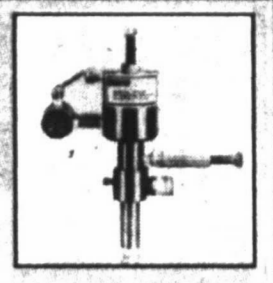


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LOCAL

Republican Women's candidate forum set

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will sponsor a Candidates Forum at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pampa. Primary elections will be conducted March 9.

DEATHS

- Imogene Angel, 64, homemaker.
- Milton Leon Best, 47, truck driver.
- Nellie Maye Killebrew, 89, homemaker.
- Nettie Marie Kludt, 79, licensed vocational nurse.
- Geneva Jane Snelgrooves, 85, registered nurse.

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U.N. official: June elections unlikely

By JIM KRANE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.N. official said Friday it was unlikely elections could be held before a U.S.-set June 30 deadline for handing power to the Iraqis, and several Iraqi leaders said there was growing support for scrapping the U.S. blueprint for establishing a

new government. U.N. special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi warned Iraqis to be aware of the risks of civil war as they try to find an acceptable formula for sovereignty. "I am a little bit disturbed and a little bit uneasy because there are very serious dangers," Brahimi said. Civil war erupt, he said, "because people are reckless, people are selfish,

because people think more of themselves than they do of their country." Some members of the U.S.-picked Governing Council were pushing an alternative to the U.S. plan that would call for transferring sovereignty to an expanded council on June 30. The council would then arrange elections before the end of the year.

Doubts about the complex U.S. plan were expressed Friday to Brahimi during a meeting with the 25-member Iraqi Governing Council. Brahimi arrived Sunday to try to break an impasse between the Shiite Muslim clergy and the U.S.-led occupation authority on how to establish a new Iraqi government. Under the American formu-

la, 18 regional caucuses would pick a new legislature, which in turn would choose a provisional government to take power June 30 and serve until elections in 2005. The U.S. plan, announced Nov. 15, lost ground when Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani demanded legislative elections before (See IRAQ, Page 10)

Post Office Valentine visit



Rachel Pooley's pre-school class at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School decided their valentines were in good hands after visiting Pampa's U.S. Post Office earlier this week: back row, Alex White, Coutland Vick, Sarah Sutherland, Caylee Hill, Mason McKay, London Lowrey; front row, Emily DeLoach, Collin Mertz, Kristen Shouse, Laura Leigh Ellis, Shiner Webb, Allison Whitson, and Devin Kerlee. Postmaster Bob Schrock, far left, gave the St. Matthew's students a special tour after they mailed their valentines.

Report: Grand jury to review evidence against Enron CEO

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors are preparing criminal charges against former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling for an indictment expected to be handed up this month, perhaps as early as next week, sources close to the case told The Associated Press Friday.

The two sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed that Skilling, 50, was in the government's crosshairs on the heels of securing a guilty plea to two counts of conspiracy from former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow last month. But they said the process was delicate and public revelation of the new case could be delayed.

Skilling's Washington, D.C., lawyer, Bruce Hiler, a former prosecutor for the Securities and Exchange Commission, reiterated Friday that his client had done nothing to merit criminal charges.

"If a COO can't rely on the dozens of experts who review and recommend transactions, then no COO should go to work tomorrow, because they may find themselves indicted," Hiler said.

Hiler was referring to Skilling's former title of chief operating officer at Enron. Skilling was COO from 1997 until he succeeded Enron (See ENRON, Page 10)

IBP decision remains in jury's hands

By DAVID BOWSER
 SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Cattlemen suing IBP here are hoping the jury will return a verdict today. After five weeks, they say they are ready to go home, but not without a victory.

U.S. Senior Judge Lyle Strom said Thursday that if the jury fails to reach a verdict today, then they will have to return Tuesday to continue their deliberations. Monday is President's Day, a federal holiday, and the courthouse here will be closed.

The jury got the case shortly before 1 p.m. Tuesday, after three weeks of testimony by the cattlemen suing the

packer and one week of testimony by IBP.

Now, as the fifth week of the trial grinds to an end, many of the cattlemen involved in the case, as well as those who came to show their support, say they are ready to go home.

The courtroom Tuesday morning was packed with an estimated 100 cattlemen from Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, South Dakota and Nebraska as lawyers from both sides gave their closing arguments.

The jury so far has sent out three messages to the presiding judge, U.S. Senior Judge Lyle Strom, concerning evidence in the case.

Thursday afternoon, they asked about an exhibit in connection with

testimony by Bruce Bass, IBP's vice president for cattle procurement.

Bass testified last week concerning his job and how the packer buys cattle.

At issue is whether IBP uses captive supply, cattle committed to the packer more than a week in advance without a negotiated price, to manipulate the cash market.

The cattlemen suing IBP claim the packer uses marketing agreements with various feedyards to maintain a captive and steady supply of cattle so they won't have to go into the cash market to buy cattle.

As IBP's final witness, Bass testified that each Friday he tries to have enough cattle bought and scheduled for slaughter to match the capacity of

the company's packing plants for the next week. He said that when he doesn't have enough, his buyers have to go into the cash market the next week and buy more cattle. When they have overbought, the cattle beyond that next week's capacity are scheduled for slaughter the following week.

The court has defined captive supply as cattle purchased by a packer through marketing agreements or alliances, formula sales, forward contracts, or joint ventures, which do not constitute cash market transactions. Cash market refers to cattle transactions where the price or base price was negotiated at the time of sale and where cattle were delivered for slaughter within seven days.

Trans-Texas Corridor subject of public hearing

Pampa will host one of several public hearings on the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor at 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Trans-Texas Corridor is a proposed network of roads and rail, plus a dedicated utility zone, to quickly move people, goods, utili-

ties and ideas through the state. Texas Department of Transportation officials are scheduling a series of hearings across the state to gather public input on possible routes for the Corridor.

Meetings are scheduled in Canadian and Miami as well as other counties throughout the state. The Hemphill County meeting will

begin at 10 a.m., Feb. 19, in the County Courthouse in Canadian. The Roberts County meeting will begin at 10 a.m., Feb. 23, in the District Courtroom in Miami.

Construction of the Corridor will be funded over several decades through tolls, bonds and other financing tools, according to a TxDOT news release.

Likely starting points for the corridor will be high-population areas. Eventual features should include separate lanes for cars and trucks; separate passenger, commuter and freight rail lines; and a utility zone for water, electricity, natural gas, petroleum, fiber optics and telecommunications, the release stated.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

- BEST, Milton Leon** — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.
- KILLEBREW, Nellie Maye** — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Canadian.
- KLUDT, Nettie Marie** — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Orange Forest, West Orange.
- MILLER, Margaret Ollie** — 2 p.m., Allen Funeral Home Chapel, Wylie.
- SNELGROOES, Geneva Jane McNeil** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

NELLIE MAYE KILLEBREW 1914-2004

CANADIAN — Nellie Maye Killebrew, 89, of Canadian, Texas, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at Canadian. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Canadian with Dr. Richard Bales of Big Springs officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery by Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Nellie was born May 1, 1914, in the little stone house at Fourth and Summit in Canadian, Texas. Her father, Arthur Theodore "Slim" Davidson, was a line foreman for the Tandy Ranch in Roberts County and her mother, Ella Lee Knox, was employed by Mrs. Tandy as her companion. Mrs. Tandy encouraged Slim Davidson to court Ella and often sent them by buggy to the Hamiltons', over five miles to the west, for milk or eggs. Newt and Mary Hamilton were the parents of Carrie Killebrew, who, with her 45-month-old son, Wilbur, were Nellie's first visitors. Wilbur used to say he picked Nellie from the cradle.

Nellie and her parents joined the Methodist Church at Middlewater in Hartley County. The Davidson family returned to Canadian in 1928 and Nellie graduated from Canadian High School in 1933. She and Wilbur Killebrew were married in the parlor of the Methodist Church in Canadian on Sept. 8, 1935.

As a youth, Nellie was active in Epworth League, now known as United Methodist Youth. As an adult, she was active in the Women's Society of the Methodist Church at Canadian, Pampa and Canyon, serving in various capacities, including President. She also taught Sunday School at Canadian and at Canyon for many years. She was active in Eastern Star at Canadian, Pampa and Canyon, serving in various officer capacities, including Worthy Matron. She was also a member of PEO at Canyon and was active in the book clubs at Pampa and Canyon and in the Home Demonstration Clubs at Canadian and Pampa. She was a homemaker and was honored as Homemaker of the Year by the Home Demonstration Club at Pampa. Nellie was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Killebrew, in March, 1969.

Survivors include four sons, Wilbur N. Killebrew, Jr. of Pampa, James A. Killebrew of Odessa, Robert L. Killebrew of Lubbock and Dr. Flavius C. Killebrew of Canyon; six grandchildren, Charles N. Killebrew of Guilford, Conn., Kathryn Anne Killebrew of Austin, Kimberley P. Killebrew of the Dallas area, James Craig Killebrew of Midland, Cari-Amber "Amber" Gary of Monument, Colo., and Arian Jaye Killebrew, R.N. and five great-grandchildren.

MILTON LEON BEST

McLEAN — Milton Leon Best, 47, of McLean, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at Clinton, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at First Baptist Church, McLean, Texas, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

He was a loved father; a man of many words; a friend to many.

Mr. Best was a truck driver and had previously owned a gas station and The Cowboy Café in McLean. He moved to McLean when he was 10-years-old and graduated from McLean High School in 1974.

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Survivors include two children, Nicole Best of Mount Pleasant, Mich., and Derek Best of McLean, Texas; his mother, Etowle Nichols of Pampa, Texas; two brothers, Allen Dean Carlile of Odessa, Texas (wife, Carol) and Don Best of Owosso, Okla., (wife, Donna); two sisters, Wanda Wood of Delores, Colo. (husband, Weldon) and Loretta Howard of Upland, Calif. (husband, Leon); and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Best, in 1989.

The family requests memorials be to any church children's home.

GENEVA JANE McNEIL SNELGROOES 1918-2004

Geneva Jane McNeil Snelgrooes, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at Pampa, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, in the Wheeler Cemetery with Minister Scott Porter officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler, Texas, by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Snelgrooes was born April 24, 1918, to William and Mary McNeil in Elmore City, Okla. She graduated from Briscoe High School in 1937, at which time she entered nursing school at Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Snelgrooes received her Registered Nurse's License in 1941 and was commissioned into the United States Army Nurses Corp during 1942, serving in World War II. Subsequently, she was discharged in 1946 as a First Lieutenant.

Mrs. Snelgrooes was employed by the Shamrock General Hospital from 1949 until 1963, during which time she held the position as director of Nursing for 10 years. She was then employed by Parkview Hospital in Wheeler, from 1963 until 1972, and held simultaneous positions of Hospital Administrator and Director of Nursing for several years.

In 1972, Mrs. Snelgrooes returned to Shamrock General Hospital as Charge Nurse and worked there until her retirement in 1997. Mrs. Snelgrooes retired from nursing at the age of 79, after serving both her country and her community for 56 years.

Mrs. Snelgrooes married Cecil O. Snelgrooes in December of 1945. He died in

1995. She was also preceded in death by her father, William F. McNeil in 1968, her mother Nellie M. McNeil in 1977, and one brother, J.B. McNeil in 1980.



Mrs. Snelgrooes was a dedicated mother, a loving grandmother, and a beloved friend. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Wheeler, Texas.

Survivors include one son, Daryl Snelgrooes and wife, Tillie of Wheeler, Texas; one daughter, Debbie Beesley and husband, Tom, of Pampa, Texas; one sister, Vera Myrtle Rogers of Wellington, Texas; four grandchildren, Dana Zaiantz and husband, John, of Shamrock, Texas, Shane Baird and wife, Kiley, of Pampa, Texas, Mique Snelgrooes of Big Spring, Texas, and Will Snelgrooes and wife, Misty, of Dalhart, Texas; eight great-grandchildren, Will and Tyler Zaiantz, Lauren and Charity Baird, McKinley and Kyle Brown and Maci and Megan Ellis; as well as many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

The family requests memorials be to Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department, The Wheeler Volunteer Ambulance Service, The Wheeler Library, Crown of Texas Hospice, or a favorite charity.

NETTIE MARIE KLUDT

Our Mom, Nettie Marie Kludt, 79, of Orange, Texas, died peacefully in her sleep on February 7, 2004, in Austin, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2004, at Orange Forest in West Orange.

Marie lived in Orange for 48 years and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Marie was born in Minnesota, grew up in South Dakota and graduated from Augustana Lutheran Academy in 1942. She married her sweetheart, David T. Kludt, in 1946. They had four children (1947-1957) and she devoted herself to her family. They moved to Orange in 1954 from Hurley, S.D. She worked at Orange Memorial Hospital for 17 years as a Licensed Vocational Nurse after completing nursing school in 1967.

Marie was a creative person that could make something-out-of-nothing. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, baking, arranging flowers, and growing plants. Like her plants, her love grew from being a daughter, sister, and friend; to wife and mother; then to grandma and great-grandma who endlessly enjoyed

doing arts and crafts, playing dress up, then pretending with her grandchildren. We remember the shared love and laughter.

Her husband of 58 years, David, and daughter, Lucinda Marie, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Francis and Eileen Kludt of Pampa; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy Ramke and Rich Rogers of Austin; son, Rodger Kludt of Lubbock; sister, Betty Person and husband Virgil of Orange; brothers, Ed Schierholz and wife Dorothy of Spokane, Wash.; Bill Schierholz and Pat Alexander of New Orleans, La.; grandchildren, Heather Kludt Schwanz and husband, Warren, and great-grandchild, Ashby Marie of Wichita, Kan.; David T. Kludt II of College Station; Amanda Kludt Anderson and husband Erick of Houston; Eli Ramke and fiancée, Lisa Murdock of Humble; and Gretchen Ramke of New Orleans, La.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1819 N. 16th St., Orange, Texas 77630, or the charity of your choice.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Thursday, Feb. 12

William Carl McKnight, 51, Borger, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. Joseph M. Rasmussen, 21, 427 Hill, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and two charges of running a red light.

Friday, Feb. 13

Charles Mathis Ashley, 56, homeless, was arrested for failure to appear on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

FIRE

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

Thursday, Feb. 12

8:40 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 600 block of North Zimmers. A water leak on a hot water heater was causing a lot of steam.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Pampa police assisted Gray County Pct. 2 Constable with a field sobriety test.

Terri Furgerson, 30, Lefors, was arrested on a capias pro fine for violation of the open container law.

Friday, Feb. 13

Carl Wayne Dunn, 49, 1108 Prairie Dr., was arrested on warrants for no valid driver's license, and assault causing bodily injury.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 12

8:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Dwight and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Duncan. No patient was transported.

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IMOGENE ANGEL

1939-2004

Imogene Angel, 64, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Angel was born June 27, 1939, at Ardmore, Okla. She had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. She married James Angel on July 17, 1957, at Borger.

She was a homemaker and a member of Wells Street Church of Christ.

Mrs. Angel was preceded in death by her father, Roy Lee Steele; two brothers, David

Lee Steele and Melven Steele; and a son, Darrell Duane Angel in 1990.

Survivors include her husband, James Angel, of the home; two sons, Terry Angel and Steve Angel, both of Pampa; her mother, Elsie Steele of Pampa; two sisters, Maxine Chase and Lavern Fulton, both of Pampa; a brother, Duane Steele of La Porte; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will be at 2301 Beech in Pampa. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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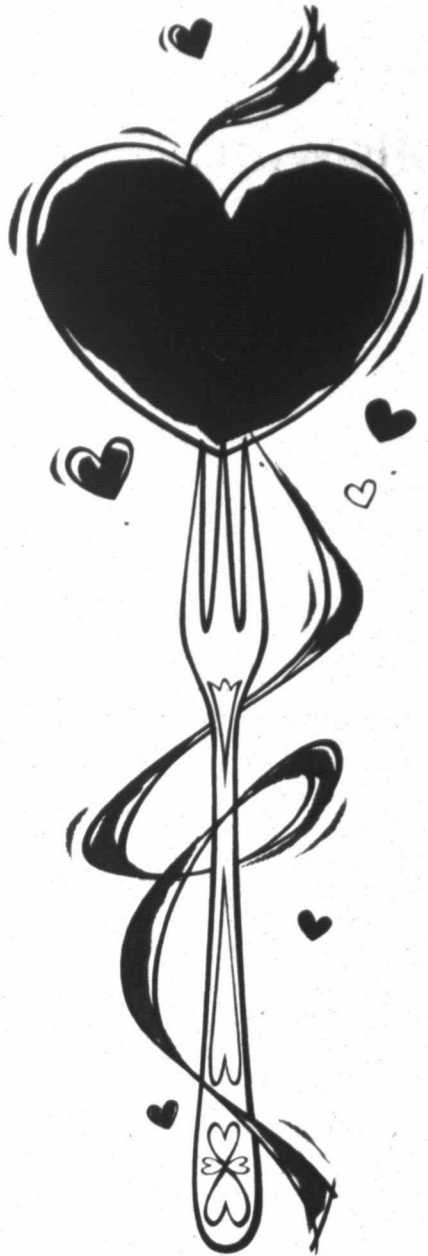
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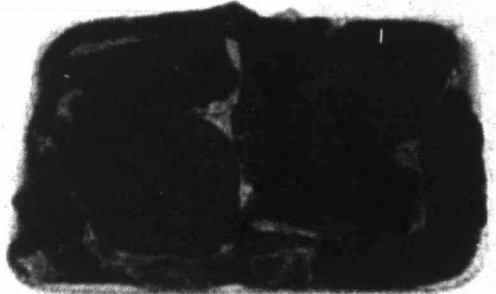
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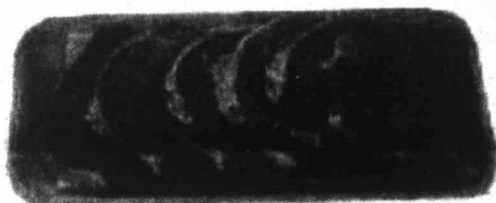
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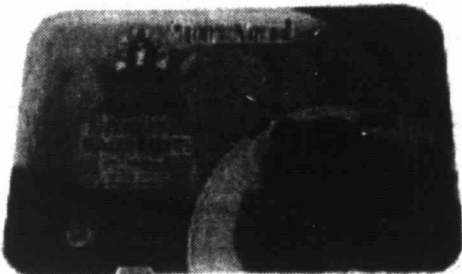
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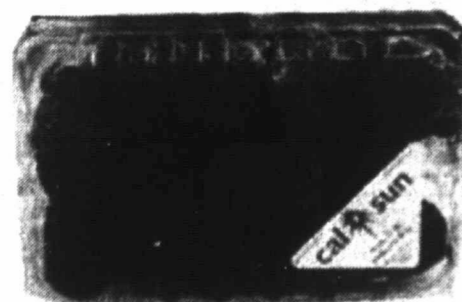
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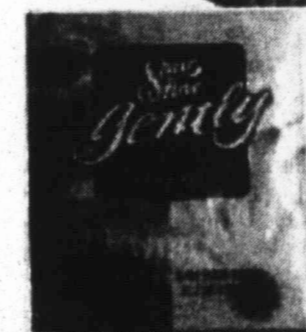
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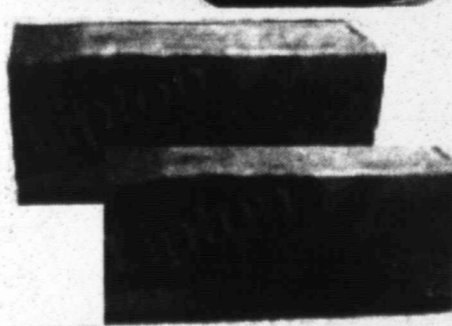
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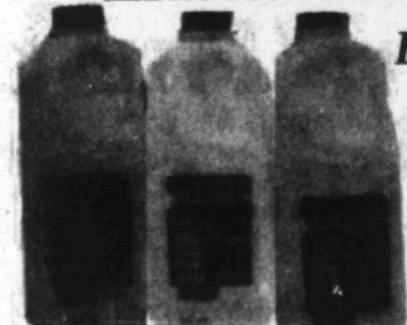
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Scholars find unique 'American' Jesus

BOSTON (AP) — There's Jesus the distant symbol, and Jesus the gentle friend. There's Jesus the pacifist and caregiver, and Jesus the gruff, muscular warrior.

There's black Jesus, and white Jesus. Homely and handsome, capitalist and socialist, stern and hippie. Hardworking social reformer, mystical comforter.

Readers looking for the one true Jesus won't find him in two new books about Jesus in America. Instead, they will discover the extraordinary range of identities Jesus has assumed in American history and culture — in art, music, literature and more — over the past four centuries.

The first, "Jesus in America: A History," by University of Southern California historian Richard Wightman Fox, explores the ways Americans have experienced Jesus, what they believed about him and what he inspired them to do. He tracks Jesus' influence on key events in American history: the Revolution, the Enlightenment, the social activism of the 1960s.

The second, Boston University Professor Stephen Prothero's "American Jesus: How the Son of God Became a National Icon," reflects the even broader interests of its author, a scholar of Asian religions who was intrigued by the extent to which he found non-Christian Americans fascinated by Jesus. Even the Dalai Lama has written books about Jesus.

"I kept running into Jesus when I was trying to study Hindus and Buddhists," said Prothero, who was partly inspired to write the book after coming across a portrait of a meditating Jesus while visiting a Hindu temple in San Francisco.

In some ways, both books fit into a growing body of literature that is finding new things to say about Jesus, despite all that has been previously written. Elaine Pagels' best seller, "Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas," has attracted widespread notice for shedding further light on the very different ideas about Jesus that some early Christians held.

"I think part of the reason is

(Prothero) and some other people as well realize if there was ever a kind of monopoly claim by the Church or churches on who Jesus was, the significance of Jesus, that monopoly is now gone," said Harvey Cox, a Harvard University scholar, who is also finishing a book on contemporary depictions of Jesus, due out later this year.

The range of American interpretations of Jesus testifies to a power and flexibility in Jesus' message. It also says something interesting about America, Prothero argues.

"Jesus is on the agenda because of the public power of Christianity," Prothero told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "The kind of Christianity that now dominates is Jesus-focused. But we have the First Amendment. We have a culture that highly values religious toleration and even, I think it's fair to say, diversity. In such a culture, Jesus won't become a national figure unless he can move outside Christianity."

The new books survey the

transformation of Jesus in America from the detached figure of the Puritans — more "principle than person" in Prothero's words — to the rationalist Jesus who survived the Enlightenment to the humane presence dominating the current evangelical movement.

While the colonists were "God-fearing rather than Jesus-loving," Prothero said, they revered Jesus as the sacrifice of an awesome God. But Calvinist theology emphasized the distance between a perfect God and sinful man — and a part-divine, part-human bridge did not fit neatly.

Both authors credit Thomas Jefferson for helping to make America the kind of place where Jesus could evolve and flourish.

It was Jefferson who used a razor blade to cut out the portions of the New Testament he couldn't accept, such as the virgin birth. He was left with just one in 10 verses, but he found in them a true Jesus who could be reconciled with the rationalist thought of the Enlightenment.



(Courtesy photo)

Lowell Mason

'Little' Lowell Mason to sing at Calvary Assembly of God

"Little" Lowell Mason, a small man with a big voice, will be featured guest at Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love St., at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26.

Mason, who stands slightly less than 4-foot tall, travels almost 100,000 miles each year performing Gospel concerts. He's been with Children's Bible Hour, Youth for Christ in the United States and Victorious Christian Youth in Canada.

An internationally known television and recording artist, he was a soloist for Cecil Todd with Revival Fires in the 1960s and 1970s, and performed 1,000 Gospel concerts at Precious Moments in Carthage, Mo. While with Revival Fires, he helped distribute more than 3 million Bibles to school children in Russia.

The public is invited to attend the concert. A free-will offering will be received.

Rushing Wind Emmaus to meet

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community is meeting at the Waka Christian Center at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, for a covered dish fellowship and at 7 p.m. for worship. Nursery is provided. Persons interested in the Walk to Emmaus are also welcome to attend.

God's mercy and forgiveness awaits

When was the last time you heard someone say, "It is never too late?" If the comment was made concerning your personal spiritual life, it might have come from a Christian trying to help you see and believe that no matter what has happened in your life, Jesus eagerly awaits your surrender with loving arms. Or it might have come from a disciple of Jesus trying to help you recall the splendor of your past life in service to the Lord.

Often those who have never surrendered to Jesus Christ and those who have wandered far away from Him find it almost impossible to imagine how God could possibly forgive them of all that they have done.

Maybe you have even said, "If you only knew all that I have done, you would understand why I can't believe that God would ever want to forgive me and save me." Well, I have some good news for you or maybe one of your dear friends.

No matter what evil and wickedness you have done, God awaits with eagerness your surrender. Jesus stands ready to save you through His blood - no matter what you have done.

How do I know this you might ask? Well, there are a "zillion" places in the Bible that teach this, but one of the best places is in the lives of three of the kings of Israel.

The first one is in 1 Kings 21 and of all people it is Ahab. The scriptures say that Ahab was the worst of all the kings



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of Israel. (1 Kings 16:31-33) He was even an idolater and a murderer.

But after hearing the pronouncement of God's coming judgment against him, 1 Kings 21:27-29 says "When Ahab heard what Elijah had to say, he ripped his clothes to shreds, dressed in penitential rough burlap, and fasted. He even slept in coarse burlap pajamas. He tiptoed around, quiet as a mouse.

Then God spoke to Elijah the Tishbite: 'Do you see how penitently submissive Ahab has become to me? Because of his repentance I'll not bring the doom during his lifetime; Ahab's son, though, will get it.'" (All scripture quotes from The Message.)

Even evil Ahab, the worst of all the kings of Israel, found God's favor the moment that he repented and turned to the

Lord. Have you been worse than Ahab? Not a chance.

Next there was Jehoahaz. Here is his biblical summary: 2 Kings 13:2 "He lived an evil life before God, walking step for step in the tracks of Jeroboam son of Nebat who led Israel into a life of sin, swerving neither left or right."

But the scriptures also say in the verses 4-5: "Then Jehoahaz prayed for a softening of God's anger, and God listened. He realized how wretched Israel had become under the brutalities of the king of Aram.

So God provided a savior for Israel who brought them out from under Aram's oppression. The children of Israel were again able to live at peace in their own homes."

Even wicked Jehoahaz found God's grace when he prayed to God with a penitent

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heart. Have you lived worse than Jehoahaz? I don't think so.

And finally there was Manasseh. 2 Kings 21:1-5 and 2 Chronicles 33:6-10 tell us that he sacrificed his children as burnt offerings, he was a Baal and Asherah worshiper, as well as his practice of witchcraft and much, much more.


However, in 2 Chronicles 33:11-17 we find, "Now that he was in trouble, he went to his knees in prayer asking for help - total repentance before the God of his ancestors. As he prayed, God was touched; God listened and brought him back to Jerusalem as king."

Even sinful Manasseh found God's mercy when he cried out. Have you sinned more than Manasseh? No way.

What's the point? You too can have God's mercy and forgiveness. How? Cry out to Him in repentance. Don't wait! Do it now. God bless.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Wife Caught Up in Swinging Now Has Feet on the Ground

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Wavering," whose husband wanted her to accompany him to a swingers' party, was right on. If she goes, not only will the dynamics of her marriage change forever, she may never regain her self-confidence.

My husband talked me into the same thing in 1978, soon after our first child was born. I knew his first marriage had failed due to boredom, affairs, etc., and I naively thought it would keep him from straying. By the late '80s, I could no longer handle the lifestyle and the constant worry about AIDS. I finally got strong enough to say, "No more!"

In 2001, one year short of our silver anniversary, I learned my husband had been having affairs throughout our entire relationship, with or without the parties. We have been separated ever since, but only recently has he admitted that he needs help and is finally getting it — too late for us.

Throughout our entire marriage, I never felt good enough because my husband always wanted something more. I didn't know until I began counseling, after our separation, that there was nothing I could have done to change his behavior or to satisfy him.

I wish I could take back all the swinging. I am so ashamed. I have herpes, but thank God I don't have AIDS. (By the way, he infected me with herpes before we ever started going to the swingers' parties.) I was too blind to see the truth.

Please tell "Wavering" never to give in. Due to his sexual addiction, it's possible that her husband is already cheating.

FOOLED FOR YEARS

DEAR FOOLED: Thank you for the powerful testimonial. While some couples argue that swinging opens up new doors of adventure, I see it as slamming the door on what should be a precious, meaningful, mutual demonstration of love between husband and wife.

Regret is the cancer of life. You cannot change the past. I hope you are still in counseling because it will help you to forgive yourself for your mistake.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl who feels taken advantage of by my neighbor, "Tammy."

I baby-sat for her. But when it came time to pay me the \$20 she owed me, Tammy said she didn't have the cash on her and promised to pay me the next day. Well, she never did. Recently Tammy told me she'd pay me for dog sitting. She still owes me that money, too.

I am sick of doing jobs for her without getting anything in return. Am I selfish for not wanting to help Tammy any more? Is it wrong to expect to be paid at the end of the job? Or should I let things slide and think of it as pure generosity?

UNPAID HELP IN KNOXVILLE

DEAR UNPAID: No, you should not let it slide. Your neighbor is taking advantage of your youth and inexperience. The next time she asks to hire you, make it clear that until she makes good on the money she owes you, you are not available.

DEAR ABBY: We've included our 2 1/2-year-old child's voice on our answering machine greeting. Recently an attorney advised us against this because of all the weirdos out there.

What is the safest message to put on an answering machine these days?

CONCERNED PARENTS

DEAR CONCERNED: An adult male voice should say, "Please leave your name, number, the time and date that you called and a brief message, and we will get back to you."

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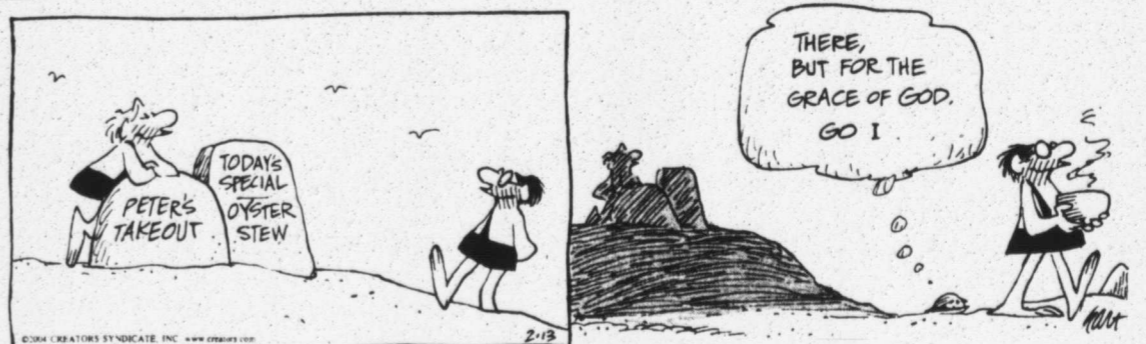
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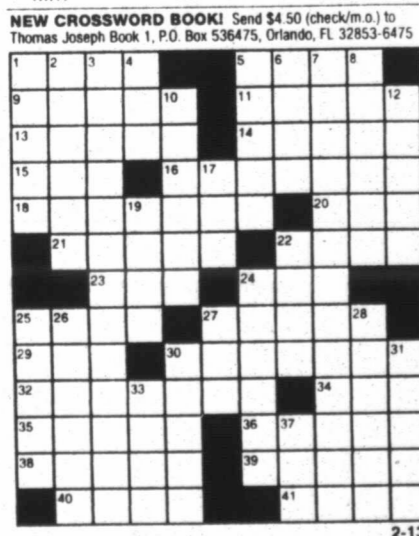


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SPORTS

Veteran member to head Optimist Baseball 2004

Kevin Davis was named President of Optimist Baseball 2004 last week by Sheri Tice, President of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club. This will be his fourth year to serve in that capacity.

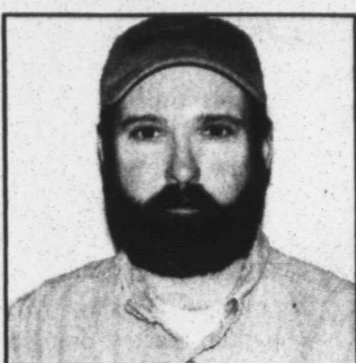
Davis has been a member of the Optimist Club for 20 years. He has coached baseball 15 of those years. For the last seven years he has been in charge of the concession stand and has been in charge of the equipment room for the past eight years.

He was the construction foreman for the new sprinkler system and lights in the Babe Ruth Park. He almost single-handedly built the Field of

Dreams T-Ball Park. Davis directed the installation of the lights for the girls' softball field.

For the last five years, he has been the Optimist Chair for the Children's Shopping Tour, a project which has helped more than 600 children and more than 1,000 additional family members. He served on the Steering Committee for the project in each of those years.

Davis has served two different terms as Optimist President, is a Life Member of Optimist International, and in September was named Optimist of the Year.



Kevin Davis

He is second Vice-President in charge of youth activities for the Optimist Club this year.

A Sunday School teacher for seventh grade boys at First Baptist Church, Davis also serves on the Nominating Committee and is Co-Chair of

the church's lodge in Glorieta, New Mexico. He also works with the Pampa High School baseball, football and choir boosters organizations.

Davis has averaged more than 1,000 hours a year of service to the youth of our community during the past 10 years.

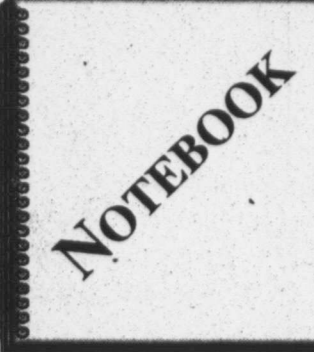
"Sign-ups for baseball will be March 8 to 11," Davis said. "We will have more sign-ups along with tryouts after spring break from March 22 through March 24."

Davis said that drafts will probably be held the week of March 28 with practices starting later that week. Games will begin the week of April

19.

"We need to be through earlier this year than usual because Pampa will host one or more post-season tournaments scheduled to begin as early as June 26," Davis said. "I think baseball helps keep our kids active as a group. They learn the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship. This year two players on most of our teams will receive sportsmanship awards voted on by their peers."

Adults interested in participating in Optimist baseball as a manager, coach, umpire or league official should contact Davis at 665-7843.



BASKETBALL

GROOM — Groom ended the season with a 63-42 win over McLean earlier this week.

Bobby Ratteree led the Tigers in scoring with 12 points. Chance Barkley followed with 9.

Leading McLean scorers were Zane Richardson (16), Jay Wallis (14), Andy Ritchie (12) and James Alexander (10).

Groom slipped by McLean 37-35 in the girls' contest.

Jennifer Jenkins topped Groom in scoring with 18 points. Britney Martin followed with 15.

Danielle Dampier had 18 points for McLean. Keisha Menefield had 10.

REYDON, Okla. — Fort Elliott turned back Reydon 71-64 to end the regular-season's basketball action.

Justen Bryant poured in 26 points to lead the Cougars. Other top scorers were Jason Boydston (14), Russell Lohberger (13) and Junior Newman (12).

Parman had 24 points for Reydon.

Fort Elliott, led by Katie Donaldson's 23 points, posted an 88-38 win in the girls' game. Tamara Hefley followed with 16 points.

Hindman had 19 points for the losers.

CORRECTION

It was Thomas Wilson, not Thomas Wishon, who competed for the Pampa swim team at the Region 1-4A swim meet in Lubbock.

Wilson was entered in the 100 breaststroke, 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

AUTO RACING

DAYTONA (AP) — Junior was just oozing with confidence after beating two-time 500 winner Michael Waltrip in the first of the twin 125-mile qualifying races. The teammates didn't even work together, sparking some spirited good ol' boys-style debate between Waltrip and Earnhardt's crew chief.

Not that it mattered. "When I put my car out front, it's a beast," Earnhardt said.

Elliott Sadler won the second 125, showing the strength of the redesigned Ford that already had claimed the front row for Sunday's race.

Sadler, who will start alongside pole winner Greg Biffle, knows all eyes will be on Earnhardt's No. 8 Chevrolet when the green flag waves.

"Everyone is picking him," Sadler said. "That's OK. I don't mind being the underdog."

Winning his first race of any kind at Daytona, Sadler gave Robert Yates Racing its second victory in less than a week. Dale Jarrett won the Bud Shootout last Saturday night.

Flashback

1979: The Pampa boys' golf team reached the second round of the Amarillo Golf Relays. Paul Beck led the Harvesters with a two-round total of 158. Barry Terrell followed at 168.

Short-handed Baylor exceeds expectations on court

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor has already exceeded expectations. The Bears aren't the winless team in the Big 12.

They won't finish 0-16 — or even 1-15 — in one of the nation's best conferences. And despite a depleted roster after a turbulent offseason, the Bears may not finish in last place.

Still, success for Baylor (7-15, 2-7 Big 12) can't really be based on wins and losses this season.

"We knew that if we could do one thing, that is play hard every game... that was what the crux of our goals was set in," first-year coach Scott Drew said. "The big thing is, you've got to be realistic."

The Bears have been playing

with just six scholarship players, five averaging more than 31 minutes a game in conference play. They'll get another scholarship player back when starter Corey Herring returns. He has missed four games and will be out at least another week with a broken right hand.

Baylor lost its three top scorers when the NCAA relaxed transfer rules because of extraordinary events last summer. Patrick Dennehy was found shot to death after missing for six weeks. A former player faces a murder trial, and there was a coaching change after serious rules infractions were revealed.

Projections of a winless conference season were avoided with a 63-59 victory over Iowa

State on Jan. 24. Then Baylor beat Texas A&M 72-64 last weekend, leaving the Aggies (7-13, 0-9) as the only Big 12 team without a league win.

Beating Iowa State "was really a reward for all of the hard work that everyone's put in," Drew said. "The A&M victory was nice to know that it wasn't a fluke."

"At the same time, we're realistic and know that if we don't play to our fullest and the other team has a good time, it's a long night for us."

Especially against an unforgiving Big 12 schedule. The Bears' next two games are on the road, Saturday at No. 10 Oklahoma State and Wednesday against No. 12 Kansas.

Their games at times haven't been pretty, but the always-underdog Bears haven't given up. They have no 30-point losses, and three of their losses to Top 25 teams were by 11 points or less. They're competitive for stretches in every game before the

starters just wear down.

"I think Scott's doing a great job. What I like about him and what he's done, I've never heard him say one negative word about the situation he's in," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

Miami teams sweep Higgins

HIGGINS — Jeffrey Browning scored 20 points as Miami defeated Higgins 84-50 earlier this week to end the regular basketball season.

Ean Miller and Kyler Roach added 17 points each to the Miami attack. Chris Roach chipped in 13.

Higgins got 23 points from

Devon Moorehead. Miami won the girls' game by the score of 58-33.

Jennifer Hutchison was Miami's high scorer with 21 points. Mariam Hannon and Julie Davenport followed with 11 each.

Julie Mulkey had 8 points to lead Higgins.

Texans look at Henson

HOUSTON (AP) — Now that the introductions have been made, it's time to get down to business for Drew Henson, his NFL suitors and the Houston Texans.

The former New York Yankees third base prospect ended his three-year hiatus from football Thursday by showcasing his skills for representatives of 20 teams at the Texans' practice bubble.

The reason they were in Houston is because the Texans took a chance on him in the sixth round of last year's draft despite his insistence he was sticking with baseball.

As Texans general manager Charley Casserly predicted last April, Henson had a change of heart this month and walked away from \$12 million remaining on his baseball deal to play football for the first time since his junior year at Michigan in 2000.

"I just want to take the next few days to meet the coaches and get a feel for the organizations," Henson said. "I'm real open-minded about this."

Henson and the Texans have a potentially symbiotic relationship. He essentially can pick and choose from among interested teams, unlike almost any other sought-after rookie whose fate is determined by the draft.

Likewise, Henson can work out a deal with another team only as long as they can agree to a trade with Houston. Casserly won't say what he's looking for, although a first- or second-round pick would be nice.

"Not many players have this chance to have any kind of control over where they go," Henson said. "That's probably the main reason we're going this route."

Henson threw about 75 passes to four receivers during his workout Thursday. The Texans will make him further available for private workouts with interested teams in the coming weeks.

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Kevin Stadler steals the spotlight at Buick Invitational

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods was finishing up his pedestrian round of 71 in the Buick Invitational when he was told Kevin Stadler was leading the tournament.

"Kevin?" Woods asked. "I thought it was Craig."

Craig Stadler, long known as the "Walrus" for his size and tusklike mustache, is a former Masters champion who won at Torrey Pines 10 years ago. Kevin was a teenager who was tagging along that day, and the '94 Buick Invitational stands out among his father's 13 victories on the PGA Tour.

"It was the first time I had seen him win that I can remember," he said. "Watching him win out here was special."

Imagine how the 24-year-old Stadler felt when he finished his round Thursday on the North course by hitting a 6-iron into a gentle breeze to within 3 feet for birdie to get within one shot of the leaders, then fired a 5-iron to within 10 feet of the flag for an eagle and an 8-under 64.

"I never would have dreamed this," he said.

Stadler stole the spotlight

from Woods and Vijay Singh, taking advantage of the easier North course and finishing his day in style to build a one-stroke lead over Jesper Parnevik and Ted Purdy.

Stadler played with his father last week in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, made the cut for the first time on the PGA Tour and tied for 35th. That gave him a surge of confidence, and being on a familiar track — he spent more than half his life in San Diego — only helped.

Craig Stadler missed it. He left for Florida earlier this week for a Champions Tour event, but monitored the first round with great delight.

"That's awesome," the father said. "I hope he shoots three more just like that."

It won't be easy. Stadler is a chip off the old Walrus — big girth, at times a big temper, rarely a dull moment. He had something in common with just about everyone behind him on the leaderboard, too.

They all played the North course, where the greens are more soft and the par 5s can be reached with an iron.

The South course played

3.8 strokes harder, not surprising since it will host a U.S. Open in 2008. Hal Sutton was the only player among the top 27 on the leaderboard to play the South course.

Woods finished his round and asked where he stood.

"They said I was fourth on this golf course and 57th in the tournament," he said.

The numbers changed by the end of the day. Woods, who didn't make a putt longer than 4 feet, was in a tie for 63rd and 11 players had better scores on the South.

"Everyone is tearing up the North, so I need to do the same thing," Woods said.

Not everyone. Singh, coming off a victory at Pebble Beach for his 12th consecutive top-10 finish, never got it going and needed a birdie on the par-5 18th to shoot 71 on the easier course.

Purdy summed it up best after his bogey-free 65 on the North.

"I'm going to the U.S. Open tomorrow," he said.

There can be exceptions, however. Woods opened with a sloppy 70 on the North

course last year, then closed with rounds of 66-68-68 on the South to win by four shots.

He had a tougher time in his first tournament in a month, and twice had to hit sensational shots under and around the trees to avoid big numbers. He picked up birdies on two of the par 5s, and got another with a shot out of thick rough to 4 feet on the 15th hole.

"I didn't play well," Woods said. "But I hung in there and kept myself out of trouble."

Stadler, who played up the road at USC, has failed to get past the first stage of Q-school twice, and felt awkward about taking a sponsor's exemption to the Buick Invitational.

"I kind of feel from certain people that they think I'm just playing because of my dad, and I want to shed that," Stadler said. "But that's the way it is right now. I just need to make my own way out here."

He earned his keep Thursday.

Stadler moved from San Diego right before starting

high school, but he still had some friends in the gallery and was nervous. He holed an 8-footer for par, then chipped in for birdie to settle him down, and he was on his way.

The only bad hole was No. 15 — a bad drive, a bad lie, a bad second shot, bad putts. The disgust was evident, just like it always is for his demonstrative dad.

"He's always hounded me to be more calm on the golf course," Stadler said of the fatherly advice.

Bonds' personal trainer arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barry Bonds' personal trainer and a coach for some of the world's top track stars were among four people charged with running a steroid-distribution ring that provided performance-enhancing drugs to dozens of athletes.

A 42-count indictment returned by a grand jury in San Francisco described in detail how a nutritional supplements lab — Bay Area Lab Cooperative or BALCO — allegedly provided the drugs from December 2001 to September 2003 to major

Still, there was a moment last week at Pebble that made him realize how much they are alike.

"People always tell me about how much alike we are," he said. "I'm just sitting there looking at him 10 feet in front of me, the way he's standing. And I realize I'm standing the exact same way."

The only thing missing is a nickname.

"I definitely don't want to start thinking about those," he said. "No animals."

league baseball and NFL players, Olympics-caliber track stars and bodybuilders.

No sports figures were named, but Attorney General John Ashcroft left open the possibility some could be charged later.

The indictment names Bonds' trainer, 37-year-old Greg F. Anderson, and Remi Korchemny, 71, a top track coach whose roster includes Kelli White, a sprinter who faces forfeiture of world championship gold medals after testing positive for a banned stimulant.

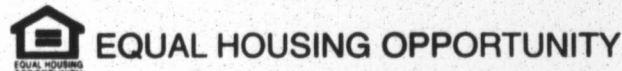
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have a very special treat up your sleeve this Valentine's Day, which might involve traveling or playing out some exotic surprise you have been thinking of for a while. Not only do you delight yourself, but also those around you. Tonight: Let another give back. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You know whom you want to be with. There's no question whom you will ask to be your valentine. Don't worry about the response, either; express your affection on a personal level. This person will not appreciate a grandiose display. Tonight: Need we spell it out? **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want more than one person to be your valentine. Now what? Do you play it low-key with cards and expressing your affection? You actually might decide to hide out at home rather

than make a choice. Tonight: Be diplomatic when saying "no," or screen your calls. Perhaps you could get the last-minute flu. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You express your affection through actions. You might opt to indulge your sweetie with a day at the spa, though you might prefer to be the masseuse. You communicate your affection through these simple acts. Tonight: Accept another's offering. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You are the sign of romance, and this is your special day. Even though you might drop some flowers or cards on more than one person, you know who is the apple of your eye. Make plans that you consider romantic. Don't worry about expenses. Tonight: You could never get to sleep. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Although you want to express your feelings for that special person, you might have a touch of shyness to overcome. You can do it, and when you do, you will be delighted by this person's response. Order in champagne. Tonight: The action is at home. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You cannot imagine a Valentine's Day without a valentine. It seems that you have your share of admirers, left and right. Yet there is that special person whom you have a dreamy connection with. Make plans. Tonight: Vanish happily together. No words are necessary. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by the cost of treating a loved one or a new sweetie to an appropriate valentine. Talk through different options and let this person know just how important he or she is. One rose could say it all, no matter which sex receives it. Tonight: Indulge, indulge

and indulge. (You do this well.)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You find that the Moon in your sign this Valentine's Day could bring admirers left and right. The true question is, what do you want? Who do you want to be with? Now is the time to set the score in motion and let this person know how much you care. Tonight: Whatever works. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to think through what is happening in your life rather than activating this Valentine's Day. Someone close might have some strong feelings. Do you? Make sure everything is mutual before leaping in. Tonight: Nowhere to be found. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You value your friends, who might all receive valentine cards, but how about that special person you daydream about? Make the approach and let him or her know how special he or she is to you. This person sometimes feels lost with all your friends. Tonight: Make yourself and others happy. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Everyone looks to Pisces this year, if for nothing less than romantic suggestions for his or her valentine. Meanwhile, you get a great idea for your sweetie, who will be nothing but delighted. Expect the same, as he or she will be romantic and loving, too. Tonight: Out for dinner.

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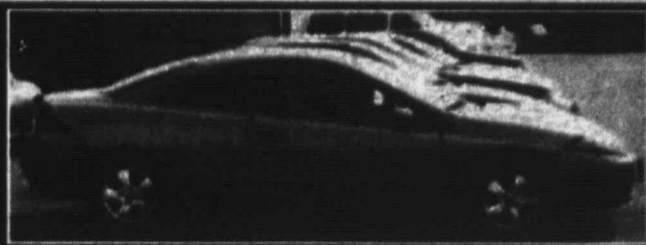
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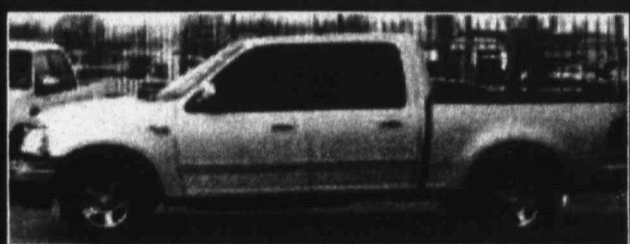
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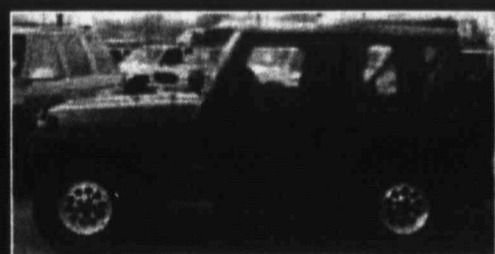
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Scientists develop prototype reactor to produce hydrogen

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Researchers say they have produced hydrogen from ethanol in a prototype reactor small enough and efficient enough to heat small homes and power cars.

The development could help open the way for cleaner-burning technology at home and on the road.

Current methods of producing hydrogen from ethanol require large refineries and copious amounts of fossil fuels, the University of Minnesota researchers said.

The reactor is a relatively tiny 2-foot-high apparatus of tubes and wires that creates hydrogen from corn-based ethanol. A fuel cell, which acts like a battery, then generates power.

"This points to a way to make renewable hydrogen that may be economical and available," said Lanny Schmidt, a chemical engineer who led the study. The work was outlined in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

Hydrogen power itself is hardly a new idea. Hydrogen fuel cells already propel experimental vehicles and supply power for some buildings. NASA has used them on spacecraft for decades.

Hydrogen is expensive to make and uses fossil fuels. The researchers say their reactor

will produce hydrogen exclusively from ethanol and do it cheaply enough so people can buy hydrogen fuel cells for personal use.

They also believe their technology could be used to convert ethanol to hydrogen at fuel stations when cars that run solely on hydrogen enter the mass market.

Hydrogen does not emit any pollution or greenhouse gases. Unlike oil or coal, hydrogen must be produced.

The new technology holds economic potential for Midwest farmers, who are leaders in the production of corn-based ethanol.

George Sverdrup, a technology manager at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, said he was encouraged by the research.

"When hydrogen takes a foothold and penetrates the marketplace, it will probably come from a variety of sources and be produced by a variety of techniques," he said. "So this particular advance and technology that Minnesota is reporting on would be one component in a big system."

The Minnesota researchers envision people buying ethanol to power the small fuel cell in their basements. The cell could produce 1 kilowatt of power, nearly enough for an average home.

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IRAQ

June 30. Al-Sistani called the caucuses method "illegitimate."

Many top Iraqis also opposed the caucus system because it gave the United States too much influence over the process, an official close to the discussions with the U.N. said.

Opposition to the U.S. plan among the Governing Council is significant because it was a signatory of the Nov. 15 agreement, along with the U.S.-led occupation authority.

Brahimi told reporters Friday that he would return to New York and submit his recommendations to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in a week to 10 days. Asked if the caucus plan was dead, Brahimi said that decision was not his to make but "I think the people who put it together realize that, at the very least, it needs to be improved considerably."

A spokesman for Brahimi said Friday that Sistani's demand for nationwide balloting would probably be too difficult to pull off by July in strife-ridden Iraq.

"The time between now and June is very short and that makes it unlikely that you can put mechanisms in place," U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi told The Associated Press. "The elections don't have to happen before then."

Brahimi met Thursday with al-Sistani at the ayatollah's home in the Shiite holy city of Najaf. In Beirut, al-Sistani's spokesman, Hamed al-Khafaf, said Friday the two had reached an "understanding" on "the necessity of holding general elections."

"Several ideas were submitted and they are being studied and they carry lots of positive aspects," al-Khafaf said.

Persistent violence by anti-U.S. insurgents is one of the reasons U.S. officials say elec-

tions can't be held before July. Supporters of Saddam Hussein's ousted regime and foreign Islamic militants are believed to be stepping up their attacks in an attempt to derail the creation of a new Iraqi government.

In Baghdad, an explosive detonated as a U.S. military police patrol passed, killing one soldier and wounding two others, a U.S. military spokesman said.

Back-to-back suicide bombings Tuesday and Wednesday killed 100 Iraqis, many of them would-be volunteers looking to join the new police or military forces.

Also Thursday, gunmen staged a bold attack on an Iraqi security compound in the turbulent town of Fallujah just as the head of U.S. forces in the Middle East, Gen. John Abizaid was visiting.

Abizaid was unharmed when the gunmen opened fire on his convoy with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons. The attack raised questions about whether insurgents had been tipped of on his visit. Two Iraqis were killed by U.S. fire in the gunbattle, according to witnesses. No American soldiers were hurt.

The general told The Associated Press on Friday that he believes it was a random assault, and he discounted suggestions that the insurgents may have been tipped off.

"I think it was random, sure," Abizaid said, speaking

in his office at Central Command's Persian Gulf headquarters in Qatar, where he returned Thursday night after two days of visiting troops in Iraq.

South Korea's parliament approved a plan to send 3,000 troops to Iraq, which would make Korea the third-largest contributor to coalition forces after the United States and Britain. South Korea hopes to send the new forces to the northern Iraqi town of Kirkuk before the end of April.

Following Friday's meeting with Brahimi, several council members from different factions, as well as others familiar with the discussions, said opposition among Iraqi leaders was likely to quash the caucus formula. Many of them understood the difficulty of holding an election by June 30.

Support for handing power to an expanded Governing Council instead of a caucus-selected legislature appeared strongest among the 13 Shiite council members.

Younadem Kana, an Assyrian Christian member of the council, said the caucus plan was "not 100 percent dead yet" but that alternatives were under discussion.

If caucuses are cast aside, Kana said one alternative would be to add to the council representatives of several Iraqi political parties that were not invited or chose not to join when the United States picked the members in July.

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ENRON

founder and former chairman Kenneth Lay as chief executive officer in February 2001. He abruptly resigned from the company in mid-August that year after only six months in the position, citing personal reasons. Lay resumed as CEO, and Enron went bankrupt less than four months later amid devastating revelations of hidden debt, inflated profits and dirty accounting.

The Houston Chronicle, which first reported in its online edition early Friday that prosecutors were finalizing possible charges against Skilling, noted that a special Enron grand jury put in an eight-hour day Thursday. The newspaper said the grand jury has been working more frequently as the Justice Department's investigation, launched more than two years ago, has intensified in recent weeks.

So far in the Justice Department's investigation into Enron's collapse, launched more than two years ago, 27 individuals have been charged. Of those, nine, including

Fastow, have pleaded guilty. But Skilling and Lay, the disgraced company's top two executives, have yet to be hauled into court on charges related to Enron's implosion.

Michael Ramsey, one of Lay's lawyers, also reiterated Friday that Lay had committed no crimes, but he declined comment on possible charges against Skilling.

It wasn't clear what specific charges Skilling may face, although sources said they would likely be similar to conspiracy and fraud charges filed last month against Richard Causey, Enron's former chief accounting officer who, like Fastow, reported to Lay and Skilling.

Causey was indicted Jan. 21 for allegedly being a "principle architect" of a series of complicated plots to hide debt, pump up profits and polish the company's pre-scandal facade of success. His indictment noted he reported to the CEO and COO without specifically naming Lay and Skilling.

Prosecutors allege Causey, with other executives, set budget targets and manipulated

accounting and finances so the company would appear to have met those targets. The government charged this was done to fool investors and profit from higher stock prices.

Causey pleaded innocent to one count of conspiracy and five counts of securities fraud after surrendering to the FBI on Jan. 22. His lawyers said he had done nothing wrong, and that they would vigorously fight the charges. A scheduling conference in his case is slated for March 11 before U.S. District Judge Sim Lake.

A week earlier on Jan. 14, Fastow and his wife, Lea, pleaded guilty in a package deal. Fastow, who faces a 98-count indictment alleging he masterminded a wide array of schemes to make Enron appear profitable while skimming millions of dollars for himself, agreed to plead guilty to two counts of conspiracy and serve 10 years in prison after prosecutors no longer need his cooperation. His wife, who had been scheduled to go to trial this week, pleaded guilty to filing a false tax form for helping hide some of their ill-gotten gains.

Florida appeals court rules for Gov. Jeb Bush, Terri Schiavo's parents, on two legal questions

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Jeb Bush and the parents of a severely brain-damaged woman won appellate court rulings in their favor Friday on two legal issues in their quest to keep the woman alive against her husband's wishes.

Florida's 2nd District Court of Appeal ruled that Pinellas Circuit Court Judge W. Douglas Baird did not follow judicial rules when he denied Terri Schiavo's parents, Robert and Mary Schindler, the ability to intervene in the constitutional challenge to a law aimed at keeping their 40-year-old woman alive.

The appeals court also ruled that Bush's attorneys

will be allowed to question witnesses in the court battle over the law, which gave the governor authority to reinsert Schiavo's feeding tube after her husband had it removed in October.

The appeals court ordered Baird to hold further proceedings on the issue.

Schiavo's husband, Michael, has been battling the Schindlers in court for years to remove his wife's feeding tube so she can die. He says she would not have wanted to be kept alive artificially.

The Schindlers doubt their daughter, who lives in a Clearwater nursing home, had any such end-of-life wishes

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