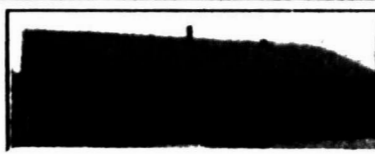


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City Commission sets special meeting

Pampa City Commission will meet in special session at noon Monday in City Hall. The agenda contains one item - city manager evaluation. The meeting is open to the public.

STATE
Man indicted in Huntsville standoff

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a Huntsville man on five attempted capital murder charges for firing 17 shots at five law enforcement officers at an abandoned home in April.

Robert Floyd Deyon, 22, was indicted by a Walker County grand jury Thursday for the April 28 shooting.

Walker County assistant criminal district attorney Jack Choate said Deyon was charged with trying to kill a Texas Department of Public Safety officer and four sheriff's department deputies.

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Area groups, citizens help Estes family

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

"This town has been really great," said Donna Estes Friday morning.

The home of Estes and her five children was destroyed by fire Sunday night.

Still in shock, the mother of five and employee of The Pampa News said she has been amazed by the number of people providing help to her.

"I knew Pampa had some wonderful people," she said. "I just didn't know how great they were until this week."

She said Hobart Baptist Church, the American Red Cross, and a group of children

from the First Christian Church have been there to help her try to get her life back in order after the devastating fire.

Estes said she has learned the Pampa people care and definitely will pitch in to help when someone in town needs the help.

"There have been so many other people and churches who have helped, too," she said. "I don't even know who some of them are. I've just been amazed by the things people have done."

Estes is still going through the depressing task of deciding which of her possessions as

(See FAMILY, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Bailey Wichert, right, and Cylea King, six year old members of the First Christian Church Children's Church program, included bananas in the basket of food they purchased for the Donna Estes family this week. The Estes home was destroyed by fire Sunday night.

PPD requests three more officers

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

With police department overtime costs estimated to run about \$108,000 this fiscal year as it did last year, Police Chief Charlie Morris says it makes sense to hire three new officers.

In presenting his last budget plan to City Commissioners, the retiring chief said 64 percent of the overtime costs

are related to "staffing problems."

Today is the last day on the job for Morris who is retiring and has his eye on a second career - teaching criminal justice. He's being feted at a party today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited.

Staffing reductions over the years have the department at the point where if someone is off "... we have to replace them with someone on over-

time."

For public safety reasons, the chief says at least three patrol officers should be on duty at all time.

Morris is also proposing dropping one lieutenant slot and adding a part-time clerical staffer to assist with processing field reports to free officers for more street time.

The additional officers and clerical worker are expected to add \$98,000 to

the budget while eliminating much, but not all, of the overtime, he said.

To further cut overtime, Morris wants to stop the practice of giving "comp time" to officers for holidays. He wants to pay them for the holiday thus not having to give the time off later which he says creates another overtime problem.

Morris admits that hiring officers (See REQUEST, Page 3)

Seven jurors selected for murder trial

AMARILLO - Jury selection is expected to continue Monday morning here in the capital murder case of Christopher Chad Britton, 28, of Canadian, who is accused of gunning down Hemphill County Deputy Jim Bruce Graham, 54, on Father's Day, 2001, in Canadian.

Prospective juror number 57, an Amarillo housekeeper, was excused Thursday afternoon after Assistant 31st District Attorney David Holmes moved to strike the woman from the jury list for cause, citing her answers concerning the death penalty during the hour and 20 minutes she spent on the stand.

Two other prospective jurors, numbers 58 and 59, both women, who had been scheduled to be interviewed Thursday afternoon, were struck for cause by mutual (See JURORS, Page 3)

Citizen fire fighter



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Neighbor Keith Taylor uses a garden hose to fight a fire in the backyard of the Andrew Brown residence, 404 Lowry, Thursday evening, that destroyed an 8-foot by 8-foot storage building. Taylor and his daughter April helped the Brown family extinguish most of the blaze before firefighters arrived. Fire officials believe the fire was possibly caused by fireworks.

Court denies request by Skinner for DNA testing

A request for DNA testing by a Pampa man on death row has been denied.

Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner was convicted in a trial in Fort Worth in 1995 and sentenced to death for the killing of Twila Busby and her two mentally impaired sons, Elvin Caler and Randy Busby, in their Pampa home on New Year's Eve, 1993.

In a petition dated Oct. 9, 2001, Skinner's attorney, Douglas Robinson, Washington, D.C., asked for further forensic testing of evidence in the case.

In December 2000, hair found clutched in Twila Busby's hand was reported by forensic scientists as belonging to Skinner.

The DNA testing was the result of questions raised by (See TESTING, Page 3)

Pampa ISD seeks substitute teachers, bus drivers

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Recruiting substitute teachers is a pressing concern for Dr. Tim Powers as he assumes the responsibilities of assistant superintendent - administrative services.

"I received a mandate from the principals - fine more substitutes," he explained. "We don't have enough of a

good pool (of substitutes) from which to draw."

Pampa ISD's substitute teacher pool contains approximately 40 persons willing to fill in when teachers are away from their classes for various reasons - illness, continuing education opportunities, sponsoring students at events, etc.

Of that 40, however, many are only available on a limited basis, Powers

explained. "Usually we have a pool of only 10 to 15 that we can actually call and depend on," he said.

"A big draw (on the substitute pool) is when coaches are out with their teams, especially in the fall, or when illness hits you. That's the time when we need them."

Last year, PISD had 18 days when they didn't have enough teachers or

substitutes to fill the class rooms, he said.

On those days, Powers said that school administrators and principals filled in, classrooms were combined, or teachers gave up their free time to sit with other classes.

PISD substitute teachers are paid \$45 per day. No teaching experience is required. The only qualifications are (See SUBSTITUTES, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

EBEN D. WARNER, JR.
1917-2002

Eben D. Warner, Jr., 85, of Pampa, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Scott Penrod, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, at the Chillicothe Cemetery in Chillicothe under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Warner was born June 15, 1917, in Chadron, Neb. He graduated from Amarillo High School and attended Oklahoma State University, West Texas State University, and received a law degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn.

He married Alice Tabor on Oct. 23, 1937, in Little Rock, Ark.

He was an independent oil producer and

was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Alice of 65 years; his daughter, Thera Warner Scott of Canyon; his son, Eben D. Warner III and wife Ludie of Odessa; his son, Mark Warner and wife Cay of Pampa; eight grandchildren, Lee Scott, Tol Scott, Theron Scott, Matt Scott, Morgan Fuller, Allison Warner, Rebekah Warner, and Mary Alice Warner; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981, or the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, St., Pampa, TX 79065.

SERVICES TOMORROW

WARNER, Eben D., Jr. — Memorial services, 10:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa. Graveside services, 4 p.m., Chillicothe Cemetery, Chillicothe.

Cornyn, past recipient of WorldCom donations, opens Texas investigation

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, whose Senate campaign plans had included a Texas fund-raiser with WorldCom Inc.'s chief operating officer as host, says he has opened an investigation to protect the state funds from losses in the WorldCom scandal.

The canceled fund-raiser was to have been held in July at Beaumont Ranch near Grandview. The invitation listed Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott as a special guest at the event to be hosted by WorldCom's Ron Beaumont, and his wife, Linda.

"They will not be hosting it," David Beckwith, a Cornyn spokesman, told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions.

This week, WorldCom

executives admitted that almost \$4 billion in expenses was hidden from stockholders — wrongly listed on books of the nation's No. 2 long-distance company as capital expenses in 2001 and 2002. The Securities and Exchange Commission filed civil fraud charges against WorldCom on Wednesday.

The Cornyn campaign's decision to change the fund-raiser came on the same day the attorney general's office announced an investigation to protect the state treasury and state investment funds against losses from the WorldCom scandal.

Beckwith said the decision to scuttle the July 13 fund-raiser was a mutual decision after the SEC filed fraud charges against WorldCom. He said that the fund-raiser was being

moved to a ranch near Cleburne with oilman and cattleman Walter Mize as host.

Cornyn now wants to identify and pursue claims against WorldCom for any money owed to the state or losses identified by state pension and investment funds. An estimate of how much money the state might be out was not immediately available.

"The apparent fraudulent conduct of WorldCom is highly disturbing, and my office will use every legal tool we have to protect the interests of the people of Texas and to bring to justice all those whose improper or illegal actions have hurt Texas taxpayers, public employees, investors and honest, hardworking WorldCom employees in Texas," Cornyn said in a statement.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 15

A bicycle valued at \$90 was stolen from 300 N. Ward.

Wednesday, June 19

An abandoned vehicle was towed from the 1000 block of Love.

Tuesday, June 25

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Gray. A guitar received \$200 worth of damage.

Wednesday, June 26

A burglary was reported in the 800 block

of East Craven where a cell phone was taken.

Thursday, June 27

An assault by threat was reported in the 1800 block of North Faulkner.

A domestic assault with no injuries was reported in the 200 block of North Ballard.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 700 block of West Brown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of South Wilcox where a cement block was thrown through an auto rear window causing \$600-\$800 in damage.

Texaco, 1524 N. Hobart, reported a \$23.54 gas drive off.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Friday.

Thursday, June 27

10:35 a.m. — One unit and three fire-fighters responded to a small fuel spill at Allsup's, 19th and Hobart.

5:34 p.m. — Three units and seven fire-fighters responded to a structure fire in the 400 block of Lowry.

A small storage building and contents were destroyed. Fireworks were listed as possible cause of the blaze. (See related photo, Page 1.)

10:39 p.m. — Two units and six fire-fighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 900 block of Duncan.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa:

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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

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Celanese	22.20	+0.85
Cabot Corp.	27.62	-0.07
Cabot Oil Gas	22.46	+0.44
Coca Cola	57.24	+1.15
New York Gold	318.45	
Silver	4.87	
West Texas Crude	26.86	

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department filed the following accident report.

Thursday, June 27

Marcus Lynn Hampton, 28, 804 N. Dwight, was cited for no liability insurance after the 1982 Chevrolet pickup he was driving in the 400 block of North Duncan was

involved in a non-contact mishap in which James Lavern Keough, 42, 720 Hazel, laid down the 1996 Harley-Davidson he was riding in order to avoid a collision.

Keough was reported to have suffered an incapacitating injury and was taken to PRMC.

Supreme Court to review bail for immigrant criminals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to consider whether the government can jail immigrant criminals without bail to keep them from fleeing before deportation hearings.

The case tests constitutional protections for legal immigrants. The Bush administration contends immigrants' rights are not being violated, and that public safety is on the line. The case has added significance since the Sept. 11

attacks, with hundreds of foreign nationals being detained.

Separately, the court granted the Bush administration's request in another immigration matter Friday. The court put on hold a federal judge's order that secret immigration and deportation hearings be opened to the public unless the government can show why an individual case should be closed.

The court will review the issue of jailing without bail in the term that begins in October,

with a ruling expected next year. The court will review a 1996 federal law on mandatory detentions that some lower courts have called unconstitutional.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has detained more than 75,000 people under the challenged law, Solicitor General Theodore Olson told the Supreme Court.

At issue is whether legal immigrants are being held in violation of the Fifth Amendment prohibition against being "deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

The question "applies to thousands of criminal aliens currently in custody and to hundreds of additional criminal aliens each week," Olson argued to the high court.

Lawyers for immigrants contend they are put in county jails along with accused felons during the extended deportation process, with no proof that they are flight risks or a danger to the public.

City Briefs

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In the Tuesday, June 25, edition of The Pampa News, a story about McDonald's on the Business Review page stated a cheeseburger and small fries were available at the local restaurant for \$1, a double cheeseburger and large fry, \$2; and a triple cheeseburger and super size fry, \$3.

Those prices are erroneous as this promotion is not currently offered at the local restaurant.

The Pampa News regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience to the customers and the McDonald's staff.

Nancy Young
Managing Editor

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isn't easy because some other area departments pay more and there are frequently openings. He said since 1997, the local department has had a turnover of 25 officers.

"One ray of sunshine," Morris said, is the police cadet program in which recruits are paid 75 percent of their salary to go to the day class police academy at Amarillo College. The city also picks up the tuition and books.

About two years ago when the program was initiated, the city received 200 applications for three positions and the officers hired are still on the job, he said, adding that one may leave soon.

The working police department budget for the upcoming fiscal year is \$1,543,848, an

increase of 8.9 percent (\$124,688) over the current fiscal year budget of \$1,404,060.

No city budgets are official until the City Commission give its approval.

Some of the increases include \$19,000 in step-up pay, which was not provided this year, health insurance is budgeted to increase about \$31,000 and retirement costs are expected to rise about \$15,000.

Also included in the budget is a \$50,000 contract payment to the Gray County Jail to cover the cost of housing the city's prisoners. The city has no jail of its own.

Morris said he'd talked with Sheriff Don Copeland who said he will not ask the city for an increase in the payment for the city's upcoming fiscal year which starts Oct. 1.

Also budgeted in the maintenance category are funds to rebuild two police cars rather than replace them with new units, he said. For the most part the work or replacement will involve engines, front end suspensions and transmissions.

Morris said overall wear and tear on the police fleet has dropped since officers are assigned their own car because the vehicles "are getting better care."

When the chief finished his presentation Tuesday afternoon, Commissioner Bob Dixon praised the 33-year law enforcement veteran for "all you have given the city" and said he "regrets" that Morris is leaving.

Morris said, "I appreciate so much the opportunity to come back as chief of police where I started my career."

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JURORS

agreement of the state's and defense's attorneys based on answers the women had given on questionnaires earlier this month.

Britton, wearing a short-sleeved blue sports shirt and reading a paperback book, spent the afternoon seated next to his attorneys behind the curved table in the Potter County grand jury room, which is serving as the courtroom for jury selection.

The questioning of potential jurors is expected to continue with the fourth week of jury selection beginning at 9 a.m., Monday at the Potter County Courthouse in Amarillo with prospective juror number 60.

Judge Steven Emmert moved the capital murder trial from Canadian to Amarillo on a change of venue motion filed by the defense. Judge Emmert also

imposed a gag rule on those involved in the trial, prohibiting them from commenting on the case.

Court officials said about five jurors a day are being interviewed in the effort to seat 12 jurors and two alternates.

One juror, a woman, was selected Wednesday, bringing the total to seven — two men and five women.

Jury selection has proceeded here for four days a week for the past three weeks. The four-day week, Judge Emmert explained was necessary to allow the court and the defense attorneys, Mark Buzzard of Pampa and Warren Clark of Amarillo, time to tend to other responsibilities. The four-day week also allows travel time for Mac Cobb, an assistant Texas Attorney General from Austin who's trying the case for the district attorney's office.

Testimony in the trial is expected to begin July 29. Officials believe the trial will take about six weeks.

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FAMILY

well as her children's can be saved. She is searching her home trying to find what she can to salvage for her and her children.

"I'm trying to decide what I can clean-up and what I can't," she said. "It's hard to do, and it's hard on the kids."

Everything in her kitchen was ruined with two exceptions, she said. "There was a picture of me my grandmother had taken when I was about 2-years-old in the kitchen," she said. "That was the only thing besides an ice chest that I was able to salvage out of there. The picture is so special to me."

All her kitchen items were destroyed or damaged beyond use. Her vacuum was in the kitchen and was melted by the heat.

In the living room, her television was also melted and destroyed. Sitting next to the television were her Bibles. "They were untouched by fire or any other damages," she said. "It is amazing."

She said the two older boys, ages 11 and 10, lost everything in their room. "Their dresser is charred," she said.

The fire started outside near the garage area. "An old wash tub which had belonged to my grandfather was the only item that survived the fire," she said, adding that the wash tub held special sentimental significance to her.

The mother and her five children were making their home in a residence on South Sumner Street which belonged to her family.

Stormy, 11; Amanda, 10; twins Skylar and Spencer, 7; and Samantha, 5, all lost their clothes and belongings.

The church she attends, Hobart Baptist Church, has been a central location for Pampa residents to drop off any donations from people in the community.

Gayle Steward, secretary at the church, said the response from the community has been "overwhelming."

"It has been amazing to watch people bringing in items for the family," she said.

Both church members and volunteers in the community have been cataloging the donated children's clothing.

"The volunteers are organizing the clothing items by size and season," she said. Steward said the children

have each received two pair of new shoes, also.

More than \$1,500 in cash donations have been received through the church office, she said, as well as some towels, sheets and blankets. The church is also accepting furniture and appliances. Food has also been donated for the family.

The Estes family has not found a home yet, and are staying with relatives.

"I'm trying to salvage things and find a home," said Donna Estes. "It's just taking time."

Steward said the family could use some more chest of drawers and/or dressers. "They have received two chest of drawers," she said. A donated double dresser is to be delivered next week.

Hobart Baptist has been able to place some furniture items in storage for the family.

Steward said Donna Estes could use some clothes for herself. "She was just concentrating on her children's needs, and not hers, when she gave the sizes for her children. "She wears a size 18 or 20, and extra large."

First Christian Church's Children's Church purchased

some food for the family and delivered it to them in their temporary locations.

Terri Wells, sponsor of the group, said the children collect an offering of money during their children's church each Sunday and place the money into a service fund to be decided annually. The participating children hold a board meeting and vote on where to contribute to the fund. The children decided in their meeting this week to take the funds and purchase food for the Estes family.

Witt accompanied two of the children on a trip to a local supermarket Wednesday to purchase the food. She emphasized the children were learning about service to others in the project.

"Those children were so sweet," said Donna Estes. "This was really special of them to do this."

American Red Cross Disaster Chairman Heidi Phelps said that organization provided vouchers for the family to help provide for their immediate needs following the fire.

Red Cross Comfort Kits

were given to the children which consisted of toothpaste and toothbrushes along with other basic toiletries. "We also gave them a teddy bear," she said.

Phelps also experienced a home being destroyed by fire when she was a single mother of four. "It is a horrible experience," she said.

"There are so many things the family members need. People want to help. Often they don't know what to do. They're going to need curling irons, blow dryers, spices in the kitchen, cleaning supplies, soaps — anything that is in a home is what they

need," she said. Empty clothes hangers will also be needed.

Phelps said the Red Cross will help the family get into a residence. "Our next goal is to get them into housing so Donna can gain some normalcy to her life," she said. "We will pay the family's first month rent and also pay deposits for utilities."

Donna Estes said she knows today that Pampa people are great.

She said she's rekindled friendships as well as met new people who care as she tries to get back to a somewhat normal life.

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SUBSTITUTES

that they are a high school graduate and can pass a criminal background check.

"I'm not going to put anyone in there that might pose a danger to the students or other teachers," he said.

Powers hopes to reach prospective substitutes and school bus drivers through advertising, billboards, and by presentations to different civic organizations.

"I've contracted with UA Cinema in Amarillo for one month starting the end of June," Powers said, to show a brief slide pre-

sentation at the beginning of the movies.

He hopes to reach 75,000 people this way, he said, adding, "If it doesn't work, I won't do it again."

Communicating the district's need for substitute teachers and bus drivers to the public is important, he said.

"For me, it's being cognizant of when I'm talking to people that I encourage them to apply," he said. "I'm stressing that with the principals, too."

Persons interested in becoming a substitute teacher or driving a school bus can contact Powers at the Carver Administration Building, 669-4700.

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TESTING

Northwestern University Professor David Protes, who teaches investigative journalism, media and capital punishment and law and ethics of journalism. Protes said he became interested in the case after reading a story on it by one of his former students who had gone to work for the Associated Press.

The former student had written that there had been a lack of DNA testing of evidence found at the crime scene.

The 31st District Attorney at the time, John Mann, agreed to test any items that

Protes requested.

Mann at the time said they didn't test all the items found at the scene of the bludgeoning death of Mrs. Busby or the stabbing deaths of her two sons because of the costs involved. He said they tested enough, however, to satisfy a jury that Skinner was at the scene of the crimes.

While Protes said at the time he thought another man may have committed the murders, Mann said that in all the testing that was done, there was no DNA from a third person.


On Wednesday, 31st District Judge Steven Emmert denied Skinner's request for further forensic testing.

Deputy indicted in student's death

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Walker County grand jury has indicted a former sheriff's deputy in the death of a Sam Houston State University student.

Kevin Allen was indicted Thursday for intoxication manslaughter in the death of Lake Jackson resident Kimberly Denise Lindsey, 21, who was riding with Allen when he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed at 2:25 a.m. on May 22.

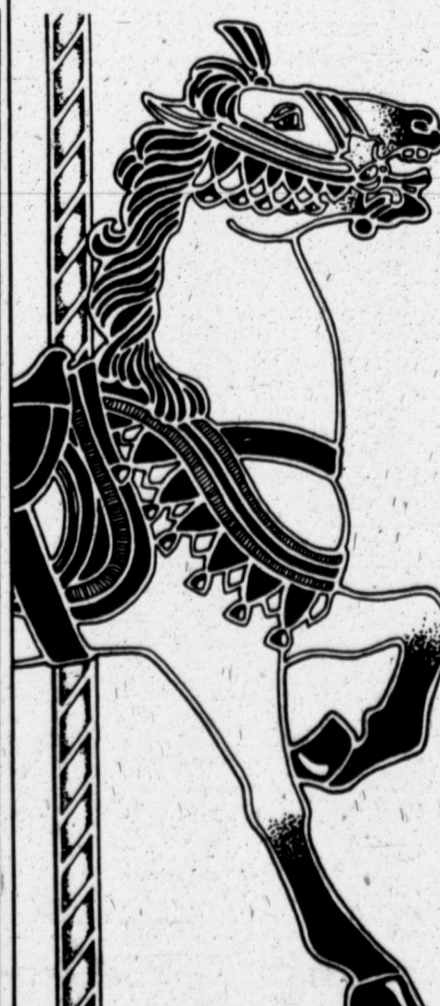
Allen was fired from the Walker County Sheriff's Department after the accident.



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FBI singling out researchers with expertise in anthrax

By CHRISTOPHER NEWTON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is scrutinizing 20 to 30 scientists, including a former researcher at the Army's infectious disease laboratory, who might have had the knowledge and opportunity to send last fall's deadly anthrax letters, a U.S. official said.

The former Army researcher, Dr. Steven J. Hatfill, allowed agents to search his Maryland apartment and Florida storage facility this week to clear himself from suspicion.

Investigators believe anyone skillful enough to send the anthrax letters without becoming sick must have had extensive experience. The FBI drew the group of 20 or 30 from 200 scientists whom it wants to look at further, the official said Thursday on condition of anonymity.

The bureau has searched about 25 homes or apartments after getting permission from the person interviewed, a federal law enforcement official said.

Law enforcement officials said on Thursday that Hatfill, 48, is not a suspect and no evidence links him to the letters.

Hatfill denied involvement in the anthrax mailings and complained to The (Baltimore) Sun in a March telephone message that he was fired from his job because of media inquiries.

"I've been in this field for a number of years, working until 3 o'clock in the morning, trying to counter this type of weapon of mass destruction, and, sir, my career is over at this time," Hatfill said.

Hatfill and another scientist, Joseph Soukup, commissioned a study of a hypothetical anthrax attack in February 1999 as employees of defense contractor Science Applications International Corp., said Ben Haddad, spokesman for the San Diego-based company.

The study, written by bioterrorism expert William C. Patrick III, describes placing 2.5 grams of *Bacillus globigii*, a simulated form of anthrax, in a standard business envelope, The Sun reported.

Hatfill did not answer the door at his apartment Thursday in a complex of brick, three-story garden-style apartments near Fort Detrick, Md.

He worked for two years at Fort Detrick in the virology division of the U.S. Army Medical Institute of Infectious Disease on a fellowship from the National Research Council, said Chuck Dasey, a spokesman for the base.

Hatfill stopped working there in September 1999 and was employed by Science Applications International until March 4.

Another U.S. law enforcement official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hatfill's Defense Department security clearance expired and never was renewed. Such clearances must

be renewed every five years.

He is a 1983 graduate of the University of Zimbabwe Medical School, according to the university's Web site. Investigators confirmed Hatfill graduated from the school.

ABC News reported this week that the FBI was interested in Hatfill partly because he lived, while in Zimbabwe, near a Greendale elementary school. "Greendale School" in Franklin Park, N.J., was printed in large block letters as the false return address on the anthrax-laden envelopes sent to Sens. Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy last fall.

One investigator cautioned the FBI has been unable to place Hatfill near Trenton, N.J., during the time the anthrax letters were mailed. Officials believe the letters were mailed from the Trenton area.

Hatfill was first interviewed by the FBI in December, the investigator said.

Although Hatfill probably had access to anthrax in labs shared with bacteriology researchers, his primary duties didn't involve working with it, Dasey said.

Five people died in the anthrax attacks that began in late September. One of the dead was Robert Stevens, a photo editor for a tabloid newspaper headquartered in Boca Raton, 230 miles southeast of Ocala, where Hatfill's storage facility is located.

Associated Press writers Ted Bridis in Washington and Gretchen Parker in Frederick, Md., contributed to this story.

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House passes Medicare prescription drug bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans pushed a Medicare prescription drug bill through the House early Friday, capping a week where the GOP used its slim majority to also allow the government to borrow more money and advance a trade bill.

GOP leaders had lobbied reluctant members all week to support the bill. In the end, the measure, which has yet to be taken up in the Senate, passed by a near party line 221-208 vote, giving Republicans a victory to tout as they head home for a weeklong July 4 recess.

The vote capped a marathon session that lasted into the early hours of Friday morning. It provided an emotional debate with both sides accusing the other of neglecting the needs of the nation's 39 million seniors on Medicare.

"Watch out grandma," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass. "GOP now stands for Get Old People."

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La. and an author of the bill, retorted, "We all love our mothers and our fathers. We all love our grandparents. How dare you suggest otherwise."

Republicans accused Democrats of wanting a budget-busting plan that would hurt Medicare in the long run. "We're putting people before politics by lowering the costs

of prescription drugs now and guaranteeing an affordable benefit under Medicare," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

The House bill would spend \$320 billion over 10 years to offer seniors a prescription drug benefit and rely mainly on private insurers to administer the plan.

Seniors would pay monthly premiums of about \$33 and a yearly deductible of roughly \$250.

The government would pay 80 percent of the next \$1,000 of drug costs and 50 percent of the subsequent \$1,000.

All beneficiaries — low-income included — would have to pick up the tab beyond that, until they reached \$3,700 in out-of-pocket expenses, at which time all additional costs would be covered.

The Bush administration endorsed the House Republican plan, saying the proposals offered by Democrats would "impose trillions of dollars in new obligations on a Medicare program that already faces a funding shortfall for the baby boom generation."

Democrats complained that the gap in coverage in the Republican plan — between \$2,001 and \$3,700 — would leave seniors burdened with too many out-of-pocket costs. They accused Republicans of being beholden to big business.

"In the end, this Republican bill listens not to the people of this country," said Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri. "It listens to the pharmaceutical companies and the insurance companies."

Democrats were unable to offer their alternative proposal, estimated to cost between \$800 billion and \$1 trillion with a \$25 monthly premium and \$100 yearly deductible.

The debate was a prelude to the fall elections, when both parties are expected to use the issue to try to attract senior voters, who turn out disproportionately in midterm elections.

The bill also includes nearly \$30 billion in additional initiatives related to Medicare. Among them are provisions to provide physicals for new senior citizens as well as to give billions of extra dollars to Medicare providers like doctors and hospitals, who have complained about rising health care costs in the program.

The bill capped a series of votes in the House, some by the narrowest of margins.

Thursday afternoon the House, in a 413-18 vote, passed a \$355 billion defense spending bill that includes a pay raise for military personnel and some of the biggest funding increases for the military in decades.

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Israel bulldozes into Palestinian Authority building in Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — A former Palestinian Cabinet minister entered the besieged Palestinian Authority headquarters in the West Bank on Friday to negotiate the surrender of 15 wanted men after a four-day standoff but said he could not find anyone inside.

It was possible, Talal Sidr told The Associated Press, that the men were in parts of the heavily damaged four-story building that he was unable to check.

"I didn't see anyone, but that doesn't mean there is no one inside because there are places that are heavily damaged that I couldn't enter," he said, shortly after his visit of less than an hour inside the building in Hebron.

The Israeli army had no immediate comment.

With Israeli troops controlling seven of the eight main West Bank cities and towns, the Palestinian leadership issued a statement on Friday condemning the Israeli incursions into Palestinian areas as "an attempt to sabotage peace efforts."

The statement, quoted by the Palestinian Wafa news agency, appealed to the world leaders attending the G-8 summit in Canada to "send observers to the region to ensure implementation of a cease-fire."

At the hilltop Hebron building, where the regional Palestinian administration is housed, television showed a bulldozer knocking through the wall at the ground level of the four-story, fortress-like building. Friday was the fourth day of the Israeli siege of the building.

A day earlier, Israeli helicopters fired four missiles at the four-story structure. Soldiers outside warned that they would go in and extract the gunmen if they did not give themselves up. "I think they have to surrender and give up," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Friday. "There is no sense for them to fight."

Sidr, who is from Hebron, said he went in with Israeli permission after discussing the matter with Israeli authorities. He said that after his look around he suggested to the

Israelis they end the siege and check inside the building.

Tanks had been firing at the building, and explosions were heard every few minutes at the compound, witnesses said.

Soldiers and border police arrested six Palestinians in villages near Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Hebron overnight, the military said Friday, describing them as "suspected in terror activity."

In the case of the Bethlehem church standoff, Israeli tanks and troops encircled the building, and after tense negotiations involving the United States, Europe and the Vatican, an agreement was worked out under which 13 gunmen were deported to Cyprus and Europe, and 26 others were sent to Palestinian-controlled Gaza.

About 15 Palestinians wanted by Israel as terrorism suspects are holed up inside the squat, unadorned, four-story building first used by the British army and handed over to Jordan, Israel and then the Palestinians.

"We know that a few wanted persons are inside and we intend to apprehend them," army spokesman Brig. Gen. Ron Spitky told Israel Army Radio. "We prefer to do it without a battle, but if it proves necessary, there will be one."

Retaliating for two Palestinian suicide bomb attacks that killed 26 Israelis in Jerusalem last week, Israeli forces took control of Palestinian cities and towns, including Hebron, declaring curfews that confined more than 700,000 people to their homes.

Munitions store explodes in southern Afghanistan

SPINBOLDAK, Afghanistan (AP) — An explosion at an Afghan munitions depot sent rockets and ammunition firing in all directions through this southern town Friday, killing at least 10 people and leaving 50 missing in the rubble.

Another 35 people were injured and 20 buildings destroyed in Spinboldak, a town about 300 miles south of the Afghan capital of Kabul near the border with Pakistan.

Afghan soldiers dug through debris Friday morning, looking for survivors.

The weapons, storehouse was used by the Taliban and was taken over by the U.S.-allied Afghan forces that defeated the Islamic militia. Afghan officials said they had planned to move the depot away from residential areas.

Local commander Fazaludin Agha said 15 Afghan soldiers were near the depot on Thursday night. The bodies of eight soldiers had been recovered, he said.

The most seriously wounded were taken to hospitals in Chaman, about three miles away on the Pakistan side of the border, and to the Afghan city of Kandahar.

Habibullah Allayar, a senior official at the Afghan consulate in Quetta, Pakistan, said the cause of the blast was unknown.

India prime minister no possibility of war

LUCKNOW, India (AP) — India's prime minister ruled out the possibility of war with Pakistan, but expressed doubts Friday that the Pakistani leader would permanently stop incursions by Islamic militants.

"There is no possibility of war with Pakistan," Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee told reporters in Lucknow, the capital of northern Uttar Pradesh state.

Although 1 million soldiers are still deployed on the border between the two nuclear-armed countries, Vajpayee said tensions have eased.

He said India was ready to discuss the five-decade-old dispute between the two neighbors over control of Kashmir, but that Pakistan must create a congenial atmosphere for such a dialogue.

"Pakistan needs to stop cross-border terrorism permanently to initiate talks," Vajpayee said.

India accuses Pakistan of training and arming Islamic guerrillas and helping them cross into the Indian-controlled part of Kashmir to attack government forces and civilian targets, a charge Islamabad denies.

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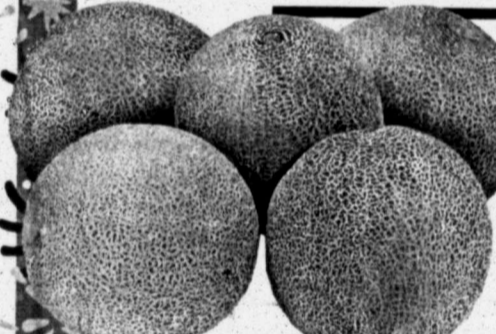
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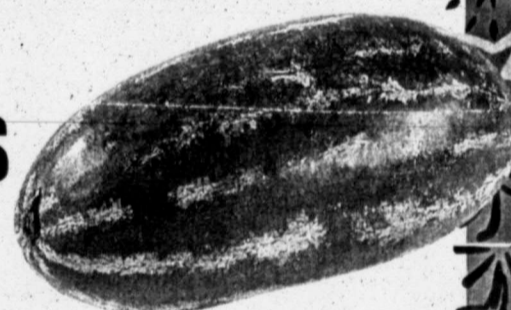
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SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, Pa. (AP) — Under billboards pointing tourists toward Amish souvenirs, an ornate, sandstone Hindu temple carves a corner of India into the middle of Pennsylvania's rolling farmland.

Haveli at Vraj opened this spring — the first temple in the Western Hemisphere consecrated as a principal shrine of the Pushti Marg sect. It is an official pilgrimage destination for Hindus in North America.

The temple, about 70 miles northwest of Philadelphia, will eventually be surrounded by other religious and cultural structures on a 300-acre campus.

The site was chosen because of its relative proximity to large Hindu communities in Boston, Pittsburgh and Richmond, Va., said Pramod Amin, Vraj's chief adviser and trustee. Already, it has draw large crowds: Approximately 15,000 people from across the country attended the first day of a monthlong Haveli inauguration celebration in May.

Dr. Pratima Shah, a physician from Cleveland, recently visited the shrine with members of her extended family.

"This is the holy temple. For our parents, our grandparents and our ancestors, we are following the same tradition," she said.

"We just wanted to be

part of the celebration."

"For meditation, for peace, it is the best place so far that I have visited, in India or in the U.S.," said Mahendra Shah, of Elmira, N.Y., no relation to Pratima Shah.

Six viewings of the swaroop, or icon, of the god Shri Nathjee are performed each day in the temple's main sanctum, which is decorated with silver and marble imported from the same region of India — Vraj — where the deity is believed to have lived while in human form.

In the Pushti Marg sect, the swaroop is believed to be the living presence of the god Shri Nathjee, the child image of Krishna. Krishna, in turn, is believed to be an incarnation of Vishnu — one of Hinduism's principal deities — who is worshipped as the protector and preserver of the world.

Barefoot worshippers in a mix of ethnic and Western dress kneel in front of the icon as attendants present offerings of flowers and food, and temple musicians beat on traditional Indian drums.

Construction workers finishing the temple's balcony, though, may keep their shoes "because they are part of the creation," Amin said.

There are an estimated 837 million Hindus worldwide, including almost 1 million in the United States, according to the World

Christian Encyclopedia.

Although the temple itself upholds Pushti Marg beliefs — the only other such shrine to Shri Nathjee is in Nathdwara, India — the rest of the Vraj campus will focus on the traditions held by all Hindus.

More small temples, along with a reflecting pool, a library and a museum about India and Indian culture are planned for the site. Weeklong camps for children from various Hindu sects will be held on the campus this summer.

For those unable to travel to India for a traditional 145-mile, 84-stop pilgrimage based on the life of Krishna, the Schuylkill County property has a smaller version that will circle the property.

Atul Parikh, the shrine's architect, said Vraj is a traditional Hindu temple haveli, which means "palace" or "mansion."

According to the Pushti Marg belief that Shri Nathjee practiced his faith at his father's house, the temple fulfills the god's needs with a place to sleep, eat and dress.

"I am translating the religious requirements into architectural form using the technology and building requirements here," Parikh said.

It's Safari time!



(Courtesy photo)

Lora Baggerman, director of this year's "Bug Safari" Vacation Bible School, works hard on organizing the details of the joint project between First Presbyterian Church, Hi-Land Christian Church, First Christian Church and St. Matthews Episcopal Church. The "Safari" is scheduled to take off at 6 p.m., Monday, July 22, at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray.

Methodist church to close after seven-year financial struggle

BRANDYWINE, Md. (AP) — A once-thriving United Methodist congregation has decided to close at the end of this month after a seven-year controversy over its finances.

Leaders of Gibbons-Resurrection United Methodist Church decided to surrender their property after realizing it could pay only about two-thirds of the \$4.5 million it owed bond-

holders, the United Methodist News Service reported.

The church's woes date back to 1995 when the congregation began selling bonds for a multimillion-dollar building project. It was soon mired in financial problems that were blamed in part on mismanagement by the first construction manager.

'Singspiration' set Saturday

Redeeming Grace Mission, 422 N. West, is sponsoring a Singspiration at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 29. Everyone is invited to share musical and vocal talents. "No great musical talent is required," said Liz Sculthorp, Mission pastor, "just a desire to worship the Lord." Refreshments to follow.

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Guitarist's ministry inspires giving

By BETH PRATT
LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

LUBBOCK, Texas — Connecting the rich with the poor in a way that helps both is a passion for classical guitarist Christian Thomas Lee.

"The only things in life that we keep are things we give away. I really believe that," he says.

His mission is to inspire people to give to worthy charities.

Lee was in Lubbock recently giving private concerts to raise awareness about My Father's House, which has Christian Women's Job Corps as its central ministry.

The private concert is based on the old European model, an intimate and exclusive night of art, music and poetry. The parlor concerts are in the tradition of Franz Schubert, one of his favorite composers.

In selecting a charitable organization, Lee looks for someone with a big vision, whether in a school, a hospital or other enterprise. He found that vision exemplified in My Father's House, a ministry to assist women find their way out of poverty.

My Father's House is seeking \$3 million and property on which to build a facility that includes not only classrooms for the second Christian Women's Job Corps program in Lubbock, but also living space for low-income women and their children.

One of the barriers to becoming self-

supporting is that women have no place to live or care for their children while they are enrolled in studies.

"Rarely a week goes by that I don't get a request for housing. The most was four requests in one week," says Shirley Madden, founder and executive director for My Father's House.

"You've got to solve your own problem at home," she adds. "Love the hurting, heal the wounded, do those kinds of things that give America a shot at tomorrow."

Lee says My Father's House attracts his attention because of the honesty of its vision.

"The essence of my philosophy is spiritual because we're not human beings having a spiritual experience, but spiritual beings having a human experience," Lee says.

His role is not to tell people where to give their money, but to inspire them to think about what kind of legacy they will leave.

"Most people fail to understand that we've been given the pad of life and a pen of decision with the opportunity to write our own legacy," Lee says.

"Every successful person in the world is successful because of a Shirley Madden in their life," he adds.

His interest in My Father's House is fueled by Madden's vision for people who have no hope. The focus of the concerts in

the Lubbock area were to help people understand the value of helping others, Lee says. My Father's House provides one of those opportunities.

As a boy, Lee longed for fame and fortune. An uncle took him to concerts at the symphony hall, telling him he could become rich and famous if he became a classical guitarist.

At 6, Lee began practicing the guitar six or seven hours daily. A concert by Carlos Montoya cemented his desire to be a classical guitarist, according to Lee.

Lee was 12 when he gave his first concert. The applause intensified his belief that he could reach his goal to retire at 30 and collect rare art.

His first album, "A Potpourri of the Classical Guitar," was recorded in 1991.

Lee is founder and director of the Art In Schools program, a national art collection based out of Washington, D.C.

Lee sometimes takes part of his personal collection into schools to teach children about classical music and art.

He estimates that the arts program has been seen by about 3,000 children in the Lubbock area.

While in Lubbock for the concerts, My Father's House arranged for him to visit the Children's Home of Lubbock and Buckner Children's Home.

"God himself is the greatest artist of all," he tells children.



Minister's Musings

LELAND LEWIS
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

What's true then is still true today

"I love my country. To say that is like saying I love my family. I did not choose my country any more than I chose my parents, but I am her daughter as truly as I am the child of my mother and father. What I am, my country has made me. She has fostered the spirit which made my education possible. Neither Greece nor Rome, nor all China nor Germany nor Great Britain has surrounded a deaf-blind child with the devotion and skill and resources which have been mine in America.

"But my love for America is not blind. Perhaps I am more conscious of her faults because I love her so deeply. Nor am I blind to my own faults. It is not easy to hold a steady course in a changing world.

"It need not discourage us if we are full of doubts about America. Healthy questions keep faith dynamic. In fact, unless we start with doubts we cannot have a deep-rooted faith. One who believes lightly and unthinkingly has not much of a belief. He who has a faith which is not to be shaken has won it through blood and tears and has worked his way from doubt to truth as one who reaches a clearing through a thicket of brambles and thorns."

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ON THE FAMILY

DR. JAMES DOBSON is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

Q Why is early supervision and discipline of a son by his father so important?

A Let me illustrate this principle with a recent finding from the world of nature. Other than dogs, which I have always loved, the animals that fascinate me the most are elephants. These magnificent creatures are highly emotional and surprisingly intelligent. I suppose that's why it is disturbing to see them suffering the encroachment of civilization.

That is happening in the Pilanesberg National Park in northwestern South Africa. Rangers there have reported that young bull elephants in that region have become increasingly violent in recent years—especially to nearby white rhinos. Without provocation, an elephant will knock a rhinoceros over and then kneel and gore it to death. This is not typical elephant behavior and it's been very difficult to explain.

But now, game wardens think they've cracked the code. Apparently, the aggressiveness is a byproduct of government programs to reduce elephant populations by killing the older animals. Almost all of the young rouges were orphaned when they were calves, depriving them of adult contact. Under normal circumstances, dominant older males keep the young bulls in line and serve as role models for them. In the absence of that influence, "juvenile delinquents" grow up to terrorize their

neighbors.

I know it's risky to apply animal behavior too liberally to human beings, but the parallel here is too striking to miss. Let me say it one more time: The absence of early supervision and discipline is often catastrophic for teen-agers and for elephants.

Prisons are populated primarily by men who were abandoned or rejected by their fathers. Motivational speaker and writer Zig Ziglar quotes his friend Bill Glass, a dedicated evangelist who counseled almost every weekend for 25 years with men who were incarcerated, as saying that among the thousands of prisoners he had met, not one of them genuinely loved his dad. Ninety-five percent of those on death row hated their fathers.

In 1998, there were 1,202,107 people in federal or state prisons. Of that number 94 percent were males. Of the 3,452 prisoners awaiting execution, only 48 were women. That amounts to 98.6 percent males. Clearly, as author Barbara Jackson said, "it is far easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

Some years ago, executives of a greeting-card company decided to do something special for Mother's Day. They set up a table in a federal prison, inviting any inmate who so desired to send a free card to his mom. The lines were so long, they had to make another trip to the factory to get more cards. Due to the success of the event, they decided to do the same thing for Father's Day, but this time no one came. Not one prisoner felt the need to send a card to his dad. Many had no idea who their father's even were. What a sobering illustration of a dad's importance to his children.

Contrast that story with a conversation I once had with a man named Bill Houghton, who was president of

a large construction firm. Through the years, he had hired and managed thousands of employees. I asked him: "When you are thinking of hiring an employee -- especially a man -- what do you look for?" His answer surprised me. He said, "I look primarily at the relationship between the man and his father. If he felt loved by his dad and respected his authority, he's likely to be a good employee." Then he added, "I won't hire a young man who has been in rebellion against his dad. He will have difficulty with me, too." I have also observed that the relationship between a boy and his father sets the time for so much of what is to come. He is that important at home.

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G-8 summit members approve twin packages for Africa, Russia

KANANASKIS, Alberta (AP)—The annual meeting of the world's eight most powerful countries produced a surprising number of winners, and few losers, for a summit convened in seclusion and under extraordinary post-Sept. 11 security.

Leaders attributed the remote location and their unprecedented freedom to move within a tight security cordon for their achievements during the two-day summit that ended Thursday: a broad commitment to spur African development, billions of dollars to secure Russia's vulnerable weapons stockpiles and Russia's full membership in the Group of Eight wealthy nations.

"The Kananaskis summit has demonstrated the value of the G-8 process, and how we can develop concrete solutions to

the problems we face today," Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said.

Despite concerns that President Bush's Middle East initiative and focus on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's removal from power would hijack the summit, Chretien kept the course he charted, winning support for twin aid packages during meetings at a Rocky Mountain resort.

Leaders forged a pact with African nations pledging development aid, foreign investment and additional debt relief to countries that show progress eliminating government corruption and pursuing free-market reforms.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the plan could be "a turning point in African history." Activists, however,

complained that the program was not adequate to help the continent meet the U.N. goal of cutting extreme poverty in half and getting millions of children into school by 2015.

But Chretien said the plan would give countries that want to make reforms the support they need. "Today we have acted collectively to make sure that globalization benefits all, and no continent is left behind," he said.

The leaders also pledged up to \$20 billion over 10 years to help Russia dispose of its deadly arsenal of aging nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Russian President Vladimir Putin denied there was a threat that the weapons could fall into the hands of terrorists, but said Russia was grateful for

assistance in eliminating them.

Bush's Middle East initiative attracted a great amount of discussion, with most leaders emphasizing the parts of the plan they endorse and playing down the president's call for Arafat's ouster. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder saw Bush's clear support for a separate Palestinian state as a breakthrough in U.S. policy, and said the other leaders had expressed their admiration for the plan.

"I am very pleased with the response to my proposal in the Middle East," Bush said. "Most European leaders understand something has to change for there to be peace."

None, however, were ready to say, as Bush suggested, that Palestinians risked financial aid if Arafat won re-election.

Instead, they indicated a hope that the Palestinian people, if not Arafat himself, would see the potential rewards of change.

"Many are convinced that Arafat, the Nobel peace prize winner, would make a generous gesture and remove himself," Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi said. "He would be remembered in history as a man who gave everything for the liberty of his country."

Just a little more than a decade since it was tagged an enemy of the free world, Russia was drawn even tighter into the community of democratic nations, gaining full membership in the Group of Eight beginning in 2006. From then on, Russian leaders will join financial discussions, as well as political ones.

Utah police interview father-in-law of suspect

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A man whose son-in-law was questioned in the disappearance of Elizabeth Smart said the FBI took a knife and a golf hat from his home.

Dave Morse Sr.'s son-in-law, Richard Ricci, worked at the Smart home as a handyman more than a year ago. He is now in custody on an unrelated parole violation and has not been charged in the disappearance of the 14-year-old girl.

Morse, 68, said one of his

Scottish-style golf hats was taken from his home. Police have said the girl's sister told them the man who took Elizabeth from their bedroom June 5 wore a tan-colored Scottish-style golf hat.

"I think they're grasping at straws," Morse said Thursday. "There's always a chance, but I don't think he did it."

Morse said both hats had remained in his home and were never loaned to Ricci.

"A lot of people have golf caps here in Salt Lake, as else-

where," Ricci's lawyer, David K. Smith, said Friday on NBC's "Today" show.

The lawyer also discussed a neighbor's statement that Ricci had been seen digging a hole outside his mobile home.

"There was an area that was apparently under the home where cats were getting in and out of, and he was trying to cover that up," Smith said. "Apparently the police also have investigated that, they've gone out, they've dug

up the area, they took off the

porch. To my knowledge, they haven't found anything."

At Ricci's father-in-law's home, the FBI also took a machete-like knife with a foot-long blade from a shed, Morse said. Morse said he uses the knife to knock limbs off trees. He said it was always locked in the shed, and Ricci didn't have a key.

Investigators and the girl's family refused to comment Thursday.

Also Thursday, a federal grand jury met for a second day to question potential witnesses.

One of them, mechanic Neth Moul, told The Associated Press that Ricci brought his 1990 sport utility vehicle into his shop on May 30. When Ricci returned the SUV to the shop June 8 for more work, Moul said he noticed that about 1,000 more miles were on the car's odometer.

Moul said Ricci never came back to pick up the Jeep. The FBI and Salt Lake City police later came and took it.

Moul said he wasn't sure when authorities took the car, but thought it was about a week ago.

Survey: More teens using cocaine

ATLANTA (AP)—Injury and violence-related behaviors among teenagers have fallen, but more teens are using cocaine and regularly smoking and drinking, according to a recent survey.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention examined the behavior of 13,600 high school students from across the country for the annual survey, which was released Thursday.

Nearly half of the teens surveyed said they'd consumed more than one alcoholic beverage more than once in the month before the survey. But an

increasing number are also wearing seat belts and refusing to ride with a driver who's been drinking.

The number of teenagers who said they had tried cocaine in their lifetime rose to 9.4 percent, up from 5.9 percent in 1991. About 4.2 percent of students said they had used cocaine in the past 30 days, up from 1.7 percent in 1991.

"We still have plenty of work to do," said Laura Kann, a researcher with the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Bank association announces new anti-robbery strategies

BOSTON (AP)—In response to a sharp increase in bank robberies following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Massachusetts Bankers Association is recommending several security enhancements, including a ban on hats, hoods and sunglasses in financial institutions.

The association also unveiled a new "Massachusetts Most Wanted" Web site that will display the surveillance photos of suspected bank robbers and other criminals. A reward program funded by voluntary contributions from banks will reward tipsters who help nab bank robbers.

"If you're a bank customer, we're improving your safety," said association spokesman Bruce Spitzer. "If you're a bank robber, we're pursuing you vigorously."

Most of the recommendations, which federal,

state, and local law enforcement helped develop, will be kept confidential for security reasons, Spitzer said. Bank robberies in Massachusetts increased by 70 percent last year, from 156 in 2000 to 265 in 2001, according to FBI figures. Ninety of the robberies occurred after Sept. 11. Through the first quarter of this year, there have been 37 bank robberies in Massachusetts.

"Perhaps there was a feeling that everyone was too busy working terrorism to work bank robberies," said Charles Prouty, special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston office.

A general downturn in the economy and the tightening of borders post-Sept. 11 also contributed to the increase, authorities said. Tighter borders limit drug trafficking, leading to an increase in the cost of drugs, making addicts more desperate for money.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Bride Must Hold Her Ground In Wedding Party Showdown

DEAR ABBY: Ten weeks before my wedding — right after our wedding and bridal shower invitations were sent out — my future father-in-law telephoned my fiancé to tell him that his sister, "Courtney," no longer wanted to be in the wedding.

When I called Courtney to ask why she had changed her mind, she told me she doesn't care to ever have a relationship with me, that she doesn't want to be reminded that I'll be part of her family for the rest of her life, that she's wanted to slap me across the face quite a few times in the past five years, and that she thinks her brother could "do a lot better" than me.

My fiancé told his family that Courtney would not be welcome at our wedding until she apologizes to me for the hateful things she said. His parents say that Courtney's pride is in the way, and it's not in her nature to apologize. They also informed my fiancé they won't attend our wedding if Courtney isn't welcome.

Any advice?

DISSED IN DELAWARE

DEAR DISSED: Only this: In light of her animosity toward you, Courtney does not belong at the wedding — if only because her presence could be disruptive.

As for your fiancé's parents, should they choose to skip their son's wedding in an attempt to blackmail you into having her there, it's their decision, and they'll have to live with it. This is only a sample of the way you'll be manipulated in the future if

you cave in to their demand. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jack," and I (both 55) retired two years ago from the military. We bought a nice home in Las Vegas with a small pool and hot tub in the back yard. Since we have 9-foot privacy walls surrounding the yard, we enjoy using our spa every night in the buff.

One evening three weeks ago, Jack caught a glimpse of our next-door neighbor, "Maria," peeking over the privacy wall. She is a 49-year-old widow and must have been standing on a stepladder to get a good look. We tried not to let her know we saw

her, but several nights thereafter, she did it again.

Maria is a good friend, and each Saturday morning she and I have coffee at a little coffee shop nearby. Last Saturday, Maria made a comment about how well-endowed Jack is, so I asked her how she knew. She replied, "Oh, I can just tell." Then I said, "I'll bet you've been peeking at us in the spa." Maria became enraged and stormed out of the coffee shop.

Abby, she hasn't spoken to me since. I told Jack what she said, and ever since he's been preening like a peacock. He thinks the whole thing is hilarious, but I miss her friendship. She will not answer my calls or come to the door. What can I do to regain her friendship?

VEXED IN VEGAS

DEAR VEXED: I'm sure it won't be difficult. Send Jack over with a peace offering and a short note that begins, "To someone who has seen it all... I miss you."

DEAR ABBY: I am deeply in love with a woman who tells me she loves me only as a friend. The problem is, we have a successful business relationship and see each other several times a week. It's painful, Abby, and I don't think the situation will ever change.

Do I give up the friendship?
RIPPED UP
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DEAR RIPPED UP: It's a shame to end a successful business relationship. However, when the pain is more than the pleasure, it's time to move on. Love is at its best when it's mutual. When it's not, it's masochism.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

Pampa 10-year-olds win District championship

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

WHEELER — Wheeler has scheduled a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on the fourth of July.

Entry fee is \$15 per team. The tournament will be held at the Wheeler city park.

For further information, call Brad Masters at 826-3265 or Courtney Finsterwald at 826-1502.

BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Darryl Kile never gave the St. Louis Cardinals any indication of past medical problems in his family, the team physician said.

Dr. George Paletta also said he doesn't believe medical screening by major league baseball will change as a result of Kile's death at age 33.

The preliminary coroner's report listed the possible cause of death as an 80-90 percent blockage of two of the coronary arteries.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Richard Krajicek and Mark Philippoussis, two big servers coming back after serious injuries, powered into the fourth round at Wimbledon on Friday and established themselves as legitimate title threats.

Philippoussis was the first man to reach the round of 16, serving 33 aces and beating Nicolas Kiefer 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Krajicek, the 1996 champion, swept to a 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2 victory over Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan, who beat Andre Agassi in the second round.

Philippoussis and Krajicek will meet in the next round in what shapes up as one of the biggest hitting matches of the tournament and features two players making a remarkable resurgence after long injury layoffs.

Philippoussis missed most of last year following three operations on his left knee in the space of 14 months and spent two months in a wheelchair. He has also played sparingly this year.

The 6-foot-4 Australian reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals three years in a row from 1998-2000, but missed the tournament last year due to the injury. He got into this year's draw as a wild card because his ranking had slipped too low for direct entry.

Philippoussis relies on his huge serve, and his first serves Friday averaged 122 mph — including a delivery of 132 mph. In addition to his aces, he had 13 double faults.

But Philippoussis' returns were also key. He converted on four out of five break points, while Kiefer converted only one of 10 chances.

Flashback

1963: The Pampa Rebels defeated Plainview 7-4 to win the Levelland American Legion Tournament.

Outfielders Kenny Hebert and Ronnie Oler led the Pampa offense. Hebert knocked in four runs with a pair of homers while Oler had three hits.

Pitchers Jim Arthur and Bobby Price combined to pitch a seven-hitter with Arthur picking up the win in relief.

DUMAS — The Pampa 10-year-old girls' All-Stars won the District softball championship last weekend with a 17-7 victory over Dumas.

Carlyn Teichmann started on the mound and was the winning pitcher. She gave up seven runs on one hit and had eight strikeouts in four and two-thirds innings. Ashley Facio came on in relief and pitched a scoreless one and one-third innings to finish the game.

Pampa's offense collected 11 hits against Dumas pitching.

For Pampa, the leading hitters were Sammie Pearson, with 2 singles and 2 doubles; Shelbie Watson, 3 singles; Summer Roberts, 2 singles; Kara Stephens, 1 single, and Carlyn Teichmann, 1 single.

Outstanding defensive plays helped seal the win. Right fielder Emilie Troxell and left fielder Matricia Davis both came up with backup overthrows and then threw the advancing runners out.

The Pampa All-Stars went undefeated in the tournament. They opened with a

Softball

12-1 win over Dumas, then defeated Borger 27-5 in the semi-finals.

Pampa advances to the State Tournament in Waco along with seven other teams from across Texas. The State Tournament will be held July 18-23.

PAMPA — The Pampa Junior Girls All-Star Team will open district play tonight in Dumas.

Pampa plays Childress at 8 tonight, then faces Borger at 6 Saturday night. On Monday, they will play Dumas at 6 p.m.

The championship game is scheduled for Tuesday at 6 p.m. The top two seeded teams will play for the right to advance to the State Tournament in Waco.

Team members are Nicole Clark, Callie Cobb, Meredith Coutts, Autumn Darden, Jackie Gerber, Maggie Hopkins, Stephanie McVay, Kenzi Nickell, Cassy Tice, Whitney Wichert, Logan Winkelman and Amy Youree. Their coaches are Randell Tice, Layne Clark and Doug Youree.

BORGER — Frank Phillips College will have a fast-pitch tryout for women interested in playing in the school's first-ever team. The tryout will be held on

Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Huber Park Softball Field.

FPC coach Kelly Swanson will be in charge of the tryout. All participants should

bring cleats, bats and their own gloves.

For additional information, contact the school switchboard at 274-5311 and ask for coach Swanson.



Pampa 10-year-old All-Stars: (front, l-r) Ashley Williams, Kara Stephens, Summer Roberts, Whitney Wade and Shelbie Watson; (back l-r) Sammie Pearson, Emilie Watson, Brooklyn Barker, Carlyn Teichmann, Matricia Davis and Ashley Facio.

Zaun's grand slam lifts Astros by Diamondbacks

HOUSTON (AP) — Diamondbacks closer Byung-Hyun Kim blew his second straight save — this one on a ninth-inning grand slam — and manager Bob Brenly knows something has to change.

Pinch-hitter Gregg Zaun homered on an 0-2 pitch to right with two outs in the bottom of the inning, giving the Houston Astros a 7-4 victory Thursday night.

Kim (3-1) had saved 19 games in 20 opportunities before Tuesday, when he blew another save against Houston. Brenly felt Kim had good stuff this time.

"It was a lack of concentration more than anything else," he said. "We've got to get it straightened out."

Brenly did not like Kim's pitch location to Zaun, who hit the first grand slam of his career.

"An 0-2 pitch that is hit for a grand slam is too good of a pitch. It looked like a fastball over the plate," Brenly said. "You can't give them a pitch like that in that situation."

Kim was trying to strike out Zaun.

"I was trying to be aggressive. I didn't want to waste a pitch," Kim said. "If he didn't swing at it, it would have been a strike and a great pitch."

Zaun thinks he caught Kim at the right time.

"I just think that every great closer goes through stretches in a season when guys are hitting him around a little," Zaun said. "But Kim still has great stuff and great movement. We were just lucky enough to catch him when he is having trouble getting people out."

Houston's Lance Berkman agreed with Brenly on the pitch location.

"I saw replays of a couple of his pitches in the Tuesday game, and I was on second base when he was pitching to Zaun. When he gets hit, he leaves the ball in the middle of the plate," Berkman said. "The pitch he threw to Zaun was pretty much right there."

Kim retired Jose Vizcaino, his first batter in the ninth, on a close play. Houston manager Jimmy Williams was ejected by first-base umpire Laz Diaz for arguing the call.

Kim then walked Craig Biggio and hit Berkman with a pitch before Jeff Bagwell

loaded the bases on an infield hit.

Octavio Dotel (4-3) got the win.

Craig Counsell tied a career high by driving in four runs. He finished 3-for-5, and was 5-for-10 in the three-game series.

Arizona starter Rick Helling pitched seven innings, allowing three runs, just one of which was earned. Helling struck out six and walked none.

Berkman hit his 23rd homer, giving him his NL-leading 64th RBI, in the fourth. Houston made it 3-3 in the fifth on Brad Ausmus' two-run homer.

Houston's Nelson Cruz made his first start in nearly three years, in place of Carlos Hernandez, who had to miss his turn in the rotation because of a stiff left shoulder. Cruz gave up three runs on seven hits and a walk in 3 2-3 innings. He struck out two.

Counsell hit a two-run double in the second inning and followed with an RBI single in the fourth to give Arizona a 3-0 lead.

Notes: Counsell has had four RBIs two other times, the last

on April 16, 1998, for Florida against Philadelphia. ... Houston is hitting .288 at home but only .226 in road games. The Astros are 12-25 on the road. ... Junior Spivey

singled in the first inning to extend his hitting streak to 11 games. ... Quinton McCracken extended his hitting streak to 10 games. He is hitting .488 (20-for-41) in that span.

Angels defeat Rangers, 6-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Anaheim Angels made it through their longest road trip of the season, weary but still in second place in the AL West.

The Angels beat the Texas Rangers 6-3 on Thursday night to finish their two-week trip at 7-7.

Jarrod Washburn won his eighth straight decision, winning consecutive games for the first time since May 1. He gave up one run on four hits over six innings.

"We're not playing good baseball," he said. "But when you're not playing good and come out of a road trip .500, it's not a total waste. It's good to have the long one done."

After losing three straight at Texas to start the week, the Angels won the last two. With their next nine games at home before the All-Star break, Anaheim remains just 3 1/2

games behind AL West-leading Seattle.

Washburn (8-2) hasn't lost since April 13 against Oakland in his third start, and he has a 3.02 ERA in a 13-game unbeaten streak. The left-hander had four wins and four no-decisions his previous eight starts.

"We rebounded with Wash on the mound, and it feels like we got back on track," Angels outfielder Tim Salmon said. "We looked like we were running out of steam, but we came back and won the last two games."

Salmon hit a two-run single in the fifth off Rob Bell (3-3) to break a 1-1 tie and put Anaheim ahead to stay.

Washburn allowed more than one baserunner in an inning only once. He got out of a bases-loaded jam in the second by striking out Ryan Ludwick.

Pampa duo named to Baseball Super Team

PAMPA — Pitcher Adam Jones and shortstop Evan Miller of the Pampa Harvesters were selected to the Amarillo Globe-News Baseball Super Team.

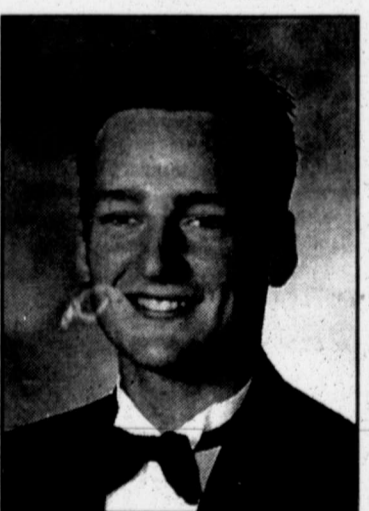
Jones and Miller, both seniors, helped guide the Harvesters to the 2002 Class 4A regional quarterfinals.

Jones closed the season with a 9-3 record and a 1.41 earned run average.

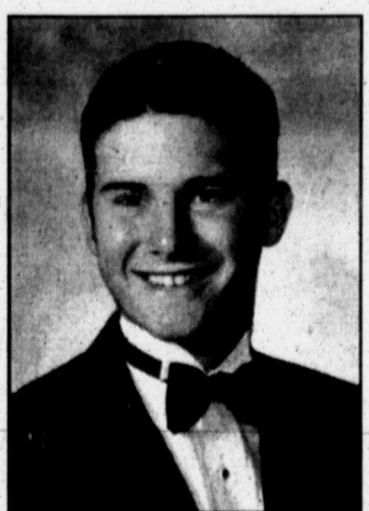
He had a 3-0 record in the playoffs.

Jones struck out 226 batters during his career. He was brought up to the varsity as a freshman.

Miller paced Class 4A-5A hitters in batting aver-



Adam Jones
age for most of the season. He finished the regular season with a .525 average and 38 runs-batted-in. Miller was a two-year starter at Pampa. Chance Douglass of



Evan Miller
Randall was named Player of the Year. Randall's Steve Ribera was Coach of the Year. 2002 Globe-News Baseball Super Team
Catcher: Josh Payne, senior, Randall.
Pitcher: Adam Jones, senior,

Pampa; Josh Robertson, senior, Follett; Brian Watt, senior, Amarillo High; Eric Schilling, junior, Nazareth.

Designated hitter: Evan Miller, senior, Pampa.

Utility player: Cody Merrell, senior, Perryton; Alex Schenck, senior, Amarillo High.

First baseman: Michael Crabtree, junior, Canyon.

Infielder: Jason Gotcher, senior, Amarillo High; Eric Moya, senior, Tascosa; Sam Sessler, senior, Randall.

Outfielder: Derek Shedd, senior, River Road; Michael Martinez, senior, Caprock; Dustin Brooks, senior, Randall; Justin Carver, senior, Boys Ranch; Chris Adkins, senior, Amarillo High.

Player of the Year: Chance Douglass, senior, pitcher, Randall.

Coach of the Year: Steve Ribera, Randall.

Surprise Team of the Year: Nazareth Swifts

Golf

Hidden Hills Seniors 4-Man Scramble

Flight A
1. Elmer Wilson, Fred Courtney, Gerry McCabe and Jerry Davis, 59.
2. Willie Nickelberry, Jerry Dorman, Larry Schneider and Harley Knutson, 59.

Flight B
1. Jim Ashford, Bob Brandon, Travis Taylor and Ralph Wilson, 65.
2. Oscar Sargent, Carl Johnson, Butch Shepherd and Charley Rand, 66.

Flight C


1. Joe Mabry, James Lee, Harvey Malone and Bill Brown, 66.
2. Irvin Williams, Doug Dubose, Duane Cash and Wayne Jones, 67.

Flight D

1. Richard Abbott, Ed Langford, Norman Willingham and Gen Winegeart, 69.
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New York	39	38	.506	8 1/2	Toronto	31	44	.413	15 1/2
Philadelphia	34	42	.447	13	Tampa Bay	26	50	.342	21
Central Division	41	36	.532	—	Central Division	44	35	.557	—
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Colon gives Expos legitimate playoff shot

By The Associated Press

The Montreal Expos rallied on a rainy day in Pittsburgh, then made a real splash by landing ace Bartolo Colon.

Montreal acquired Colon and a player to be named from the Cleveland Indians for first baseman Lee Stevens and three prospects Thursday, putting the underdog Expos in position to make a surprising run at the postseason.

"I hope it sends a message to our fans and players that we are trying to be competitive and trying to make the playoffs," Expos general manager Omar Minaya said.

It might be their last chance, so they've got little to lose. The Expos escaped baseball's plan to eliminate them in the offseason and could be playing their final season in Montreal — or anywhere else for that matter.

If so, it looks as if they plan to make the most of it. Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Macias homered, and Montreal scored six runs in the final two innings against Pittsburgh's bullpen to beat the Pirates 7-2 Thursday in a game called after 6 1/2 innings because of rain.

Two rain delays, one marked by lightning, lasted longer (2 hours, 27 minutes) than the game (2 hours, 8 minutes).

"As far as I'm concerned, it's a beautiful day because we won a ballgame," Montreal manager Frank Robinson said.

In other NL games, it was: Houston 7, Arizona 4; San Francisco 11, San Diego 6; Los Angeles 7, Colorado 1; Cincinnati 5, Chicago 4 in 10 innings; Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 2 in 11 innings; and Philadelphia 7, Florida 3.

Atlanta and the New York Mets were rained out at Shea Stadium.

A team thrown together in spring training, the Expos (41-36) have won 10 of 13 to move within 6 1/2 games of first-place Atlanta in the NL East and five games out of a wild-card spot. They have 13 games remaining against the Braves.

Now they've got Colon — one of baseball's best pitchers — to go along with All-Star outfielder Guerrero, sweet-swinging second baseman Jose Vidro and nasty young starters Javier Vazquez and Tomo Ohka.

Colon was 10-4 with a 2.55 ERA in 16 starts for the Indians and was on his way to making the All-Star team for the second time. He was leading the AL in innings and complete games, and was ranked among the leaders in wins, ERA, strikeouts and shutouts.

The right-hander is expected to join the Expos in Toronto this weekend.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Earl Mayer, Deceased, were issued on June 24, 2002, in Cause No. 8891, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to LAJUANA MAYER.

The residence of the Independent Executor is 704 Doucette, Pampa, Gray County, Texas; the post office address is:

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79066-1017

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 25th day of June, 2002.

By: J. A. Martindale
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Blood banks urge summer donations, warn of imminent shortages

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The summer slump in blood donations started earlier than usual this year and could lead to dire shortages within weeks, say blood banks that issued an urgent appeal for people to give.

Summer shortages are common as frequent donors go on vacation and school blood drives dry up. But blood banks told the government Thursday that post-Sept. 11 donor apathy and new precautions against mad cow disease are worsening this year's slump.

Almost half of the American Red Cross' blood donor regions and one-third of the nation's independent blood banks have tight supplies — a day's worth or less on hand. The South seems particularly hard hit, said America's Blood Centers, a group that represents independent banks.

The Red Cross provides about half the nation's blood supply and ABC banks provide the other half. Underscoring the urgent need, the two competing groups issued a joint appeal for donors this week.

"A frightening trend is beginning to develop," said Dr. Robert Jones of the New York Blood Center, which has seen 13 percent fewer donors this June than a year ago. "Collections

have been dropping off dramatically as of June 1."

"It's tanked" since May, agreed the Red Cross' Dr. Peter Page. "Our problem now is people not coming to donate."

Some 60 percent of Americans are eligible to donate blood — an individual can give once every two months — but only 5 percent do.

Indeed, a recent survey for The Associated Press found the main reason Americans say they donate is to help after a disaster, even though only blood previously donated and disease-tested actually helps disaster victims.

In fact, 34,000 pints are needed every day. Another poll, announced by blood bankers this week, found only 9 percent of people know blood is needed every two seconds.

"The American public has no clue that blood is perishable," Jones said. He urged the government to fund a massive education campaign explaining that critical red blood cells last only 42 days and thus continuous donations are vital.

Jones said lack of understanding contributes to the post-Sept. 11 backlash that's worsening the summer slump. After the terrorist attacks, hundreds of thousands of people donated blood, overwhelming blood banks. Ultimately, tens of thousands of pints went bad before they could be used — and donations subsequently plummeted.

Donor focus groups say they're still angry about wasted blood and are unlikely to respond to new appeals for donations, Jones said.

Blood can be frozen, but the process is extremely difficult and expensive.

Chronically tight supplies lead to periodic shortages that force hospitals to postpone or cancel elective surgeries. So far this year, the American Hospital Association knows of no surgery disruptions. But government monitoring shows "near misses" are starting to climb, said Dr. Stephen Nightingale of the Department of Health and Human Services. Those are cases where a blood center can't immediately or completely fill a hospital's order for more pints.

One other factor this summer: new precautions against mad cow disease, just in case the fatal brain disease spread through tainted European beef also might spread through blood.

Tighter Food and Drug Administration rules instituted May 31 required blood banks to turn away more donors who have spent time in

Britain or Europe. The Red Cross imposed even stricter mad cow rules in October.

No one knows exactly how many Americans can no longer donate, blood banks told an FDA meeting Thursday — but they're turning away roughly 1 percent of donors at the door. Page said that means rejecting about 3,764 Red Cross donors a month.

That doesn't count people who heard about the new rules and quit trying to donate. A survey of 10,000 donors indicates 3 percent of donors assume they're not eligible anymore, but that number is far larger in cities with lots of retired soldiers, said ABC's Dr. Celso Bianco.

Indeed, 18 percent of active-duty military personnel are disqualified under the mad cow rules, said Maj. Ronny Alford of the Armed Services Blood Program. Anticipating that loss, the military stepped up donor recruitment and actually increased donations by 9 percent over the winter, the only bright spot mentioned Thursday.

ARC selects names new president

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of battles over funds for terrorism victims and blood safety questions, the American Red Cross is turning to a retired admiral to steer it into calmer waters.

Marsha Johnson Evans will become president of the charity Aug. 5, the Red Cross announced Thursday.

She takes over an organization tarnished by disputes over distribution of money raised for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. The Red Cross is also involved in a dispute with the Food and Drug Administration over handling of blood.

Evans declined to discuss the issues facing her in detail, saying she has not had time to study the problems.

But she added that across most of the country, where the Red Cross responds to disasters on a continuing basis, there is an "enormous reservoir of trust" for the agency.

"We have to continuously add to that trust account on a day-by-day basis," she said. "The challenge is finding how to do it better."

Since Sept. 11, the agency has distributed about \$600 million to 55,000 families who were directly affected by the attacks, according to Red Cross spokesman Bob Chlopak. That includes families of those who were killed or injured in the attacks, as well as rescue and recovery workers and those who were affected economically.

Still, Red Cross Chairman David McLaughlin admitted "the last nine months have been some of the most difficult" for the organization.

"This is a turning point," he said, praising Evans as having "both the head and heart" needed for the job.

The appointment comes months after the departure of Bernadine Healy, who said she was forced out by the charity's board in a dispute over policy.

Evans' appointment is "open-ended," but McLaughlin said the board wants her to remain at least five to seven years. The salary will be \$450,000 annually, which he said is in the midrange for charitable organizations.

Evans, 54, comes to the job from the Girl Scouts, where she has been executive director since 1998. Evans completed a 29-year career in the Navy in 1997, retiring as a rear admiral.

In the Navy, Evans gained experience in managing large operations, running the Navy Recruiting Command from 1993-1995. Later, she was chief executive of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Evans grew up in Springfield, Ill., and joined the Navy after graduating from Occidental College in Los Angeles.

The Red Cross drew severe criticism, both from the public and in Congress, when it was revealed that the charity planned to set aside for other uses some of the money from its Liberty Fund for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The organization was forced to change course in November and declare that all the money would go to the terror victims and their families.

At the time McLaughlin said, "We learned hard lessons from that fund."

U.S. drug czar praises Mexico's latest crackdown

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Recent arrests by Mexican authorities mark the greatest victory in anti-drug efforts since Colombian police, supported by U.S. forces, killed drug lord Pablo Escobar in 1993, the U.S. drug czar said.

On a visit to Mexico City Thursday, John Walters said Mexico's efforts have contributed to a drop in cocaine purity and cash problems for traffickers.

Arrests this year of suspected drug lords like Benjamin Arellano Felix and Jesus Albino Quintero set "a tempo and magnitude of disruption, arrests of organizations that I don't think we've ever seen before in any country," Walters told reporters.

"They're ahead of us in attacking the problem. There are signs that key markets in this hemisphere are disrupted," he said. He cited a 9 percent decline in cocaine purity

in the United States and said it indicates that fewer shipments are getting through.

"We also have found repeated reports that the wholesale cocaine coming out of Colombia is now being cut, often with caffeine. This has not been characteristic before," he said.

Walters, on a three-day visit here in his role as the director of national drug control policy, called the Mexican crackdown "historic."

"The closest I can think of is what happened in Colombia," he said, referring to a four-year manhunt that ended in Pablo Escobar's 1993 death at the hands of Colombian police supported by U.S. intelligence services and — reportedly — U.S. special forces.

The Mexican police crackdown has caused cartels here to downsize and given them

such cash-flow problems that their Colombian suppliers no longer extend credit for drug shipments and now demand cash up front, he said.

To raise that cash, Mexican traffickers have focused on moving larger shipments of marijuana into the United States more quickly, and apparently selling some drugs on the streets in Mexico.

"With the wealthiest, most dangerous most powerful organizations (in Mexico) having their leadership removed, what will happen is that there will be smaller organizations," Walters said. "One of the things that happens when you make the organizations smaller is you add to the price."

Despite a New York indictment handed down Thursday against a former Lehman Brothers banker for allegedly helping a Mexican gang launder drug profits, Walters said

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Gray County American Red Cross recently participated in a local mock disaster drill along with Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) and other agencies. The drill was staged as a training exercise for emergency officials in the community. Shown in the ARC's Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) serving drinks to firemen is disaster volunteer Bonnie Holetin.

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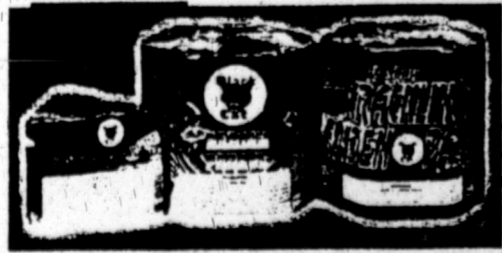


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