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In the news

■ **Ray Krone**, 47, a postal worker wrongly convicted twice of killing a Phoenix woman, largely on the basis of testimony that matched his teeth with bite marks on Kim Ancona's body, said he hopes his "Snaggletooth Killer" nickname disappears along with his crooked teeth, courtesy of the ABC reality show *Extreme Makeover*.

■ **Fidel Castro** of Cuba said during a televised program that the emergence of an Osama bin Laden videotape just ahead of the U.S. presidential election was suspicious, adding, "We have seen too much ... trickery and shamelessness to sustain the belief that this wasn't something arranged" to help President Bush.

■ **Colin Powell**, outgoing U.S. secretary of state, posted a \$5 million reward for information leading to the capture of Mustafa Setmariam Nasar, also known as Abu Musab al-Suri, an al-Qaida operative who ran a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan.

■ **Pope John Paul II** received Muslim, Orthodox Christian and Jewish religious leaders from Azerbaijan at Vatican City, calling their visit a symbol of tolerance and declaring that religion must never be used for violent aims.

■ **Jeffrey Cameron Fitzhenry**, 17, was convicted in Indio, Calif., of attempted murder for shooting his pregnant girlfriend in the neck at an abortion clinic, leaving the 16-year-old girl a quadriplegic and leading the fetus to be declared dead three days later.

■ **George Rich**, 43, was charged with falsely reporting an incident and providing a false statement to Milford, Conn., police, who said Rich staged a break-in at his home so he could sell his fiancée's engagement ring and other jewelry for \$5,000 at the Hock It To Me pawnshop.

■ **Ben Cook**, 17, of Provo, Utah, used his cellular phone key pads to type a string of words with 160 characters in 57.75 seconds in a bid to become listed by the *Guinness World Record Book* as the global text-messaging king.

■ **Laurent Gbagbo**, president of the Ivory Coast, told France-Info radio that he accepts a U.N. arms embargo targeting his government if it applies equally to all factions in the country's civil war and he bears no grudge against France, saying, "My problem is not Paris; it is the civil war in my country."

■ **Bill Gates**, chairman of Microsoft Corp., receives 4 million pieces of e-mail per day, most of it spam, said company chief executive Steve Ballmer, adding, "Literally there's a whole department almost that takes care of it."

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK

Today Mostly cloudy today with a slight chance of showers.

High Mid-60s, south winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.

Low Low 50s.



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Center gets grand salute

Structure is a symbol of what he did, aspires to do, Clinton says



President Bush (from left) and former Presidents Clinton, Bush and Carter walk on stage Thursday during the dedication of the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in downtown Little Rock. Thousands gathered on a cold, rainy day for the presidential library's opening.



Democrat-Gazette/STATION BREIDENTHAL
Former President Clinton and his wife, U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, share a kiss Thursday during the dedication ceremonies.



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/BENJAMIN KRAIN
A sea of umbrellas obscures the crowd at Thursday's dedication of the William J. Clinton Presidential Center. But the cold, wet weather didn't dampen the mood for most of those who attended the event.

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Rain, cold do battle with desire to be there

BY CHRIS GIVENS
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It was a day for ducks.

Mother Nature vied for attention on dedication day for the Clinton Presidential Center, drenching spectators after event officials had told them to leave umbrellas at home.

As the weather worsened, people went from contemplating how to stay dry to wondering if they would ever be warm again.

Thousands of people turned out for Thursday's dedication of the William J. Clinton Presidential Center.

The day started on a promising note. Early in the morning, the sun struggled to peek out after a smattering of showers. But within a few hours, the sky darkened, rain fell and the temperature dropped.

Most spectators — including celebrities, the curious, the powerful and the faithful — shivered

in the cold. Some decided that the wet was insurmountable and left early.

For those who persevered, however, the message delivered by a sitting president and three of his predecessors was one of hope and the future.

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Seated together, four rows from the stage, were Barbra Streisand, Robin Williams, Geraldo Rivera and Kevin Spacey.

The four made an entrance together to the right of the stage.

"Hey, hey, snap it right away," Williams joked as someone asked him to pose for a picture.

Williams' camouflage jacket and fishing hat set a striking contrast to Streisand's black fur coat and scarf. The two sat together in the audience.

Morgan Freeman, smiling and waving, arrived shortly after the first foursome. Actors Ted Danson and Robin Williams. See **RAIN**, Page 11A

U.S. general says back of insurgency broken

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. troops sweeping through Fallujah on Thursday found an apparent command center used by followers of Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and a U.S. general expressed confidence that the battle for the city has "broken the back of the insurgency."

A separate raid near the suspected command center uncovered not only a bomb-making workshop where an SUV registered in Texas was undergoing conversion into a car bomb but also a classroom that held flight plans and instruc-

REFUGEES FROM Fallujah flooding relief camps. Page 17A.

tions on shooting down planes, according to a CNN crew embedded with the U.S. Army.

Gunbattles still flared in Fallujah as troops hunted holdout insurgents five days after the military said its forces had occupied the entire city 40 miles west of Baghdad. One U.S. Marine and one Iraqi soldier were killed, U.S. officials said.

At a base outside Fallujah, Lt. Gen. John Sattler, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said the U.S. casualty toll



Associated Press
U.S. soldiers inspect the wreckage of a car bomb that blew up Thursday near a military convoy in western Baghdad. The blast reportedly killed two people and wounded five, but U.S. military officials did not immediately confirm the casualties.

30 years after killings, patient wants his trial

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Nearly 30 years after authorities say Darrell Samuel Davis killed five people, including four members of his family, a state psychologist believes that Davis is mentally fit to stand trial.

Davis, 56, a diagnosed schizophrenic who requires medication, has been living at the State Hospital in Little Rock since shortly after his arrest in December 1974.

The one-time rodeo horse and bull rider was charged with capital murder after a Dec. 16, 1974, shooting rampage. See **TRIAL**, Page 18A