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U.S. looks to add troops to Afghan war

The surge in violence prompts Pentagon leaders to consider how to add troops quickly; additional reduction in the number of U.S. troops in Iraq called likely.

JOURNAL WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — Senior U.S. military officials are developing plans to speed the deployment of thousands of additional troops to Afghanistan, including a possible move to shift the next brigade due to go to Iraq this fall and send it to Afghanistan instead.

President Bush already has committed to beefing up the U.S. presence in Afghanistan next year. But Defense Department officials said the recent efforts by military planners would speed that process and could allow the new brigade of 3,500 soldiers to deploy there before the end of this year.

The change in planning comes amid growing violence in southern and eastern Afghanistan, prompting U.S. commanders overseeing operations in the country, as well as other military brass, to push the Pentagon's Joint Chiefs of Staff to reevaluate troop rotations to Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Sunday, nine U.S. soldiers were killed at a

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New study gives boost to low-carb diet

BY DENISE GELLENE
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A long-running comparison of three diet plans found that the low-carbohydrate Atkins regimen and a Mediterranean diet rich in fish and nuts produced slightly greater weight loss than a low-fat program modeled on American Heart Association dietary guidelines.

The low-carb dieters — who consumed generous amounts of saturated fat but avoided such staples as bread and pasta — saw steeper increases in their HDL, or good, cholesterol, than people on either the Mediterranean or low-fat diets, according to a report in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The study, financed in part by the Dr. Robert C. and Veronica Atkins Research Foundation, was

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WHITE HOUSE LAWN HIS FIELD OF DREAMS

BY JOHN E. MULLIGAN
JOURNAL WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Coincidence looms large in the diamond dreams of 5-year-old Christopher Carpenter, of North Providence.

Start with a great baseball name and it's no wonder the lifelong Red Sox fan counts his namesake, the pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, right up there with Boston's David Ortiz among his favorite players.

Then there's the fact that Christopher's big brother Dante, 8, holds a birth certificate and an official greeting signed by the most famous former Little Leaguer on the planet — a one-time Texas Rangers owner who was governor of the Lone Star State when

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Christopher Carpenter, 5, of North Providence at bat on the White House lawn yesterday.

An uncertain future

16 women, 15 men expected to face immigration charges



Irma Perez, left, and Doli Guerrero, speak about their arrests by immigration agents at a news conference yesterday outside the J. Joseph Garrahy Judicial Complex in Providence.

After Tuesday's arrest of maintenance workers at six courthouses, the courts and state colleges are reviewing maintenance arrangements.

BY TOM MOONEY
and KAREN LEE ZINER
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

PROVIDENCE — On the Friday morning of June 6, a court clerk walked into the J. Joseph Garrahy Judicial Complex and noticed something suspicious.

On the office floor beside a photocopier machine lay a paper reproduction of some form of identification card.

The clerk's next move, law enforcement officials say, was likely prompted by the current debate over the governor's crackdown on illegal immigrants: the clerk called in the Capitol Police, who in turn notified the state police.

A month-long investigation culminated Tuesday when 50 immigration agents and 12 state police detectives swept into six Rhode Island courthouses at the end of the work day and peacefully arrested 31 maintenance workers on suspicion of being illegal immigrants. Some had used fraudulent identification to obtain their jobs, said U.S. Attorney Robert Clark Corrente.

The arrested workers — 16 women and 15 men — originated from Honduras, Guatemala, Brazil and Mexico. By yesterday morning, 12 had been released, some fitted with electronic ankle bracelets, pending future proceedings, on humanitarian grounds such as medical conditions or being the primary caregivers of children.

None had been charged criminally, said Corrente, but all face immigration charges.

No charges had been filed against the two cleaning companies that supplied the workers: TriState Enterprises, of North Providence, and Falcon Maintenance LLC, of Johnston. The two companies have at least 45 contracts to clean state buildings, including the offices of Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch, the state Department of Administration and the Board of

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Extra: For the latest news on the courthouse arrests, and our continuing report on immigration in Rhode Island, go to projo.com

Cleaning companies have dozens of R.I. contracts

Besides the courthouses, TriState and Falcon have contracts to clean many state offices and college buildings.

BY KATHERINE GREGG and KAREN LEE ZINER
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TriState Enterprises and Falcon Maintenance Co. LLC, the two companies whose employees were arrested in Tuesday's immigration raids, have landed at least 45 other janitorial contracts across state government, according to a summary released by the Carcieri administration last night.

Those include the main state office building on Smith Hill, the attorney general's office, two state Division of Motor Vehicles offices, the Board of Elections, the North Main Street Armory, the state's command readiness facility and the state's emergency telecommunications system, E-911.

TriState Enterprises is located at 1270 Mineral Spring Ave. in North Providence. Anthony E. DeSimone Jr. is president and chief executive,

and David A. Civetti is vice president.

The listed address of Falcon Maintenance Co. LLC is 160 Winsor Ave. in Johnston. As a limited liability corporation, Falcon Maintenance is not required to list its principals, but the company's 2007 annual report lists Vincent D'Elia Jr. as a contact and George M. Capello as the registered agent. Capello yesterday declined to name any of the principals.

According to its company Web Site, Tristate Enterprises provides "highly skilled janitorial cleaning services for offices, retail, leisure, healthcare, educational, and residential facilities. Our people are well-trained professionals who are

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■ State police Supt. Col. Brendan Doherty, above, stands by his comments that troopers would not be conducting raids to capture illegal immigrants. "I stated it's not a state police initiative to conduct raids and sweeps," Doherty said yesterday. "This was not a raid" **A9**

■ Some of those arrested on suspicion of being illegal immigrants Tuesday and later released on humanitarian grounds talk about their experiences. **A2**



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PRICES CLIMBING HIGHER

In the latest dose of bad economic news, the Labor Department reports that the annual rate of inflation hit 5 percent last month, driven mostly by price increases for fuel and food. **F1**

TEEN TO BE TRIED AS ADULT

A 17-year-old West Warwick teen will be prosecuted as an adult in connection with a car crash that instantly killed a mother of two. **B1**



WAITING ON ORTIZ

McCoy Stadium has played host to its fair share of stars but it's never seen anything like the excitement preceding the appearance of David Ortiz, who is scheduled to make a rehabilitation start with the Pawtucket Red Sox tomorrow. **C1**