

weather

SOME LIKE IT HOT

It will be sunny to partly cloudy today, with a high of 94. Tonight's low should be 75. **A4**



SUITING YOURSELF ISN'T EASY!

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STARS AND STRIPES



AFGHAN LOCALS TAKE A STAND

U.S. troops and the Afghan government are increasingly looking to local militias to provide security for their villages. "We're not afraid of the Taliban," said one village commander. "Some of us have been killed by them. But if the Taliban come to our village, we will kill them." Read more about how these defenders are filling a security vacuum in today's Stars and Stripes.

washington

CONGRESS PASSES FINANCIAL REFORM

Congress passed the stiffest restrictions on banks and Wall Street since the Great Depression, clamping down on lending practices and expanding consumer protections. **A3**

courts

NO RULING IN IMMIGRATION CASE

One of the first major hearings to challenge Arizona's strict new immigration law ended with no decision to block the law or dismiss the lawsuit. **A5**

business

NEW STORES, SHOPS COME TO THE CITY

A store specializing in special-occasion merchandise, an ice cream parlor and an antiques shop are just a few of the businesses that will soon open in Fredericksburg. **C6**

NEWS BITE

GOLDMAN SACHS TO PAY \$550M

WASHINGTON—Goldman Sachs & Co. has agreed to pay \$550 million to settle civil fraud charges that the Wall Street giant misled buyers of mortgage-related investments. The deal calls for Goldman to pay the Securities and Exchange Commission fines of \$300 million. The rest will go to compensate those who lost money on their investments. —Associated Press

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MILITARY >> FAMILIES REMEMBER WWII AIRMEN

LONG-LOST FLIERS HONORED AT LAST



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Christine King (far left), sister of Pfc. Richard M. Dawson of Haynesville, and Donna Peterson (weeping), niece of Pvt. Robert L. Crane, attend the burial ceremony for six World War II airmen who died in Burma in 1944.

BY FRANK DELANO
THE FREE LANCE-STAR

ARLINGTON—The World War II airmen who flew the C-47As called them "flying caskets."

At Arlington National Cemetery yesterday, the remains of seven men who died 66 years ago when one of those twin-engined cargo planes crashed in an Asian jungle were buried together with full military honors.

Anderson, Auld, Crane, Dawson, Fagan, Frantz and

Oblinski were their names. They came from all over the country.

Yesterday, nearly 100 members of their families, many of whom never knew the long-lost men, came from all over the country to honor them at their funeral.

"We'll make sure everyone is proud of him and proud of our government for finding him and bringing an end to his story," said Dr. Winston M. Fagan, the 58-year-old nephew of Pvt.

Fred G. Fagan, a farm boy from Piedmont, Ala.

One of Fagan's crewmates was Pfc. Richard M. Dawson, another farm boy who went to war from Haynesville in Richmond County. The family called him Norris. He finished fifth grade at the Totuskey School that still stands down the road from the Dawson home.

His 78-year-old sister, Christine D. King, still lives in the little house they grew up in. She remembers the day in 1944 that the tele-

gram arrived to tell the Dawson family that Norris was missing. She was 13. He was 25.

Dawson, Fagan and the others stayed missing until 2004, when the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command completed examinations of the crash site in the mountains of northern Burma (now Myanmar).

JPAC teams found Dawson's dog tag. They also found six teeth, three small hand and foot bones, and

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Spotsy fugitive caught in Pa.

DEFENDANT WAS BEING SOUGHT IN THE FATAL SHOOTING OF HIS ROOMMATE IN MARCH

BY KEITH EPPS
THE FREE LANCE-STAR

A man accused of killing his roommate at their Spotsylvania County home in March has been apprehended in Pennsylvania.

Jamel Nelson, 27, was arrested over the weekend in Lackawanna, Pa. The U.S. Marshals Service tracked Nelson down through a cell phone, Spotsylvania prosecutor John C. Bowers said.

Nelson is accused of killing his cousin, 29-year-old Ronald Streeter, during a March 10 dispute at 10507 Bent Tree Drive.

Streeter had been shot 14 times, with wounds to his legs and lower torso.

The two had been arguing over the cleanliness of the home, police said. Streeter was upset about a mess Nelson's friends had left behind.

A fistfight preceded the shooting. Streeter also had a gun, but Bowers would not say if he displayed or fired it during the altercation.

Nelson was gone by the time police got to the home that day and was not found until this weekend.

But in his absence, a Spotsylvania grand jury indicted him on charges of first-degree murder and using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

A hearing was scheduled for today in Pennsylvania to determine whether Nelson would fight extradition to Virginia.

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BP says cap has plugged leak Armed robbery counts dropped by prosecutor

FIX MAY BE TEMPORARY; AFTER TESTING, DECISION WILL BE MADE WHETHER TO OPEN VALVES AGAIN

BY COLLEEN LONG
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NEW ORLEANS—Oil stopped gushing into the Gulf of Mexico from BP's broken well yesterday for the first time since the disastrous spill began, the oil giant said. It was the most significant milestone yet in BP's effort to control one of the worst environmental disasters in U.S. history.

Now begins a waiting period to see if the cap can hold the oil without blowing a new leak in the well. Engineers will monitor pressure readings for up to 48 hours before reopening the



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Oil has stopped flowing from the new 75-ton cap atop the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf.

INSIDE >> Maryland scientist on Obama's Gulf panel. **C5**

cap while they decide what to do next. The cap is planned as a temporary fix until a final plug is set from

underneath, maybe next month.

The news elicited joy mixed with skepticism from Gulf Coast residents wearied by weeks of false starts, **SEE OIL, BACK PAGE**

BY KEITH EPPS
THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Charges against a man accused of robbing an 83-year-old woman and her granddaughter were dropped yesterday.

Andre Joelle Liggins, 24, of Fredericksburg had two robbery charges dropped yesterday in Fredericksburg General District Court.

Commonwealth's Attorney LaBravia Jenkins said her office decided to drop the case because she did not believe the evidence against Liggins is strong enough for a conviction.

She said the investigation is continuing and that if new evidence surfaces, the charges could be reinstated later.

"It's a matter of fairness," Jenkins said of the decision.

Two Culpeper men charged in the same robbery still have cases pending. Liggins, who was represented by attorney Shama Farooq, is still in jail on other charges.

The robbery occurred May 24 in the 1200 block of Prince Edward Street.

The 83-year-old victim and her 22-year-old granddaughter had come to visit someone when they were approached by two young men.

Both men pointed guns at the victims and took their purses. They then ran, and a

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