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U.S.: Another delay in Iraq

Pentagon won't turn security duties over to Iraqi forces until July

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In another sign of U.S. struggles in Iraq, the target date for putting Iraqi authorities in charge of security in all 18 provinces has slipped yet again, to at least July.

The delay, noted in a Pentagon

report to Congress on progress and problems in Iraq, highlights the difficulties in developing Iraqi police forces and the slow pace of economic and political progress in some areas.

It is the second time this year the target date for completing what is known as "Provincial Iraqi Control" has been pushed back. The

Pentagon report submitted to Congress on Monday hinted at the possibility of further delays.

The intent is to give the provincial governments control over security in their area as a step toward lessening — and eventually ending — the U.S. security role.

Thus far seven of the 18

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American Profile

A gathering of schooldime memories



SPORTS

Yankees pull to within 1 1/2

Andy Pettitte won his 200th game as the Yankees beat the Orioles, 2-1, and the Red Sox lost to Toronto — meaning New York has picked up 13 games on Boston since May 20.

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ELLINGTON CAPT scores above average

Students did better than the state average on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test.

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Company recalls pet food

Bravo, the nation's No. 2 raw meat pet food company based in Vernon, has recalled three types of poultry products for dogs and cats.

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TIME OUT

Eating your way through the Big E



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CULINARY CONTEST IN WINDSOR

Diamond DeCordova, 15, left, and Jenna Gilbert, 12, both of Windsor, whip up a parfait during the Teen Iron Chef Challenge on Wednesday at the Windsor Public Library. Participants were divided into teams and asked to create several dishes in a limited amount of time, all featuring a "mystery ingredient." DeCordova and Gilbert were on the winning team. ■ Another photo, Page 3

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State's top court backs meaningful job references

By Alex Wood
Journal Inquirer

Seeking to avoid "a culture of silence" among employers who are asked for job references, the state Supreme Court this week raised the hurdle that employees have to clear to win defamation lawsuits over references.

The decision came in a lawsuit by a former Enfield police trainee who accused her former supervisors in the University of New Haven Police Department of torpedoing her

Rejects former Enfield police trainee's suit against ex-bosses

attempts to move to a municipal police career.

The Supreme Court ruled that employers enjoy a "qualified privilege for the employment references of current or former employers that were solicited with the employee's consent."

The court didn't spell out precisely what an employee will have to prove to win a defama-

tion lawsuit in such circumstances.

But it upheld jury instructions in which New Britain Superior Court Judge A. Susan Peck said it was necessary for the plaintiff to prove that statements were made "with malice," which the judge defined as including "any improper or unjustifiable motives." Peck also said malice includes statements made with knowledge of their falsity or in reckless disregard for the truth.

The plaintiff in the lawsuit, Susan M.

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WEATHER

Tonight

Clear.
Low 55.

Friday



Fog in the a.m., otherwise mostly sunny

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