# Afghanistan sees fighting *Prime time* By the Associated Press

**INTERNATIONAL** BAGRAM, Afghanistan—U.S. and coalition forces were battling 80 rebels aligned to renegade leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar today in the largest-scale fighting since Operation Anaconda began nine months ago, the U.S. military said.

At least 18 rebel fighters were killed in the fighting, which began Monday, the military said. There were no coalition casualties.

"It's the largest concentration of enemy forces since Operation Anaconda," U.S. military spokesman Roger King said from Bagram Air Base, a reference to fighting in March in eastern Afghanistan that involved the greatest number of American troops in the Afghan war.

Another Bagram spokesman, Maj. Robert Hepner, said 200 U.S. Special Forces troops were engaged in the mountain battle and that the number of ground forces was likely to rise.

"More soldiers are on their way," he said.

American war planes were bombarding enemy positions, including some entrenched in deep caves, with B-1 bombers, F-16s and AC-130 gunships, King said.

JERUSALEM—Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's hawkish Likud Party appeared headed for a convincing victory in elections today, but the urgent challenges of forming a stable government amid the turmoil of the Palestinian uprising will give him little time to savor victory.

In ongoing violence, five Palestinians were killed.

Sharon's party was far ahead in the opinion polls, and the ballot, which will fill parliament's 120 seats and determine the next prime minister, may be short on drama.

But as soon as the polls close tonight, the horse trading begins, and Sharon could face great difficulties in establishing the durable, broadbased government that he seeks to steer Israel through this period of crisis.

The vote is Israel's fourth national election in seven years. With many Israelis feeling drained by the 28 months of fighting with the Palestinians, the campaign has inspired little passion, though Sharon and his main rival, Labor Party leader Amram Mitzna, have offered sharply different approaches to the confrontation.

#### NATIONAL

PHILADELPHIA—With freezing temperatures gripping much of the nation, officials are issuing reof fires started by overtaxed, mis-

## around the world

heater apparently started a fire that Monday, police officials reasserted died in a fire caused by a space heater.

Authorities pointed to the Philadelphia fire as an example of how tragedy can strike when people are forward and confessed to the rape simply trying to stay warm.

They urged people to check or install smoke alarms "while the tragedy is still fresh in the minds of the neighbors," executive fire chief William Brightcliffe said Monday.

"In the cold weather, more people stay at home and use their heating systems and cooking facilities,' Brightcliffe said.

That's when all types of space heaters — electric and kerosene heaters, wood stoves, fireplace inserts and gas heaters — pose the tively. greatest danger, according to the National Fire Protection Associahas claimed more than a dozen lives across the country.

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Two young men killed their mother and tried to cover their tracks by chopping off her head and hands the way they saw it done on "The Sopranos," authorities said Monday.

Jason Bautista, 20, and his 15year-old half brother, who was not identified because of his age, were such attacks. arrested over the weekend for investigation of murder, Sheriff Michael Carona said.

Carona refused to say where Jane M. Bautista, 41, was killed but said curity adviser, Howard Schmidt, a preliminary autopsy showed she was strangled. Her head and hands were found in the apartment she the experts who have warned about shared with her sons in Riverside, east of Los Angeles.

could possibly give for killing your mother," Carona said.

The family, originally from Illinois, moved to California six years ago and had moved into the Riverside apartment about six months ago.

According to the sheriff, Bautista was killed and dismembered Jan. 14. The sons allegedly tried to dump her body in Oceanside the next day, but were spotted by a security guard and ended up throwing the body in an Orange County ravine. The guard gave police the license number of Jason Bautista's car. Arraignment for the two was scheduled for today.

NEW YORK — Six weeks after newed warnings about the dangers a judge overturned the rape convictions of five teenagers in the 1989 Central Park jogger case, the Police gage inspections and patdowns at In Philadelphia, a 52-year-old Department has released a report airports soon may have to reveal man was killed and his paraplegic concluding that the teens "most how much they weigh before board-In the 45-page report, released planes.

burst their living room into flames. that they believe the defendants A woman in North Carolina also were guilty and that their confessions were not coerced.

The convictions were thrown out at the district attorney's request after serial rapist Matias Reyes came and near-fatal beating. DNA also connected him to the crime.

As questions mounted about the police's investigation, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly asked three former law enforcement officials to examine the department's handling of the racially charged case.

Their report not only found no misconduct, it also contends that both Reyes and the five defendants probably assaulted the jogger, either simultaneously or consecu-

The findings have no bearing on Justice Charles Tejada's decision to tion in Quincy, Mass. The cold snap throw out the convictions. They were 14 to 16 at the time of the crime; they are now 28 to 30 and have all completed their prison sentences

#### WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Disruptions from the weekend attack on the Internet are shaking popular perceptions that vital national services, including banking operations and 911 centers, are largely immune to

Damage in some of these areas was worse than many experts had believed possible.

President Bush's No. 2 cyber-seacknowledged that what he called "collateral damage" stunned even uncertain effects on the nation's most important electronic systems "I don't know what motive you from mass-scale Internet disruptions

> "This is one of the things we've been talking about for a long time, getting a handle on interdependencies and cascading effects," he said.

> The White House and Canadian defense officials confirmed they were investigating how the attack, which started about 12:30 a.m. EST Saturday, could have affected ATM banking and other important networks that should remain immune from traditional Internet outages.

> The attack, alternately dubbed "Slammer" or "Sapphire," sought vulnerable computers to infect using a known flaw in popular database software from Microsoft Corp. called "SQL Server 2000."

> WASHINGTON—Some airline passengers just getting used to bag-

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#### The Goodland Police Department will be doing the IDENT-A-KID from 8 to 11 a.m. during the fair. The Ident-a-kid process:

• Any child under 18 years of age, accompanied by a parent/ guardian.

- Thumbprint is placed on Ident-a-kid card.
- Digital photograph is taken, printed and placed upon Ident-a-kid card.
- Card is given to parent or guardian for safe storage.
- Police DO NOT keep any prints or photos.

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