

NEWS

National and world news in brief

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Military tribunals in Cuba on bumpy road

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba: The military tribunals for Afghan prisoners at the U.S. Naval Base got started on a rough note as verbal arguments between judges and military defense attorneys led to early recesses being called, halting the justice system.

One defendant decided to boycott his day of trial, claiming that he had been kept in solitary confinement for an unreasonably long time. The judge called a recess, angry at the defense counsel for not alerting him sooner.

Defense attorney Marine Lt. Col. Colby Vokey also fought with a judge, Marine Col. Robert S. Chester, because the judge would not specify if he was conducting the trial by international, federal, or military law standards. Vokey questioned whether or not he would be able to give the defendant fair representation or fair trial if he did not even know which trial rules he had to follow.

"There are no rules here," Vokey said. "It seems kind of crazy."

The United States has not held military tribunals since World War II, a possible reason for rules and procedures being unclear. Out of the nearly 500 inmates being held in Guantanamo Bay since 2002, only 10 have been charged with any crime.

New Macintosh computers to be able to run Windows

CUPERTINO, California: The Apple Computer Corporation surprised everyone on Wednesday when it unveiled software that would allow users of the new Intel processor-based Macintosh computers to run Microsoft's competing Windows operating system.

Industry analysts report that the most likely reason for this abrupt about-face in Apple traditional policy is a tactic to regain some of Apple's dwindling home computing market share, which fell to three percent this year.

"It makes the Mac the most versatile computer on the market," said Tim Bajarin, a technology industry consultant at Creative Strategies.

Another possibility that Apple may have considered, said Bajarin, is the belief that many consumers may have "had their eye on a Mac but knew they could not run their favorite Windows programs on an Apple-based computer."

When the new Intel-based computers were announced in January, Apple at the time claimed that despite the new processor, they had no intention of selling or supporting Windows operating systems on their machines. This appears to have changed, as Apple is now making available a software suite that would allow users to decide and run whichever operating system they choose.

The support software, termed "Boot Camp," is due to be released along with Apple's newest operating system, OS X 10.5, in August.



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DeLay drops out of re-election; announces resignation

WASHINGTON: Representative Tom DeLay (R-TX) announced Tuesday that he was dropping his bid for re-election and will be resigning from his seat in Congress.

The announcement came after reports indicated that a second former aide of his, a Chief of Staff, pled guilty to federal felony charges of conspiracy, fraud and corruption. Connected Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff, reportedly a close working associate of DeLay's, also made headlines earlier this year when he pled guilty to charges of procuring gifts for members of Congress in return for personal political favors.

Facing several indictments of his own, DeLay claims he is innocent of any wrongdoing.

"I've never done anything while I've been in elective office for my personal gain," he said in a television interview. "After many weeks of personal, prayerful thinking and analysis, I have come to the conclusion that it is time to close this public-service chapter of my life."

DeLay also maintained that recent revelations from his staff and Abramoff have nothing to do with his departure from Congress.

"There is nothing that connects me to Abramoff or any of the activities that [my former staffers] had," he said. "I am not a target of this investigation. I haven't even been interviewed by these investigators."

DeLay plans to move to Virginia to make himself ineligible for re-election in Texas, a maneuver that will allow the Republican Party to choose a new candidate despite already having held some primaries. It will also allow him to move \$1.3 million in campaign donations to his personal legal defense fund.

Legislators compromise on immigration bill

WASHINGTON: Republicans and Democrats worked overtime to reach a compromise on a contentious immigration bill.

Senator John McCain, a Republican from Arizona, reported that the late session ended with an important compromise that could lead to the passage of an immigration bill that's receiving national attention and has sparked protests throughout the southwest.

"We've had a huge breakthrough," said Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Legislators have been wrestling over the bill for weeks, seeking a compromise on contentious issues related to restrictions in new immigration and the willingness of illegal immigrants to become naturalized citizens, as well as amnesty options for illegals who have entered the country in the past for political reasons or looking to start a new life in "the land of opportunity."

"I appreciate their understanding that this needs to be a comprehensive immigration bill," President Bush stated in a televised interview on Thursday. "I recognize that there are still details that need to be worked out. I would encourage the members to work hard to get the bill done prior to the upcoming break."

The compromise itself involved setting definite boundaries on the amount of time an illegal immigrant would have had to live in the United States to not be immediately deported. Democrats and Republicans agreed that five years was reasonable, and illegal immigrants who had been in the country living and working for at least that long would be given the opportunity to naturalize and become citizens. Legislators also agreed on other time-limit issues.

Congress continues to work toward a final version of the bill before it goes to vote.

Finding strengths through personal triumphs

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Although her daily routine consists of cleaning tables in the dining area and making sure there are enough bananas for the breakfast hours, there is much more to Gerri Gallagher than her job description. As each student passes through the line at the register, they can't help but notice the generous smile and inviting attitude that radiates from the cashier's face. However, behind the smile and beyond her cashier position, there is lingering pain and suffering that cannot be escaped, even through her job at Bruno's Café.

Even though she is proud of her job working with students, Gallagher did not anticipate ending up at Behrend. Before she came to the campus, she and her family owned a small ice cream business in rural North East, Pennsylvania. For eight years, she made the ice cream that people around the area came to enjoy. But many things changed for her as the years went by. Her life, as she knew it, would endure the most challenging obstacles that anyone could possibly face.

When Gallagher got the call that she was accepted for a position at Bruno's Café, she would also receive some other disturbing news. Right before she started her new job, she was diagnosed with cancer. Enduring one of the most challenging ordeals in her life, Gallagher would not give up hope. "I have one of the best bosses ever. Mike [Lidner] would allow me to take time off to rest and gave me the time I needed for treatments," she said. Working through the treatments with the support of her coworkers, Gallagher depended on such an environment.

"My husband just retired and was diagnosed with Parkinson's dis-

ease. With him being out of work, I still needed to keep myself available for work," she said. In addition to her treatment for cancer and her husband's disease, Gallagher also finds time to care for her mentally challenged daughter and an aging mother-in-law. Many aspects of her life make working difficult; however, she enjoys every minute of it.

With all of the trouble and misfortune in her life, Gallagher still looks forward to going to work. Much of her joy in the workplace comes from observing the students she has come to know on a personal level. "Most of the kids are the same age as my own," she said, "So I like to observe their transition from freshman to senior year."

From serving students their meals during the day to keeping an extra set of eyes for caution against shop-lifting, Gallagher has a lot of experience in her job as a cashier. Even though she is experienced in the food service area, her main relief has come from escaping unions. "I worked at a phone company where there was an overall union mentality," she said, "Here, there is no union mentality since I am only working part-time."

The typical conversation between students and Gerri Gallagher may have the simplest meanings, but behind the small talk and seemingly monotonous smiles, Gallagher has a true love for working with stu-



MikeSharkey/THE BEHREND BEACON

Gerri Gallagher happily serves a student in Bruno's with her ever-present smile.

dents. With her dilemmas at home to her personal health, she has had many setbacks that have tested her strength. Knowing that people depend on her for support and her pure enjoyment for serving others has made her realize how vital she is to the lives of many people.

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-Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist, philosopher and poet (1803-1882)

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