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being taken out of the truck, apparently wounded.

Later, Taha said, two Iraqis arrived on a motorbike and set the truck ablaze.

The U.S. Central Command blamed the ambushes on hardcore loyalists of the ousted regime who "continue to put innocent civilians at risk."

Last week, the military launched its biggest combat operation since the war, sending thousands of troops through central Iraqi towns. On Sunday, after banning Iraqis from having

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year-old boy from Mexico.

Intercontinental Airport hours later.

A group of more than 70 immigrants from

Mexico, Central American and the Dominican

Republic were being transported in a tractor-trail-

er from South Texas to Houston when they began

succumbing to the stifling heat inside on May 13.

The driver of the truck, Tyrone Williams, left the

trailer early the next morning.

The victims died from dehydration, hyperther-

mia and suffocation. Among the victims was a 5-

Federal prosecutors said Monday that Chavez,

who is a legal resident of the United States, was

arrested Friday trying to enter Guatemala from her

native Honduras. Authorities in Guatemala deport-

ed her to the United States on Saturday, and U.S.

immigration agents arrested her at Houston's Bush

Chavez, who is accused of leading a smuggling

ties of three other rings involved in the operation,

appeared Monday afternoon before U.S.

Magistrate Calvin Botley, who scheduled a bond

\$1,900, organized their trafficking through Mexico

and into the United States, arranged safe houses in

tured along the classic organized crime enter-

"This is a smuggling conspiracy that is struc-

Texas and hired transportation inland.

**Smugglers** 

assault rifle, the military began its latest sweep — Operation Desert Scorpion — to root out arms and militants. The operation spread to

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Baghdad on Monday: Troops from the Army's 1st Armored Division arrested 44 people, including three suspects in a June 1 grenade attack on U.S. soldiers guarding the Abu Hanifa mosque in Baghdad's Azamiyah neighborhood, where support for Saddam remains high.

That attack injured two U.S. soldiers and sparked a firefight that killed two Iraqis.

Monday morning, an inform-

blindfolds and some had duct tape over their mouths.

pinpoint targets.

rifle and 9mm pistol.

Also arrested Friday was Claudia Carrizales de Villa, 34, a Mexican citizen who lives in Harlingen. She was brought to a Brownsville federal courtroom Monday afternoon where she cried

while awaiting her initial appearance before a

prise," Shelby said. "It was international in scope,

operating in six different nations south of the

magistrate judge. The indictment charges 14 suspected members of the rings believed to be involved in what became the nation's deadliest smuggling operation. They are charged with various counts of conspiracy to conceal or transport immigrants.

Nine of the indicted suspects are in federal custody. Three newly charged ring members Alfredo Garcia, 23, a Guatemalan citizen who lives in Harlingen; Octavio Torres Ortega, 37, of Mexico, the alleged leader of one of the subordinate smuggling rings; and Rosa Sarrata Gonzalez, 48, of San Benito, Texas — are fugitives.

Two other defendants who are also fugitives already had been named: Victor Sanchez Rodriguez, 55, the alleged leader of one ring, and his wife Emma Rodriguez, 57, of Brownsville. They are accused of allowing some immigrants to sleep at their Rio Grande Valley home the night before the truck trip.

Already in custody are Williams, 32, from Schenectady, N.Y. by way of Jamaica; Norma Gonzalez Sanchez, 42, of Houston, who allegedly ran another ring; Juan Carlos Don Juan, 22, and girlfriend Erica Cardenas, 23, who were arrested in McAllen; Abelardo Flores, 31, and Victor Jesus Rodriguez, 37, son of the wanted couple.

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homes and seized \$14,000 in

both Iraqi and U.S. currency, in

addition to an AK-47 assault

the day were taken to a palace

north of Baghdad that once

belonged to Saddam's son Odai.

The prisoners knelt or sat on

concrete blocks surrounded by

concertina wire. All wore white

Thirteen men detained during

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THE BATTALI

Wiatt said the air duct, w was damaged in the ro was worth more than \$2,000 Both burglaries are under active investigation,

"It was just weird to breat a truck parked against a fe and to tear a wall down;

bizarre robberies," he said. Vaughn said that since robbery she has become

vigilant. "It's a scary thing," she s 'I feel very violated.'

Vaughn said the next r event they will cover will be August commencement at Te A&M, and that KAMU make a quick turnaround and there, even if it is with ren equipment.

"The sad thing is, it to years to build and assembly components to that truck," said. "You just can't plug in camera anywhere," she said,

#### Corps

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punishment. Davis later agi to the temporary agreemen It is unclear how many dents have had campus hear or received University sancti Six former cavalry members sued A&M, but the delays a

to all 77 cadets kicked off

squad last year on suspicion hazing. Van Alstyne could not reached for comment Monday Justin Woods, the Corps lic information officer, said the is nothing the Corps can do no

"I wish there was somet we could do, but it is out of or hands," he said.

Parsons Mounted Cavalry specialized Corps unit similar the Fish Drill Team and Volunteers. The group is far for firing the cannon durin practice and home football and remains the only colle military cavalry in the nation

### Crime

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Monday should be consider good news, said James Alan F a professor of criminal justice Northeastern University.

With financially plaguede laying off police officers switching others to homel security, with people losing the jobs because of ongoing econor ic problems, and with increase in gang activity, overall crim could easily be going up rath than down, Fox said.

'The fact that it isn't is a su cess," he said. "We're holding our own despite difficult time that we're in.

The biggest decline in over crime — 3.3 percent — reported in the Northeast. West was the only region report an increase — 2.9 perce

Experts said Los Ange accounted for much of t increase.

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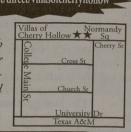
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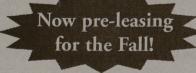
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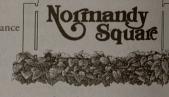
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