

IN BRIEF

**Chief Justice Rehnquist hospitalized with cancer**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has thyroid cancer, a stunning disclosure Monday that caught even the closest Supreme Court observers off guard and injected into the presidential campaign the issue of appointments to America's most important legal panel.

Rehnquist's diagnosis was announced in a terse statement issued by the Supreme Court. It said the

80-year-old widower who has led the court for a generation underwent a tracheotomy during the weekend and was hospitalized but expected to be back at work next week when the court resumes hearing cases.

Left unsaid was Rehnquist's condition at the National Naval Medical Center in suburban Bethesda, Md., and which type of thyroid cancer he has. About 23,600 people develop various types of thyroid cancer each year in the United States. Most types are considered treatable, but many variables exist.

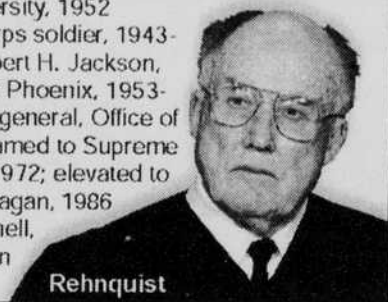
—The Associated Press

PROFILE

**Second-oldest chief justice in history**

William H. Rehnquist, hospitalized for cancer, is the second-oldest chief justice to preside over the Supreme Court.

**Birthplace/age** — Milwaukee, Oct. 1, 1924; 80  
**Education** — Bachelor's and master's degree, Stanford University, 1948; master's degree, Harvard University, 1949; law degree, Stanford University, 1952  
**Career** — U.S. Army Air Corps soldier, 1943-46; law clerk to Justice Robert H. Jackson, 1951-53; private practice in Phoenix, 1953-69; assistant U.S. attorney general, Office of Legal Counsel, 1969-71; named to Supreme Court by President Nixon, 1972; elevated to chief justice by President Reagan, 1986  
**Family** — Wife, Natalie Cornell, now deceased; three children



Rehnquist

**Ken Jennings breaks Jeopardy record**

Ken Jennings, a software engineer from Salt Lake City, has shattered records on the TV game show "Jeopardy!" His run began June 2. Here's a look at Jennings' streak:

**Money won on show aired Monday:** \$30,000.

**Money won so far:** \$2,006,300, thus breaking the \$2-million barrier.

**Perspective:** At the start of its 20th season last fall, "Jeopardy!" changed its longtime rule that said a champion must leave after five straight wins. Now a player stays until losing. Jennings now has the longest winning streak in game show history.

**Final Jeopardy:** The clue: "The brother of this leader is believed to be the first known European to have died in the Americas."

—The Associated Press

**Australian military suffers first direct attack in Iraq**

*Roadside bombings across Iraq kill at least eight, including an American GI and Estonian soldier*

BY TINI TRAN  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Bombings struck four coalition and Iraqi military convoys and a provincial government office Monday, killing at least eight people, including an American soldier and an Estonian trooper in the Baghdad area.

Coming a day after the bodies of nearly 50 Iraqi military recruits were found massacred, the bombings occurred as a U.N. agency confirmed that several hundred tons of explosives were missing from a former Iraqi military depot in an insurgent hotspot south of Baghdad.

The revelation raised concerns that the explosives fell into the hands of insurgents who have staged a spate of bloody car bombings, although there was no evidence to link the missing explosives directly to the attacks.

On Monday, a roadside bomb in western Baghdad killed one U.S. soldier and wounded five, the U.S.

military said.

An Estonian soldier died when a bomb exploded at a market just outside Baghdad as his patrol went by, the Estonian military said. Five other Estonian soldiers were wounded.

A car bomb also targeted an Australian military convoy 350 yards from the country's embassy in Baghdad, killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding nine people, Iraqi and coalition officials said.

"This is the first time that ... Australian vehicles have been attacked by direct enemy action," an Australian Defense Force spokesman, Brig. Mike Hannan, said in Canberra, Australia's.

Two Islamic groups posted Web site claims of responsibility for the attack on the Australians. One was posted in the name of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group, renamed Al-Qaida in Iraq. The other claim was made on behalf of the Islamic Army of Iraq. It was impossible to determine if either claim was genuine.

Al-Zarqawi's group, formerly known as Tawhid and Jihad, has been blamed in numerous suicide car bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages, including deadly twin bombings inside Baghdad's highly secured Green Zone, which houses the U.S. and Iraqi leadership.

The Islamic Army of Iraq has claimed responsibility for the August abduction of French journalists Christian Chesnot, 37, and George Malbrunot, and other kidnappings.



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**Grave robber says hit man just a joke between friends**

*Jack Harelson said he was just kidding around in a secret police tape of talk about hiring someone to kill four people*

BY JEFF BARNARD  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDFORD — Convicted Indian grave robber Jack Harelson testified Monday that he was just kidding around and "being gross" when a police informant secretly tape recorded him talking about hiring a hit man to kill four people.

"It wasn't a joke," Harelson, 64, said under cross examination by prosecutor Clay Johnson in Jackson County Circuit Court. "It was a BS — a couple guys talking and being gross."

Harelson did not deny informant Brian Doland's testimony — which was not backed up by a tape recording because the device hidden in Doland's pocket failed — that Harelson said "One down, three to go," when shown a staged Polaroid photo of the first target pretending to lie dead in a shallow grave.

However, Harelson said he could tell the person in the photo — opal mine partner Lloyd Olds of Brookings — was not really dead.

Harelson was the final witness in the trial. Judge Lorenzo Mejia told jurors they will begin deliberating the case Tuesday morning following his instructions on the law and final statements by the prosecution and defense lawyers.

A former insurance agent and amateur archaeologist, Harelson is on trial on charges he gave a police informant three black opals to pay for a hit man to kill a judge, a police detective and two partners in an opal mine for their parts in his 1996 conviction for stealing ancient Indian artifacts — including the mummified remains of two children — from Elephant Mountain Cave in Nevada's Black Rock Desert.

Prior to the start of his trial last week, Harelson pleaded guilty to two counts of corpse abuse for his handling of the remains, which police found without their heads buried in the garden of his Grants Pass home. The heads have since been recovered.

The prosecution has said they will seek a sentence of 10 to 12 years in prison if they win conviction on the remaining charges of conspiracy to commit aggravated murder, attempted aggravated murder, solicitation to commit murder, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Mejia denied defense attorney Robert Abel's motion to dismiss the case on grounds of gross government misconduct, but Abel will still be able to argue that police entrapped Harelson by offering him a hit man to do something he never would have done on his own.

Pressed to explain what he thought was going on if Doland was not showing him proof of a murder, Harelson said he didn't know, but was upset that Doland, whom he wanted to do some work around his house, was spending time with Olds, against whom Harelson had once filed a lawsuit over the opal mine.

Harelson denied Doland's testimony he had chuckled upon being told Olds was dead, but acknowledged throwing the photo into his wood stove, because Doland "told me to."

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