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Defense Secretary Robert Gates announces that the tour for all active-duty soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan has been changed from one year to 15 months. 100,000 soldiers currently there will be affected as well as thousands of other soldiers waiting to be deployed.

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An earthquake shakes Mexico and causes at least one strong aftershock in Mexico City and a huge power outage. Its recorded magnitude was 5.4. Geologists studying the earthquake say this is a very uncommon occurrence.

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The nice spring weather that so many of us hoped for has been put off by flurries, rain, hail, and harsh winds. Flooding has gotten serious in West Virginia and New York caused by a fierce nor'easter. A total of 7.81 inches of rain fell within 24 hours in Central Park.

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What *The Cincinnati Enquirer* calls "the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history" took place at Virginia Tech. A 23-year-old student killed a total of 32 people and then turned the gun on himself.



"I was really sad when James Brown died. I think he was a wonderful musician." -Johnathan Bregger, 11

"I've heard of an Indian Summer, but not an Indian Winter. I'm starting to believe that the theory of Global Warming is true."

-Tyler Tucker, 12

"I think that it's time to get our soldiers home. Three months won't make a difference and they have been over there for long enough."

-Alden Overson, 11

