending American troops to yet another foreign venue. Bush will need all the patience 'we can extend to him as he asks us to put up with troops dying in Iraq while other units fight in Afghanistan, the Philippines and other places where terrorism threatens. It is foolish to use up our tolerance with an


Dick Morris
Columist
adventure in Liberia.
Nor should Bush put his trust in limilations on the mission in Liberia. One
good firefight and the United States is committed. Remember the reply of French Marshal Foch to the British general who asked, in 1914, what was the minimum British military contribution that could effectively assist France at the start of World War I.
"One British soldier," he is reputed to have answered.
killed."
Africa is a quagmire if ever there was one. The civil wars there are eternal and
unending. They have no start unending. They have no start and no finassessment of right and wrong gake any assessment of right
It is not our fight, and we are unwise 0 , in the words of John Quincy Adams, "go abroad in search of dragons to destroy."
Besides, the U.S. Army is not the only force in the world. We should let the African nations and European powers take the lead while we husband our resources to fight in heavy mbat or where our presence alone

## IODAY IN HISTORY

## By The Associted Press

Today is Thursday, July 17, the 198th day of 2003. There are 167 days left in the year. Today's
History:

## History:

On July 17, 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Minister Winston Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of

World War II.
On this date:
In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States. In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S. orces.
In 1917, the British royal "Windsor."
In. 1935, the entertainment
trade publication Variety ran ship docked with a Soyuz its famous headline, "Sticks spacecraft in, orbit in the first
Nix Hick Pix" - which might superpower link-up of its kind $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Nix Hick Pix" - which might } & \text { superpower link-up of its kind. } \\ \text { be translated as "Rural } & \text { In 1979, Nicaraguan }\end{array}$ America rejects rural-themed
In 1979, Nicaraguan
President Anastasio Somoza movies."
In 1944, 322 people were ${ }^{\text {rigned and fled into exile in: }}$ : In 1944, 322 people were Miami.
killed when a pair of ammuni- In 1981, 114 people were
tion ships exploded in tion ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif. In 1955, Disneylan debuied Anaheim, Calif.
killed when a pair of walkways above the lobby of the Hotel collapsed during a "tea dance."

The growing potential of West Africa as a source of oil should not tempt us into military action. We must make sure
never to do what the left accuses us of never to do what the left accuses us of doing each day - trading blood for oil. The sudden interest in this oil-producing
region might leave many skeptical and region mi
troubled.
Bush must remember that a large minority of Americans, on both the left for President Clinton, I found the exact percentage to be upwards of 35 , evenly divided between the two parties. Those America-firsters have suspend ed their criticism of Bush (at least those on the right) because of the unique circumstances of the Sept. 11 attacks and the global threat that terrorism represents. But it is unwise to tempt them into political alienation.
Idealism that makes no distinction between areas where our national interest lies and those from which it is remote does no good for America. The weariness of the post-Versailles, postKorea, post-Vietnam eras
from the national mood.

Bush will need Americans to stay focused and alert as we face the common danger of terror and work together in far flung corners of the globe to counter it.
He does himself and his cause no service by asking us to invest in confar fromote from our vital interests and far from our national mission

## Sports



PHYSICALS
PAMPA - Pampa athletic physicals will be given
Saturday, July 26, starting Saturday, July 26, starting
at 8 a.m. at Pampa Middle at 8 a.m. at Pampa Middle School.
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Physicals are required for both male and female athietes enering the 7 th,
9 th and 11 th grades if they wish to particicipate in high school and middle school athletics.
Each athlete must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
Athletes are responsible for their own physicals if they don't attend the July 26 physical exams.

## BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Tim Duncan signed a long-term deal to remain
with the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs. The San Antonio Spurs. The
two-time league MVP two-time league MVP
reportedly received a $\$ 122$ reportedly received a $\$ 122$
million, seven-year deal million, seven-year deal

- the largest allowed under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement. San Antonio also signed 7 -foot center Rasho Nesterovic to a six-year HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Stars said Thursday that right wing David Oliver, center Jarrod Skalde, defensemen Bubba Berenzweig and Jeff MacMillan have been signed to one-year contracts.
Financial terms were not disclosed.
Oliver, 32, appeared in
six games with the Stars last season, posting three assists. He also appeared in six playoff games with the S
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less.
Skalde, 32, appeared in 23 games last season with Lausanne of the Swiss National League, posting seven goals and eight assists for 15 points with 30 penalty minutes. Berenzweig, 25, was acquired by the Stars from the Nashville Predators with a condi tional draft pick in exchange for Jon Sim on Feb. 17. He split last season between Milwaukee and the Utah Grizzlies of the AHL. He went score less in four appearances with Nashville.
MacMillan,
appeared in 78 games with Utah last season, tal lying eight goals and seven assists for 15 points with 132 penalty minutes.

## Flashback

1988: Yolanda Brown scored 26 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to lead Pampa past Randall in high school girls basketball action.

## Homefield advantage, which team benefits?

CHICAGO (AP) - Now the World Series in a Game 7 or for its 12th straight division The Yankees, hoping to boost Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, trying that the American League has something like that will send title, compiling a major league- their bullpen, got Armando for his second AL batting title home-field advantage in the him a 12 -pack of something," best $61-32$ record in the first World Series, the question is said the Yankees' Jason half to take an $81 / 2$-game lead
which team will beriefit. half, the upstart Kansas City Royals have the biggest lead in the league, a seven-game advantage over All-Star host Chicago in the AL Central. "It's awesome. Who would have thought it?" Royals pitcher Darrell May said of the big margin. "We've still got a lot of games left, but we're definitely more comfortable to be in this position than chasing." The New York Yankees,
chasing their sixth straight chasing their sixth straight AL
East title, are two games ahead East title, are two games ahead
of second-place Boston. If the of second-place Boston. If the
Yankees are home for the World Yankees are home for the World
Series opener on Oct. 18, they'II Series opener on Oct. 18, they'll
thank Hank Blalock, whose goahead, two-run homer off Eric Gagne in the eighth inning provided the winning All-Star margin Tuesday night.


Strong-armed catcher
Pampa Elite catcher Jenny Rogers (left) threw out two baserunners and had two hits in the Elites' $7-6$ win over the BadCats last weekend in Amarillo.
The Elite is a member of the High Plans Fastball Softball League this summer.
The team is scheduled to play in a league tournament this weekend in Amarillo.
The league is made of high school players 18 years of age or younger.

Armstrong still overall leader Toulouse, France (AP) - Lance Armstrong clung to his fragie lead after the 1 the
stage tour de France on stage of the Tour de France on
Thursday, though he finished the relatively flat route in 29 th place.
Keeping the overall lead
means Armstrong means Armstrong will wear the yellow jersey in the crucial individual time trial Friday, when
riders race against the clock riders race against the clock
The 95.2 mile stage, a shor trajectory along southern trajectory along southern
France from Narbonne to France from Narbonne to to
Toulouse, was one of the least punishing in the Tour and gave Armstrong a chance to conserve his forces ahead of the time his for
trial.

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Toronto.' Toronto. B'onds (30) and Toronto's Juan Gonzalez could be Carlos Delgado (28) top their had from Texas - if he's
willing to waive his no-trade willing to waive his no-trade Delgado's 97 RBIs are the
clause. Look for all the top clause. Look for all the top third-most ever at the break
teams to prey on the weak as
Colorado's Preston Wilson the deadline approaches. tops the NL with 91 .
Teams also are looking to Toronto's Roy Halladay get back injured players. tops the AL with 13 wins, Randy Johnson. sidelined while Woody Williams of the since arthroscopic surgery Cardinals and Russ Ortiz of the May 1 to remove bone chips. Braves share the NL lead at 12 and loose cartilage from his Fans also will be getting right knee, hopes to rejoin the their final look at Roger Diamondbacks' rotation July Clemens, who says he will 20 against San Diego. Nick retire at the end of the season Johnson, out for two months his 20th in the major leagues. because of a stress fracture in "My work's not done, and it
his right hand, thinks he can won't be done until I've his right hand, thinks he can won't be done until I've
rejoin the Yankes by the end pitched my final game." he rejoin the Yankees by the end pitched my final game." he
of the month.
said. "And at that point I will of the month.
Albert Pujols of the St. be sad, I will be happy. I'll Louis Cardinals, seeking his have a lot of emotions at that first batting title. leads the point, knowing that this will
Six-man games this weekend LUBBOCK - The Texas Six- last season.
Man Coaches Association all-star $\quad$ Kade Zybach, also of For Man Coaches Association all-star $\begin{aligned} & \text { Kade Zybach, also of For } \\ & \text { football and basketball games will }\end{aligned}$ Elliott, will be playing in the allbe played this weekend in star boys basketball games, $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Lubbock. } & \text { Zybach's Norh squad plays the } \\ \text { Fon Elliot has two players on } & \text { South at } 8: 30 \text { Friday night at the }\end{array}$ For Elliot has two players on South at $8: 30$ Friday night at the the West football squad, which Rip Griflin Center at Lubbock takes on the East at $7: 30$ Saturday Christian University. night at Lowrey Field. For Elliott's Tamara Hartline
Quarterback Iason Hathaway and Quarnerback Jason Hathaway and will be playing for North squad

running back Larry Lee Hom will in the all-star girls' basketball represent the Cougars on the foot- games. The North meets the ball field. South at 7 Friday night at the | For Elliott had a 12-1 record | Rip Gifffin Center at Lubbock |
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Reports: Missing player's cell phone used after disappearance

| DALLAS (AP) - Missing Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy's cell phone was used to call a limou- sine driver in the New York area. three days after he vanished last month, published reports say <br> Dennehy's girlffriend, Jessica De La Rosa, told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions that his phone bill shows that the one minute call to the driver was one of two outgoing |
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Woods lost in rough at British Open
(AP) - Tiger Woods was lost in the rough. Greg Norman was
lost in time. Woods couldn't find his ball Thursday after his very first
shot of the British Open, windshot of the British Open, wind-
ing up with a triple-bogey. Not ing up with a triple-bogey.
exactly the way to start when you're trying to break an 0 -for-
4 slump in the majors, but the 4 slump in the majors, but the
world's best player managed to pull himself together.
"I had 17 holes to get
trolled the damage with a 2 over-par 73. "At least I got one back."
He was five strokes behind
the surprising early leader. South African Hennie Otto, a qualifier playing in the first group of the day, made several
long putts on the way to a 68 at long puts on the way to a 68 at
blustery Royal St. George's. blustery Royal St. George's.
Then came Norman, Then came Norman, who played as if it was 1993 all over again. The 48 -year-old Shark, bothered most of the year by a the same course where he on the British Open a decade ago Norman hasn't won a tournament since 1998 and he's played just two PGA Tour events this year. He was feeling
no pain, making an eagle at No. 4 and scrambling to keep his score low.
"I am very relaxed and putting well, considering this is only the third golf tournament in a year," Norman said. "I'm very satisfied.
Norman was joined at 69 by Davis Love III. Defending champion Ernie Els, playing in the afternoon, was 1 over
through five holes as he tried to

The Big Easy teed off into hack it through the fairway $\begin{aligned} & \text { the rough at treacherous No. 1, winding up near some televi } \\ & \text { but at least he could find the sion cables on the left side. }\end{aligned}$ ball. Not so for Woods, who Woods finally reached the doesn t have possession of any green with a wedge, but an 18 major title for the first time since
He pushe shot into the his opening tee along the right side deep rough way. About 25 people including playing partners Donald - poked Luke grass, but they couldn't find the grass,
"Did you guys see where it went?" Woods asked futilely. When the five-minute time limit expired, he pulled his driver out of the bag again,
unleashed an expletive unleashed an expletive and
hopped in a cart for the long. hopped in a cart for the long,
lonely ride back to the tee
His next shot - actually, his third after taking a onestroke penalty - wasn't much
better, sailing into the same better, sailing into the same
rough where marshals were still looking for the first ball This time, Woods didn any trouble locating the

ACC wants rule change
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) conferences with 12 or The Atlantic Coast more teams can stage Conference has asked the NCAA to change a rule that would allow the
league to hold a football league to hold a footbal
championship game. The ACC expanded to 11 schools two weeks ago
by adding Miami and Virginia Tech, but under foot putt came up short. He tapped in for a 7 and walked off the green muttering to himself. Woods ran into another tough stretch beginning at Noo.
12, where an attempt to 2, where an attempt to escape deep pot bunker caught the straight left He wound making the first of wo straight bogeys. "On a golf course like this hard as it is, it really tests you," Woods said. "You just have to stay calm, bear down and try to hit every shot." His score soared as high as 4 over, but lengthy birdie putts at 15 and 16 kept him within sight of the leaders. "If I can drive it a little bit better, I like the way I'm "I hit some good Woods said ing in. That's a geod Hopefully it will carry int Hopefully it will carry into lucrative title gam Shane Lyons, an ACC charge of compliance, said the ACC filed the neces sary paperwork with the
NCAA on Tuesday, asking NCAA on Tuesday, asking: become the first repeat winne

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## Yankees acquire Benitez from Mets for prospects

Benitez thinks Mets' fans were tough,
dill until he blows a save and has to deal with George Steinbrenner.
Benitez, the Mets' closer since 1999 was dealt across town Wednesday and will become the setup man for Mariano

The Yankees will pay the remainder of Benitez's $\$ 6.75$ million salary this; year, which comes to $\$ 2,729,508$, plus
$\$ 456,434$ in additional luxury tax. The Mets get right-handed pitchers Jason
Anderson, Anderson Garcia and Ryan Bicondoa.

Benitez became the target of boos at ole in the team's collapse
-I know in this town some failures er magnified and talked about," Yankees general manager Brian
Cashman said. "I think a change of scenery will do him good. ... Armando has the opportunity to show the New lough spots, like he has been most-of the time with the Mets. Armando has a city, that some of this stuff might be city, that some of this stuff might be
more overblown than it is.".

3-3 with a 3.10 ERA in 45 games this
season, blowing seven of his 28 save chances. Benitez, who has 197 caree saves with Baltimore and the Mets, told Cashman he's willing to become a setup "If there's an ego there, he's going to "Heck's it at the door." Cashman said "He's willing to make the adjustmen here for a short period of time."
The Yankees lead Boston games in the AL East. White Rivera ha games in the AL East. White Rivera has
converted 16 of 17 save chances, the converted 16 of 17 save chances, the
rest of the bullpen has been shaky in the rest of the bullpen has been shaky
absence of injured Steve Karsay. Juan Acevedo was released after sidelined from June 14 until last week end by a strained groin. Chris Hammond, who replaced Mike Stanton as the top left-hander in the bullpen, has been inconsistent. Stanton, unwanted by the Yankees, signed with the Mets. Cashman said Steinbrenner, his always-demanding boss, and manage Joe Torre favored for the trade..
George is supportive of this. Galked to him and explained of this. I've talked to him and explained my ration
ale," Cashman said. "He's a man among ale," Cashman said. "He's a man among
boys in terms of available players on the market. He stood out without ques

Horoscope by Jacqueline bigar
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 18 ,
2003
Many rare opportunities tumble into your Many rare opportunities tumble into your
lap. Visualize more of what you want If If
you act on an instinctive level, you could you act on an instinctive level, you could
be delighted by what comes down your path. Your emotional, knee-jerk reaction
evokes much more of what you want evokes much more of what you want.
Consider going back to school or
increasing your expertise in your chosen increasing your expertise in your chosen
field. Travel also could play a role in
 your year. You will gain greater insight back and try something different.
as a result. If you are single, you will Detachment remains key to your success. meet people in most unanticipated ways If you feel as if you need to work late, do
and odd places. Fall presents you with so. Tonight: Count on going till the wee quite a few travel and social opportunigetting into a power struggle, and you
will find the right path more easily will find the right path more easily. Be
more indulgent and understanding of
your sweetie. ARIES pushes you profesmore indu
your sweeti
sionally.


## Have: $\quad 5$-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) astrological
weathers detoilogical ceather. Finish up some
deate noon, you will be like a tiger stalk ang its
prey, impossible to hold back. Integrate your need for security with what is soing
on around you. Tonight: You're all on around
smiles. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
$\star \star \star \star$ Use the daylight hours to make
sure you're heading for succes. sure you're heading for success. If you're
unsuire, ask. Remain poised no matter unsure, ask. Remain poised no matter
where and when. You're in the driver's seat right now. Remain optimistic during
a meeting. Tonight: Greet the weekend a meeting. Tonight: Greet the
and get some much-needed sle
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) and get some much--reded
GEMINI (May 21--une 20
tion at work, and you'll feel much better.
Investigate the possibilitites that become anything can happen if you remain open.
Let your creativity spark the different
facets of your life Tonight Oft - ofr
Let your creativity spark the
facets of your life Tonight:
something relaxing (for now)
SAGITARIUS Nov. 22-Dec.
$\star \star \star$ Realize (Nhat is Consider options with a greater sense of Consider options with a greater sense of
what you want. Tonight . What starts out
as a get--goether after work could devel-
op int a long ingt.
CANCER (Jnine 21-July 22 )
$\star \star \star \star \star$ You might want to continue
on your set course of action. Your per-
spective will change a lot if you kick
back and try something different.
Detachment remains key toyour sucecss.
If you fei as if you need to work late, do
so. Tonight: Count on going till the wee hours. (July 23-Aug. 22)
$\star \star \star \star \star \pi$ Work with a key associate and/or partner. You'll clear out important
financial business becase of teamowork.
What you thought inpossible becomes a
distinct possibility. Weigh an opportuni-
ty, knowing that a decision doesn't need ty, knowing that a decision doensnt need for the weekend.
VIRG (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) $\star \star \star \star$ Others parricularly enjo
relating, which could create an obstacle clating, which could create an obstacle
clearing out your work. Realize whe you've had enourg.. Others give more
than 100 percent to help you get what you want. Give up the word "impos IBRA (Sept $23-0$
$\star \star \star \star$ Plug into work, deciding to ge want by makisualize more of what gou want by making an effort to communi-
cate with those who can grease the
wheels of change. You know what y whels of change. You know what yo take your time with a deccision. Allow
your abilities to come forward in both your abilities to come forward in both
closed meetings and relating individoar-
ly. Let your creativity bud. Tonight: Put ly. Let your creativity bud. Tonight:
on your dancing shoes.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) $\star \star \star \star \star$ How you see a situation
could change substantialy because of
others' conversation If others' conversations. If you sit back,
you might discover a you might discover a lot more. Make
calls, but vow to yourself to be a good
istener histener. Not everything is as cle
would like. Tonight: At home.
AQUARIUS (lan would ine. Tonight: At home.
AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18) $\star \star \star \star \star$ Dealing with fininances will
flow as long as you're willing to put in the time. Your ability to get a job didpe
efficiently earmats yous efficiently earmarks you. Complete as
much as you can before starting to return calls. Tonight: To your favorite haunt. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) much done as possible. You might feel
overwhel as overwhelmed by what is going on in
your own world. Ohhers offer you a lot.
Decide which way Decide which way you would like to go.
Allow yourself to fow Tonigh Youlre Allow yours
all smiles.
BORN TODAY Actor Vin Diesel (1967), singer Martha Tonight: Away you go ... out of work to
play.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) $\star \star \star \star \star$ Your happy ways draw many
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