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**Israel tries to kill militant leader**  
An Israeli missile attack injured a senior Hamas militant leader and two other Palestinians and threatened to wreck a U.S.-backed peace effort. **World, A4**



**ImClone founder is sentenced**  
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# Archdiocese to pay victims \$25.7 million for sex abuse

## Louisville settlement 2nd largest in U.S.

**GLANCE AT DEAL**  
Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville and 81 other Franciscans will pay \$25.7 million to 243 plaintiffs who alleged child sexual abuse.

Total payout is the second largest involving sex abuse for the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

Insurance will not pay any of the archdiocese's portion.

The money will be divided by commissions appointed by the court.

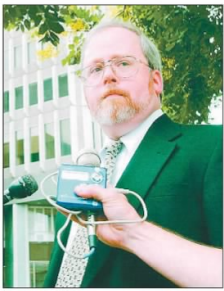
Among factors determining the amount: number of times a plaintiff was allegedly abused, age when they were victims and whether the archdiocese was notified but kept the alleged abuser in ministry.

**INSIDE**  
Catholics look for closure  
Many say Catholics expressed one dominant theme: Desire to move on. **A10**

**GOING IT ALONE**  
One alleged victim decided not to be part of the group negotiations and will go forward with his lawsuit. **A11**



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"The impact on the organization of the archdiocese... will be significant."

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville agreed yesterday to pay \$25.7 million to settle child sexual-abuse allegations made by 243 people against 36 priests and other church workers.

The settlement total represents the second largest in a series of cases for the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. It caps an issue, 18-month legal case that made Louisville one of the most embattled dioceses in the nation since the crisis over clergy sexual abuse began in January 2002.

The settlement, which is not covered by insurance, deals a massive financial blow to the largest religious organization in Louisville, which has already planned \$1.5 billion and a \$2 million budget cut in the fiscal year beginning in July in anticipation of a settlement. The archdiocese had \$91.8 million in investments in June 2002, according to its most recent financial report. An updated figure was not immediately available.

"The payment of \$25.7 million will be very painful for the archdiocese," William McMurry, lead attorney representing the plaintiffs in the settlement negotiations, said. "That is certainly a significant achievement for the plaintiffs. The church has recognized through this agreement that they have an obligation to these victims."

The money is to be paid in 30 days under the terms of the agreement, which still requires approval by Jefferson Circuit Judge James M. Shobe, who is overseeing the case, according to McMurry.

The payments "will not be divided equally but are proportioned based upon many factors that the court will determine," McMurry said. Court-appointed commissioners would make those decisions, he said.

Factors will likely include the number of times a plaintiff was allegedly abused.

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## Plaintiffs ready for the healing to begin

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Some said the money would never take away their pain — and that they won't be satisfied until Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly resigns. But other plaintiffs involved in the lawsuit against the archdiocese of Louisville said the settlement announced last night will allow their healing to start.

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## U.S. approves state plan to meet education rules

But some caution fine tuning needed to achieve goals

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President Bush announced yesterday that federal officials have accepted Kentucky's plan to meet new national school accountability standards requiring more testing, better qualified teachers and closing achievement gaps.

But Kentucky education officials appeared surprised by the announcement and said sticking points remain in making the state's decade-old accountability system with the new federal mandates — including when Kentucky reports test scores

and how it sets achievement goals. A number of issues have "not really been resolved," said Lou Gross, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Education. "We want to be in compliance, but we don't want to compromise our system."

The president said that Kentucky's 61-page No Child Left Behind application had been accepted, along with 15 other states. Federal officials described the plan, now approved for all 50 states, as a road map for complying with new mandates. Indiana's plan was approved in January.

Ernie Marburger, a U.S. Department of Education official who worked on Kentucky's application, said differences had been "conceptually resolved" in the state's application, even if some details still need to be worked out.

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## 'Great hopes'



President Bush, with Education Secretary Rod Paige, praised states' schools.

President Bush announced that his administration has approved tougher school accountability plans for all 50 states through the No Child Left Behind law. "A time of great hopes and proven results is arriving," he said.

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## McCracken drug cases lost due to entrapment

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PADUCAH, Ky. — A drug informant who set up suspects as part of a six-month sting cost officials 13 indictments.

On June 9, the informant's actions forced authorities to drop 13 indictments and leave police flustered, confidential sources said and to increase oversight of drug investigations.

"There was a lot of time and a lot of money spent on this," said McCracken County Commonwealth's Attorney Tom Kibbenbach. "It shouldn't have happened," said Paducah Police Chief Randy Britton.

A McCracken County grand jury declined yesterday to return indictments in 15 cases in which prosecutors had an informant crossed the line into entrapment suspects. The grand jury returned six other indictments in cases in which police had used different informants.

The law says if they were entraped to commit a crime by a government agent, they are innocent. Grand jurors, who said they expect the grand jury to dismiss another 13 indictments.

Britton said he has reassigning the detective who was working on the cases, and is closely supervising the informant. He said he is reviewing how police document contacts with informants and the agreements that

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