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ARIZONA

Church leader faces charges

PHOENIX - The leader of a polygamous sect has been charged with sex crimes after being accused of arranging a marriage between a teenage girl and 28-year-old man who was already married, prosecutors said. Warren Jeffs, president of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was charged with counts that include conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor, prosecutors said Friday. If convicted, he could face up to two years in jail. Authorities do not know where Jeffs is and were hoping the release of his name would help result in his arrest. Jeffs has not been seen publicly in more than a year and is thought by some to be in Texas on a new church ranch near Eldorado.

FLORIDA

GOP senator urges Guantanamo's end

KEY WEST - Sen. Mel Martinez said the Bush administration should consider closing the Guantanamo Bay prison for terrorism suspects - the first high-profile Republican to make the suggestion. "It's become an icon for bad stories, and at some point you wonder the cost-benefit ratio," Martinez said Friday. Martinez, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made his comments after Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden suggested earlier in the week that the prison in Cuba be shut down.

MASSACHUSETTS

Parents protest school's closure

BOSTON - Parents angry that the archdiocese abruptly locked their kids out of school before graduation ceremonies have started a camp-out protest in a city square across from the school. About 50 people stayed in the 10 tents set up Friday night across from Our **Lady of Presentation** School. The Boston archdiocese closed the school on Wednesday, two days ahead of schedule. The archdiocese closed the school early after hearing reports that protesters intended to begin an occupation of the school building as early as Thursday.

KANSAS

Sergeant gets life in soldiers' deaths

FORT RILEY - An Army sergeant convicted of shooting two fellow soldiers to death last year at his farmhouse will serve life in prison with no chance of parole, a military jury decided Saturday. Sgt. Aaron Stanley, a 23-year-old veteran of the Iraq war, was sentenced a day after his conviction by the same eight jurors on two counts of premeditated murder. They deliberated about six hours over his sentence and three hours over his guilt. Stanley was convicted of killing Staff Sgt. Matthew Werner, 30, of Oxnard, Calif., and Spc. Christopher D. Hymer, 23, of Nevada, Mo., in September in Clay Center, about 30 miles west of Fort Riley.

COLORADO

Rape counselor's arrest blocked

DENVER - A federal appeals court temporarily has blocked the military from arresting a civilian counselor for refusing to turn over records of sessions with a former Air Force Academy cadet who said she was raped. A lawyer for clinical social worker Jennifer Bier said there is a stay until Wednesday.

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