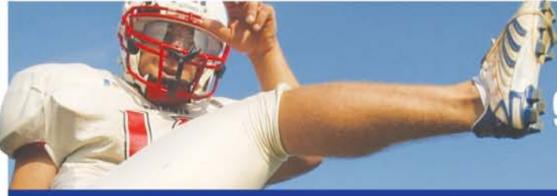


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PETER LALICH

Embattled Lalich removed from Cavs

Quarterback admits in court to drinking while on probation

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Just hours after leaving the Charlottesville General District courthouse

Thursday, embattled University of Virginia quarterback Peter Lalich was removed from the team — the latest in a series of legal and team woes for the Cavaliers. “Peter Lalich is no longer a member of the University

of Virginia football team,” said Craig Littlepage, UVA’s athletics director.

“We have supported Peter, but believe today a point has been reached where it’s best for all concerned that he no longer participate on the

team. This is my decision and it has the support of head football coach Al Groh. We wish Peter the best in the future. We will have no further comment,” Littlepage said.

Groh said: “Any time a

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situation doesn’t work out in the most positive way for any player, it’s regrettable, but we stand united with

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Word of finance fix lifts stocks

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WASHINGTON — Wall Street finally found reason to rally Thursday, soaring on a report that the Bush administration was considering setting up a government agency to soak up bad loans and mortgages.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 410 points, recording its biggest percentage gain in nearly six years and adding to a week of extraordinary volatility.

But it was far from clear that the government had settled on any solution to the worst crisis on Wall Street in decades.

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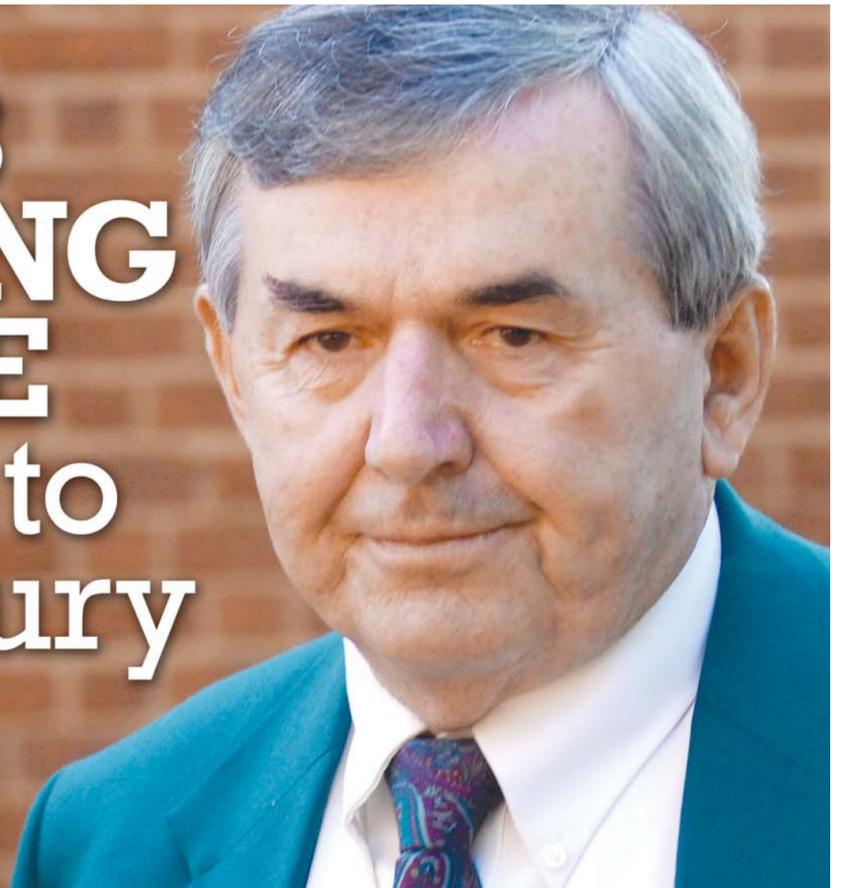
adding to a week of extraordinary volatility in the American financial system and markets.

The rebound also came after an infusion of billions of dollars by the Federal Reserve and world governments aimed at getting nervous banks to stop hoarding money and lend again.

Stocks had fluctuated throughout the day, without severe swings in either direction, until CNBC reported the administration might back a new agency to take

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1988 KILLING CASE heads to grand jury



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Alvin Lee “Butch” Morris arrives at Albemarle General District Court for his preliminary hearing. Morris is accused in the 1988 shooting death of Roger L. Shifflett.

Authorities: 20-year-old cigarette butt has DNA match

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General District Judge William G. Barkley had just finished saying that he would certify murder and other charges against Alvin Lee “Butch” Morris when an entire section of the courtroom stood up and clapped.

A bailiff quickly hushed the group, which was made up of family members of Roger L. Shifflett. Morris was charged with first-degree murder, robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a

A CLOSER LOOK

The certification was welcome news to Tracy Alford, who was 14 years old when his uncle was killed. “There really has been no answer until now,” Alford said. “It is closure.”

felony earlier this year in connection with Shifflett’s shooting death more than 20 years ago.

Barkley said in court that he certified the charges against Morris because of inconsistent statements Morris made to police from 1988 and earlier this year about his ownership of a gun and a confession re-

portedly made to Morris by an employee of Shifflett’s store. During court Thursday, authorities also discussed a DNA match between Morris and a cigarette butt found in front of the store.

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Alford said the court process has been helpful to the family.

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On the morning of June 20, 1988, Albemarle police were called to the Southwind Gas and Grocery store on Route 20, south of Charlottesville, after Steve Stover found his boss had fallen victim to what appeared to be a robbery. Shifflett had been shot in the back of the head, and all of the dollar bills had been taken from the register.

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3 arrested in fatal shooting at University Heights

Drugs, robbery may have led to violence

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The fatal shooting at University Heights Apartments on Wednesday apparently was sparked by an attempted robbery of drugs from a man who now faces a murder charge.

Neither police nor the Albemarle commonwealth’s attorney’s office would comment on the specifics of the case Thursday, but an arrest warrant for Maricus Antwan Rawlings states that he attempted “to rob Stacy Berry of drugs by means of violence...”

Rawlings, a 20-year-old

who lives in the 2600 block of Barracks Road, faces a robbery charge and is in the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail without bond.

A 15-year-old boy also faces a robbery charge in connection with the shooting. He suffered a gunshot wound in the incident, Lt.

Todd Hopwood said, without elaborating on the suspect’s condition.

Berry, 20, faces a second-degree murder charge and remains in jail without bond.

The shooting happened at about 4 p.m. at 263 Colonnade Drive. When po-



Rawlings



Berry

lice arrived they found 23-year-old Travis Scott lying unresponsive in the parking lot. He later died of gunshot injuries at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

Scott’s shooting death

was the first homicide this year in Albemarle.

Police took the 15-year-old and Rawlings into custody soon after the shooting and charged them a short time later, Hopwood said.

Another person who was shot during the robbery remains at UVA hospital in stable condition, according to

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WEATHER

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A good year for apple farmers

Farmers are reporting a strong apple crop this year, crediting a reduction in bruising and bad fruit to good weather this spring and summer.

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Cavs counting on Villanueva to score

With the soccer team’s leading scorer from last year now playing football, Jonathan Villanueva will be counted on to pick up some of the scoring punch as the team opens its ACC schedule against N.C. State. B9



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Historic Jefferson Pools soon to be restored

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