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Britney was a tiger in my bed, by Fred

LIMP BIZKIT STAR TELLS ALL

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MARSHA ARREST

By MIKE SULLIVAN and IAN HEPBURN, Sun Crime Team

THIRTY-FIVE cops last night arrested a man over the hammer murder of student Marsha McDonnell.

Armed officers pounced on suspect Boyd Keppel, 22, near a railway station in Now Malden, Surrey.

His arrest came three weeks and two days after Marsha, 19, was slaughtered by three hammer blows to her head

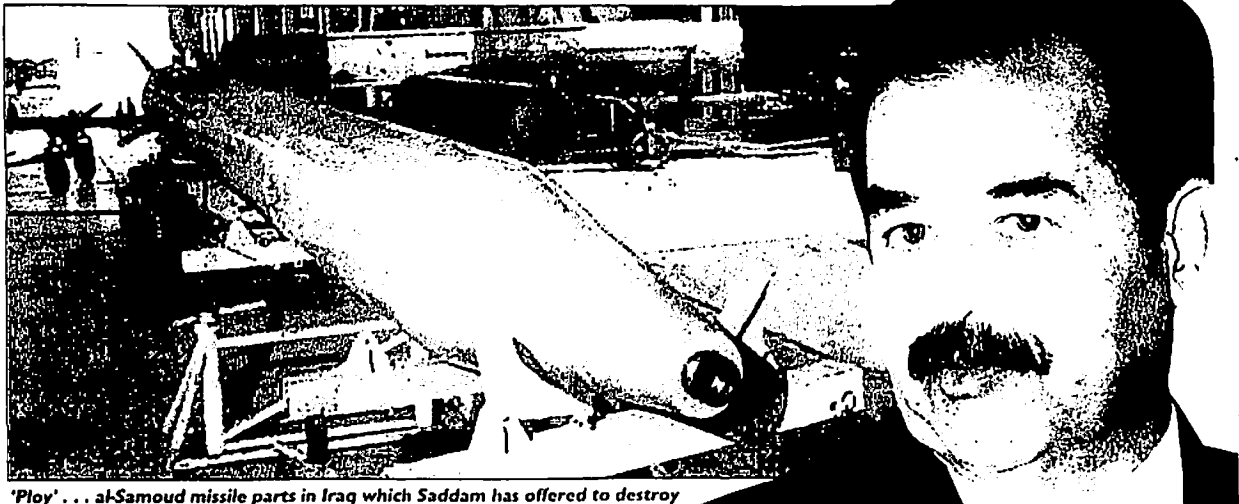
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Battered... student Marsha, 19

WAR ON TERROR

SADDAM SAYS: I'LL DESTROY MISSILES



'Ploy'... al-Samoud missile parts in Iraq which Saddam has offered to destroy

(Yeah? We'll believe it when we see it)

SADDAM Hussein made a last-ditch attempt to avert war yesterday and agreed to destroy his illegal missiles.

But the promise was immediately dismissed as a bid for more time.

Government sources said the offer was only made "in principle" while the UN is demanding an unconditional disarmament.

Saddam said he would scrap an illegal stockpile of al-Samoud 2 missiles.

Inspectors last week found that the rockets had been modified to strike targets 183km away, while UN rules state a maximum range of 140km.

Chief weapons inspector Hans Blix received the written offer hours before he was due to report on Iraq's deadly arsenal.

He had already ordered Saddam to begin destroying the missiles by tomorrow. And Saddam's offer was last night dismissed as a ploy by a

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Whitehall source, who said "He is obviously still playing cat and mouse with the inspectors."

"We're used to his bromanship. It is clear this wader thin offer is all about playing for more time."

Dr Blix is set to deliver a key report on the UN inspectors' progress, with his final verdict in a week.

The inspection team was last night trying to contact Saddam's aides to clarify the offer.

Saddam earlier pulled crack Iraqi troops off border patrol to throw a ring of steel around his palaces.

And the tyrant warned any US or British forces who set foot in Iraq would not leave alive.

One of his ministers, Mohammed Mehdi Saleh, declared "We will make Iraq a grave for anyone who enters. It will be a new Vietnam." The move

came as UN inspectors prepared damning evidence that Saddam is refusing to disarm.

Dr Blix is set to tell the 15 nation Security Council that Iraqi co-operation has been "very limited."

In a draft version of his report, leaked to the BBC, he says Baghdad could have made "greater efforts" to reveal banned weapons.

Revolt

He says "The results in terms of disarmament have been very limited. It is hard to understand why measures now being taken by Iraq could not have been initiated earlier."

Tony Blair yesterday stepped up talks for a new UN resolution backing military action.

He shrugged off a Commons revolt by 122 Labour MPs and hit the phones to key members of the Security Council.

Mr Blair knows he can gain the support of most backbench rebels if he can rally the UN behind him. But

Downing Street made it clear last night that he had no intention of wavering in his support of American-led action to disarm Saddam.

Cabinet members were yesterday said to be "rock solid" in support of the Government's position.

US President George Bush phoned Russian leader Vladimir Putin urging him to back military action. Moscow's support would almost certainly isolate France and force President Jacques Chirac into an embarrassing U-turn.

Spanish PM Jose Maria Aznar, who is closely backing Mr Bush, urged him to sideline hawkish defence chief Donald Rumsfeld and give a bigger role to respected Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Meanwhile, ITV chiefs plan to move its main news forward to 10pm during the war so it doesn't clash with the BBC's 10pm bulletin.

● THE average cost of petrol has risen to 77.28p a litre or 13.51 a gallon amid war fears, says fuel management firm Arval PHII.

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Targets fail schoolkids

LABOUR'S obsession with exam targets is damaging the education of children, the chief schools inspector claimed last night.

Ofted boss David Bell warned that lessons aimed solely at meeting goals are stifling progress.

And he said demands are so hard many teachers have given up. Mr Bell declared: "Targets are now operating more as a threat than a motivator."

Education Secretary Charles Clarke has refused to abandon tough goals - even though 2002 targets were not reached.

Shadow education secretary Damian Green said "Ministers should be shocked their own advisers is telling them their whole approach is wrong."

Queen 'will go on euro'

GORDON Brown yesterday vowed Britain would insist on putting the Queen's head on euro notes if the Pound is ever ditched.

The Chancellor's promise is certain to trigger a row with EU heads.

Euro notes currently carry nothing which identifies the country of origin.

But Mr Brown told MP yesterday: "There should be a national symbol."

The Chancellor, speaking to a Commons Treasury committee, left the door open to the single currency - even if he rules out membership in June.

He repeatedly failed to oppose a "rolling" assessment which would let his recommend scrapping the Pound in future years.

SKY WEATHER with LISA BURKE



WINDY in West and central parts with rain spreading eastwards. Bright start in the East with cloud later. Top temp: 11°C (52°F).

Latest forecast from Sky at www.bbc.com/sky

Cover-up or failing firms

THE Government was accused of a con yesterday after boasting business is booming - using three-year-old figures.

It said the number of companies going bust was falling with 91.4 per cent still trading after a year.

But that was in 2000 - in 2002 closures were UP.

Small business minister Nigel Griffiths had claimed the figures proved Labour policies were working. But they covered the period when thousands of dot com firms launched, many of which have now failed.

One business leader said: "Many of us are clinging by our fingertips." Tory Tim Yeo said "Business is struggling and all ministers can do is try to hide the facts."

CONCORDE SCARE

PART of a rudder fell off a Concorde jet at 40,000ft yesterday. The supersonic plane was over the Atlantic when the piece was suddenly torn away. The Air France flight from Paris - carrying about 30 passengers and crew - later landed safely and on time at New York. But it was the FIFTH time a piece of rudder

BA TO AXE CONCORDE

Fear... Sun report on jet's future

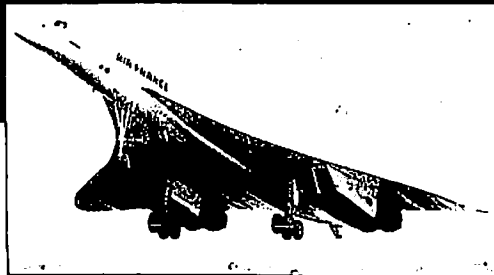
has broken during a Concorde flight and raises new fears for the ageing jet's future.

The Sun this week revealed British Airways may retire its Concorde fleet. Bookings have

slumped since an Air France Concorde crashed in Paris in July 2000, killing 114 people.

Air France launched a probe into the latest drama, just a week after another of its Concordes made an emergency landing in Canada after suffering engine problems.

BA said last night "Losing part of the rudder does not affect the aircraft's safety."



Alert... part of rudder fell off Air France concorde at 40,000ft

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THE SUN SAYS

Blair can see big picture

AS the dust settles on the revolt by 122 Labour MPs, who emerges as the winner — them or Tony Blair?

No contest. It's Blair. He knew his no-nonsense attitude towards Iraq would cause problems with his party.

His aides warned him weeks ago of the size of the likely rebellion.

But Blair passionately believed that pursuing Saddam Hussein through the United Nations was morally and politically right.

He did not waver for one moment.

That is the act of a true statesman, who puts world peace above domestic convenience.

No one should doubt the courage of the Prime Minister.

He is buoyed by the certainty of his conscience, but the personal price he is paying for leading Britain towards military action is etched on his face.

In a few weeks, he will be vindicated. He will have helped liberate the Iraqi people from an appalling oppressor.

That will send a powerful message of freedom to the rest of the Middle East.

From a position of strength, Britain and America will be able to negotiate a lasting settlement of the age-old conflict between Jew and Arab.

And they will have deterred those nations who succour and fund terrorists.

That will be a massive step forward that rightly dispatches Wednesday's vote to the footnotes of history.

Revenge

WHAT are the police trying to do to Stephen Downing?

He was freed by the Appeal Court after serving 27 years for a murder he said he did not commit.

The police's conduct in the original inquiry came under fire.

But yesterday Derbyshire police played judge and jury and tried him again at a press conference.

They said that despite an intensive new investigation, Downing was the only man still in the frame.

Even if Downing did kill Wendy Sewell, he spent three times longer in jail than most killers.

What purpose is served by the police branding him again?

It smacks of getting their own back.

Bad habit

WHAT a sad story about Sister Aloysius, who failed a breath test.

What sort of wine had she been drinking?

Blue Nun, of course.



THE BRITISH BILLIONAIRES
14 make new world rich list

By IAN KING
Business Editor

THEY are the members of Britain's most elite club — you have to be worth \$1 billion or more to join.

The 14 men are part of a new worldwide list of 470 dollar billionaires. \$1bn equals £633million — compiled by US business bible Forbes Global.

The UK is only sixth on the list of billionaire havens — America, Germany, Japan, Russia and Canada can all boast more big money men than us.

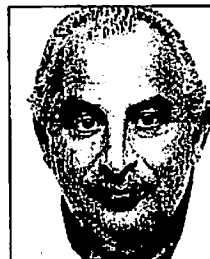
Our highest-ranked is Gerald Cavendish Grosvenor — better known as the Duke of Westminster — who comes in at No.34 with \$7.5bn.

But that is dwarfed by the wealth of Microsoft tycoon Bill Gates, the world's richest man with a \$40.7bn fortune.

Along with the Duke of Westminster, five other Brits have inherited their wealth, but eight are self-made men. Chief among them is



SUPER RICH... Ken Morrison



TOP SHOPS... Philip Green

Formula One racing boss Bernie Ecclestone, 72 — worth \$3.2bn — the son of a Suffolk trawler skipper. Following in his wake is one of this year's new entries — secretive music impresario Clive Calder, 56, who discovered Britney Spears.

Mr Calder cemented his \$2.3bn fortune last year when he sold his record label, Zomba, to German music giant Bertelsmann. Two self-made

Britons hold the No.216 spot Virgin tycoon Sir Richard Branson, 52, and supermarket leg end Sir Ken Morrison, 71.

Sir Richard, whose wealth has risen by \$100million in the past year to \$1.7bn, heads an aircraft, trains, mobile phones and music empire.

Sir Ken, also worth \$1.7bn, is currently at the centre of a £3.2bn bidding war for rival Safeway. He left school with

no qualifications but made Morrison a household name in the north of England.

Philip Green is next, also trying to buy Safeway.

The 50 year old, valued at \$1.4bn has built up a fashion empire which spans BHMS, Dorothy Perkins, Top Shop, Burton and Miss Selfridge.

John Hargreaves, 60, the man behind Matalan, follows with \$1.1bn. He got his big break after visiting discount retailer Sam's Club in Florida and imported the idea to Britain.

Also in the list is money man Joseph Lewis, 66, with \$1.1bn. He put money into theme restaurants, one of which became the Beefeater chain, then went on to invest his cash by trading currencies.

The last of the self-made men is Welshman Terry Matthews, 59, worth \$1bn. He founded technology firm Mitel, then sold it and set up another, Newbridge Networks.

He sold that at the height of the dot com boom to French firm Alcatel and the deal netted him his fortune.

WHERE BRITS RANK

- 34. Gerald Grosvenor \$7.5bn (\$8.7bn)
 - 104. Bernie Ecclestone \$3.2bn (\$3.3bn)
 - 113. David Selmsby \$3bn (\$4.3bn)
 - 162. Clive Calder \$2.3bn (£)
 - 192. Gerald Cadogan \$2.1bn (\$1.8bn)
 - 226. Sir Richard Branson \$1.7bn (\$1.4bn)
 - 232. Sir Ken Morrison \$1.7bn (same)
 - 301. Philip Green \$1.4bn (£)
 - 302. Adrian Swiss \$1.4bn (\$1.5bn)
 - 343. Bruno Scherzer \$1.2bn (\$1.6bn)
 - 356. John Hargreaves \$1.1bn (\$1.2bn)
 - 388. Jonathan Harmanworth \$1.1bn (\$1bn)
 - 389. Jonathan Lewis \$1.1bn (same)
 - 427. Terry Matthews \$1bn (\$1.2bn)
- Last year's figures in brackets

THE TOP 10

- 1. Bill Gates (US) \$40.7bn
- 2. Warren Buffett (US) \$30.5bn
- 3. Karl & Theo Albrecht (Germany) \$25.6bn
- 4. Paul Allen (US) \$20.1bn
- 5. Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Al Saud (Saudi Arabia) \$20.1bn
- 6. Larry Ellison (US) \$16.6bn
- 7. Alice, Helen, Jim, John and Robson Walton \$18.5bn
- 8. Lilliane Bettencourt (France) \$14.5bn
- 9. Kenneth Thomson (Canada) \$14.0bn
- 10. Ingvar Kamprad (Sweden) \$13.0bn