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IN SPORTS



It'll be Cardinals against Tigers

Yadier Molina's two-run homer in the ninth put St. Louis on top against New York, but it took a bases-loaded strikeout of Carlos Beltran to win the National League pennant and send the Cardinals to the World Series against the rested Detroit Tigers.

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Up Front

Must reads inside today's Enquirer

Runaway steer gets a new chance

Little Red, the sickly steer who escaped from the Harvest Home Fair, got at least a temporary reprieve from artist Peter Max.

LOCAL C2

Furman suspended for slam at T.J.

Andy Furman, the popular WLW-AM host, was suspended for comments about Bengals receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

SPORTS B1

Dow tops 12,000, and stays there

The Dow Jones average closed above 12,000 for the first time, a sign of Wall Street confidence.

BUSINESS A12

Also ...

A priest acknowledged engaging in skinny-dipping and nude massages with young Mark Foley.

NATION A6

WEATHER

High 54°
Low 38°
Partly sunny

COMPLETE FORECAST: C8



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IWO JIMA

Forever etched in their minds



Robert Seipelt, 80, Cherry Grove, shows the rifle and bayonet that deflected a bullet, saving him.



Frank Mardis, 89, Florence, said a friend married, returned to Iwo Jima and was killed.



Marvin Burdine, 81, Clermont County, was a Marine whose unit raised the flag on Iwo Jima. The event was captured in a famous photo that inspired the American public.

Local men recall bloody battle as 'Flags' opens in theaters today

By John Johnston
Enquirer staff writer

In his mind's eye, Dick Kist still sees the young Navy corpsman lying on the sandy beach at Iwo Jima, his right arm blown off by an explosion.

One of World War II's bloodiest battles was only hours old Feb. 19, 1945, when Kist, a 22-year-old demolition man wearing a pack loaded with TNT, came upon the corpsman, who pleaded for a shot of morphine.

Kist had had no medical training. He'd worked in a Cincinnati foundry until enlisting in the Marines just before his 20th birthday, nine months after the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

He dug into his cartridge belt for the morphine, plunged a needle into the corpsman's left arm and protected him until more Marines arrived. Then he went to

get help but was hit by shrapnel that felt "like somebody took a razor blade and sliced my leg."

Kist, 84, of Whitewater Township is among a dwindling number of men in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky who can offer a first-person account of the battle of Iwo Jima, the setting for the Clint Eastwood-directed film "Flags of Our Fathers," which opens today.

Based on a book of the same name by James Bradley and Ron Powers, the film tells the story of the servicemen whose flag-raising on the island's highest point, Mount Suribachi, was captured in a Pulitzer Prize-winning photo by Joe Rosenthal.

The film is likely to spark as much discussion about heroism as it does about history.

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Photos by Paramount Pictures/illustration by Randy Mazzola

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"Flags of Our Fathers" represents another remarkable chapter in Clint Eastwood's storied career. Page 40

ONLINE

You review "Flags of Our Fathers." Go to Cincinnati.com to tell us what you think of the movie in our message board and read what others think. Keyword: forum

ABOUT THE FILM

■ **What:** "Flags of Our Fathers," Rated R for violence and language.

■ **Starring:** Ryan Phillippe, Jesse Bradford, Adam Beach, Jamie Bell, Barry Pepper.

OHIO VOTES ELECTION 2006

Blackwell turns up heat at rally

Strickland spokesman calls Blue Ash speech 'outrageous'

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Cincinnati.com: For blogs, news and candidate guides.
Keyword: elections

BLUE ASH – At a rain-soaked rally, Republican gubernatorial candidate Ken Blackwell told about 200 supporters Thursday that he does not question Democrat Ted Strickland's sexuality but does fault him for not "standing up" as a congressman for sexually abused children.

"I don't care what his sexual preference is," Blackwell said at Blue Ash's Veterans Memorial Park, where about 50 protesters ringed the pro-

Blackwell crowd, booing and shouting throughout his speech. "It has nothing to do with his ability to lead the state."

But as a congressman, Blackwell said that when Strickland "could have stood up and said sex with children is bad, he sat down."

"This is the Buckeye State. We need leaders who will buck up and stand up for our children."

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Secretary of State and gubernatorial candidate Ken Blackwell (left), WLW's Bill Cunningham (center) and Fox News' Sean Hannity celebrate during a rally Thursday.

U.S. says it needs new Iraq strategy

The New York Times

Inside, A2

BAGHDAD – The American-led crackdown on violence in Baghdad has not succeeded in quelling violence across the capital, and a new approach is needed, a military spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman, Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, said the strategy of concentrating on a limited number of highly troubled neighborhoods had not succeeded in lowering the overall levels of sectarian violence in the city.

He said American commanders were consulting with the Iraqi government on a change in plans.

Caldwell's statement

■ Vice President Dick Cheney says U.S. is not looking for an exit strategy from Iraq.

comes at a time when attacks on American forces have been increasing. There's also increasing friction between the U.S. and the Iraqi government over how to deal with the Shiite militias responsible for much of the sectarian violence.

Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki flew to the holy city of Najaf to plead for help from Iraq's two most influential and enigmatic Shiite clerics, a sign of the seriousness of the crisis.

Coach controversy on YouTube

By Michael D. Clark
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MASON – The parents of a 9-year-old Mason youth football player who videotaped a coach violently yanking the boy by his helmet say they have been waiting for weeks for an apology.

When they didn't get one, the boy's mother took the situation to the Internet this week by posting a clip from the video on YouTube.com. Now the family is getting lots of attention, but still no apology

Boy's helmet yanked; parents want apology

from the coach, they say.

Dana DeMann – mother of Ricky DeMann, a 4-foot-8, 78-pound fourth-grader – posted a one-minute, 24-second video clip of a Sept. 17 Mason Youth Football League game played at Anderson High School in Hamilton County.

The video shows coach Darrell Boreing – a Kings biology teacher and varsity wrestling coach – twisting the boy around by his helmet swiftly enough to lift him off his feet.

His parents say the action occurred after a play in which Ricky slapped Boreing's son – the team's quarterback – on the shoulder pads and complained about not being thrown the football.

Ricky is then seen kneeling on the sideline while being attended to by other coaches. The incident took place in the last two minutes of the game with the Mason team losing.

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\$20 million for science and math



Scott Donnelly, CEO of GE Aviation, Thursday announces a \$20 million grant for Cincinnati Public Schools, the largest non-governmental grant ever given the system. Story, C1

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