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Today, mostly sunny, breezy, a warmer afternoon, high 79. Tonight, mostly clear, low 58. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, cooler by the coast, high 76. Details, Page A20.

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Juliana Pankow, wh
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In Taliban

By C. J. CHIVERS

BALUCH, Afghanistan — Min
utes after surviving the first am
bush, Cpl. John M. Boone, a Marine
sniper, called over his radio.
"We've got a civilian here who
got shot in his gut," he said.

The civilian, Mohammed, an
elderly Afghan farmer, had been
shot through his large intestine
when the Taliban fired on a patrol
from Third Battalion, Sixth Mar
ines. The Marines had just found
him curled on the ground. Al-
ready time was pressing.

"Hey, this guy is going to die if
we don't medevac him," the cor
poral said. "His guts are hanging

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PERSONAL TECH



Gadgetwise

Highlights from Gadgetwise, a blog about everything related to buying and using tech products, at nytimes.com/gadgetwise.

Waking Up to Great Sound With an Anniversary Radio

Tivoli Audio, a maker of high-end table radios, is celebrating its 10th year in business with a new clock radio that's clad in aluminum, the material from which traditional first-decade anniversary gifts are made.

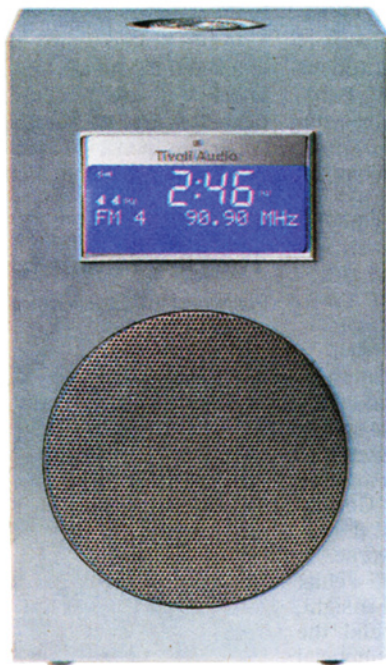
Actually, the aluminum casing is faux, covering the Model 10's furniture-grade wood, because real metal would present serious challenges to radio reception. The radio also will be available in other finishes, including one that mimics natural wood grain and one that is a glossy frost white, achieved with nine layers of lacquer.

Tivoli products have a clean, back-to-the-basics design and a myopic focus on rich sound.

The Model 10, which will be available this summer and cost \$200, is a table AM/FM clock radio with dual alarms that awakens with a tone or radio programming. It has Tivoli's sensitive digital FM tuner, which can pull in distant stations, and buttons for five station presets as well as a compact remote control.

The Model 10 also has an equalizer to tweak treble, bass, loudness and balance, and full Radio Data System text information for stations that support it.

RIK FAIRLIE



For about \$80 extra, you can add a matching right-channel speaker to create a compact stereo system. Other add-ons are also available.



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Scientists Fault Lack of Studies On Gulf Spill

By JUSTIN GILLIS

ensions between the Obama
administration and the scientific
community over the gulf oil spill
escalating, with prominent
nographers accusing the
government of failing to conduct
adequate scientific analysis of
damage and of allowing BP to
nure the spill's true scope.

Scientists assert that the
National Oceanic and Atmos-
pheric Administration and other
agencies have been slow to or-
ganize necessary scientific ex-
periments, especially to get a better
handle on problems that may be
emerging from large plumes of
hydrocarbons that appear to be
rising beneath the ocean sur-

face. They point out that in the
wake of the Deepwater Horri-
ble rig exploded, the govern-
ment has failed to make public a
test result on water from the
deep ocean. And the scien-
tists say the administration has
been too reluctant to demand an
accurate test of how many gal-
lons of oil are flowing into the sea
from the gushing oil well. "It
seems baffling that we don't

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ARSON AND RIOTS AS THAI MILITARY QUELLS PROTESTS

A BLOODY CRACKDOWN

Rampage Stokes Fears
of Spread of Turmoil
Across Nation

This article was reported by
Thomas Fuller, Seth Mydans and
Kirk Semple and written by Mr.
Fuller.

BANGKOK — A bloody crack-
down in Bangkok by the Thai mi-
litary set off rioting and arson at-
tacks on Wednesday in several
places across Thailand, threaten-
ing to expand unrest and further
aggravate the deep rifts that
have hobbled Thai society for the
past four years.

Troops and armored military
vehicles overcame grenade-
wielding militants allied with
antigovernment protesters in
Bangkok, forcing the move-
ment's leaders to turn them-
selves in to the police.

But even as the government
declared victory in quashing a
debilitating protest that had shut
down parts of Bangkok for two
months, the rampage across
Bangkok and in at least three
provinces in the country's popu-
lar northeastern hinterland
raised concerns about the con-
flict's spreading and the future of
the current government. The
government declared a curfew in
24 of the country's 76 provinces, a
radical move underlined by its
announcement that looters or ar-
sonists would be shot.

Arsonists in Bangkok set fire to
almost 30 buildings, the govern-
ment said, including the coun-
try's stock exchange, a massive
shopping mall, two banks, a movie
theater and a television station.
Two city halls were set on
fire in the provincial capitals
when thousands of protesters re-
acted to news of the Bangkok
crackdown.

It was a measure of Thailand's
spiraling political violence that
the death toll in the crackdown —
around 12 people killed and more
than 60 injured — was less than
the bloodbath that many had
feared.

Central Bangkok, the heart of
one of Asia's most cosmopolitan
cities, was a militarized zone in
the early hours of Thursday, with
well-armed troops patrolling
streets deserted by the curfew.
The subway system remained
shut, and embassies told their citi-
zens living across this sprawling

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On TV, Chicago (in New York) Is Stage Actors' New Refuge

By DAVID ROONEY

When NBC announced last
week that it planned to cancel the
original "Chicago" series, it

channeled Glenn Beck, and Boyd
Gaines and Elizabeth Marvel
framed their own