

IN BRIEF

Iraqi rebels threaten Japanese hostage

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Video posted Tuesday on a militant Islamic Web site in the name of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group showed what it claimed was a Japanese captive and threatened to behead him within 48 hours unless Japan pulls its troops from Iraq. Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi rejected the demand. "I won't withdraw troops," he was quoted as saying by Japan's Kyodo news agency after receiving news of the hostage threat.

New Bush guard papers leave questions

WASHINGTON — Unearthed under legal pressure, three-decade-old documents portray President Bush as a capable and well-liked Air National Guard pilot who stopped flying and attending regular drills two-thirds of the way through his six-year commitment — without consequence. The files, many of them forced to light by Freedom of Information lawsuits by The Associated Press, conflict with some of the harshest attacks Democrats have levied on Bush's Vietnam-era service, such as suggestions that Bush was a deserter or absent without leave.

Climber on Mt. Rainier buried in avalanche

MONROE, Wash. — The climbing partner of a Monroe firefighter killed in an avalanche on Mount Rainier says he's not angry that his friend died.

Matt Little, who dug frantically through the snow in an effort to rescue his roommate, Aaron Koester, said they felt exhilarated and close to God in the hours before Sunday's avalanche.

"He was doing what he loved to do," Little said Tuesday at a news conference at the fire station in Monroe, about 25 miles north of Seattle. "We were living life and he wouldn't have wanted it any other way."

Little, 23, and Koester, 21, were roped together when the avalanche hit.

Little's head and one arm remained above the snow, but it took him half an hour to dig himself out before he could turn to his friend.

After finally reaching Koester, Little said he dug away enough snow to know his friend had died and told him: "Well buddy, I'll see you in heaven, but I gotta go."

He then climbed down to Camp Muir, elevation 10,000 feet, and used a radio to call for help, contacting a hunter near Naches who called park rangers.

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