Japanese Woman Wins Precedent-Setting Sex Harassment Suit

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A Japanese woman has won a precedent-setting sex harassment suit. The plaintiff, a 43-year-old woman who worked at the House Bank, was subjected to sexual harassment by male co-workers. She took the case to court in 1992, and the court ruled in her favor.

U.S. Trade Deficit Sinks to Lowest Level Since 1983

WASHINGTON D.C.

The U.S. trade deficit declined dramatically in February, reaching its lowest level since 1983. The Commerce Department reported that the deficit fell to $161 billion, down from $182 billion in January.

Overdrafters' Names Released

WASHINGTON D.C.

The House ethics committee released the names of 303 active and former members of Congress who wrote overdrafts at the House Bank. The list includes 207 Democrats, 112 Republicans, and four Independents.

Afghan Leader Najibullah Forced to Resign by Rebels

By Manu Zepniewski

Kabul, April 21

Afghanistan's President Najibullah was forced to resign Thursday after four of his regime's top generals joined hands with the country's most powerful rebel coalition in a move that drove the ravaged nation closer to chaos.

Najibullah's resignation follows days of intense fighting in Kabul, where the capital has been under siege for several weeks. The move comes as the country's once-powerful Soviet-backed army disbands and the Taliban, a militant Islamic group, gains control.

The Taliban, led by Mullah Mohammed Omar, announced the formation of a new government, with Mullah Omar as its leader. The Taliban have promised to end the civil war and restore order to Afghanistan.

The resignation of Najibullah marks the end of the Soviet-backed regime that had ruled Afghanistan for more than 2 decades. The Taliban, who have fought the Afghan government for years, now control most of the country.

Afghanistan's new leader, Mullah Omar, is a hard-line Sunni Muslim who has refused to recognize the Western-backed government of President Najibullah. The Taliban have said they will implement strict Islamic law and expel foreign troops from the country.

The news of Najibullah's resignation was met with joy and relief in Kabul, where people celebrated in the streets.

The Taliban have promised to restart negotiations with the Afghan government and to work towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Weather Forecast

Forecast by Marek Zepniewski

New England: Expect a mixture of sun and clouds today, with a high of 60°F (16°C) and a low of 45°F (7°C).

Mid-Atlantic: Expect mostly sunny skies, with a high of 70°F (21°C) and a low of 50°F (10°C).

South: Expect scattered clouds, with a high of 80°F (27°C) and a low of 60°F (16°C).

Western: Expect a mix of sun and clouds, with a high of 75°F (24°C) and a low of 55°F (13°C).

Weather conditions are expected to improve later in the week as a high-pressure system moves in from the west.

Travel Weather Forecast

Travel weather for select cities:

New York: Expect mild temperatures, with a high of 55°F (13°C) and a low of 45°F (7°C).

Chicago: Expect a chance of rain, with a high of 60°F (15°C) and a low of 45°F (7°C).

San Francisco: Expect mostly sunny skies, with a high of 65°F (18°C) and a low of 50°F (10°C).

Los Angeles: Expect a mix of sun and clouds, with a high of 75°F (24°C) and a low of 55°F (13°C).

General

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