Over 270 arrested in Roe v. Wade anniversary demonstrations

More anti-abortion demonstrations are expected in Washington, DC, today, to commemorate the 19th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion. Anti-abortion protesters warmed up for the anniversary by demonstrating outside abortion clinics in the nation's capital. Yesterday's protests, which brought in over 270 arrests, came as the Supreme Court said it would hear arguments in two abortion-related legal cases.

Pro-choice demonstrators gathered around the clinics, but only minor scuffles were reported.

FBI evidence cleared for prosecution in Mike Tyson rape case

The judge in the rape case involving former heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson has cleared the prosecution to use FBI evidence. The judge rejected a defense plea that the _jury may overestimate the importance of the evidence because the FBI had interviewed witnesses. Tyson has been accused of assaulting a teenaged contestant in the Miss Black America contest.

FBI to hold off terrori$t investigations

The FBI said it would hold off investigating terrorists who told Americans they were in Lebanon because two Germans are still being held. FBI director William Sessions said the situation is "very, very sensitive" and that he would seek federal court approval to seek added protection for the Germans.

Last month, the bureau's chief spokesman said the FBI was trying to find out whether wounded Americans in Lebanon so that they could be prosecuted.

World

UN urges Libya to turn in terrorists; Libya refuses

The UN Security Council wants Libya to turn over two agents indicted by the US for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, which crashed in Scotland, in 1988, killing 270 people. The US has given Libya 48 hours after Libya's statement that the indictments are baseless. Libya has refused to surrender the accused until they are accorded the same rights as the United States and Britain have that if the agents are not surrendered, the countries will push for sanctions against Libya.

Russia to honor Soviet agreements concerning nuclear weapons

A US official said Russia was about to honor the old Soviet agreements aimed at preventing the export of military technologies. The International Atomic Energy Agency said the US and Russia were discussing a deal to halt nuclear shipments to Iran. The US and Russia have agreed to halt nuclear exports to Iran.

Peace talks may stall if Israel gets away with bombing

Hanan Ashrawi, a spokeswoman for Palestinian peace negotiators, said the United States could drive her delegation away from talks if it gives Israel $10 billion to help rebuild the former Soviet Union, arguing that the loan guarantees would help Israel occupy and settle Arab territories. The United States opposes Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Japan expected to adhere to recent summit agreements

US officials said yesterday that they expect Japan to adhere to the agreements made during President George Bush's recent summit in Tokyo. Trade Representative Carla Hills said she was not concerned about Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's recent remarks that the two sides had agreed to delay congressional consideration of the funds.

New Jersey considering bar certain welfare benefits

New Jersey is on its way to becoming the first state to bar new welfare recipients from receiving benefits if they have more babies. The package, which Governor Jim Florio signed into law last week, would allow only those who work to keep full benefits until their earnings go above 50 percent of what the benefits provide. It would reduce welfare awards to $5 a month for Able-bodied adults and $10 a month for elderly recipients, since regulation to implement it is needed to be drawn up, and legal challenges are promised.

Poll shows that Americans want wealthy to pay more taxes

A new poll said about 40 percent of Americans want the wealthy to pay more taxes and the middle class to pay less. The survey was released by a coalition called The Campaign for New Priorities, which wants to reduce federal spending priorities. The survey also looked into how the nation should spend money saved by cuts in defense. It reported that 32 percent want the funds to be put toward education and job training.

Pennsylvania abortion dispute

Local-pro-choice and anti-abortion groups were in agreement on something for a change: They both said they were pleased about the week's news from Pennsylvania. The two groups had hoped to agree on the outcome of the case. Mass Choice Advisory Director Joyce Cunha said pro-choice activists believe it could be the beginning of a movement to restore legal recognition of the inherent right to life.

Local activists concerned about Pennsylvania abortion dispute

Wang Labs posts second consecutive quarter of operating profit

Wang Laboratories is continuing its slow climb back to profitability. The Lowell-based high-tech firm is reporting a net loss of four cents per share for the second consecutive quarter, compared to a 15 cents per share loss in the same quarter of the previous year. But Wang has posted an operating profit of $3.9 million dollars on revenues of just under $500 million. This marks the company's second consecutive quarter of operating profit, and its fourth consecutive quarter of stable revenues.

Wang CEO Richard Miller said he was encouraged by the second quarter results in the face of a worldwide recession. He said the company was also pleased with the success of its imaging technology and its recent alliance with IBM.

Weather

Bitter cold to depart, but ice and then rain on the way

While normal to below normal temperatures should continue through the period, the brutally cold weather of recent days will not be experienced. In addition to this moderate in temperatures, more precipitation is expected. With the precipitation arriving on the heels of the departing cold air, some freezing precipitation is likely to occur. With temperatures finally climbing to above freezing Thursday, plain rain is anticipated. Colder weather returns for Friday and the upcoming weekend. A bit of snow is possible Friday and again Sunday.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high of 30 °F (- 1 °C).

Wednesday night: Becoming cloudy with snow, sleet and freezing rain developing toward low. Low 20 °F (- 7 °C).

Thursday: Cloudy with mixed precipitation turning to plain rain. High around 40 °F (4 °C). Low 26 °F (- 1 °C).

Friday: Cloudy and breezy with falling temperatures and a period of snow possible. High 35-40 °F (2-4 °C).

Weekend: Increasing clouds Saturday, snow possible Sunday. High 40 °F (4 °C) to 45 °F (7 °C). Low in the teens to low 20s (- 7 °F to -1 °C).

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