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Even as Doctors Say Enough, Families Fight to Prolong Life

Medical Advances Raise Hopes of Loved Ones

By PAM BELUCKER

BRITAIN, March 26 — In a room that looks like a hospital ward, but is not, a woman sits on the edge of a bed, her face pale and her hands clasped in prayer.

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Sgt. Earl L. Hastings, center, and Army Sgt. James Hillings make their pitch at the University of Houston.

For Recruiters, a Hard Toll From a Hard Sell

By DANIEL CAVE

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Texas Official Admits Misteps That Helped Railroads in Suits

By WALT BISHOP

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Boats, Cows, Tasty Lamb: Iraq Battles Smuggling

By EDWARD BIRN

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U.S. IS EXAMINING PLAN TO BOLSTER DETAINEE RIGHTS

DEBATE ON TERROR CASES

Facing Criticism, Defense Department Considers Changing Tribunals

By TIM GARDNER

The Defense Department is considering substantial changes to the military tribunals that the Bush administration established to prosecute terrorism suspects.

The proposed changes, many of which are detailed in a 100-page report, would allow military tribunals to hear cases involving alleged terrorists, even after a federal court has ruled in their favor.

These changes have led to a heated debate over the rights of detainees, with critics arguing that the tribunals are a violation of international law.

The draft report has received a mixed response from military and civilian officials. Some support the changes, while others are concerned about the impact on the military's ability to prosecute terrorism suspects.

The report also outlines a plan to change the way military tribunals are run, including the appointment of judges and the selection of prosecutors.

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Grass-Roots Effort Challenges Zambomba's Leader

A grassroots movement is challenging the leadership of a prominent figure in Zambomba.

Bill Egan in Beirut 'Wounded'

A former U.S. ambassador to Lebanon has been wounded in a recent attack in Beirut.

Big Changes in N.C.A.A.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is implementing major changes to its rules.

Michael Jackson's Inventory

Michael Jackson's estate is listing a large number of items for sale.

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