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FORT RILEY, Kan.

Soldier gets life term for two murders

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, 23, 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 only 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.

Stanley, of Bismarck, N.D., argued he acted in self-defense and to protect another soldier who was there, but prosecutors said he shot the two men to conceal an illegal drug trafficking operation, believing the victims to be informers for Fort Riley police. Stanley and the other soldier, Sgt. Eric Colvin, had acknowledged manufacturing methamphetamine and growing marijuana at the farmhouse.

NEW YORK

Funeral service is held for 9/11 firefighter

A 30-year-old firefighter who died at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, was memorialized Saturday at a Manhattan church in one of the last funerals for the 343 firefighters killed that day.

Hundreds of uniformed firefighters stood as an engine draped in black and purple bunting carried Keithroy M.

Maynard's remains to the Church of the Master. A pipe and drum corps played "Amazing Grace."

Maynard's family held a memorial service two months after the attacks, but years more passed before his family felt that enough of his remains had been identified to hold a formal funeral, officials said.

The ceremony Saturday was the first funeral since 2003 for a firefighter killed at the World Trade Center.

## BOSTON

### Parents protest early closing of school

Parents angry that the Roman Catholic 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 early, after hearing that protesters angry over the closing intended to occupy the building as early as Thursday.

Archbishop Sean O'Malley and parents agreed on Saturday to meet Monday.

## TOPEKA, Kan.

### Doctor who performed abortions loses license

More than two months after disciplinary action forced him to close his abortion clinic in Kansas City, Kan., Dr. Krishna Rajanna has lost his license.

The State Board of Healing Arts voted unanimously Saturday to revoke the license of Rajanna, whose case became the focus of a legislative debate over regulating abortion clinics.

In March, a board inspector made two surprise visits to Rajanna's clinic. He reported the facility was unclean and that he found syringes of medications kept in an unlocked refrigerator. The inspector also reported finding a dead mouse in the hallway.

Rajanna argued that he had not been given an opportunity to meet with the inspector to correct the deficiencies

Board members concluded that Rajanna's clinic had represented a danger. Rajanna can appeal the decision to district court.

## WASHINGTON

### Rice helps raise awareness of disease

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice played piano at the Kennedy Center concert stage Saturday to accompany a young soprano battling an often-fatal disease.

Rice played a half-dozen selections to accompany Charity Sunshine, 21, a singer who was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension a little more than a year ago.

The soprano is a granddaughter of Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., and his wife, Annette, whom Rice has known for years. The Pulmonary Hypertension Association, formed in 1990, presented the concert to draw attention to the disease from which more than 100,000 people are known to suffer.

Rice began playing at 3, and originally planned to become a concert pianist.

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