

On the wire: national and world news

Pakistan reopens NATO supply routes to Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (MCT) — Pakistani leaders on Tuesday ended a seven-month blockade on Afghanistan-bound NATO supply routes through their country, a long-awaited move that hinged on Washington's acquiescence to Islamabad's demand for an apology for the deaths of two dozen Pakistani soldiers killed by errant U.S. airstrikes last fall.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said she had called her Pakistani counterpart, Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar, on Tuesday and issued an apology for the soldiers' deaths: "We are sorry for the losses suffered by the Pakistani military. We are committed to working closely with Pakistan and Afghanistan to prevent this from ever happening again."

The closure of the supply routes had been costing U.S. and its allies in Afghanistan about \$100 million a month, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta told Congress in June. Without transit access through Pakistan, NATO was forced to rely exclusively on a much more costly supply route through Central Asia.

For Pakistan, however, the need to resolve the stalemate was equally urgent. President Asif Ali Zardari's government grew concerned about becoming increasingly estranged from the West and potentially losing millions of dollars in U.S. aid.

U.S. Flags should be made in U.S., some lawmakers say

WASHINGTON (MCT) — Should U.S. flags that fly from federal buildings be made entirely in the U.S.A.?

So ask sponsors of the "All-American Flag Act," introduced in response to the \$3.6 million in imports of U.S. flags, mostly from China.

The bill's sponsors used the day before Independence Day to call on the House to pass a Senate-approved bill that would require the federal government to purchase only flags made entirely



» President Barack Obama speaks with former Secretary of Commerce John Bryson at the White House on June 21 to thank him for his service.

from domestic content.

"We should do all we can to support American manufacturing and job creation, especially when it comes to our most treasured of patriotic symbols — the American flag," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat whose state of Ohio is home to U.S. flag makers.

Currently, federal law requires that U.S. flags purchased by the federal government contain a minimum of 50 percent American-made materials. The legislation would require federal agencies to purchase only flags made entirely in the U.S. "from articles, materials, or supplies 100 percent of which are grown, produced or manufactured in the United States."

"In a time when we face economic hardship, it is critical to invest in the manufacturing base," Brown said during Senate consideration of his bill last year. "There is no product that deserves a U.S.A. label more than American flags."

» Ex-commerce secretary Bryson won't face charges

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Los Angeles County prosecutors won't press criminal charges against

former U.S. Commerce Secretary John Bryson in two alleged hit-and-run crashes in the San Gabriel Valley, officials said Tuesday.

"The district attorney's office has declined to file a case against former Secretary of Commerce John Bryson," the D.A. said in a statement. The decision appears to end the case that captured national attention.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Whitmore had said previously that no alcohol or illegal substances were found in Bryson's system.

A district attorney's report said Bryson did test positive for Ambien, the sleeping drug. His tests showed "low end of therapeutic levels" and a criminalist could not say if it was a factor in the collisions.

Bryson resigned from his post last month after the Commerce Department said the crashes were caused by seizures.

Doctors are continuing to evaluate the 68-year-old Bryson in connection with the June 9 incidents. Bryson's neurologist initially diagnosed his condition as a "complex partial seizure," a Commerce Department official said.

FRAMPTON

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delayed several times.

"We're waiting to see what's going to happen, and we could have important news any day," Williams said.

The 68-year-old Frampton wrote that the five months in the Devoto prison in Buenos Aires has been detrimental to his mental and physical health.

Frampton wrote in the most recent letter that he has had about ten colds and various viruses while in prison.

However, Frampton said his mental health has improved, and he has published five journal articles while he's been in prison.

Frampton, a distinguished professor of physics and astronomy at UNC, was arrested Jan. 23 after Buenos Aires airport officials

found drugs in his luggage.

Frampton claims he's innocent and said he will likely return to teach at UNC this fall.

Williams said Frampton thought he was meeting a young woman from the Internet, but instead an agent asked him to take a suitcase to the United States.

Frampton's pay has been suspended by UNC while he is in jail, which Frampton has challenged.

Supporters of Frampton have written character references and sent financial donations to him via his ex-wife, Anne-Marie Frampton.

The support website helppaulframpton.org went active about a week ago and contains a list of individuals publicly supporting Frampton.

Williams and physics professor Hugon Karwowski have been leading the effort.

Williams said one of the most

important reasons behind the effort is to let Frampton know that people at UNC are thinking about him and trying to help.

"Judging from things said in newspapers, he's been feeling quite abandoned by UNC," Williams said. "I think he's shown a lot of courage in prison."

UNC officials said they could not comment, as it is classified as a personnel matter.

Merzbacher was the department chair when Frampton was hired as an assistant professor. Merzbacher wrote a letter supporting Frampton.

"I know he's never used illegal drugs," he said. "He's certainly been very naive and gullible, but he just doesn't deserve to be in jail."

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SWIMMING

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the Olympic mark, but enjoyed the thrill of swimming alongside the world's greatest. Others, like Luchsinger, Harris and Peacock, aspired to compete for a trip to London.

"Out of 1,800 people, at most 56 make the Olympic team, so there have to be other goals than making the team," DeSelm said.

"To leave here disappointed for not making the team certainly is a reality for some people. But there has to be more than that. Seeing people do best times on a big stage is very, very important."

"It's just really gratifying to see our people come here to compete and improve."

Rich DeSelm,
UNC swimming coach

Sue Walsh was the last UNC swimmer to make the U.S. team while still in school, although she did so in 1980, when the U.S. boycotted the games in Moscow.

Because swimming and diving are relatively unheralded on campus, seeing swimmers on national television sporting light blue swim caps could have been a pleasant surprise for some Tar Heel fans.

"The atmosphere was great,

and it was a lot of fun seeing that many people actually at a swim meet," said Tommy Wyher, a 2011 graduate who placed 102nd in the 100-meter butterfly event. "But it's also really stressful. I didn't swim as well as I could have, which was disappointing, but it was still a great experience."

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BEDBUGS

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Marotta said in following standard procedure, carpeting was replaced and the walls were repainted before Josey moved in to her apartment at The Park.

Marotta said the three apartments that share walls with Josey's had no evidence of bedbugs.

She said including this case, The Park has only had two instances of bedbugs in the past 18 months, both confined to single apartments.

Mike Waldvogel, a professor in the department of entomology at N.C. State University, said bedbugs are difficult to kill.

"Bedbugs are extremely small and flattened, so they fit ideally into all sorts of gaps," he said. "If you can fit a playing card or driv-

er's license into a gap, bedbugs can easily hide in there."

Bedbugs can live 180 days or longer without feeding, often hide out in suitcases during travel and can crawl in through walls of adjoining apartments.

Waldvogel said to treat a bedbug infestation, a person needs to know the source of the bugs.

Common signs of infestation, Waldvogel said, are black spots of fecal matter on walls, mattresses and furniture and exoskeletons shed by growing bugs.

"You're their meal, so they're going to be where you are. Bedbugs are waiting for you to come to bed," he said.

Dorothy Bernholz, an attorney with Student Legal Services, said if an apartment is infested with bedbugs, a tenant may have a case

against management — but proving responsibility for the bugs can be difficult legally.

She said it is crucial students inspect for bedbugs before signing a lease.

If bedbugs are found after moving in, Bernholz said to notify management immediately and obtain written confirmation of all correspondences.

She said following up verbal conversations with emails that ask for responses and acknowledge previous conversations was a good way to build a case.

Bernholz also said having another witness present during pest control inspections can also help support a tenant's case.

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