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## Diana fans seek a memorial

LONDON (AP) — Marking exactly two years since Princess Diana's death, Mohamed Al Fayed on Tuesday displayed the ring he insists would have marked her engagement to his son Dodi.

The ring and a glass of champagne that Al Fayed says is the one the couple last drank from before their deaths in a Paris crash were added to shrines at his Harrods department store.

At Diana's former Kensington Palace home, her most ardent admirers petitioned for a permanent memorial.

Jill Marseilles, who stood outside the palace for two days this week collecting 4,000 signatures, said she was "overwhelmed" by the response.

"The palace will have to take notice now," Marseilles said. "Last year, people came here to pay their respects. This year, they are getting angry."

Al Fayed, whose dealings with the government and Diana's family have grown embittered, says the deaths on Aug. 31, 1997, were a murder conspiracy plotted by people who did not approve of Diana's relationship with an Egyptian.

He says his son and Diana were planning to marry and the diamond ring Dodi had bought was to have been an engagement ring.

Friends and relatives of the princess, who had met Dodi Fayed only a few weeks before her

death, say there were no such plans.

"This is a difficult day for me," Al Fayed said Tuesday, expressing gratitude to those who offered him sympathy.

The "establishment," he said, is trying to make people forget about the princess. "Diana was like a saint," he added.

Diana and Dodi Fayed died after they left the Ritz Hotel and set off at high speed in their chauffeured car, trying to elude photographers. Al Fayed owns the Ritz and was the employer of driver Henri Paul, who died in the crash and was found to have high levels of alcohol in his blood.

The French judge investigating the accident is expected to conclude his investigation soon. The state prosecutor recommended last week that manslaughter charges against nine photographers who were trailing Diana be dismissed.

In Paris on Tuesday, police stood guard near the tunnel where the car crashed, but the expected crowd never materialized at the nearby monument that has been adopted as a shrine to Diana. Of those who did stop, most simply snapped a few pictures before heading to other Paris sites.

Diana's sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, spent the day with Prince Charles in the privacy of Balmoral, the royal family's Scottish estate.

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Englander

At Althorp, the Spencer family home where the princess is buried, her brother, Earl Spencer, spent the anniversary in "private contemplation" while several bunches of flowers were laid at the gates.

At Kensington Palace, a steady flow of people arrived.

Londoner John Loughrey, 44, arrived at midnight so he could be there at the exact time Diana died.

"I was here last year, and I was here for four days without sleep when she died," he said. "She stood for everything good about the country. I will keep coming back every year."

## Bush breaks records with campaign funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush's campaign will report raising more than \$50 million by the end of September — more than any presidential candidate ever has had available to seek the nomination.

With a half-dozen events in September, the campaign expects to add to the total before the Sept. 30 reporting deadline. But the figure is not expected to reach \$60 million, one senior Bush aide said.

Bush raised a record \$37 million through June 30 and has continued to take in money since then, including the \$250,000 Bush picked up Tuesday at a \$1,000-a-plate fund-raiser in Nebraska. The campaign has planned fund-raisers next week in Kansas and Rhode Island.

Last week, the Bush campaign raised about \$1 million from fund-raisers in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

By the end of September, Bush will have raised more money than any other presidential candidate ever has, even when federal matching funds are

figured in. Including federal funds, 1996 Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole had \$45 million to spend and President Clinton had \$43 million.

Bush is not accepting the federal funds, which require candidates to limit their spending in exchange for the money. Neither is publisher Steve Forbes, who is paying for much of his campaign out of his own pocket.

Bush said Tuesday that he didn't know how much money he had raised, except to say "it's a lot."

Bush advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the campaign will report more than \$50 million in contributions Sept. 30.

Spokesmen for Bush's opponents said they were resigned to the Texas governor vacuuming up most of the available cash.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., called it "a sign of his success."

"We don't have to outspend him; we have to out-idea him," Forbes spokeswoman Juleanne Glover Weiss said.

## FBI probe may be independent

Director Louis Freeh pushes for outside team to investigate Waco incident

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director Louis Freeh is pushing for an independent investigator to head the probe into why it took his agency six years to acknowledge using incendiary tear gas canisters in the waning hours of the Branch Davidian siege.

Amid concern over the appearance of the FBI and Justice Department investigating themselves, Freeh has told Attorney General Janet Reno she should appoint an outsider to head the inquiry, an FBI official confirmed Tuesday.

Although the FBI has identified 40 agents who could do the investigative legwork, Freeh is supporting a probe without FBI involvement, spokesman Tron Brekke said.

Recognizing that the agency's credibility has been damaged, Brekke added: "We would welcome a qualified group of (independent) investigators to do that investigation."

Reno was said by Justice sources to be searching for a qualified outsider but had reached no final decision Tuesday, said Justice spokesman Myron Marlin.

"She is still working through her options," Marlin said. "She has pledged to get to the bottom of this, and that's what she will do."

Congressional committees also have begun inquiries of their own and some are planning hearings this fall.

The latest round of scrutiny into the deadly siege near Waco, Texas, was triggered by the FBI's about-face last week after claiming for years that only non-burning tear gas was used.

Davidian leader David Koresh and about 80 followers died during the April 19, 1993, inferno. The FBI and Reno have said there is no evidence to suggest the blaze was set by the tear gas grenades, which were lobbed at a concrete bunker 40 yards from the wooden compound a few hours before the fire erupted.

Mindful that 1995 Waco hearings degenerated into intense partisan bickering, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., is mulling a proposal to create a joint House-Senate commission in place of hearings by his panel, an aide said.

"There's been no final decision that's been made, but we're trying to work our way through this and find some solution that might remove this entire affair from the political fever swamp," said Sam Stratman, a spokesman for the House panel.

A joint commission would have its own budget and investigative authority and likely would follow the of other congressional commissions: Its members would be appointed by House and Senate leaders from both parties but would not necessarily be lawmakers.

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., and others are demanding information on the role played by the Army's secretive Delta Force during the FBI operation. Only under tightly proscribed rules is the military allowed to participate in domestic law enforcement operations.

## This century's top 10 ad jingles

From the Associated Press

This century's top ad jingles, according to Advertising Age magazine:

- 1: "You deserve a break today" (McDonald's)
- 2: "Be all that you can be" (U.S. Army)
- 3: "Pepsi-Cola hits the spot" (Pepsi-Cola)
- 4: "Mmm good!" (Campbell Soup)

5: "See the USA in your Chevrolet" (GM)

6: "I wish I were an Oscar Mayer wiener" (Oscar Mayer)

7: "Double your pleasure, double your fun" (Wrigley's Doublemint gum)

8: "Winston tastes good like a cigarette should" (Winston)

9: "It's the real thing" (Coca-Cola)

10: "A little dab'll do ya" (Brylcreem)

## World and Nation Datelines

### Indonesia Militia blocks East Timor residents from leaving

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Angry militiamen blocked roads and stopped separatist supporters from taking planes and ferries from East Timor's capital Tuesday amid expectations that independence supporters had won a U.N.-sponsored ballot on the troubled territory's future.

Militia members said they had gone to Dili's airport and confiscated tickets from passengers they suspected of voting to break away from Indonesia in Monday's landmark referendum.

There were no immediate reports of serious violence, though an Australian elections observer was quoted as saying three U.N. staffers had been killed in the district of Ermera, where there was a clash between anti-independence militia and U.N. staff at a roadblock.

### North Carolina Hurricane Dennis may return down same path

KITTY HAWK, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Dennis began plodding back toward North Carolina on Tuesday, raising fears among the vacationers and residents who had just started to return to the rain-lashed coast.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami predicted Dennis would move slowly west and then turn southwest Wednesday night.

That would take it along the same path — but in reverse — that it followed when it crept along North Carolina's coast Monday without coming ashore.

### California Firefighters try to contain massive Western blaze

APPLE VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Smoke rose into the Mojave Desert sky from the north flank of the San Bernardino Mountains Tuesday as firefighters struggled to contain active forest and brush fires that had burned 150,000 acres in the West.

The largest uncontrolled blazes were being fought in Idaho, Montana, Utah and California. Fires had been contained in Nevada and Washington.

The biggest concentration of firefighters worked to tame a 50,000-acre blaze that had destroyed 12 homes since Sunday about 80 miles east of Los Angeles, between the resort town of Lake Arrowhead and the high desert of Apple Valley.

### Moscow Explosion in video arcade injures at least 30 people

MOSCOW (AP) — An explosion ripped through a video game parlor in a shopping mall near the Kremlin on Tuesday, spraying glass and metal and injuring at least 30 people. Police said it could have been an attack by terrorists or by organized crime.

The blast sent frightened teenagers and shoppers rushing from the underground Manezh shopping center — a mall popular for its fast-food restaurants and shops stocked with Nike shoes and other pricey imports — and prompted the Kremlin, only yards away, to beef up security.

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