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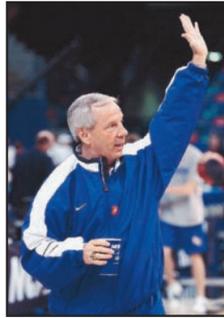
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Williams returns to North Carolina

Roy Williams accepts the job as head basketball coach of his alma mater North Carolina on Monday, after resigning as the Kansas Jayhawks' coach.

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Exercise in the mall

Walkers from all over West Tennessee enjoy the comfort, convenience and exercise of walking in Old Hickory Mall.

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New in CyHigh

Students at North Side High School got an inside look at the world of television when the C-SPAN bus stopped by recently. Read about it and register for this week's prom Zone giveaway at cyhigh.jacksonsun.com — the homepage for news by and for West Tennessee teens.

Please rise for U.S. District Judge Breen

U.S. Magistrate Judge Daniel Breen is stepping into new territory as he takes on the challenge of becoming a U.S. District Court judge.

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Club raising funds

Democratic Gov. Phil Bredesen and Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse will help the Jackson Boys and Girls Club raise funds Thursday at its Steak and Burger Dinner.

Local, 3A

Civilian court OK'd for terror suspect

Justice Department officials say that accused terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui's rights can be protected in a civilian court, signaling the government is not prepared to move the case to a military tribunal.

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CynKenya's prom

Cynthia Cole Pearson will be going in place of her daughter to Peabody High School's prom. Her daughter, CynKenya, died in 2000 while playing basketball in Trenton.

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New Orleans teen killed at school

By MARY FOSTER
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Gunmen armed with an AK-47 rifle and a handgun opened fire in a packed school gymnasium Monday, killing a 15-year-old boy and wounding three teenage girls in a spray of more than 30 bullets that sent some 200 students scrambling for cover.

Four suspects, ranging in age from 17 to 19, were arrested in a sweep of the neighborhood near John McDonogh High School,

about a mile north of the French Quarter.

Tyrone Crump, 17, Herbert Everett, 18, and Michelle Fulton, 17, were all booked with first-degree murder.

The fourth suspect arrested, Larry Moses, 19, allegedly hid the trio after the shooting and was booked with accessory after the fact, police said.

Warrants also were issued for two more suspects late Monday evening. Police Chief Eddie Compass said he did not know if any of the suspects attended the school.

At least 200 students were

in the gymnasium when the four suspects entered the building.

The victim was apparently seated on the bleachers with other students when the gunmen confronted him. They shot repeatedly, striking the victim in the head and body and sending panicked students screaming.

Police identified the victim as Jonathan Williams and said the shooting appeared to be retaliation for a murder on April 7.

Students said the shooting was apparently gang related.

"They started shooting and I started running," said ninth-grader Garick Jacob, who was in the gym when the shooting began. "I was really scared."

In another unrelated campus shooting Monday, a gun went off in a Shreveport school — apparently accidentally — while one student was showing it to another, hitting the second boy in the stomach, officials said. The student who brought the gun ran away, and police were looking for him. The wounded student was in serious condition.



ALEX BRANDON/The Associated Press

Students at John McDonogh High School in New Orleans console each other outside the school Monday, after one student was killed and three others were injured in a shooting. Four young men were arrested in connection with the attack.

'Major combat' over

Iraqi power brokers to meet; U.S. officials consider sanctions against Syria

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit fell Monday with unexpectedly light resistance, the last Iraqi city to succumb to overpowering U.S.-led ground and air forces. A senior Pentagon general said "major combat engagements" probably are over in the 26-day-old war.

As fighting wound down, Pentagon officials disclosed plans to pull two aircraft carriers from the Persian Gulf. At the same time, Iraqi power brokers looked ahead to discussions on a postwar government at a U.S.-arranged meeting set for Tuesday.

"I would anticipate that the major combat engagements are over," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told reporters at the Pentagon. Tikrit fell with no sign of the ferocious last stand by Saddam loyalists that some military planners had feared.

Coverage

- More war coverage, 4A.
Get updated coverage of the war and read how West Tennesseans have reacted at jacksonsun.com/war.

Secretary of State Colin Powell hinted at economic or diplomatic sanctions against Syria, saying the government is developing a weapons of mass destruction program and helping Iraqis flee the dying regime. Syrian officials denied the charges.

Looting eased in Baghdad after days of plundering at government buildings, hospitals and an antiquities museum, and group of religious and civil opposition leaders met in the capital to plan efforts at renewing power, water, security and other vital services.

American forces found prodigious amounts of Iraqi weaponry, French-made missiles and Russian anti-tank rocket launchers among them. And Army troops discovered thousands of microfilm cartridges and hundreds of paper files inside a Baath Party enclave as the dead regime began yielding its secrets.

In Tikrit, about 90 miles north of Baghdad, "There was less resistance than we anticipated," Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters, as American ground troops moved into the city after days of punishing airstrikes.



JEAN-MARC BOUJU/The Associated Press

Iraqi children smile at a soldier from the 3rd Battalion of the 187th Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division as they deploy in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday. Iraqi police and U.S. troops began jointly patrolling the troubled Iraqi capital on Monday, stumbling over language difficulties but determined to bring order after days of wholesale chaos.



KEVIN FRAYER/The Associated Press

Two U.S. Marines search a building in Tikrit, Iraq, on Monday.

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Kennedy praises military technology

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U.S. forces were able to defeat Saddam Hussein so quickly because of advances in military technology, retired Lt. General Claudia Kennedy said Monday in Jackson.

Kennedy, who spoke at Lambuth University as part of the Lyles Lecture series, said precision mapping and bombing have made the war a speedy one.

Digital technology helped create detailed maps of buildings and the terrain, she said.

Also helping were the coordination of the air attack and the advances of the



troops on the ground, Kennedy said. Kennedy the author of "Generally Speaking: A Memoir by the First Woman Promoted to Three-Star General in the United States Army."

Her career took her from the Women's Army Corps in the late 1960's to the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Intelligence, overseeing 45,000 soldiers worldwide from 1997 to 2000.

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Three finalists in the running to lead Gibson Special

By TONYA SMITH-KING
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DYER — And then there were three.

The Gibson County Special School District Board of Trustees has narrowed a field of nine superintendent candidates to three.

The system started with 11 hopefuls, but two withdrew their names from consideration. The three who will each return for a daylong

visit and interview are West Carroll Special School District Superintendent Eric Williams; Robert Galloway, exemplary educator with the state Department of Education; and Michael Poore, supervisor of instruction for Obion County Schools, grades K-6.

Each hopes to fill the position Superintendent John Scott will leave vacant after June 30. Scott announced in December to a school board



Galloway



Poore

that has been divided about his performance that he would not seek or accept a new contract.

"I think we've got three

outstanding candidates; I really do," board member Phil Hickerson said.

The person who gets the job will take over the school district at a time of uncertainty. A legal battle being waged in courts could dissolve the school system and force Gibson County to take over running the schools.

Galloway will return for an interview on April 24 and Poore on April 25.

Board chairwoman Sara

Meals said early Monday that she had not yet reached Williams to schedule a return visit for him.

The board interviewed its final candidate, Covington City Schools Superintendent Jerry Woods, Friday night.

Each board member then turned in a list of his or her top three picks. Those were tallied, and the top three were chosen.

The return visit for the final three candidates will

consist of a school tour, meetings with teachers and administrators, dinner with the board and an interview. The board also is trying to work out plans for candidates to meet with the community, Meals said.

Dinner will be a 7 p.m., with the interview at 8 p.m. at Gibson County High School in Dyer.

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