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In Dazzling Form, Tiger Woods Joins the LegendsBy Thomas Boswell
Washington Post Service

PEBBLE BEACH, California — Now every runaway victory in sports, every demonstration of ability and superiority previously thought impossible, has a new benchmark.

Tiger Woods won the 100th U.S. Open Championship on Sunday by the staggering total of 15 strokes, the largest margin in any major championship, breaking by two strokes the mark of Old Tom Morris in the 1862 British Open. Exhibiting imperial control of every aspect of his kingly game, Woods shot a 67 on Sunday to break the Open scoring record for most strokes under par, finishing at 12-under 272.

As the world's best players collapsed, Woods only got better with every hole. He played one course, one sport; everyone else played another. They chased him; he chased history.

Woods, 24, created a masterwork in his national championship that can stand with equal eminence beside his 12-stroke win in the Masters Tournament, another of golf's Grand Slam events, in 1997. Performances such as these are the foundations upon which genuine sports legends, which surpass the dimensions of any one game, are constructed.

On a glorious, warm day along the Carmel cliffs, crowds a dozen deep followed Woods, hoping for a glimpse of a man who already had shouldered his way into comparisons with Jack Nicklaus as well as the greatest American athletes in any sport.

Tiger Woods with the trophy for the 100th U.S. Open Championship on the 18th green at the Pebble Beach Golf Links. His overall score of 12 under par gave him a winning margin of 15 strokes — the largest margin ever in a major championship.



Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

One fan wore a head-to-toe Tiger suit, complete with orange face paint and whiskers. Another carried a sign on Father's Day that said, "Sorry, Dad, I Had to Come See Tiger."

"This is probably the last step in a 3½-year process for Woods, to join

Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan as the only athletes in the TV generation to be larger than life," said Dick Ebersol, the president of the U.S. television network NBC. "They bring in fans who have casual interest, at best, into the sport just to see them."

On one level, Woods's romp was merely a continuation of his amazing 13-month dominance of a sport that has, for more than 50 years, eluded the sole mastery of any one man, even

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**58 Bodies Found at
Police Believe
Were Smuggled**By Warren Hoge
New York Times Service

DOVER, England — British customs officers searching a consignment of imported tomatoes aboard a Dutch truck in this channel port early Monday were shocked instead to find the bodies of 58 Asian men and women inside the dark, airless space.

It was not clear how the stowaways — presumed to be poor migrants being smuggled into Britain — had died, but the suspicion was suffocation after it was discovered that the refrigeration equipment had been switched off, the doors had been locked from the outside and there was scant ventilation. With temperatures reaching 33 degrees centigrade (91 degrees Fahrenheit), Sunday was the hottest day in Britain this year.

Two male survivors were taken to a Kent County hospital, and the driver identified only as a citizen of the Netherlands, was arrested. The victims — all adults and all but four of them men — were described as "orientals" until a more accurate national identity could be established. The majority of Asians who try to enter Britain surreptitiously are Chinese.

Mark Pugash, spokesman for the Kent police, said the two survivors were expected to recover, although he added "It's hard to say 'non-life-threatening' when you consider the trauma they went through."

Their security, he said, was a top priority, and they were being closely guarded.

"This kind of thing doesn't happen spontaneously on this scale," he said. "It takes a lot of planning and finance and coordination, and if you were one of those responsible for it, you wouldn't want to have any survivors around afterwards."

Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking in Portugal where he was attending a European summit meeting, said the discovery of the bodies demonstrated the importance of stamping out the "evil trade in people."

The Immigration and Nationality Directorate's Intelligence Section believes at least 20 different criminal groups are actively involved in bringing illegal immigrants into Britain and forcing them into prostitution and jobs at slave wages. Groups of bewildered, frightened and sickly foreigners emerging from the backs of overloaded vehicles have become a common sight at Dover and other channel ports.

In London, Home Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons: "This particular incident is now subject to a major police investigation. The government is determined to continue to crack down on the evil trade in such trafficking, whose perpetrators have no regard for human life."

Mr. Pugash said he had spoken to the police and customs officers who first came upon the grisly sight. "Nothing had prepared them for what they found in that lorry," he said. "They were absolutely appalled, absolutely traumatized."

Nigel Knott, a customs spokesman, said the truck, one of the 4,000 that pass through Dover's Eastern Docks terminal daily, had been singled out just after midnight for inspection because it fit a profile developed by officials to identify vehicles suspected of transporting con-

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Greece Gains Entry Into Single-Currency ZoneBy Barry James
International Herald Tribune

SANTA MARIA DA FEIRA, Portugal — In what was called a step toward modernity, Greece formally won acceptance as the 12th member of the European Monetary Union on Monday, and the Greek prime minister, Costas Simitis, said the move would quickly result in lower interest rates, long-term price stability and faster economic growth.

"With this historic step, Greece makes a big leap toward stability," Mr. Simitis said at a summit meeting of the European Union here.

The admission of Greece, the European Union's

poorest country, leaves only Britain, Sweden and Denmark among EU members outside the single currency, the euro. Denmark will hold a referendum in September on joining. Meanwhile, Britain's Labor government remains deeply divided over the issue.

Greece will join the single currency on Jan. 1 with an official conversion rate of 340.75 drachmas to the euro, its current central rate in Europe's exchange rate mechanism.

The move was a triumph for the modernizing policies of Mr. Simitis, who has rescued the Greek economy from high inflation and excessive debt and brought it closer to the standards in most of the rest of Europe. He said that many had doubted in 1994 that he could

succeed, but that the Greek people had proved they were willing to make sacrifices to achieve membership.

The prime minister cautioned that membership was not a panacea for all of Greece's economic problems, adding that the country would have to continue working hard to restrain spending, achieve a budget surplus, bring down interest rates and boost growth.

The Bank of Greece's 14-day deposit interest rate is more than double the European Central Bank's main refinancing rate of 4.25 percent while economic output per head is on average 30 percent higher in the rest of the EU than in Greece. And at an annual rate of 2.6

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**Lost in Jargon: An EU Social Proposal
Plan to Combat Exclusion Is Written in 'Dead Language,' Aide Admits**By Barry James
International Herald Tribune

SANTA MARIA DA FEIRA, Portugal — The European Commission has just produced a document about an important subject — poverty and other kinds of deprivation in Europe — that is so dense and unreadable that even the commissioner responsible for it seems embarrassed.

"It is a dead language," Anna Diamantopoulou, the commissioner for social affairs, acknowledged before the European Union summit meeting opened here Monday.

Ms. Diamantopoulou said the document, prepared by officials in her department, betrayed a closeted way of thinking: "It's a Brussels language in which we cannot communicate with anyone outside Brussels. We know exactly what we do but nobody else does," she said.

Such writing and thinking "is not

only in this document, but everywhere," she added. "That's why I believe commissioners must have a very direct connection with national audiences."

The document, full of such sociological jargon as "benchmarking," "mainstreaming" and "social actors," is a proposal to governments and the European Parliament to establish "a program of community action to encourage cooperation between member states to combat social exclusion."

Although taking care of social problems is up to member governments, the commission can "add value," Ms. Diamantopoulou said — with apologies for using another Brussels buzzword — by getting governments to coordinate their policies.

But first it needs a common definition of "social exclusion," a vague concept not confined to poverty, that covers anything from old people left on their own to young people deprived of In-

ternet connections and kept out of the information society.

Second, it needs some reliable scientific basis. "We don't have the relevant data we need in order to develop policies," Ms. Diamantopoulou said. "In some member states there is nothing." In others there are United Nations studies or very general European data.

The figures the commission does have, some dating to the early 1990s, are so out of date as to be virtually useless.

So the first task for the commission, she said, is not only to collect data, but to organize the information so it can easily be updated every year "so that we can then see where we have problems and how we can change policies."

A common policy on exclusion would not only help the excluded but also guide governments in spending their huge social-welfare budgets efficiently, to create jobs and an equitable society.

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AGENDA**Polish Jews to Get
A Restitution Deal**

NEW YORK (Reuters) — The 10,000 or so Jews who still live in Poland stand to recover \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion in "communal property," first taken by the Nazis and then seized by the Communists, the World Jewish Congress said Monday. Thirty percent will go back to 19 Jewish communities where enough Jews still live to derive benefit from them, with the remainder going to a foundation to be run by the World Jewish Congress.

The Dollar		
	Monday @ 3 P.M.	previous close
New York		
Euro	0.959	0.9657
Pound	1.5133	1.5151
Yen	105.76	106.24
DM	2.0396	2.0254
FF	6.8404	6.7929

Dollars per pound and per euro.

The Dow

