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## Maddox passes on comment to controversy

*The quarterback keeps silent on conflicting statements about alleged harassment.*

BY MIKE PRISUTA  
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Beleaguered Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox preferred "no comment" to another turnover Friday. Maddox repeatedly declined invita-

tions to shed light on contradictory statements offered by his agent and his wife in the wake of what happened at Maddox' home following Sunday's 23-17 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars. Maddox lost a fumble and tossed three interceptions — including the game winner in overtime.

On Thursday, Jennifer Maddox disputed a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review report that vandals had thrown objects on the family's lawn in Adams, Butler

County. She also told WPXI-TV that her children were not harassed at school or on the school bus.

On Wednesday, the quarterback confirmed agent Vann McElroy's accounts of vandalism at the Maddox home and the children's harassment.

Maddox refused a request Friday to clear up the discrepancies after the team workout.

When approached by another reporter, Maddox became agitated at the

mention of his wife's account. He raised his voice and pointed a finger at the reporter.

A television crew then tried to approach Maddox, but a Steelers representative blocked the attempt.

Two newspapers, two television stations and two radio stations attended the Steelers' practice on Friday. Maddox sat out because of a shoulder injury.

At least one TV crew spent time outside Maddox' house Friday afternoon.

McElroy, who didn't return a Trib phone call on Friday, initially blamed frustrated fans for the vandalism at Maddox' residence.

"Having your kids deal with it at school and on the bus is a very, very tough deal," McElroy told the Trib in Thursday's editions.

"It's not true," Jennifer Maddox told WPXI-TV in a story broadcast Thursday

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## Saddam lawyers demand security

*They also want a change of venue after a colleague was murdered.*

BY MARIAM FAM  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A fearful defense team demanded Friday that Saddam Hussein's trial be delayed or moved out of Iraq after one of his lawyers was found dumped in the street with two bullet wounds in his head, hours after gunmen dressed as security forces took the attorney from his office.

Four American service members, meanwhile, were killed in insurgent attacks — edging the total number of U.S. military deaths near 2,000 since the start of the Iraq war in March 2003.

Investigators are trying to determine if the killers of Sunni Arab lawyer Saadoun Sughaiyer al-Janabi are Saddam opponents lashing out at the defense team, or perhaps Sunni insurgents — including many Saddam supporters — trying to disrupt the trial.

Al-Janabi was the lawyer for Awad Hamed al-Bandar, the former head of Saddam's

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## Knee deep in Wilma



A man walks through a flooded street Friday in the resort town of Cancun, Mexico, as Hurricane Wilma crawled through the Yucatan Peninsula.

DANIEL AGUILAR/REUTERS

## Storm extends its stay in Cancun

*The slow-moving hurricane batters the Yucatan and gives Floridians more time to flee.*

BY MARTIN MERZER, FRANCES ROBLES  
AND PHIL LONG  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

MIAMI — The Mexican tourist havens of Cozumel and Cancun endured a slow-motion assault Friday by

a ferocious Hurricane Wilma. The storm's grinding passage through the Yucatan Peninsula — moving no faster than a jogger — again delayed its projected arrival in Florida.

In Cancun, roofs flew away in the 140-mph wind and tin siding sliced the air. Windows shattered and falling trees crushed cars. Ninety percent of the city lost power even before Wilma's core reached land.

The hurricane moved with tormenting slowness — a forward speed of

5 mph, prolonging a Yucatan agony that could persist until tonight. An incredible 40 inches of rain were possible in parts of the Yucatan and western Cuba. Forecasters also warned of 11-foot coastal storm surges.

"We're really taking a beating," said Israel Reyes de la Cruz, a security guard at the La Voz de Mexico newspaper in Cancun. "There's glass everywhere, sheer glass. It looks like

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## Wife tells about killing

Connellsville woman describes an 'ambush'

*Lori Prinkey says she was forced to beg for her life.*

BY PAUL PEIRCE  
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

A Fayette County woman said her estranged husband forced her to beg for her life as he held a handgun to her head moments after mortally wounding her ex-con lover.

"If Mike Prinkey couldn't have me, he felt nobody could have me. It was always about Mike ... he didn't care about anyone else," 47-year-old Lori Prinkey said of the fatal shooting early Wednesday at her Connellsville apartment.

Prinkey's husband of 17 years, Raymond "Mike" Prinkey, 49, of Normalville, is charged with criminal homicide in what police said was the ambush slaying of his wife's boyfriend, James M. Cononico, 50, as Cononico was emptying the trash shortly after 6 a.m. Wednesday. He is being held without bond in the Fayette County Prison pending a preliminary hearing Thursday before Connellsville District Judge Ronald Haggerty.

In a telephone interview Friday, Mrs. Prinkey said she was making sandwiches in the kitchen for Cononico to take to work when her husband "ambushed Jimmy and shot him in cold blood."

Lori Prinkey is a unit supervisor at SCI — Somerset, the state prison where she worked for 11 years and where she met Cononico, a former prisoner who was completing a 5- to 14-year

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## Illegal immigrants seized on military bases

*They had been hired by outside companies.*

BY ESTES THOMPSON  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Scores of illegal immigrants working as cooks, laborers, janitors, even foreign-language instructors have been seized at mili-

tary bases around the country in the past year, raising concerns in some quarters about security and troop safety.

The immigrants did not work directly for the military but for private contractors, as part of a large-scale effort by the Pentagon to outsource many routine rear-echelon jobs and free up the troops to concentrate on waging war.

Some worry that this fast-growing practice could make U.S. military installations more vulnerable to security breaches.

"We can't let down our guard," said Rep. Robin Hayes, a North Carolina Republican whose district includes Fort Bragg, home of the Army's Special Operations Command. "The motive of these particular individuals remains unclear.

However, my greatest concern is that they were able to gain access to the installation at all."

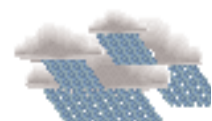
Since the Sept. 11 attacks, immigration officials have focused on military bases as well as airports, nuclear power plants and the nation's power grid. In the past year, they have caught about 150 illegal

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