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Nation in Brief: Potential King clues to be tested

A former FBI agent who said he removed and kept two pieces of paper from James Earl Ray's car 30 years ago said Wednesday that he will have the potential evidence scientifically analyzed to try to prove its authenticity. Donald G. Wilson also said he is withdrawing his offer to relinquish the papers to the Justice Department because federal officials have shown no interest in examining the material.

The FBI said last week it did not believe that Wilson removed the papers from Ray's abandoned car in Atlanta one week after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in Memphis on April 4, 1968. The papers will be analyzed at Microtrace, an Elgin, Ill., company, said company owner Samuel James "Skip" Palenik III.

Written on both papers is the word Raul, the same name as the never- documented person Ray says set him up for King's murder. One of the pieces of paper also has five words written on it with what appear to be dollar amounts next to them. Woman, infant killed by tornado in Virginia A tornado that tore through a rural Virginia community Wednesday night destroyed a home in Coatesville, killing a woman and her 13-week-old son. The twister came out of a line of severe thunderstorms that crossed central and northern Virginia, damaging homes, knocking down trees and leaving thousands of people without power. Obstetrician wins 'wrongful birth' suit A federal jury in Bangor, Maine, rejected a "wrongful birth" claim against an obstetrician by the parents of a Down syndrome child. The jury absolved Dr. Steven Larson of negligence in the malpractice case brought by Sally and Gaylen Thibeault of St. Agatha. The couple contended Larson failed to perform prenatal testing that would have revealed their unborn child's disability. The parents, who said they would have opted for an abortion, sought unspecified damages to cover the costs of caring for their son, Eric, now 7. Priest who assaulted boys is sentenced Suspended Roman Catholic priest Rudolph "Rudy" Kos was sentenced to the maximum of life in prison for sexually assaulting altar boys in hundreds of attacks that earlier produced a record monetary judgment against the Dallas Diocese. Kos, 52, was convicted Saturday of three counts of aggravated sexual assault. He was sentenced to life imprisonment on each. American caned in '94 in Singapore arrested Michael Fay, who received international attention in 1994 when he was caned in Singapore for criminal mischief, was arrested in Orange County, Fla., on a drug charge. Authorities said a deputy smelled marijuana while answering a complaint Tuesday night about loud music at Fay's apartment. Fay, 22, and two friends were inside in a cloud of smoke, reports said. S&L figure freed after passport incident A federal judge in Los Angeles freed Charles Keating Jr. from jail after scolding his attorney for allowing the former savings and loan chief to apply for a passport. Keating became a symbol of the 1980s savings and loan scandal after the \$3.4 billion collapse of Lincoln Savings and Loan. U.S. District Judge Marianna Pfaelzer said the passport application violated the terms of Keating's release from prison. Keating was arrested Friday in Phoenix. Engine blades spin off during aborted takeoff An engine on a Royal Airlines jet failed on takeoff and its turbine blades landed on the runway, investigators in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said. Many of the 186 passengers on the Toronto-bound Boeing 747 had to jump from the plane after it came to an abrupt stop Monday.

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