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For more information, call the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Howard College Rodeo, 5 p.m., Big Spring Rodeo Bowl, slack performances, free admission.

□ Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP office, 501 Runnels.

□ American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., Call 263-2084.

□ Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Rd.

□ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS, noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ ABC Club, noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Howard College Rodeo, 7 p.m., Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Admission \$5.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster.

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County library to direct some funds toward comic novels

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Buffy the Vampire Slayer may be patrolling the halls of the Howard County Library this summer.

The campy series is one of many comic novels the library will be investing in with the \$2,500 award it received from the Texas Book Festival this year.

"We plan to use the money



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to update our young adult sections," said Howard County librarian Hollis McCright. Comic or graphic novels are formatted in comic book style to tell a

story and can range from traditional super hero stories to non-fictional titles.

According to an article by Robert G. Weiner of the Lubbock City-County Library, this literary form of style has proved to be very popular from children to adults and helped increase the library's circulation.

Among other titles chil-

dren's librarian Karen McIntyre plans to order are Superman, Dragon Ball Z, the Ultimate X-Men and Tomb Raider.

"They also have the Left Behind series for kids," said McIntyre.

Money from the book festival award will also be used to update computer, history and fictional areas of the library's young adult sec-

tion. The Texas Book Festival raises funds each year that are awarded to libraries across the state. Funds are to be used for books and materials that reinforce the written word.

The comic novels are expected to be on the shelf of the Howard County Library by summer, officials said.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Community leaders and heads of United Affordable Housing development company met at the site of the planned Limestone Ridge Apartment Complex Wednesday morning to hold a groundbreaking ceremony. Shown, from left, Frances St. Claire of State Sen. Bob Duncan's office, Randy Spivington of UAH, Mayor Russ McEwen, County Commissioner Bill Crooker, Crossroads Housing Director Paul Pryor, Big Spring Housing Authority Director Mark Gentry and UAH President Kent Hance.

Officials break ground at construction site for apartment complex

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Community leaders and members of the United Affordable Housing development company officially broke ground Wednesday on a new income-restricted apartment complex in the north part of Big Spring.

The Limestone Ridge apartment complex, set to be built near the intersection of Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 87 just south of the Big Spring State Hospital, will consist of 76 units.

The apartments, designed to accommodate Big Spring's hourly-wage workers, will have an income restriction allowing only those making 60 percent or less of Big Spring's median income to move in.

UAH President Kent Hance said the company decided to build in Big

Spring after noticing a lack of affordable housing in town.

"One day we left Odessa and were driving back to Dallas and went through Big Spring, and we said, 'We ought to see what they have available here,'" he said. "So we pulled off and just drove through town, and we realized there wasn't any affordable housing that was new. So we decided to run a study. We hired a marketing company to see if there was a demand, and they came back and said there was a strong demand."

UAH has done well focusing its efforts on small towns, Hance said.

"I think that many times non-metropolitan areas get overlooked and we have really done well by going to

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Courtesy photo

Juanice (Jean) Lancaster, left, an ex-World War II Army nurse, poses here with her sister Lou Ornelas. Ornelas, through a donation to the University of Texas at Tyler, named the school's new health and kinesiology wing after Lancaster.

Tribute to a sister's love: Health care wing named after Big Spring woman

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

Features Editor

When Juanice (Jean) Lancaster got the news, her reaction was one of disbelief.

"I thought I was gonna faint," said the 78-year-old Big Spring resident.

But the news wasn't about some tragedy or illness, the kind of news to dread. Instead, because of the closeness and love that they share, Lou Ornelas made sure her sister, Jean, would be forever remembered.

At the University of Texas at Tyler, a new educational and recreational facility is being built with the help of

Jean's sister and late brother-in-law, Lou and Joseph Ornelas.

When the couple donated \$1 million in the fall of 1999 to start a fund-raiser for the new facility it was with the promise that the health and kinesiology wing would hold the name Jean Lancaster.

Although the decision was made three years ago, the secret was not revealed to Jean until two weeks ago. "She didn't tell me until after she had gall bladder surgery. It was like 'I had surgery and oh, by the way...'"

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Bush says Sharon keeping promise to withdraw from Palestinian cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today that Israel is keeping its promise to withdraw troops from Palestinian cities and turned up the pressure on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to crack down on terrorism.

"Mr. Arafat did condemn terrorism and now we will hold him to account" and demand that he take action against terrorists, Bush said. The president assessed the crisis in the Middle East in a meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell, who returned hours earlier from a mission to the region. Joined by Vice President Dick Cheney, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, the president shrugged off criticism that Powell's mission had failed. "One trip by the secretary



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of state will not prevent that from happening," Bush said, stressing his efforts to stem violence. "But one trip by the secretary of state laid out the framework and path to achieve peace."

"We will continue to do that," Bush said.

The president praised Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as "a man of peace. I'm confident he wants Israel to be able to exist at peace with its neighbor." Two weeks after demand

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Home sweet home

Airman glad to be on leave after stretch in Afghanistan

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Reporter

Like any Big Spring native who's been away from town for an extended period of time, Landon Wegner is glad to be home.

Wegner is probably more glad than some, however; the 20-year-old Air Force airman first class has been serving his country with the 16th Special Operations Wing in Afghanistan. The airman is home on a month's leave.

"It feels good, a relief," he said, adding that while overseas, he worked 12-hour shifts every day. "We never got a day off."

Wegner's job in Afghanistan was to inspect airplanes and get them ready to fly, he said.

"I'm a crew chief on the AC-130H Vector gunship," he said. "Pretty much that means I check the planes before they go up and make sure they're mechanically sound and if anything's wrong with them I fix them up and let the flight crew know they've got a good plane to fly."

Wegner's actual location



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Airman First Class Landon Wegner works on a report for his sergeant during his month's leave in Big Spring Tuesday. Wegner, a Big Spring native, is home from a tour of duty in Afghanistan on a combat aircraft.

is officially "undisclosed," he said.

"I can't actually say where I was at," he said.

Even though his location must remain a mystery, Wegner said it had few of

the comforts of home.

"It's a lot better here," he said. "It was cold, there was a lot of dirt and dust everywhere. I didn't have

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Four Canadian soldiers killed in errant U.S. bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American F-16 fighter mistakenly dropped at least one laser-guided bomb on Canadian soldiers participating in a nighttime live-fire training exercise in Afghanistan. Four soldiers were killed and eight injured, Canadian officials said.

The soldiers were the first Canadians killed in a combat zone in a half-century.

It appeared the pilot didn't know he was flying over an area restricted for training — and so fire from the training exercise made him believe he was under attack, officials at the Pentagon said.

Canadian Defense Minister Art

Eggleton, who called the deaths shocking, said Thursday that one of the injured had life-threatening wounds and the other seven were in stable condition.

U.S. and Canadian officials said they don't know what went wrong in the attack that occurred at 1:55 a.m. local time Thursday (5:25 p.m. EDT Wednesday) near Kandahar, a former Taliban stronghold. The two countries planned a joint investigation.

"As to the circumstances of what appears to have been a terrible accident, clearly there are many questions that the families, and all Canadians, expect to have answered," Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said in a

statement.

Chretien said President Bush had called to offer his condolences. The White House did not issue a formal statement on the incident Wednesday evening, beyond noting that Bush had telephoned Chretien.

Canadian defense officials said their soldiers were on a training exercise about 10 miles south of their Kandahar base. A U.S. Air National Guard F-16 dropped one or two 500-pound, laser-guided bombs, U.S. and Canadian military officials said.

Canada's defense chief, Lt. Gen. Ray Henault, told reporters in Ottawa that the U.S. fighter jet was not involved in the training

exercise. Henault said the area was recognized as a training area and the aircraft were using very strictly controlled routes.

"How this can happen is a mystery to us. Without a doubt, there was a misidentification," Henault said.

Officials said the site of the accident was a former al-Qaida training camp now used daily by coalition forces for live-fire exercises.

Canadian defense officials said two of the wounded soldiers had life-threatening injuries, one had very serious injuries and five suffered serious injuries.

Canadian forces are fighting alongside U.S. and European troops seeking to hunt down rem-

nants of Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization and holdouts from Afghanistan's former ruling Taliban militia.

At the Bagram air base in Afghanistan, Maj. Bryan Hilferty, a U.S. military spokesman, offered his condolences to the victims.

"We do everything we can to mitigate risk," he said. "We try to make sure we have all sorts of procedures, tactics and techniques in place to mitigate risk. But unfortunately, it's an inherently dangerous business."

At the Kandahar air base, where both U.S. and Canadian forces are posted, the American and Canadian flags flew at half staff Thursday morning.

Tanzanian pilot whose name found on document in Afghan cave being held on immigration charge

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A Tanzanian who overstayed his visa after taking lessons to fly commercial airliners in Florida was detained on an immigration charge after his name was found on a document in an Afghan cave, the FBI said.

Officials said Wednesday there was no evidence to suggest that Issaya Nombo, 44, was involved in terrorist activity.

"It is premature, grossly so, to say he's connected with 9-11," said Frank Perry, special agent in charge of the FBI's Raleigh office. "There is no information whatsoever to link him with terrorism."

Nombo, who was arrested by federal agents Monday in Apex, a Raleigh suburb, earned a license to become a commercial pilot from Voyager Aviation in Titusville, Fla. His name appeared on a document printed off Voyager's Web site and found in an Afghan cave. U.S. and allied soldiers have been combing caves abandoned after battles with Taliban and al-

Qaida fighters.

Other details of the case also attracted interest, and led to an urgent FBI order to find and question Nombo, Perry said.

The U.S. Embassy in Tanzania was bombed in 1998, an attack blamed on al-Qaida and suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden. Several of the hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks had taken flight lessons in Florida, including how to pilot commercial airliners. Some of the hijackers had overstayed visas allowing them to stay in the United States.

Perry said it's possible someone in Afghanistan copied Nombo's name from the Web site without knowing him personally. The home page for Voyager Aviation's Web site includes a congratulatory note to Nombo and two other students for completing their training.

The names of other foreign nationals as well as Americans were found in the same place in Afghanistan and all were

being checked by investigators, Perry said.

Two U.S. officials in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Nombo was found with a counterfeit green card and Social Security card.

His visa, issued for students attending technical schools, required that he leave the United States by Aug. 23, 2001. Immigration officials believe he left Florida after his flight training and moved to North Carolina. Perry declined to comment on those details.

After U.S. intelligence officials discovered Nombo's name on the document in Afghanistan, the INS checked the name against its records and discovered the expired visa, a U.S. official said. Authorities tracked him to North Carolina.

Perry said Nombo was in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Voyager Aviation owner Gary Evans confirmed that Nombo earned his airline transport pilot license at the

school, but declined to say when or give details.

Voyager Aviation, which Evans said has moved to Merritt Island, Fla., since Nombo attended, says on its Web site that training received by Nombo cost \$1,620 and requires 1,500 hours of prior training.

Evans said the airline transport pilot license is the highest level of commercial pilot certification, and is earned only "after you've got a good few years' experience."

Also on Wednesday, a man who spent time with some of the Sept. 11 hijackers pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., to two counts of document fraud unrelated to the attacks.

Eyad M. Alrababah, 29, of Bridgeport, Conn., came forward Sept. 29 to federal authorities after seeing mug shots of the hijackers. He told the FBI that he had spent time with the hijackers, but did not know of their plans. He has been detained since then, initially as a material witness.

Farm talks stall again, senators press for bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) — As talks on a new farm bill stalled Wednesday, two Republican senators declared it was time for Congress to consider passing a one-year bailout for growers.

"The clock has expired, and it is time for us to admit what most farmers and ranchers already know: It is too late to pass a farm bill that can apply to this year's crop," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kansas. Roberts and Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., proposed separate bailout packages, each totaling about \$7.35 billion.

Congress has passed similar bills every year since 1998 to compensate for a sharp drop in the prices of grain, cotton and soybeans. Last year's bill gave farmers \$5.5 billion.

"The reality of the situation is that without assurances of additional support, many of our farmers will not be able to get their crops in the ground this season," Hutchinson said. Congressional negotia-

tors have struggled for weeks to work out an overhaul of farm and nutrition programs that could take effect for this growing season. A series of on-again, off-again private negotiations that started last Friday have not resulted in a deal, however, and they were off again after a brief meeting Wednesday.

The lead House negotiator, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, scheduled a public session for Thursday for House members and Senators to air their differences. "We have a lot of members who have certain feelings," he said.

The negotiations have stuck on a variety of issues, including crop subsidy rates, which Senate Democrats want to set at higher rates than the House negotiators and Bush administration do. Senate Democrats have been pushing for a guarantee on corn of about \$2 a bushel, compared to \$1.95 for the Republican-controlled House. The current rate is \$1.89.

Confession: Quarrel led to slaying that had been unsolved for 18 years

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — A man convicted in an extortion plot that ended with the death of America's foremost atheist has confessed to killing an acquaintance in an unrelated case that went unsolved for 18 years.

David R. Waters, 54, is serving 20 years in federal prison in Kansas for his role in the deaths of 76-year-old American Atheists founder Madalyn Murray O'Hair, her son and her granddaughter.

On Wednesday, Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons said he agreed to give immunity to Waters, a Peoria native who is dying of hepatitis, in exchange for his confession in the 1984 shooting death of acquaintance Billy King Sr.

"I am not persuaded that David Waters could be punished any greater if he were convicted here," he said.

Waters told officials that King asked for his help in beating a man who had

accused King of making advances on his wife, Lyons said. Waters told investigators he agreed, but then accused King of making advances on his girlfriend. He and Waters argued and King was shot to death.

Peoria County Sheriff Chuck Schofield said investigators have long known Waters was among the last people to see King alive and considered him a suspect. But the crime went unsolved until Waters confessed from prison, Lyons said.

Lyons said word of Waters' involvement in the King case reached investigators about a year ago and two sheriff's deputies were sent to interview him in prison. Since then, he said, they've tried to corroborate his story.

King, 36, was shot five times, including in the back of the head, and his body was stuffed under the back seat of his van. The van was

parked in West Peoria, and the body was not discovered for days, Lyons said.

At the time, Waters' girlfriend provided an alibi but has since changed her story, Lyons said.

O'Hair, her 40-year-old son, Jon Garth Murray, and her 30-year-old granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair, disappeared from San Antonio in 1995 along with \$500,000 in gold coins. Waters, who had worked as O'Hair's office manager, led police to their dismembered bodies in a grave about 120 miles west of San Antonio last year.

Investigators say Waters masterminded the scheme. He admitted that he did "threaten and commit physical violence" to the three victims.

O'Hair was an outspoken atheist for decades and pushed for the 1963 U.S. Supreme Court decision banning organized prayer in public schools.

Bin Laden picture found taped inside airplane

McALLEN (AP) — Federal officials are trying to figure out who taped a picture of Osama bin Laden inside the overhead bin of an airplane, delaying a flight and prompting a search of the terminal.

Transportation Safety Administration spokesman John Clabes said Wednesday that the agency is investigating the Saturday incident, which stalled the departure of a flight to Dallas and resulted

in the search of the McAllen-Miller International Airport terminal building.

Clabes said the plane was preparing for takeoff when the photo was found. Passengers were deplaned and the checkpoint was closed while officials searched.

"They didn't find anything," Clabes told The Monitor of McAllen for Thursday's editions.

An airport supervisor told McAllen police that the blue tape used to hang the picture of bin Laden is used by a cleaning crew that cleans the plane's carpet. The picture was found inside the door of the overhead luggage bin, according to police reports.

Mike Olson, the airport's deputy director for operations and maintenance, said he does not believe the picture was placed on the plane by someone in McAllen.

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Missing minister wants death certificate voided, estate returned

ABILENE (AP) — A minister who claimed to have amnesia when he resurfaced after a 16-year disappearance has gone to court to have his death certificate reversed and his estate returned to him.

Wesley Barrett "Barre" Cox disappeared 1984 while driving from Lubbock to Abilene, and he was presumed dead after his ransacked car was found off a remote highway. He was married, had an infant daughter and was a family minister at MacArthur Park Church of Christ in San Antonio.

He was recognized in December 2000 while in the pulpit of a Dallas gay church, where he was using the name James Simmons and auditioning to be pastor. Simmons has said he is gay, has amnesia

and does not remember a wife and daughter, who now live in Franklin, Tenn.

The application for "reversal of presumption of death and for restoration of estate" was filed March 25 in Gray County where Cox was ruled legally dead on Aug. 23, 1991.

The suit seeks a ruling that Barre Cox is alive and entitled to the return of his estate, as well as any profits from it since he was declared dead and any further relief.

Beth Cox, who never remarried after her husband's disappearance, told the Abilene Reporter-News that she used all the money to raise their child and would have to declare bankruptcy if

Simmons wins his suit.

After her husband was declared dead, she received lease payments on part of a ranch owned by the Cox family in the Panhandle. She also received some money when the ranch later was sold.

"He's saying, 'I want all that back,'" Beth Cox said.

She has said she wonders whether Simmons really has amnesia or faked his abduction and forged a new life after realizing he was gay.

Her attorney, Ed Bailey of Nashville, said Simmons filed suit after Tennessee began proceedings to collect back child support payments for the couple's daughter, who turned 18 on Jan. 1.

But Bailey said that happened

only after Simmons failed to reach an agreement the past year with his former wife about paying for their daughter's education.

"We had really hoped he would be more responsive to his responsibilities as a parent," Bailey said.

The child support case has been transferred to Dallas. A hearing will be held June 7.

Simmons became pastor of a newly created church in Garland, near Dallas, last year.

He was named pastor of White Rock Community Church, a predominantly gay and lesbian congregation in Dallas, in January 2001, but resigned a month later after he failed to receive a two-thirds vote of confidence he requested.

The vote, which Simmons sought after widespread media attention cast doubt about his story, was 106-76 in his favor, 15 votes short of the two-thirds support needed.

Simmons said he was found badly beaten in a car trunk in a junkyard near Memphis, Tenn., although he does not remember the name of the town, the hospital that treated him, or the name of the family who found him.

No police or hospital records have been found to verify his account. Simmons said he had no memory of his former life, so he tried to start over and moved around the country, working in Virginia before attending seminary in California.

Doctors say strep throat bacteria becoming resistant

The Associated Press

Amid growing concern that overuse of antibiotics is making some bugs immune, doctors have documented the first large outbreak of antibiotic-resistant strep throat at a Pittsburgh elementary school.

Some doctors suspect the resistant germs may have spread to other parts of the country — and may have developed resistance to more than one antibiotic.

"It's important for us to find out how widespread this is," said lead researcher Dr. Judith M. Martin of the Division of Allergy, Immunology and Infectious Disease at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

The jump in resistance was detected early last year at a private school, where roughly half the strep throat cases were found to be untreatable with erythromycin. All 46 children who were sickened by the resistant strain or infected but without symptoms were successfully treated with other drugs.

"It definitely went from one kid to another in the school and it also spilled over into the community," Martin said. "Where it started, I don't know."

Until now, antibiotics have easily killed group A streptococcus, the bacteria that cause strep throat and life-threatening septic infections, so doctors at the hospital were startled by its

sudden, widespread resistance to widely used erythromycin. The drug is commonly given to people allergic to penicillin and to other patients.

Doctors suspect the strep bacteria also are becoming resistant to other popular drugs in the same antibiotic family, the macrolides. Their use is growing because they require only one dose a day, compared with three for many other antibiotics.

The study was reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Dr. Chris Van Beneden, an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the CDC plans to investigate what factors might have led

to the problem.

"It may be occurring in other places across the country," she added.

Dr. Lincoln P. Miller, head of the Newark infectious disease outpatient clinic at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, said the findings show doctors should limit use of all macrolide drugs.

"This is an important article because it indicates the impact of our antibiotic use on the bacteria around us," Miller said. "I would hazard a guess and say (this resistance is) fairly widespread."

Doctors have warned for at least a decade that antibiotics are losing their punch because overuse is making some germs immune.

'Bubble boys disease' children may have been cured in France

The Associated Press

Four little French boys who spent the first months of their lives in sterile isolation are now living and growing normally at home, thanks to a gene therapy experiment that appears to have cured them of a deadly disorder known as "bubble boy disease."

In the most striking success yet for gene therapy, doctors in Paris essentially gave healthy new immune systems to the four babies, who were born with the rare, genetic immune disorder.

The disease left them unable to fight off infections and dependent on constant antibiotic treatments. Now the boys, followed for up to 2 1/2 years, are thriving. They've even been immunized against some childhood diseases — shots that previously would have killed them.

A fifth boy had his immune system partially

repaired and is improving with other treatment.

"This is the first instance in which an otherwise fatal disease has been treated with gene therapy as the only treatment and the disease was reversed," said Dr. Jennifer M. Puck, head of the immunologic genetics section at the National Human Genome Research Institute.

"This is exciting and it's important."

The doctors reported initial success with the first two patients two years ago; the update with additional cases in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine shows the therapy is still working.

Sonia Skarlatos, gene therapy coordinator at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, said the results do not prove the boys' immune systems have been permanently repaired, but it is the longest-lived success in gene therapy so far.

Review: Gunman Harris, not police officer, killed teen

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Nearly three years after the massacre at Columbine High School, Brian Rohrbough is satisfied that he knows who killed his son.

"I believe for the first time in three years we have the very first plausible explanation for what happened to my son," Rohrbough said.

The cause of Daniel Rohrbough's death has been the source of a heated dispute between his father and law enforcement. Brian Rohrbough has alleged Denver police Sgt. Daniel O'Shea accidentally killed his son, while police maintained it was teen gunman Eric Harris.

On Wednesday, authorities released the results of an independent investigation led by El Paso County Sheriff John Anderson that determined O'Shea was not

yet on the scene when the deadly shot was fired. It also found that the bullet in Rohrbough's body was a "textbook match" to Harris' weapon.

"The murder of Daniel Rohrbough at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, was undeniably caused by gunman Eric Harris beyond any reasonable doubt," the report said.

Rohrbough, 15, was among 12 students and a teacher killed by Harris and Dylan Klebold during the rampage in suburban Littleton. The gunmen then killed themselves in the school library.

Denver police said O'Shea would not be available for comment.

But police Chief Gerry Whitman said he welcomed the findings.

"It is also tragic that Sgt. O'Shea has been subjected to public accusations claim-

ing that he took a life, when in fact he courageously risked his own life to save others," Whitman said.

The investigation was conducted by the El Paso County sheriff's office and detectives from Colorado Springs at the request of the Jefferson County sheriff's department, the lead agency in charge of responding to the attack. El Paso County's deputies had no role in the initial response to the attack.

Jefferson County investigators had reported in May 2000 that Rohrbough was shot by Klebold, then corrected themselves a year later to say Harris killed Rohrbough.

Rohrbough's parents, left with questions over who killed their son, filed a lawsuit alleging O'Shea accidentally killed Rohrbough.

The lawsuit was dis-

missed in U.S. District Court but is pending at the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal. Rohrbough's relatives will review the full report before deciding on their next step, said their lawyer, Barry Arrington.

In a 34-page executive summary, El Paso County sheriff's investigators indicated that Harris was the only person who could have shot Rohrbough from the angles matching the wounds on his body.

Rohrbough was shot before 11:30 a.m., based on witness accounts cited in the report. O'Shea arrived on the scene just before noon.

State Rep. Don Lee of Littleton said he will seek to convene a legislative panel to investigate the Columbine massacre, saying the report left some questions unanswered.

Dispute over language in play causes cast, director to quit

CONROE (AP) — Decades after La Grange's infamous Chicken Ranch was shut, its story, which offered "lots of good will and maybe one small thrill," continues to raise eyebrows.

The director and cast of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," set to open May 31, walked out Tuesday night on rehearsals of the play based on the infamous bordello when the theater's board told them it wanted profanity eliminated from the script.

To remove the words without permission from the play's owner would be a copyright infringement and eliminate meaning from the musical, director Dave Feranchak argued before deciding to step down.

His 38-member cast, which included about a dozen teachers and a number of teen-agers, followed him out the door.

The play is based on a bordello that operated in the central Texas town of La Grange for more than a century until 1973 when then-Gov. Dolph Briscoe shut it following a number of television reports.

Officially called "Edna's Fashionable Ranch Boarding House," it became better known as the "Chicken Ranch" because during the depression chickens were accepted as payment for services.

It isn't the content of the play, but the language in it that the theater's board thought would be offensive, said cast member Erin Bishop, an English teacher at Hauke High School in Conroe.

"It is an issue of legality versus morality," Bishop said Wednesday. "In the story, the thing that really causes the sheriff to lose his battle is that he swears so

badly on TV. Then as now, the people are more offended by the use of the swear word than they were by the brothe-

l."

Marvin Zindler, who did the reports on Houston television station KTRK which led to the bordello being closed in the 1970s, said he doesn't think the swear words the sheriff used are necessary to tell the story.

Zindler said when he aired his report the swear words were bleeped out and he was careful not to use the word "whorehouse." He instead called it a "bawdy house."


"I have seen 40 versions of 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas' and they leave out a lot of stuff," Zindler said Wednesday. "You could use your imagination for some of those scenes. I think they could say 'God dang piss ant' ... and they are still going to give the same impression."

Feranchak said the theater's 12-member board, of which he is a member, presented him with a motion Tuesday night requiring his resignation if curse words weren't removed from the production.

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READER'S CORNER

The filaree is comin' on

Uncle George stopped by the house as he went to the mailbox, "Saw a spot of filaree down to the lower pasture this morning." Those words were like money in the bank.

Filaree meant that soon we could stop feeding cake. It meant that everything would start to grow and green up soon. It meant the cows would have good winter weeds for their new babies.

George and I fed every other day, an old man who loved his cattle and his land and a young woman who loved his nephew and was trying to help in the struggle that is a cow-calf operation in West Texas.

We had had a couple of droughty years but this winter had brought us rain and snow a plenty. Only thing, there wasn't much for the cows to eat. So here we went, a town gal and an old cowboy usually with a baby or two in the truck. We were shaking out cubes, tossing hay and counting. Looking for sore spots, sickness or weak calves. I was sure glad to see that filaree so I could have my days back.

He went to the nursing home. Another winter, another calf crop, only now it's only the town gal and her youngest to shake out the cake, toss the hay and count the cows to see if they all come to dinner. We eat crackers and drink coffee-milk and I search for filaree in the low spots.

Winter came again — Gene and the wetback load the truck for me each evening. After everyone has left for school and work next morning "Little George" and I start feeding. We watch for the deer and turkey that hang back half hidden in the mesquite. They are hungry too and have learned the sound of

the truck's horn. The turkey and the deer will be among the first to spot the filaree and fail to come when the horn sounds. No need when the filaree is comin' on.

He sits in the dirt and weeds (filaree) at the off side of the loading chute, tears streaking down his cheeks. At 2 1/2 he's the youngest cowboy on the gather today. Every time a calf is thrown and gone over by the hands, he cries new tears with the calf.

I try to lead him away to help with the chuck, but no, he sits right there, bawling and pulling up filaree to chew on; thinking it will choke down tears.

It's all gone now. The land, the cows, the family and the friends that made up our place, our ranch. I'm a town gal again.

We've had a good cold wet winter and just today I noticed filaree in amongst the winter weeds and grass in my yard. I'll not mow over it too soon. I want to see it bloom. I like to know the filaree is comin' on.

The Blind Man
They call him blind but he sees more than some with seeing eyes will ever see

For the blind man does not judge a man by his color for the blind man sees all men as one not divided by color

The blind man loves with his heart and not his eyes

To him all of God's people are beautiful Ugly is not a word he knows

Oh, if only those who can truly see could be more like the blind man who loves with his heart and not his eyes
Lana F. Anguiano

His Assurance
There's not much for certain

In this day and time, and it sure makes me thankful That Jesus is mine. No matter what changes In this insecure land, We can always be lead By The Savior's own hand.

There's no "What if" or "Maybe" You just have to know, God will never forsake you While you're down here below. The one thing we're assured of Is that God's Word does not change His love is forever That's why Jesus came.

There are rumors and wars And bad things all around, But if we're walking with God We're on solid ground. Oh be not afraid, All things He can do. Stand firm on His Word. Knowing it's all that is true.

In an insecure world Where all seems to be lost No matter what happens Remember the cross. As long as there's time He'll never leave us alone. If time here should end Then He'll take us on home.

God is able to keep us Against the evil at hand. Do not fear what may come Be not afraid of man. God's word never changes We can rest in that fact. Let our faith hold us steady And never look back.

God gives us His peace Even in a troubled land, and We have His assurance We're kept by His hand.
Martha Anderson Peugh

On Top of Signal Peak
I climbed up on a mountain

On top there was a peak I saw ten thousand-Indians

I could hear their dancing feet

I drifted off to dream land In a deep and peaceful sleep

I could see their camp fires burning I could hear their war drums beat

Ten thousand stars a shining Shone up on me there that night.

I could hear those Indians chanting, Dancing round their camp fire bright

I looked down and saw a Moss Creek crystal clear with water sweet

From way upon the mountain On top of Signal Peak

The Indians sent their signals from top of Signal Peak They drank the clear pure water, flowing in the clear Moss Creek

I saw ten thousand moon beams, that joined them in their dance, dancing high upon the mountain you could hear those Indians chant.

When I awoke at daylight in the east the sunrise glowed There was nothing there but ashes from a camp fire long ago.
Bernice Reed Jones

The Activity Department Volunteer
Volunteers are an important part of an activity program in the long-term care facility. We all know how it makes us feel when we have the touch of a person, a warm smile. Think how it must make the older person feel in a nursing home to have that

from us. Just the simple act of sitting for a few hours and visiting with them means a lot to them, giving them quality of life.

Someone to share a story from their lives with. For some of them that is all they have.

No family to come and see them, so we must become their friend. Giving them a purpose. Something to look forward to.

As society progresses we forget who was here to move us into what we call the new millennium and how they set the standards for us.

So if ever you find some time to spare volunteer it to a LTCF and visit with them. You never know who you may make smile today.
Ivy Blas Curtiel, AD

A Sweet Sound
I called Him by name He heard my cry He cradled and rocked me my tears He did dry

more often than once shouted my Savior's name and since He has answered I'll not be the same

I call Him for mercy for strength & for peace I call on my Savior when He feels out of reach

He hears my voice & He knows me by name and since Jesus touched me I'll not be the same

He's here like a rock every time that I call not once has He failed to soften the fall

His name and His voice are precious sounds to my ear I'm careful and ready and keep Him right here

I know that one day in the future we'll meet and the sound of my name in His ears... will be sweet
Jeanette M. Valle

Big Spring Health Fair good for all

Spring is an excellent time to perform an important evaluation — the type that benefits your all-around health.



Howard County residents have the perfect opportunity to receive a comprehensive evaluation of sorts during Saturday's Big Spring Health Fair 2002 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Screenings and evaluations, including body fat assessment, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol will be offered on-site. Free informational materials, small gifts and prizes also will be handed out to visitors. And many demonstrations will be conducted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in a special area, including one by our Master Gardener's program.

The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be set up for donations, and donors can give in the name of Matt Wynl, a Coahoma Elementary School student who is living with cancer.

Nearly 60 booths from Big Spring and surrounding area businesses and organizations will be set up on the floor of the coliseum. The event is free and open to the public.

This is a perfect opportunity for someone who may be curious about certain aspects of their health care to visit with professionals who deal with different diseases on a day-to-day basis. The health fair does not substitute a visit with a health care professional, but it is a good opportunity for all of us. We'll see you there.

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| 6:30 | News Fortune | King of the Hill Raymond | Cyberchase Zoboomafo | Home Videos Home Videos | News Ent. Tonight | News (CC) Fortune | News Seinfeld (CC) | Friends (CC) Roseanne | Intrusa | Movie: Genius | Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC) | (05) Movie: Sleepy | Runs in the Family | Movie: Ready to Rumble (CC) | Update With John Hagee | The View (CC) | Secret Life of the Tiger | Pretender (CC) | Medical Detectives | | | |
| 7:30 | Whose Line? Whose Line? | Family Guy Greg-Bunny | Antiques-UK | Movie: Rookie of the Year | Survivor: Marquesas (CC) | Whose Line? Whose Line? | Friends (CC) Friends (CC) | Movie: Dumb & Dumber | Amigas y Rivales (SS) | (40) Movie: Next Gen | Star Trek: Next Gen | Hollow (CC) | Movie: Jumanji (CC) | (CC) | Debbie Good Biblical Israel | Biography (CC) | Would You Believe It? | Movie: The Mummy (CC) | Medical Detectives | | | |
| 8:30 | Be a Millionaire | King of the Hill Andy Richter | Globe Trekker (CC) | Year | CSI: Crime Scn | Be a Millionaire | Will & Grace Just Shoot Me | ER (CC) | (15) Movie: The | Model Behavior | Movie: Married to the Mob | Movie: The Next Best Thing (CC) | Urban Legends: Final Cut (CC) | On the Record | Light of the Southwest | Movie: Shackleton | Would You Believe It? | Would You Believe It? | Ultimate Ten Biggest | | | |
| 9:30 | PrimeTime Thursday | Cops (CC) Blind Date | Frontline (CC) | Whose Line? Whose Line? | Agency (CC) | PrimeTime Thursday | ER (CC) | (15) Movie: The | IPica y Se Extiende! | (CC) (20) Movie: Mob | Thing (CC) | Urban Legends: Final Cut (CC) | On the Record | Hour of Healing | Law & Order (CC) | Would You Believe It? | Would You Believe It? | The Mummy (CC) | Super Structure | | | |
| 10:30 | News Nightline | Jerry Springer (CC) | News-Lehrer (CC) | 700 Club (CC) | News (35) Late | News (CC) Nightline | News (35) Tonight | Corruptor (CC) | P. Impacto Noticias Univ. | Not Quite Human (CC) | Pop Across | Movie: Slow Burn (CC) | Cut (CC) | Shock Video 2001: A Sex | Hour of Healing | Law & Order (CC) | Would You Believe It? | Would You Believe It? | Medical Detectives | | | |
| 11:30 | Politically Inc. Cowboy | Suddenly Spin City (CC) | Senior Year (CC) | Who's Boss? Who's Boss? | Show (CC) (37) Late | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | Show (CC) (37) Late | (15) Movie: Soldier (CC) | En las Mejores Familias | So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson | Pop Across Small Shots | (45) Movie: Jett Jackson | Chattahoochee | Update With Church | Update With Church | Biography (CC) | Would You Believe It? | Would You Believe It? | Ultimate Ten Biggest | | | |
| 12:30 | (12:05) Sally (CC) | Home Imp. Paid Program | P.O.V. (CC) | Paid Program Paid Program | Show (CC) Street Smarts | (12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC) | Night (CC) Frasier | La Mujer de Mi Vida | Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse | Baywatch (CC) | Pandemonium | Movie: Cold | Saxaholix (40) Movie: Faith Pleases God | Movie: Shackleton | Movie: Shackleton | Would You Believe It? | Would You Believe It? | (12:10) Movie: Super Structure | | | | |

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Thursday, April 18, the 108th day of 2002. There are 257 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.
On this date:
In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.
In 1921, Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.
In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.
In 1942, the first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes was published as a

weekly newspaper for U.S. troops in Northern Ireland.
In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.
In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.
In 1949, the Irish republic was proclaimed.
In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J.
In 1978, the U.S. Senate voted 68-to-32 to turn the Panama Canal over to Panamanian control on Dec. 31, 1999.
In 1994, former President Nixon suffered a stroke at his home in Park Ridge, N.J.; he died four days later at a New York hospital.
Ten years ago: Serbia issued a protest to the United States, accusing Washington of siding with Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia in the Yugoslav crisis. Democrat Jerry Brown met with black leaders in Philadelphia while front-runner Bill Clinton visited a Phillies-Pirates ballgame as the two courted Pennsylvania primary voters.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Hale is 81. Blues singer Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown is 78. Actor Clive Revill is 72. Actor James Drury is 68. Actor Robert Hooks is 65. Actress Hayley Mills is 56. Actor James Woods is 55. Actress-director Dorothy Lyman is 55. Actress Cindy Pickett is 55. Country musician Walt Richmond (The Tractors) is 55. Actor Rick Moranis is 48. Actress Melody Thomas Scott is 46. Actor Eric Roberts is 46. Actor John James is 46. Rock musician Les Pattinson (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 44.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ON YOUR TOES by Merle Baker Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nana novelist
- 5 Excursion
- 10 Flirtatious stare
- 14 "Sometimes you feel like..."
- 15 Berth place
- 16 Bring up...
- 17 Nuisance
- 18 Home of the Heat
- 19 Butcher's offering
- 20 Laurel and Hardy film of 1940
- 23 ___ kwon do
- 24 Enterprise's org.
- 25 Shaped metal
- 27 Stem
- 29 Pick actors
- 32 Org. concerned with mpg
- 33 Bar of music
- 35 Declare positively
- 36 Rattlesnake cousin
- 39 Thanksgiving side dish
- 40 The Treasure of the Sierra Madre costar
- 41 Poetic preposition
- 42 Concerning
- 43 Not as remote
- 47 Farm units
- 49 Dict. abbreviation
- 50 Threshold
- 51 Where drain cleaners go
- 56 Printer's unit
- 57 Main line
- 58 Upturn
- 59 Necklace part
- 60 Image maker, for short
- 61 Uniform
- 62 Tax IDs
- 63 McCarthy's mate
- 64 Lemon rind
- DOWN**
- 1 Mexican revolutionary
- 2 Garage capacity
- 3 More opulent island
- 4 Bering Sea
- 5 Enlivens
- 6 Relating to bees
- 7 ___ the crack of dawn
- 8 Verne captain
- 9 Kids' cereal
- 10 Synthetic textile
- 11 Charles' grandfather
- 12 Exposed
- 13 Sea eagle
- 21 Louvre, par exemple
- 22 Appropriate
- 26 Sully
- 28 CPR experts
- 29 Pataki's predecessor
- 30 Bend backward
- 31 Used
- 34 Struck, old-style
- 35 Movie pooch
- 36 Western sounds
- 37 ___ Beauty (Spacey film)
- 38 Excedrin rival
- 39 Affirmative vote
- 42 Hardwood tree
- 44 Experience again
- 45 Calls forth
- 46 University board member
- 48 "My word!"
- 49 Perfume ingredient
- 52 Draws from
- 53 Tattered
- 54 Coffee, Tea, ___?
- 55 At the home of
- 56 American Masters network

