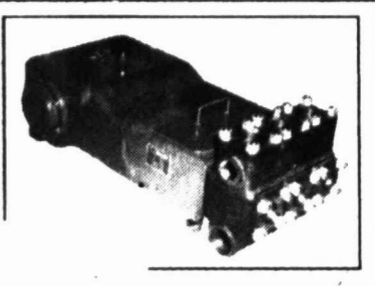


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Two-year-old Jacee Sellers works on a collage during the final Story Time spring term at Lovett Memorial Library. Story Time registration for the summer begins June 1 at the library.

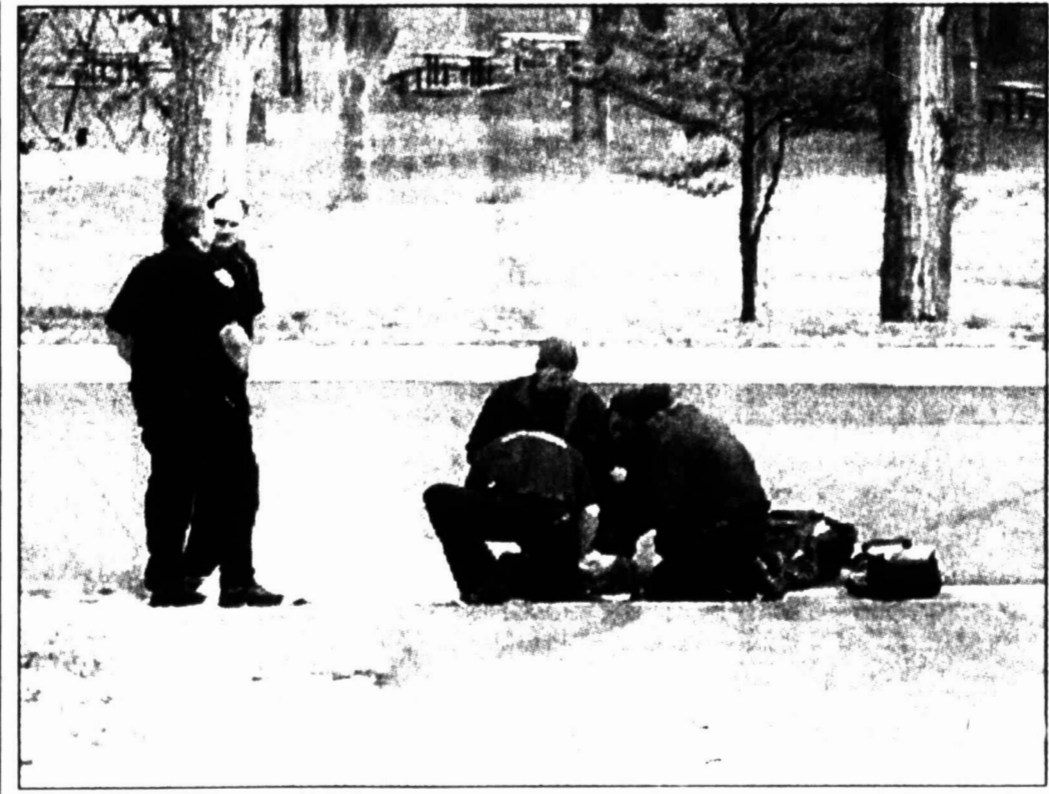
**Library's Summer Reading Club sign-up opens June 1**

Sign-up for the 2004 Lovett Memorial Library Summer Reading Club begins June 1. Story Time will begin at 10 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays through June and July. Story Time begins Monday, June 7, at the library.  
 "Wednesdays in July," said Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, "will be for school-aged children."  
 Brookshire said that while Story Time is designed primarily for children from 18 months to six years of age, everyone is welcome.

In addition to stories, Brookshire said several special events are scheduled this summer during Story Time.  
 The Top of Texas Rodeo Queen will be at the June 8 Story Time.  
 Harlin Rhoads of Midland will perform his magic show on July 7.  
 Kids will make a quilt July 21, for display at the library.  
 "Each child will make a quilt block," Brookshire said.  
 Hastings has donated gift certificates for the ending party on July 28.

**PISD to sponsor private/home school meeting**

Pampa Independent School District will host a Private Schools and Home School Federal Programs information meeting at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, and at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 26.  
 Both meetings will take place at the Carver Center Administration Building, 321 W. Albert.  
 All interested private school participants and home school participants (must have tax identification number) are welcome to attend.  
 For more information, contact Tanya Larkin at 669-4700.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

**Woman down**

Emergency personnel arrive to assist an unidentified 47-year-old woman who was found "unconscious and unresponsive" and lying on the pavement in the 500 block of North Cuyler mid-morning Thursday. The woman was lying in the southbound lane of the street, with her head to the south and feet to the north. Pampa Police Department, Pampa Fire Department and Rural/Metro Ambulance responded to the call. The woman was transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center. No further information was available today.

**Commission weighs pros, cons of pact**

**BY MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER**

Gray County commissioners, after much discussion of concerns and one dissenting vote, elected this morning to join the Regional Emergency Preparedness Program Mutual Aid Agreement.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby cast the dissenting vote at the commission's regular meeting which began at 9 a.m. today.

The agreement is a written pact among members to provide emergency assistance in times of civil emergency or declared disaster, whether man-made or natural, such as tornadoes and hazardous chemical spills.

The regional agreement is open to the top 26 Texas counties making up the Panhandle, and includes cities as well as counties in its membership. Members may seek and/or provide aid, and members who provide assistance may or may not charge the requesting entity a fee for that assistance, according to John Kiehl of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, who has appeared at the last two county commissioners' meetings to discuss the agreement.

County Judge Richard Peet said he had sought County Attorney Josh Seabourn's opinion of the regional agreement, and Seabourn expressed two concerns involving liability and reimbursement.

"There is a liability issue, due in part to the task force issue. Will we be held responsible under the agreement?" Peet asked, referring to the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Drug Task Force,

which was sued by Tulia residents concerning drug arrests made in that city several years ago. Each governing body which had members on the task force at the time of the Tulia arrests had to pay a part of the settlement agreement which the Tulia residents won.

"We had absolutely nothing to do with the Tulia situation. But because we were a member, we got dragged into it," Peet said.

"Once we become part of an organization like this, much like we became part of the task force, if we are responding to a disaster, is someone going to say we did not train our truck driver properly and all members are going to be held responsible?" Peet asked. "That is the only hesitation I have. Otherwise, I like the plan."

"The distinction between this and the task force is that control of the assets remains with the participant at all times, and liability remains with them, too. I don't know if there's any state relief for responding to a life-threaten-

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## Remember our soldiers



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)  
Two vehicles parked in visitor's parking at City Hall during the National Day of Prayer on May 6 display messages that ask the viewer to pray for U.S. troops. Emblems applied to the vehicles include those for the U.S. Army cavalry, the silhouette logo for those missing in action or a prisoner of war, yellow ribbons, and the U.S. flag.

## Senate mulls gambling, revenue options

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers opposed to gambling made a last-minute push Thursday to eliminate video slot machines as an option to generate money for public schools.

The special legislative session to overhaul the state's school funding system ends on Wednesday, and the Senate still is looking for a plan that will generate enough money to replace promised property tax relief and give more money to the state's 1,037 school districts. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst cast doubt on a resolution being found this session.

One option that is getting a hard sell from powerful lobbyists is a proposal to legalize video gambling at horse and dog racing tracks and Indian casinos. That plan, which was also part of a proposal introduced by Republican Gov. Rick Perry, could generate as much as \$1.5 billion, but has drawn an onslaught of opposition.

A representative from the National Republican Party called the proposal dangerous and unreliable on Thursday. Despite support from the state's top three Republican leaders, the party platform is opposed to gambling.

"In my recent travels around the state, I have encountered widespread opposition to slot machines and casinos in Texas," said Republican committeewoman Denise McNamara, who was at the Texas Capitol to meet with senators about opposing video gambling.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, has threatened to kill any video gambling bill by talking it to death, a legislative maneuver known as a filibuster.

"I know the clock is ticking, but there's always tomorrow," Nelson said, imploring senators to oppose the measure. "There are many options available to us."

Video gambling was stripped from the House

plan last week because of staunch opposition in that chamber. The measure would require a two-thirds vote from both chambers for a constitutional change. In the 150-member House, 57 members voted in opposition to the gambling provision. It would only take 51 votes to block it.

Rep. John Mabry, D-Waco, opposed the gambling measure, but said he could consider voting in favor of it as part of a complete package.

"I'm generally opposed to any expansion of gambling, but I would consider it depending on how it fit into an overall school finance plan," Mabry said. "No one wants to foreclose on an opportunity without seeing how it fits into the overall package."

The House punted its plan, which could not pay for itself, to the Senate to tackle. But, doubt is emerging that the Senate will find a workable consensus in the coming days.

Meanwhile, senators met behind closed doors in hopes of crafting a new school finance plan the Legislature could adopt this session.

Dewhurst emerged from the meetings late in the afternoon without offering much hope that a final plan was imminent. He said it was possible a plan could get approved this session "but I don't want to underestimate how much work yet has to be done."

Any plan that is passed by the Senate would still have to go before the House for consideration. If the House doesn't agree with the Senate's plan, a conference committee with members of both chambers would meet to find common ground. Sen. Florence Shapiro, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, has said the Senate would have to pass a bill by Saturday for a conference committee to consider it.

Shapiro, R-Plano, shrugged off the deadline. "If it takes us a little longer, then so be it."

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## PACT

ing situation if you're held accountable for action done in good faith," said Kiehl.

"What does this do, other than signing our name to a resolution, that we don't already have? Borger and Perryton voluntarily came to help when the last tornado hit Pampa," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley.

"I need to point out that this is for declared disaster situations. I know the county has a good agreement right now for everyday types of assistance," Kiehl said.

"I see this as a more formalizing relationship between us and other agencies in the Panhandle," said Gray County Emergency Services Coordinator Ken Hall.

"What is in here that is so important? I'm just wondering what the real benefit is in signing our name to it," said Willoughby.

"We need protection for liability on the part of the requesting party," Peet said.

Peet also addressed Seabourn's concern about payment for services rendered to other members of the agreement. Seabourn was not present at today's meeting.

Kiehl pointed out that Gray

County's resources consisted mainly of road equipment. In the event of a disaster, Kiehl said, Gray County would most likely be asking others for aid, not providing aid to others.

"If we do not participate, will FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) hold it against us if we need aid?" Peet asked.

"Whenever there's a declared disaster issue, before we get state or federal aid, they're going to ask whether we've used all our local resources. This mutual aid would give us access to more local resources before seeking state and federal aid," Kiehl said.

"I am not against this agreement. I am against the federal government coming in and saying, 'You're going to do this and if you don't, we're not going to help you.' I think we can take care of our own and help our neighbors in good faith. I don't see where we need to sign something like this, when the good faith is there already," Willoughby said.

"I don't think we can stick our heads in the sand and say it isn't going to happen. This document is crafted by Panhandle representatives. This is not binding; it does not

impose anybody's will on you. You decide whether to send help or ask for help. It maintains local control, a very big issue in the Panhandle. It's another important step in preparation," Kiehl said.

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley asked how becoming a member of the mutual aid agreement would impact the county's liability insurance policy and premiums.

"I wonder how much we can afford to stay out of stuff like this if Pampa has a major disaster," Wheeley said.

"I don't believe anybody or any organization can be exempt from being sued," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright.

"It clearly states here that we can also get out," Hefley said.

In other business, commissioners voted to donate a 1954 Chevrolet panel fire booster truck to the City of Pampa; approved a road crossing for a gas flow line across County Roads Gray 2, 3 and E; approved six intrabudget transfer requests; approved the treasurer's report and an internal audit report; and approved payment of \$90,512.50 in bills and \$205,498.95 in salaries,

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## South Korean court reinstates impeached President Moo-hyun

By SANG-HUN CHOE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun regained power Friday in a historic court ruling that overturned an impeachment vote, giving him a fresh mandate as he tries to revive the economy and defuse a nuclear crisis with the communist North.

The nine-judge Constitutional Court panel ruled that Roh had violated an election law but that the infraction was not serious enough to justify ousting him after one year in office.

Roh on Friday accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Goh Kun, who ran the country for 63 days during the impeachment trial.

Goh expressed his willingness to step down at a dinner with the reinstated president. Roh's spokesman Yoon Tae-young said in a news release.

"It's reasonable, Mr. President, that you change horses, as you've crossed a big river," Goh told Roh, according to the release.

The legislature's March 12 impeachment vote suspended

Roh's executive powers, forcing him to sit idle in his official residence. The verdict released him from that political limbo.

The ruling, handed down during a televised court session watched by millions, followed April parliamentary elections in which South

for joy. The main opposition Grand National Party, whose numbers in the National Assembly were decimated in the April election, offered its "deepest apologies" for the impeachment and promised to end political bickering. Roh was upbeat.

**Roh wants to lessen South Korea's dependence on the United States, even though the alliance is seen as crucial.**

"Let's make policies that win support from the people," he told his staff

Korean voters punished the opposition for what many felt were flimsy charges against Roh.

The court's ruling bolsters Roh's push for reconciliation with the North and his call for more balanced relations with traditional ally the United States. The policies are backed by a new, liberal parliament dominated by Roh supporters. It is the first time in 16 years that a president has a friendly legislature.

"We have him back!" dozens of tearful well-wishers chanted outside the white granite courthouse.

Downtown Seoul was festooned with ribbons and balloons while villagers in the president's hometown danced

during a private luncheon following the verdict, according to Yoon, his spokesman.

Roh wants to lessen South Korea's dependence on the United States, even though the alliance is seen as crucial in efforts to defuse the crisis over North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Roh's more immediate challenge is how to reverse public opposition against his decision to send 3,600 troops to Iraq.

Presidential spokesman Yoon pledged the government will fulfill its promises with "new resolve."

Chung Dong-young, who heads the pro-Roh Uri Party hailed the verdict as "a great victory for the people who wanted to defend democracy."

Friday's ruling, read by Constitutional Court President Yun Young-chul, covered three main charges against Roh.

It cleared Roh of the charge of economic mismanagement and the allegation he was incompetent for failing to control corruption among several former aides. It agreed with the charge that Roh violated election rules when he spoke in favor of the Uri party

## St. Matthew's gears up for Super Science Camp

St. Matthew's Super Science Camp is planned June 21-25 at St. Matthew's here in Pampa.

The camp is open to preschool age children (ages 3-5), to children in kindergarten through the second grade and to children in the third through the fifth grade.

Preschoolers will participate in "Nursery Rhyme Science." According to a news release/fact sheet provided by St. Matthews, Nursery Rhyme Science "take(s) a real look at the world of 'Mother Goose' by experiencing the science behind" various nursery rhymes.

Nursery Rhyme Science will be taught by Suzanne Wagner for a \$55 fee.

For the same \$55 fee, preschoolers may also enroll in "Cooking Creations." Cooking Creations explores the process of following a recipe from measuring to stirring, beating and adding ingredients.

Both classes are offered from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Kindergarten through second-graders may enroll in "Magical Science." "Gross Me Out!" or "We Got the Beat!" For \$100 per student, participants "create potions, make items levitate, learn card tricks" and more as part of Magical Science with



(Courtesy photo)

**Kylie Pickering and Dacie McGill ride a baby Triceratops. St. Matthew's will take a behind-the-scenes look into prehistoric beasts during one of its summer camps.**

Deanna McGill.

Students will take in a "real" science laboratory and learn grotesque and intriguing things during Gross Me Out! with Dori Miller at a cost of \$100 each.

Learn about different styles of music, different instruments and musical equipment, in We Got the Beat! Students must pay a \$100 fee for this class to be taught by Janet Whitsell.

All three programs will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.

"Do You Dig It" will be offered from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to

children in third through fifth grades for a fee of \$125. The instructor for Dig It will be Buffy Gwyn. Dig It will explore the world of prehistoric beasts (dinosaurs) and fossils. Participants will "take a behind-the-scenes-tour" of Dinosaur Museum in Tucumcari, N.M.

Reservations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cancellations must be made by June 4 to receive a full refund. For further details or to register a child in any of these day-camp programs, call St. Matthews at 665-0703.

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## Israeli Army razes homes near fatal bombing

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen exchanged heavy fire in a refugee camp Friday as army bulldozers tore down nine houses close to a military patrol road where five soldiers were killed earlier this week.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed by Palestinian gunfire Friday, Arab TV stations monitored in Beirut reported. The military confirmed there were casualties, but declined comment on whether soldiers were killed.

On the Palestinian side, one man was killed in a missile strike and a second when an explosive device blew up prematurely. Eight Palestinians were wounded, two of them seriously. Residents were trapped in their homes by the heavy fighting. Hisham Mohammed, 35, said he had been stuck on the third floor of his apartment building and the rest of his family on the ground floor. "I am not able to go downstairs because bullets tore a big gap in the wall near the stairs," he said by telephone.

Local officials in Rafah said bulldozers tore down nine homes Friday close to the patrol road that runs between Rafah and the Egyptian border. On that patrol road, an armored personnel carrier transporting a ton of explosives was blown up by a homemade rocket Wednesday, killing five soldiers.

Israel Radio said the military planned to demolish hundreds of buildings close to the road, to remove firing positions or cover for potential attackers.

Military spokeswoman Maj. Sharon Feingold stressed that the current army operation was focused entirely on retrieving the bodies of the soldiers. Feingold said that during the operation troops had destroyed a number of "uninhabited structures" that were used to give cover to gunmen.

A military official said that once the retrieval operation is over, the army could launch a wide scale operation to expand the patrol area. "It is something we are definitely considering ... but that has not yet begun," the official said.

On Friday, frantic residents waving white flags removed valuables in cartons and plastic bags. They took away furniture, doors and window frames.

Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, the army chief, told Israel Radio the armored personnel carrier was hit by a projectile fired from one of the camp's houses.

"There's a process whereby the first row of houses is abandoned and used for digging tunnels for smuggling weapons and cover for shooting," he said. "We've been forced to destroy houses here in the past and apparently we'll have to destroy more houses in the future."

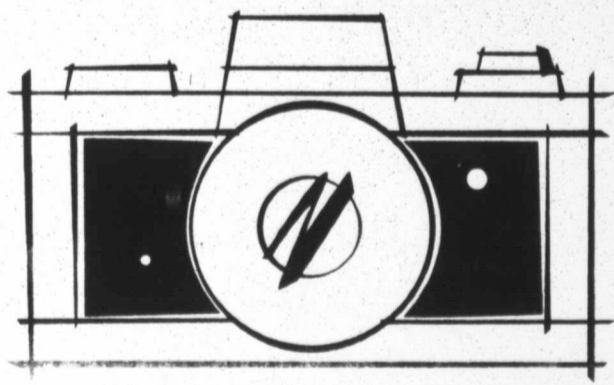
Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat called for American intervention to halt the destruction.

"This is a catastrophe. At a time when the Israelis are speaking of disengaging from Gaza this is really re-engaging," he told The Associated Press. "I hope that President Bush, who says he is encouraged by disengagement, will interfere to stop the demolitions."

The latest violence has triggered hot debate over Israel's presence in the area, which is home to 7,500 Jewish settlers and 1.3 million Palestinians. While some called for a pullout, others recommended tougher military measures.

Also in Gaza Friday troops fired on a car driving near the northern settlement of Netzarim, wounding three Palestinians, medics said. The army had no comment.

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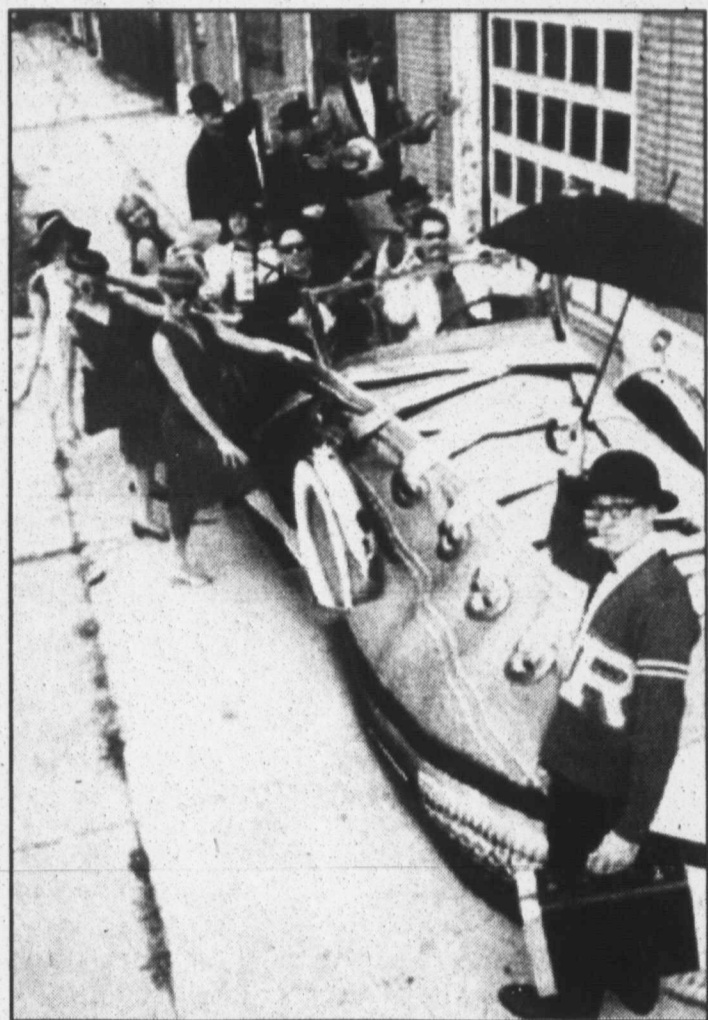
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## Rhythm in Shoes



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**“Pampa Community Concert Association Presents ‘Live On Stage’” announces an outstanding series of concerts for the 2004-05 season. The concert association’s annual membership drive is currently under way. Several professional performances await members of the Pampa association including a show by Rhythm in Shoes. Rhythm in Shoes is a company of dancers and musicians based out of Dayton, Ohio. For 15 years, choreographer Sharon Leahy and composer Rick Good have been drawing on traditional forms of American music, dance-swing tunes, tap, hoedowns and clogging to create their varied repertoire. This joint presentation between Pampa and Borger concert associations will be held at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.**

## Lesbian rabbi gets own marriage rights

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — As a rabbi, Lisa Freitag-Keshet has joined countless couples in marriage, sanctifying those unions before God and the government.

Throughout it all, she found herself doling out legal rights to which she and her lesbian partner were never entitled.

Until now.

The nation’s first state-sanctioned gay marriages are scheduled to begin in Massachusetts on Monday. And on May 30 the rabbi and her partner of eight years will be married by a justice of the peace in a short, private ceremony that will finally give them the legal recognition that was absent from the religious ceremony they had almost five years ago.

“There’s always been this complexity for me being a lesbian rabbi,” said Freitag-Keshet, who belongs to Judaism’s Reconstructionist movement, which recognizes gay marriage. “I have people coming to me asking something simple like how to go about getting a marriage certificate, and that’s something I could never have done myself. It wasn’t until two weeks ago when I went for my blood test that I knew what it was like to be part of all this.”

Other gay religious leaders around the state also plan to take advantage of the rights they’ve long bestowed on other couples.

“It is a wonderful thing that they will now have the protection for their families that they have been able to facilitate for other families,” said Josh Friedes, advocacy director for the Freedom to Marry Coalition.

On Thursday, a federal judge rejected a last-minute bid by conservative groups to block the gay marriages. The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to review the case on an expedited basis.

Lisa Freitag met Meirav Kalfon in 1995, while the two were studying in Jerusalem.

Freitag, now 39, was spending a required semester in Israel while in rabbinical school. Kalfon, an Israeli who is seven years younger, was an undergraduate student at Hebrew University.

They quickly fell in love, and felt God had shown them a special sign while the two were standing atop a mountain watching a rainbow stretch over the Israeli desert.

“The rainbow is God’s sign for long life and commitment,” Kalfon said, pointing to the first biblical reference of the spectrum in the story of Noah, who was greeted by a rainbow after a flood.

The rainbow is also one of the most widely recognized symbols of the gay and lesbian community.

Freitag returned to America, taking a job as a congregational rabbi in Ithaca, N.Y. Kalfon soon followed, and the two were married by a rabbi in front of 100 guests in 1999.

Both women added “Keshet” to their last names, the Hebrew word for “rainbow.”

## Tornado hits Texas; snow falls up north

HEARNE, Texas (AP) — Torrential rain and a tornado in Texas and Oklahoma broke bridges, ripped off roofs and flooded neighborhoods, while North Dakotans broke out their snowmobiles for a mid-May romp.

A 6-year-old boy was killed in Oklahoma on Thursday when his car slid off a highway in the heavy rain.

No serious injuries or deaths were reported in Texas, though at least 10 people were hospitalized and about 170 homes were damaged.

Southeastern Texas remained under flood watches and warnings early Friday, as did parts of Louisiana and Mississippi, and more rain was predicted.

On Thursday a twister struck Bryan, about 85 miles northwest of Houston.

Cathy Rios, 54, said all she could do is pray as her mobile home was tossed from side to side.

“I just kept screaming and screaming and screaming to God, ‘Help me,’” Rios said. “It was just awful. I don’t know

how I got out alive. I was just waiting for a tree to fall on me or the wind to blow me away.”

In nearby Robertson County, residents were plucked from treetops, homes and cars in at least six swift-water rescues. A shelter in Hearne took in about 170 people, and some homes reported as much as 12 to 18 inches of water inside.

An earthen dam on a small lake gave way, sending water through a nearby neighborhood and swamping a road under 8 feet of water, said Jerry Henry, Robertson County emergency management coordinator.

The rains delayed and canceled some flights at Houston airports.

In Sequoyah County, Okla., a car slid off Interstate 40 and ran into a tree, killing the 6-year-old from Maryland.

Winds of 60 mph ripped the roof off a barn near Bristow and overturned a travel trailer in nearby Tulsa County. The high winds also downed power lines, leaving 20,500 customers in the Tulsa area without power, officials said.

Parts of North Dakota reported 8 inches of snow, giving some residents a chance to fire up their snowmobiles as workers repaired electrical lines.

“They were cruising up and down the ditches having a good old time,” said Kerry Mikkelsen, line superintendent for the Cavalier Rural Electric Co-op in Langdon. “Just so they can say they were snowmobiling in May.”

Langdon residents estimated they got about 7 inches of snow from the storm, which also brought strong winds and heavy ice to the region. Minot, Rolla and Crosby each reported around 8 inches of snow.

Bismarck tied a record low for the date on Thursday, at 27 degrees, the National Weather Service said, and Dickinson set a record low at 22 degrees.

The Milwaukee area’s sewerage district dumped hundreds of thousands of gallons of combined rainwater and untreated sewage into the Milwaukee and Menomonee rivers Thursday after days of soaking rains.

## Dell Inc. earns \$731 million

DALLAS (AP) — Quarterly income surged 22 percent at Dell Inc., which saw record sales, but rising inventory levels and higher costs for memory chips concerned some analysts.

In morning trading Friday on the New York Stock Exchange, Dell shares were down \$1.23, or 3.4 percent, to \$34.57. The earnings results were released after the markets closed Thursday.

Dell earned \$731 million, or 28 cents per share, in its fiscal first quarter, compared with \$598 million, or 23 cents per share, a year earlier.

That matched the forecast of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call and Dell’s April forecast, when the company said overseas sales were stronger than expected.

Revenue rose to \$11.54 billion from \$9.53 billion a year ago. That beat the company’s own forecast of \$11.4 billion.

Dell, which has expanded into servers, data-storage equipment and other lines, said it expected to earn 29 cents per share in the May-July period and it forecast second-quarter revenue to climb to \$11.7 billion, up 20 percent from the same time last year.

Kevin B. Rollins, who has been named to replace Michael S. Dell as chief executive in July, said Dell would face rising costs for components and would increase cost-cutting efforts.

Dell had hoped that the cost of DRAM — dynamic random access memory — chips used in computers would ease early this year, but that didn’t happen. The increases translated to more than \$10 per computer, most of which Dell couldn’t pass on to consumers, officials said.

“It hit us a bit,” Rollins said.

Meanwhile, the average price for products sold slipped

to \$1,570, down \$50 per unit from a year ago. The combined cost and price trends caused Dell’s gross profit margin to slip to 18 percent from 18.3 percent a year ago.

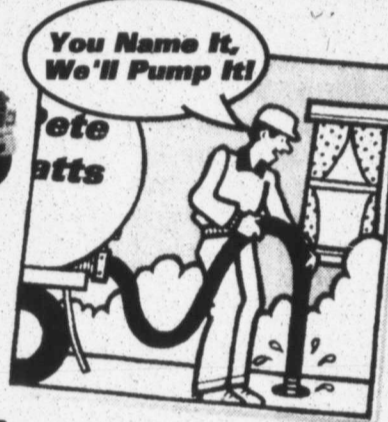
“It’s all about margins,” said Brent Bracelin, an analyst with Pacific Crest Securities. “It’s their lowest operating margin in six quarters when the economy is supposed to be getting better.”

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# RELIGION

## A new spin on a well-known abbreviation

One of our young girls here at Hi-Land Christian, Pamela Whinery, told me something recently that prompted this article. I'm sure that everyone reading this article is very, very, very familiar with WWJD. It would almost be impossible to live in the United States and not know all about it.

WWJD stands for What Would Jesus Do? But with Pamela's help, let me shine a little different light on those letters and see if it can be useful.

What Would Jesus Do? is a "sanctification" question for believers. Only a believer has committed their lives to walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Only the Christian has said that they will seek to make every decision like Jesus would. Therefore the WWJD bracelets and necklaces and key chains and other items are actually only for those who have already committed to be lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ. Why would someone who has never named Jesus as Lord and Savior care what He would do?

I certainly don't get up in the morning



### Minister's Musings

MIKE SUBLETT  
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and ask, "What would Mohammed do?"

Why? Because I'm not a Muslim. And I also don't get up each morning asking, "What would Confucius do?" Because I'm not a Confuciusist? I also don't get up each day asking, "What would Buddha do?" Because I'm not a Buddhist. But I do arise each day with a priority number one question in my heart and on my mind.

"What would Jesus do?" I do that because I am a Christian. And that is what each and every faithful Christian does each day. That is why WWJD items are so special to believers in Jesus Christ.

Now here is what Pamela shared with

me. She said, "Mike, I always thought that the letters stood for: Why Would Jesus Die?" Wow! What a different spin that puts on all of those WWJD things. In fact if I could back-up the calendar and go back to the origin of WWJD, I'd make both questions part of what WWJD is all about.

You see, Why Would Jesus Die? makes a WWJD necklace a SALVATION necklace. And I would make all of the items that stood for Why Would Jesus Die? be black and red. (Black with red letters or red with black letters.) Why?

Because salvation is all about the red blood of Jesus saving us from a wasted life of darkness and sin.

And then when it was something for a believer and it asked, What Would Jesus Do?, I'd make it any color except red and black — blue, green, purple, white, whatever.

That way WWJD could be a salvation necklace for an unbeliever and then be traded in for a sanctification necklace when that

person surrendered to Jesus Christ. And wouldn't that make for some powerful testimonies with red and black bracelets and necklaces and other items seen hanging from our car mirrors, our lockers at school, the headboards of our bed?

And when someone asked us what that was for we would have an awesome story for them about how we once were blind, but Jesus opened our eyes. And then we could show them another WWJD item on our wrist or neck or in our pocket and tell them about how we now begin each day asking ourselves, "What Would Jesus Do?"

So the next time you see the letters WWJD, think about both questions. And most importantly, be sure that you know the answer to the WWJD question on the red and black items.

Why Would Jesus Die? The answer is: Because He loves you so much and wants you to be saved. So throw in that towel marked "self" and let Jesus pilot your plane. God bless.

## Reform Jews worrying that men have been 'sidelined'

BY RACHEL ZOLL  
AP RELIGION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — The branch of American Judaism that pioneered elevating women to leadership positions is now wrestling with an uncomfortable issue: Where have the men gone?

Reform Jewish leaders in many communities say that females outnumber males in areas ranging from summer camp to synagogue leadership, prompting concern that men feel abandoned by the religious movement and are turning away from it.

The issue is being raised by both men and women who insist they are feminists with no desire to roll back the gains of the last few decades.

"Men just don't know where they fit in," said Doug Barden, executive director of the Reform movement's North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. "They're kind of betwixt and between."

While an equal number of men and women are studying to become rabbis at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform seminary, women outnumber men 2-to-1 in its cantorial school, administrators say.

The same 2-to-1 ratio can be found among the staff and campers of the top Reform camp program — the Kutz National Reform Jewish Leadership Center in Warwick, according to the center's director, Rabbi Eve Rudin.

Youth program directors and participants also are overwhelmingly female in many regions, as are Jewish educators, said Rudin, who also directs the Reform North American Federation of Temple Youth.

And several rabbis said it is not unusual to find synagogues where the clergy and lay leadership of the congregation are nearly all

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women.

"There's been what some people call a feminization of our movement," Rudin said. "We need to have a Reform movement for everybody."

Some Reform feminists see signs of a backlash.

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Rabbi Jacqueline Koch Ellenson, director of the Women's Rabbinic Network, said Judaism has a long history of relegating women to supporting roles, and it's destructive to now blame them for gender imbalance.

"Women have become very involved," she said. "To see that as a threat to men is an extremely, extremely dangerous way of looking at it."

However, those raising the issue say they're not assigning blame — just seeking ways to make boys and men feel less alienated.

"I think that Jewish feminism and empowerment of women is still so new that it's a very tender topic," said Dru Greenwood, director of outreach programs for the Union for Reform Judaism. "Does this mean we should pull back from women's leadership? Absolutely not. What we're looking for is a way to honor the gifts of women and the gifts of men. We need them both."

The Conservative movement, which began ordaining women in 1983, is not facing a gender imbalance problem in leadership posts, several of its officials said. The Orthodox, who are the most traditional, do not ordain women.

Men are not leaving the Reform movement, as much as staying on the sidelines in the absence of special programming geared toward their interests and concerns, some rabbis say.

Rabbi Tom Wiener of Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains started a monthly men's study group after realizing that his synagogue offered retreats, study groups and special lectures only for women.

Wiener also organized a father-son Jewish heritage and jazz trip to New Orleans that he said helped men feel more part of the congregation.

"We're not going to the woods beating drums and

beating our chests," he said. "It's not even reclaiming something from a number of years ago. Rather, it's discovering something that we never had at all."

Rabbi Jerry Brown of Temple Ahavat Shalom of Northridge, Calif., said too many "touchy-feely" events in synagogues have been part of the problem. At a retreat he led, he saw why different approaches were needed for men and women when he asked participants to write an "ethical will" about the values they hoped to impart to their children.

"People were in tears as we first led them through a little process of preparing for this, with the exception of one of the men — who could be heard downstairs watching the NFL," he said. "I couldn't come up with a more striking example."

A similar problem can be found at summer camps and youth groups, Rudin said.

Among the theories is that many of the programs — informal activities such as discussion groups — are less interesting for boys. Young men need more task-oriented, structured programming, some believe, and Rudin is considering testing that idea with a new sports coaching program that focuses on team-building.

Barden hopes that more Reform leaders will be open to discussing what he acknowledges is a very sensitive issue. His brotherhood organization has developed materials to help

bring back men, focusing on men's health issues, spirituality and their family lives.

"Men need male role models," Barden said. "If a new young generation of teens or younger males does not see their fathers engaged in Jewish life, they're going to read the signals."

On the Net:

Union for Reform Judaism: <http://www.uahc.org/>  
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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## PERSISTENT BOY DEFEATS GIRL'S ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK HIS CALLS

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a problem with a boy at school. Somehow he got my home phone number and started calling me. I don't mean he called once or twice; he called once or twice EVERY HOUR for weeks. It got so bad I'd make excuses to get off the phone or have my parents tell him I was out. That didn't stop him. He'd call back every hour or so until midnight or 1 a.m. -- when my folks would take the phone off the hook.

Finally, we paid money to get call blocking and blocked his house number. Then he bought a cell phone and started doing the same thing. We blocked that number, so now he goes over to friends' houses and calls.

I'd have no problem telling him to stop, but he has a very big mouth and every time someone disagrees with him, he calls them a racist. I feel helpless for fear he'll spread rumors about me. -- TRAPPED IN LOUISVILLE

DEAR TRAPPED: Speak up and tell him to stop calling already! If he persists, your parents should first notify his parents, and if that doesn't work, then notify the phone company and the police. What he is doing is called stalking. Your parents should be prepared to get a court order if necessary, because the boy appears to have an unhealthy fixation.

Please do not worry about his accusing you of being a racist. People who know you will know it's not true.

DEAR ABBY: I have two sisters-in-law. I'm the one who was chosen to write to you. Our mother-in-law, "Lydia," has always treated us like we are women who just happen to

live with her sons. She drops over whenever she feels like it, "borrows" whatever suits her pleasure, even if the items belong to us, and refers to the grandchildren as her sons' children.

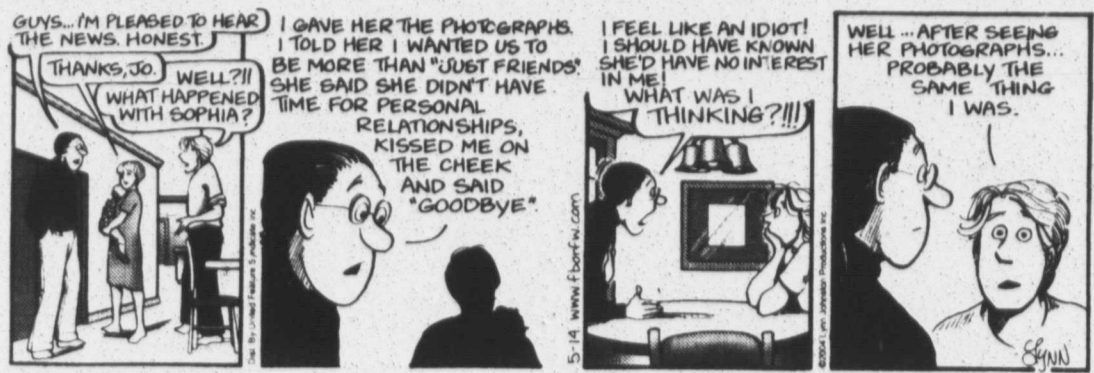
I have tried explaining to her that we both work, and it takes two incomes to accumulate what we have, and her comments are hurtful. However, knowing she has hit a nerve whenever she drops by uninvited, she makes a point of commenting to me that I'm driving her son's car, using his vacuum cleaner, or on how I'm raising his kids. It's infuriating.

Our husbands make excuses that she's old and doesn't know any better, or say, "That's just Mom." I know you're going to say they have no backbone. So how should we wives handle it? Do we just leave when she shows up? After 20 years of enduring this, we've decided we've earned the right to be just as rude as she is. -- HAD IT IN MISSOURI

DEAR HAD IT: The first thing the three of you should do is find a marriage counselor who gives group discounts, and visit the therapist together with your husbands. Ideally, the ones to get Lydia to shape up are her sons. If that proves to be too much for "the boys" to handle, then it's up to you to create some boundaries. Do not be rude -- be firm. When she "drops by," greet her with a smile and say, "This isn't a good time to visit. Your son isn't here and I'm busy." Then shut the door and go about your business.

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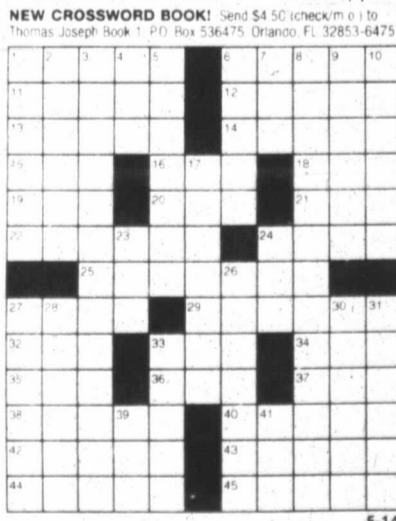


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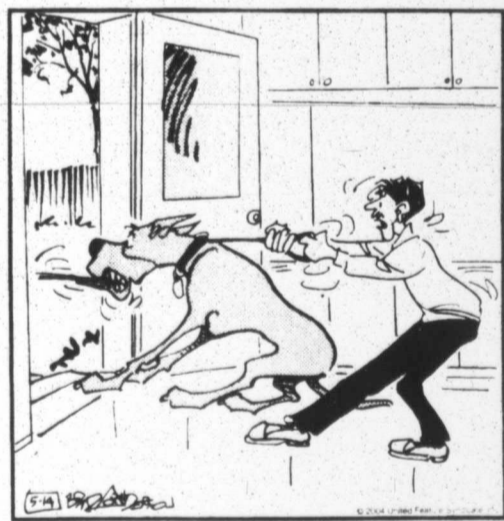
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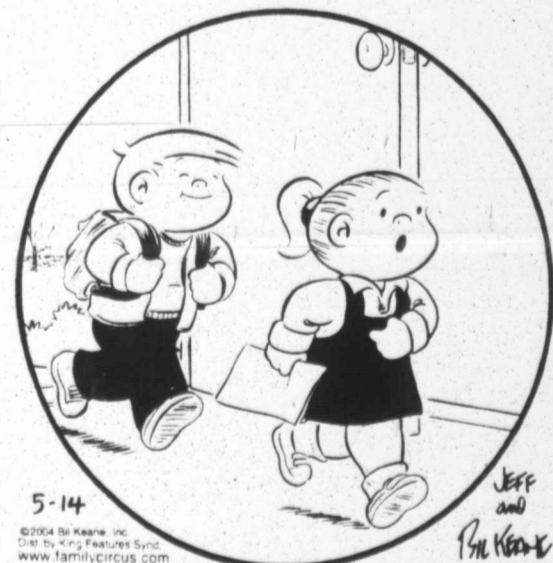
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  - 18 Director Craven
  - 19 Coffee holder
  - 20 Go out
  - 21 Social page word
  - 22 Folk-singer Pete
  - 24 Midterm for one
  - 25 Like old newspapers
  - 27 "Yeah, right!"
  - 29 Single-celled creature
  - 32 Auction gesture
  - 33 Indivisible
  - 34 Coils
  - 35 Greedy desire
  - 36 Crooner Tormé
  - 37 Oven fuel
- DOWN**
- 1 Flyer of myth
  - 2 Temperament
  - 3 Sugarloaf hit of 1970
  - 4 Juan's wife
  - 5 Change the house
  - 6 Let up
  - 7 Price holder
  - 8 Van Morrison hit of 1967
  - 9 Concur
  - 10 Serving need
  - 17 Flight path
  - 23 Under-
  - 24 Pair
  - 26 Brunch orders
  - 27 Sort of
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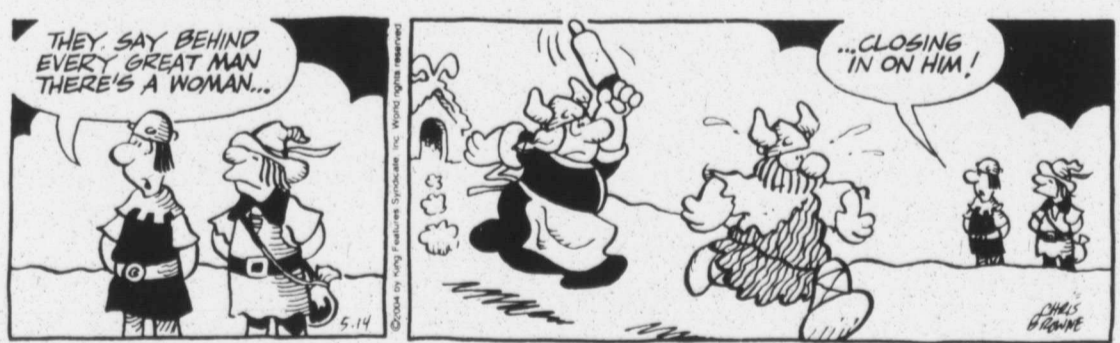
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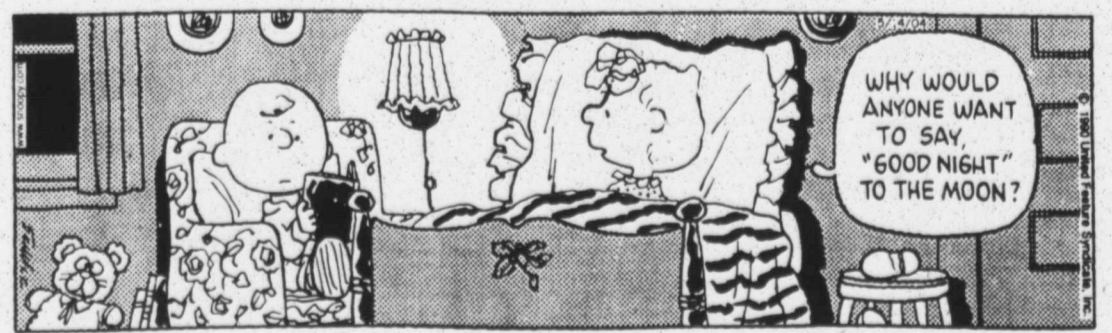
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## 20th Century Club officers installed



(Community Camera photo)

Twentieth Century Club met recently at the home of Nancy Coffee for luncheon and installation of officers. The following officers were installed during the meeting: Vonna Wolf, reporter; Phyllis White, parliamentarian; Faye Harvey, president; Billie Dixon, treasurer; Louise Bailey, secretary; and Myrna Orr, vice president. Potted plants were presented to each new officer.

## Small plane crashes in neighborhood near Baltimore airport; pilot killed

LINTHICUM, Md. (AP) — A small plane crashed in a residential neighborhood just east of Baltimore-Washington International Airport Friday morning, killing the pilot, an airport spokesman said.

A search of the plane found only the pilot, and no one was injured on the ground, said Maj. Greg Shipley of the Maryland State Police.

Nothing that the fuselage landed at the front door of a house, Shipley called it "nothing short of a miracle" that no one else was hurt.

Mike Doyle, 53, said the plane roared low over the neighborhood before it crashed about a block from his house, which is not in the usual flight path.

"He was probably 100 feet over the ground — so low it rattled the house," said Doyle, who was getting his three children off to school when the plane went down.

The plane took off from Philadelphia and was headed to BWI when it crashed about 7:25 a.m., said airport spokeswoman Cheryl Stewart. She said it was an MU2 "high-wing" turboprop plane.

The plane crashed in front of a home less than a half-mile from the nearest runway. The wreckage and a nearby pickup truck both appeared to be covered in firefighting foam.

The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board were en route to the scene to begin an investigation.

The plane was one of 11 owned by Atlanta-based Epps Aviation that fly checks and other paperwork for banks in the Northeast, said owner and president Pat Epps. He said the pilot was in his 30s and was "very experienced," but declined to identify him until his family was notified.

"This is the first pilot we've lost in these 20-plus years we've been running this part of the business," Epps said.

## Okla. governor grants clemency to Mexican convicted of murders

BY SEAN MURPHY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Gov. Brad Henry commuted the death sentence of a convicted murderer from Mexico to life without parole Thursday in a case in which state and foreign officials alike said the inmate's life should be spared.

Henry's decision came the day the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals voted 3-2 to give Osbaldo Torres an indefinite stay of execution. The court granted Torres' request for a lower-court hearing on the state's failure to inform him of his right to contact the Mexican consulate after his arrest.

The governor's decision, which makes the appeals court decision moot, came after the Pardon and Parole Board recommended clemency for Torres on May 7. Torres had been scheduled to die Tuesday for the 1993 deaths of Francisco Morales and Maria Yanez.

"My heart goes out to the family of Mr. Morales and Ms. Yanez," Henry said in a statement. "This was a difficult decision, but I believe clemency is warranted by a number of issues involved in this case."

Torres, 29, is one of 51 Mexicans on death row nationwide cited in a March 31 ruling by the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands. The world court found the inmates' rights were violated because they were not told they could receive help from their governments as guaranteed by the 1963 Vienna Convention.

Mexican officials urged the state not to execute Torres, and the European Union also had asked that the execution be stayed.

Jim Garcia, Yanez's brother, said Thursday that he knew Torres would get clemency after leaving the parole hearing this month.

"I knew it was all going to be politics," said Garcia, of Oklahoma City. "I'm so frustrated and mad right now."

"I'm upset that we let the Mexicans come over here and have more power than us, I was

hoping for something better, but he'll get what he deserves in the end."

Henry said he made his decision after hearing arguments from the state Attorney General's office, Torres' appellate defense attorneys and the victims' relatives. He had rejected the three previous clemency recommendations the parole board had issued since he took office last year.

"It is important to remember that the actual shooter in this horrific murders was also sentenced to death and faces execution," Henry said in his statement. "Osbaldo Torres will spend the rest of his life behind bars for his role in this deplorable crime."

Torres and co-defendant George Ochoa were convicted in 1996 in the deaths of Morales and Yanez. Torres has said he thought he and Ochoa were just going to burglarize a home, and didn't know Ochoa planned to kill anyone. No execution date has been set for Ochoa, who has several appeals pending.

Before Henry granted clemency, the state appeals court Thursday had ordered the Oklahoma County District Court to determine whether the outcome of Torres' case would have been different if he had contacted consular officials.

"I have concluded that there is a possibility a significant miscarriage of justice occurred," Judge Charles Chapel wrote in the majority opinion.

The state has acknowledged that Torres' rights under the Vienna Convention were violated. But Charlie Price, a spokesman for Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson, said Torres would have been convicted and sentenced to death even if consular officials had been contacted.

Defense attorney Mark Henricksen, however, said he believes that if Mexican officials had intervened, "it's very likely there would have been a different outcome in this case."

"Mexico has a demonstrated history, when they receive pretrial notification, to help ... wherever they can," Henricksen said.

## Witnesses recall McVeigh's anti-U.S. government views

MCALISTER, Okla. (AP) — A former federal worker testified Thursday she came face-to-face with Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and another man minutes after the explosion.

Germaine Johnston, a former Department of Housing and Urban Development branch chief, and two other witnesses at the state trial for bombing conspirator Terry Nichols described seeing McVeigh with a man before and after the blast that killed 168 people.

Their testimony is part of a defense strategy to suggest the conspiracy to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was wider than prosecutors allege, and that McVeigh received substantial help from other co-conspirators.

Nichols, 49, could face the death penalty if convicted on 161 state counts of murder for the deaths of 160 victims and one victim's fetus in the April 19, 1995, bombing. Prosecutors allege he helped McVeigh gather bomb components and build the 4,000-pound explosive.

Nichols is already serving a life prison sentence on federal conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter convictions for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers.

Johnston said she was at her desk talking with a co-worker on the federal building's seventh floor when the bomb went off, showering her with ceiling tiles and other debris.

"When I looked up I could see the sky," she said, describing how floors above her fell around her, leaving a small island of concrete where she and a handful of co-workers survived.

"I was just stunned." Johnston made her way out of the debris to ground level.

she said. A few minutes later, she encountered two men standing next to a yellow Mercury as she walked along an alley toward a building where her husband worked.

"One of them was Timothy McVeigh," she said, describing McVeigh's demeanor as cool and calm.

"He just came up to me and said, 'What happened?' I said, 'There was an explosion in the federal building.' He said, 'A lot of people killed?' I said, 'I don't know,' and walked on," she said.

Johnston said the second person was shorter and stockier than McVeigh and didn't exactly match an FBI sketch of John Doe No. 2, a man seen with McVeigh at the Junction City, Kan., body shop where McVeigh leased the Ryder truck that delivered the bomb.

She said she saw the men 20 to 30 minutes after the bombing. McVeigh was stopped while driving about 77 miles north of Oklahoma City some 90 minutes after the bombing, according to prosecutors.

Federal officials have said the sketch depicted an innocent Army private who was at the Ryder rental agency near the time McVeigh rented the truck.

Rodney Johnson testified he told FBI agents hours after the blast he had to avoid two men crossing the street in front of him as he drove his catering truck past the federal building before the explosion.

One of them was McVeigh, but the sketch of John Doe No. 2 did not resemble the second man, he said.

In other testimony, defense attorneys questioned McVeigh's former friends and co-workers about his political beliefs and extreme anti-government views.

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