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Former judge's
DWI case reset

HOUSTON (AP) — The drunken-driving case of a former state district judge has been reset for July 21.

David M. Medina was arrested two weeks ago after allegedly coming close to striking a convertible car.

Medina's lawyer, Rusty Hardin, who recently represented Houston Rockets star Steve Francis in his acquittal on a charge of driving while intoxicated, said he is prepared to try the case by jury if necessary.

Deputy Constable Troy Stewart noticed Medina's northbound black Mustang weaving across lanes in the early morning hours of June 27, according to constable records.

Stewart stopped the Mustang when the driver made an improper lane change and almost struck the deputy's vehicle, the report states.

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Curry voices safety concerns

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

With a shortage of patrol officers and talk of handing over city law enforcement to the sheriff's department, one city commissioner voiced her concern Tuesday for the present state of public safety.

"This is a hey day for thieves and burglars in Pampa," Commissioner Faustina Curry said during discussion about Interim Police Chief Ken Hall's proposal to hire more city officers.

"Here we are trying to hire police officers who may not have jobs," Curry said, referring to the fact that if the city does contract with the county for police services those work-

ing now won't automatically be hired.

Sheriff Don Copeland said Monday if his department takes over, city officers will have to apply for a job if they want one.

"Your suggestion may very well be correct," Hall replied to Curry acknowledging the situation will make recruiting more difficult. But until they run the novel on the take-over proposal we have to go forward.

Who wants to come when they may not have a job? Curry asked.

"We've got to try," Hall said. "These officers are tired, they need help."

Hall explained that the officers' shortage has officers working overtime in order to

keep at least three patrol cars on the streets at all times.

To illustrate the problem, Hall said that when shift change comes on July 20 the midnight shift will have four people — a supervisor and three officers. The supervisor is going on vacation then which leaves the three to cover seven days a week thus prompting more overtime to give them some time off.

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(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)
City Commissioner Faustina Curry, left, expresses her fears at a work session Tuesday afternoon while Mayor Lonny Robbins listens.

No action taken on interim city manager's post

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(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)
Karra Daniel of Groom guides her horse through the pole bending event at Tuesday night's Kid Pony Show. Last night's performance was for youngsters 12 to 15 years of age.

Kid Pony Show rounds up

Despite heavy rains that postponed the first night, fair weather reigned for the final performance of this year's Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's Kid Pony Show.

Kid Pony Show competitions scheduled for Sunday night that were rained out will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 14.

Results from last night's performance at the rodeo arena here in Pampa are as follows: All contestants were awarded blue participant ribbons.

All-Around Cowgirl: Chelsea Sanders, Pampa, Group V, and Callie Sue Cobb, Pampa, Group VI.

All-Around Cowboy: Logan Helton, Pampa, Group V, and Tyler Lane, Morse, Group VI.

Barrel Riding/Group V: Logan Helton, first place, Pampa.

Pole Bending/Girls Group V: Kelsey Alders, Borger, first place; Chelsea Sanders, Pampa, second place; Ashley Hicks, Dalhart, third place.

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Pole Bending/Girls Group VI: Karli (See RESULTS, Page 3)

Lamuns – genetic harmony

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

It's an artists' life for brothers Tim and Jeff Lamun, featured performers for the Top O' Texas Rodeo dance Thursday and Friday.

The Lamun (pronounced "Layman") Brothers took a break from their current tour to speak to The Pampa News in a telephone interview Tuesday. They're on the road, headed to Pampa, from a performance in Indianapolis.

"We're living a real artist's life — right before everything comes together for you, you're kind of in a black hole," Jeff explained.

The family duo expressed a special interest in coming to Pampa.

They'll combine their performances with a visit with their step brother, Barry Loving, senior minister at First Christian Church here. They also plan to perform at the church during Sunday morning services.

It is a family affair for the Lamuns. They even call their musical style "family harmony."

"Our genetic harmony shines through," Tim said. He's the more traditional country of the two. Jeff adds a contemporary spice to their sound.

Both were solo performers until two years ago when Tim asked Jeff to join him at a huge outdoor festival in Pryor, Okla., a show he was doing with country star John Anderson.

After an enthusiastic response from the crowd, the two realized they had hit on a winning combination.

"You guys have got to do this," Jeff's wife Jett encouraged.

Two years, almost 400 performances, and a new album "In Lamun Terms," the Lamun Brothers are finding their unique niche in the world of country music.

"Our show is fun," Jeff said. "We pick and write music to help people get away from their problems."

"We're very, very dance-oriented. It's a very active show," Tim added.

Backed by a full band, the Lamun Brothers combine 10 songs (See LAMUNS, Page 3)



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Tim and Jeff Lamun

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OBITUARIES

JOHN BILL SHAW
1917-2002

SKELLYTOWN — John Bill Shaw, 84, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at Borger. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer with the Rev. Danny Trussell, pastor of River of Life Assembly of God Church in Skellytown, officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Shaw was born Aug. 25, 1917, at Hope, N.M., and had been a Skellytown resident since 1990, moving there from White Deer. He was a farmer and a member of River of Life Assembly of God Church.

He married Thelma Campbell on Sept.

22, 1947, at Globe, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, a daughter, and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma, of the home; two sons, Tommy Sellars of Lubbock and Billy Charles Shaw of Lubbock; five daughters, Gail Sims of Waxahachie, Sandra Kay Shaw and Cheryl Lee Huckins, both of Skellytown, Terry Ledbetter of Denton, and Margret Ruth Jenkins of Lubbock; a brother, Vernon V. Shaw of Morton; three sisters, Sadie Ann McClendon of California, Viola Clark of Lubbock, and Dorothy Jordan of Chaparral, N.M.; 18 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

NATIVIDAD NANEZ

AMARILLO — Natividad Nanez, 50, died Saturday, July 6, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Memory Gardens Cemetery Mausoleum. Burial will be under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Nanez, a homemaker, moved to

Amarillo four years ago.

Survivors include her husband, Refugio Nanez, of the home; two daughters, Amanda Browder and Soyla Nanez, both of Amarillo; a son, Rufus Nanez of Pampa; seven brothers; five sisters; and six grandchildren.

SERVICES TOMORROW

NANEZ, Natividad — 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, Amarillo.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, July 9

8:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to a local nursing facility.

12:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

2:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for a transport to PRMC.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 9

A runaway was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Friday, July 5

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford. A CD player was stolen.

Saturday, July 6

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of North Frost.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Foster. A black leather bag was taken.

Tuesday, July 9

A theft of a 15-speed bike was reported in the 300 block of Anne.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

Gregory Randall Edmondson, 22, 529 Dean, driving while intoxicated.

Wednesday, July 10

A simple assault was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic where the victim suffered cuts.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 9

Dixie Wilson, 47, 405 Doyle, public intoxication, failure to appear and consuming alcohol (in public) after hours.

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CORRECTION

An incorrect name was provided to The Pampa News for a photo "PEAA Summer Arts Program" printed on page 7 of the Tuesday, July 9, edition. The correct name of the child pictured in the photograph is Olivia Chavez.

Fort Worth infant dies after being left in hot car

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 9-month-old boy left inside his mother's sport utility vehicle for five hours while she worked has died of heat exposure, police say.

The victim, identified as Lorenzo Rueda, was found Tuesday still strapped to his infant car seat in the back of the Chevrolet Blazer where

he had been left at 8:30 a.m., police spokesman Lt. Duane Paul said.

The youth was pronounced dead at 1:43 p.m. His 27-year-old mother, an apartment complex assistant manager, told investigators she forgot to drop him off at the baby sitter and inadvertently left him inside the SUV.

Paul said the mother, an assistant manager of Timber Ridge Apartments, was about to go on a lunch break at 1:30 p.m. to pick up another child at a summer school program when she opened her vehicle and realized the baby was still in his car seat in the back.

Since the woman arrived at work, the temperature had soared to the low-to-mid 90s.

Paul said the woman spoke with detectives Tuesday afternoon. Sgt. Dave Stamp, supervisor of the Crimes Against Children Unit, said the mother was not arrested.

But Paul said that, as the investigation continues, she could face a charge of criminally negligent homicide or injury to a child.

Children under 7 may not be left unattended in a motor vehicle, according to Texas law.

Last summer Michel Borg Jr., a 23-month-old child with Down syndrome, died after being left inside a sport utility vehicle by his parents at their Dallas home.

Following an investigation by Child Protective Services, Michel and Marjorie Borg were allowed to retain parental rights over their remaining children.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, highs in the middle 90s, southwest winds 5 to 10 mph, and a 20 percent chance of precipitation. Tonight should be partly cloudy, with a chance of thunderstorms, lows around 70, south winds 10 to 15 mph, and a 30 percent chance of precipitation. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the northeast. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms.

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STATEWIDE

Isolated thunderstorms developed early Wednesday across parts of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

Skies elsewhere across the region were clear to partly cloudy. In North Texas, skies were mostly clear. Cloudy conditions were reported in the south. Some high clouds formed between Waco and Terrell.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the lower to middle 70s, with upper 70s in the far south.

Extremes were 69 degrees at Dalhart and 76 at Borger and El Paso.

Winds were southeasterly to southerly at 5

to 15 mph, with light and variable conditions in the north.

Generally clear to partly cloudy skies were expected through Thursday for West Texas and the panhandle, with scattered showers.

A slight chance of thunderstorms was forecast through Thursday for all but the Concho Valley to the Trans Pecos.

Rain chances were better for the panhandle through Thursday.

Daytime highs for the period should be in the 80s and 90s, with near 104 along the Big Bend.

Lows overnight will be in the 60s and 70s.

Watchdog group suing vice president, Halliburton, alleges accounting fraud

MIAMI (AP) — A legal watchdog group on Wednesday sued Vice President Dick Cheney and Halliburton Co., the oil services company he ran for five years, alleging fraudulent accounting practices at the company.

The lawsuit by Washington-based Judicial Watch alleged that the accounting fraud led to shareholder losses, claiming Halliburton overstated revenues by \$445 million from 1999 through the end of 2001.

"Halliburton overstated profits that many American citizens relied upon. That's fraudulent security practices and it resulted in those Americans suffering huge losses," said Larry Klayman,

chairman and general counsel of Judicial Watch. The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Dallas, was announced at a news conference in Miami.

Asked about the suit Wednesday morning, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said he talked to the vice president's staff and "they believe the suit is without merit and that's where it stands."

Cheney was chairman and chief executive of the oil field-services giant from 1995 to 2000. Halliburton announced on May 28 that it received notice from the Securities and Exchange Commission that the commission was looking into Halliburton's accounting methods — adopted in 1998 — for reporting cost overruns

on construction jobs.

The SEC has not filed any charges against Halliburton.

Judicial Watch alleges those accounting practices resulted in overvaluation of Halliburton's shares, deceiving investors.

"We don't believe that there's any merit to this case," Halliburton spokeswoman Zelma Branch said before the suit was filed.

The suit lists two shareholders as plaintiffs: Stephen S. Stephens of Indiana and Lyle and Deanna J. Lionbarger of New Mexico. It does not specify their hometowns or specify the number of shares they hold.

Klayman would not specify the amount of losses but called it "a lot.... It will come out in the days and weeks ahead."

The suit names Cheney, Halliburton, and accounting firm Andersen Worldwide and Arthur Andersen LLP. Thirteen Halliburton board members and Terrence Edward Hatchett of Arthur Andersen, the accounting firm's former managing partner for North America, also are named in the suit.

Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton declined to comment.

Judicial Watch, which describes itself as a nonpartisan group, has also sued for access to records of the Cheney-led energy task force that drafted the Bush administration's energy policy.

The suit against Cheney comes the day after President Bush called for tougher penalties to fight the corporate corruption that has engulfed several high-profile companies in recent months.

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Gruver, second place.

Barrel race/Girls Group VI. Calli Ann Nuckols, Canyon, first place; Karra Daniel, Groom, second place; Karli Douglas, Pampa, third place.

Bull Riding/Group VI. Hawk Tucker, Pampa, first place; Brant Atwood, Pampa, second place; Thomas Newsom, Hammon, Okla., third place.

The Down Roping/Boys Group VI. Tyler Lane, Morse, first place; Blaine Harris, Amarillo, second place; Seth Clemmons, Morse, third place.

Goat Tying/Girls Group V. Keeley Daniel, Groom, first place; Chelsey Sanders, Pampa, second place; Ashley Hicks, Dalhart, third place.

Ribbon Roping/Boys Group VI. Cass Cooper, Gruver, first place; Seth Clemmons, Morse, second place; Blaine Harris, Amarillo, third place.

Goat Tying/Girls Group VI. Callie Sue Cobb, Pampa, first place; Chassey Oxley, Pampa, second place.

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CURRY

don't know how they can do that."

She said on average patrol officers respond to 74 calls each day.

To try and get officers, Hall will recruit from the present class of cadets at the police academy at Amarillo College.

Using money already in the budget, these cadets will be offered 75 percent police pay while they finish school before coming on board. This will be the second cadet program recruiting effort.

About two years ago, three officers were hired after being paid three-fourths of the salary while in school. Two remain and a third, Chad Johnson, just left the force for a job at Pantex.

Hall said he didn't know just how much Johnson is making at Pantex but said it is more than he can make at the local department.

"He is a good officer and we hated to lose him," Hall said. "But he had to do what he had to do for his family."

Jury deadlocks on charge of murder against sheriff

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Jurors in the trial of a former sheriff accused of plotting his successor's slaying said Wednesday that they had reached verdicts on corruption, bribery and racketeering counts but were deadlocked on the murder charge.

Superior Court Judge Cynthia Becker told the panel to continue deliberating on the remaining charge against Sheriff Sidney Dorsey. Deliberations had begun Monday.

Dorsey faces a possible life sentence if convicted of arranging the slaying of Derwin Brown, who was gunned down in the driveway of his home on Dec. 15, 2000, just days before he was to take office as DeKalb County sheriff.

Curry asked about the pay scale at the sheriff's department. "Do they make more or less than the city?" she asked. "Less," said Phyllis Jeffers, personnel director and city secretary.

Robbins clarified that was starting pay.

Although Curry brought up the subject of the city possibly contracting with the county for police services, neither the mayor nor any other commission members joined the discussion.

It was reported Tuesday in *The Pampa News* after the newspaper learned that Mayor Lonny Robbins, Judge Richard Peet, the sheriff and some of his staff and City Commissioner Bob Dixon had met Monday to discuss the possibility.

In an interview after last night's meeting, Commissioner Jeff Andrews said he learned of the takeover possibility last week when the mayor told him.

He said Robbins told him some citizens had come to him (Robbins) suggesting the

possibility.

Andrews said he is "bothered the most" that police officers learned from the newspaper about the talks and that, if done, would have to apply for jobs.

There were no meetings with employees before the Monday meeting of officials at the sheriff's office, Andrews said.

He said he wished the newspaper could "have waited 24 hours" before reporting the story so police officers could be told.

Andrews said many questions remain to be answered to see if combining the two departments is viable.

"What about enforcing city ordinances? What about municipal court?" he asked.

He noted that most of the Gray County taxpayers are Pampa residents thus those citizens "are paying for two law enforcement forces now."

Andrews said, "I think we have to explore ways to save money through consolidation ... we don't need to duplicate services."

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LAMUNS

they've written with Texas, Americana, the Nashville sound, and line dancing tunes, in their performance.

"We do the Bellamy Brothers and Brooks and Dunn's — songs people know," Jeff said.

Jeff and Tim plan to arrive in Pampa tonight.

"We're looking forward to meeting people," they said.

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Pampan seeks essays for book

Local storyteller Loralee Cooley invites people from Gray County to submit essays to include in a compilation of Panhandle memories she hopes to publish.

In recognition of Gray County's centennial, Cooley seeks 100 written recollections of statements that have made a difference to the writers' lives. She plans to combine the essays into a book with the working title "A Word Fitly Spoken."

She asks that people of all ages, backgrounds, and interests to write about a person, event, or experience that they later realized was a turning point in their lives.

Cooley said the idea for the book comes from Marlo Thomas' new book, "The

Right Words at the Right Time."

"Possible contributors do not have to live in Gray County now, but they should have lived here at some time," Cooley said. "All must be living."

She explained that, for example, a journal entry by a deceased grandparent would not be included.

Contributors may, however write about the influence that someone now deceased had on their lives, if that's the "turning point" they wish to share, she said, adding that the "turning point" does not have to have happened in Gray County.

"The only Gray County connection is that all contributors have lived — or are living —

in the county," she said.

Submissions should be written or recorded on audiotape, telling about what the situation was, how old the person was when this happened, who was involved in the "turning point" and why it was so meaningful.

Cooley recommends that, if written, the essay be approximately one single-spaced, letter-sized piece of paper.

Completed stories can be mailed to Loralee Cooley, 410 Buckler Ave., Pampa, 79065.

A black-and-white head and shoulder photograph and a short biographical sketch of two or three sentences will be needed from each person whose story is chosen for publication. These can be sent in at a later date, Cooley said.

Cooley plans to have the compilation completed by the end of August with the final collection available for purchase during the county's Centennial Celebration in October.

"To get a better understanding of the variety of stories possible, find a copy of Marlo Thomas' book and read several of the essays included there," she said.

For more information about the local project, contact Cooley at 665-7321 or e-mail her at lcooleystoryspinning@hotmail.com.

Return of the mummy

Pharaoh looted from tomb to go back to Egypt

ATLANTA (AP) — Satisfied a mummy looted from his tomb 150 years ago is that of Ramses I, founder of a famed Egyptian dynasty, Emory University officials have agreed to return the long-lost pharaoh.

"If George Washington's body were found abroad, we would certainly hope that it would be sent back to the United States," Peter Lacovara, curator of ancient art at Emory's Michael C. Carlos Museum, said Tuesday.

The return of the 3,000-year-old mummy will not interfere with the museum's long-standing plans to exhibit the ancient corpse next May through April 2004 Lacovara said.

"It is exciting to be collaborating more closely with our colleagues in Egypt and to be moving closer to the moment when we return the mummy to the people of Egypt," Lacovara said, "and to have an opportunity to share an exhibition with visitors before its departure."

The well-preserved corpse — its arms crossed right over left, with the left hand appear-

ing to grasp an object, possibly a scepter — is the centerpiece of a large Egyptian collection the museum purchased in 1999 from the Niagara Falls Museum in Ontario, Canada.

The Ontario museum likely received the mummy from a Canadian doctor who had the artifacts smuggled out of Egypt in the early 1860s, about the time tomb raiders discovered a cache of royal mummies at Deir el-Bahri near the Valley of the Kings. It was from that cache that the remains of Ramses I disappeared.

Carbon dating also puts the body in the era of Ramses I, who rose to the throne in 1293 B.C. and ruled for two years. His grandson, Ramses II, was a builder and warrior believed to be the pharaoh of the Bible's Exodus story.

Egyptian officials say they are satisfied the evidence establishes its royal heritage, including the location of the raided tomb, the style in which the mummy was wrapped and embalmed and its facial features.

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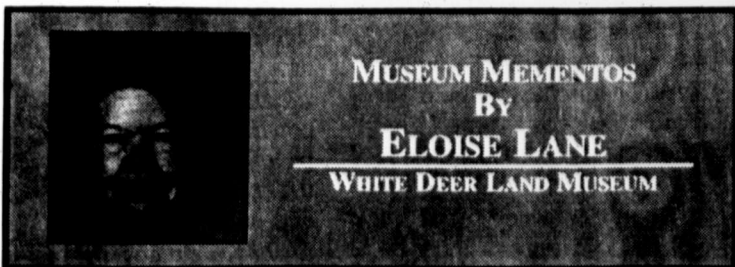


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Earliest structure in Pampa dates back to 1902



The White Deer Land Museum is presenting its pictures of buildings that are known (or believed) to have been in Pampa before the end of 1902. Doubtless there were a few other buildings, but information and pictures are not available.

The pictures are identified here by number. There are eight.

1. The section house.

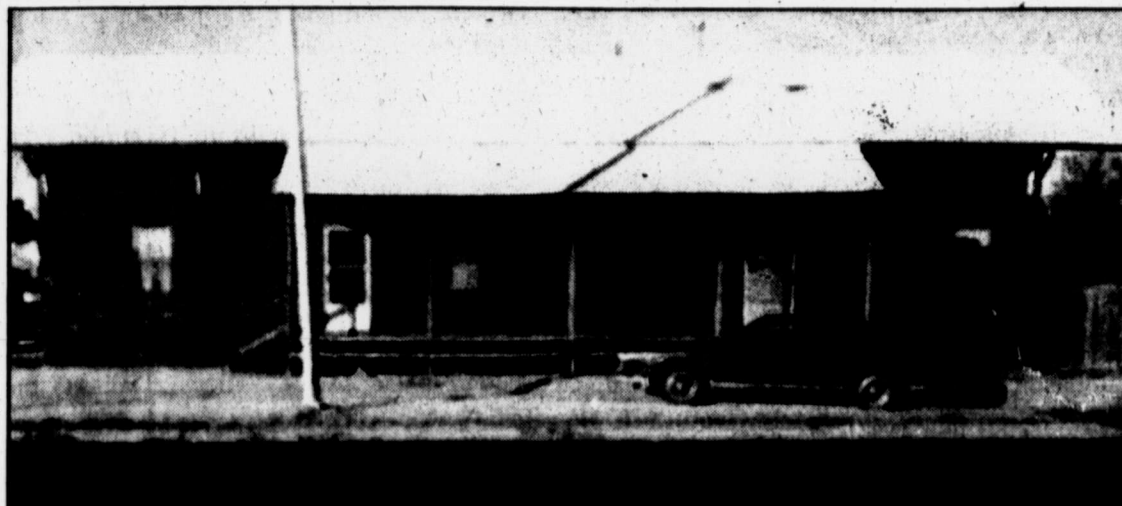
moved from Kansas by the railroad about 1888, is probably the first building at Pampa (the boxcar depot only resembled a building). Originally at 318 W. Atchison and now at 936-938 South Hobart, it is believed to be the only existing building that was at Pampa in 1902.

2. The boarding house of White Deer Lands at 116 W. Atchison (near the gazebo in

McCarley Park) was constructed in the fall of 1891, and the first tree planted about that time still remains in the northeast corner of the park.

In 1902, the boarding house was the headquarters for the Matador Land and Cattle Co. that leased 345,000 acres of the White Deer Lands from 1899 to 1902. Probably soon after the Matadors left in the summer, A.A. Holland bought the building and began to add rooms for the Holland Hotel.

3. Also in the fall of 1891, the White Deer Lands Co. house was constructed at 318 W. Atchison for company employees and to serve as the first office of White Deer Lands in Pampa.



(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

1. The former section house, now at 936-938 South Hobart, is believed to be the only existing structure that was at Pampa in 1902.

4. The home of Thomas H. Lane, section foreman, station agent and first postmaster of Pampa, was constructed at 221 E. Atchison about 1896.

5. The Johnson Mercantile Co. store at 105 N. Cuyler was probably constructed soon after J.F. Johnson of Canadian bought the first commercial lots in Pampa on May 24, 1902.

6. The livery stable at the corner of 100 S. Gillespie and East Foster, managed by George Thut in 1902, is probably the stable purchased by J.C. Rider in 1903. A function of the livery stable was to furnish transportation (by horse and buggy) from Pampa to the courthouse at Lefors.

7. The house at 109 S.

Wynne was probably built by the end of 1902 since J.T. Crawford bought one of the first residential lots sold. The house was bought by J. S. Wynne in 1907.

8. The first schoolhouse at 513 E. Francis was probably built in late fall of 1902, but it was not used until the school year of 1903-04.

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(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

2. The boarding house of White Deer Lands constructed at 116 E. Atchison in the fall of 1891.



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3. The company house (first office of White Deer Lands in Pampa) constructed in the fall of 1891 at 318 W. Atchison.



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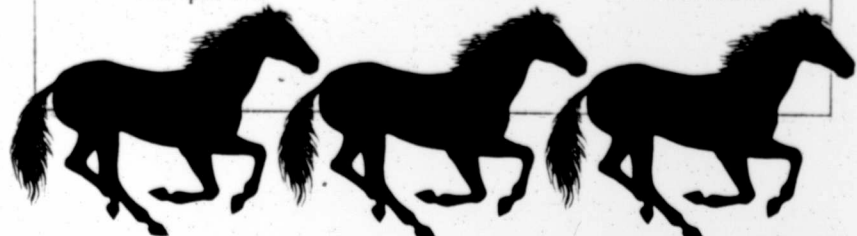
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NIH says type of hormone therapy hurts women's hearts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government scientists abruptly ended the nation's biggest study of a type of hormone replacement therapy, saying long-term use of estrogen and progesterone significantly increase women's risk of breast cancer, strokes and heart attacks.

Six million American women use this hormone combination, either for short-term relief of hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms or because of doctors' long-standing assumptions that long-term use would prevent heart disease and brittle bones and generally keep women

healthier longer.

In fact, there are serious risks to using the hormones for years, risks that far outweigh the few benefits, the National Institutes of Health announced recently.

The hormones harm, not protect, the heart — they actually increase previously healthy women's risk of a heart attack by 29 percent and a stroke by a stunning 41 percent. They also increase women's chances of breast cancer by 26 percent.

On the good side, the hormones cut by a third the risk of colon cancer and hip fractures — but there are other, safer

ways to fend off those illnesses, doctors noted.

So the NIH stopped the 16,600-woman study three years early, and is advising other women who use the estrogen-progesterone combination to ask their doctors if they, too, should quit.

"We want to get the word out to women and their doctors that long-term use of this therapy could be harmful," said Dr. Jacques Rossouw, acting director of the NIH's Women's Health Initiative, which sponsored the study.

Women may still want to use the hormones for a short period to treat menopause symptoms such as hot flashes, he said. But for how long?

"There is no really safe period," he acknowledged, noting that the heart attack risk hit during women's first year taking the hormones. "As short a period as you can get away with in order to manage the menopausal transition."

Other researchers were even more negative.

"We recommend that clinicians stop prescribing this combination for long-term use," wrote Dr. Suzanne Fletcher of Harvard Medical School in an editorial accompanying the study results posted on the Web site of the Journal of the American Medical Association. "Risks from the drug add up over time."

The study's leaders stressed that women shouldn't panic because personal risk is pretty small.

In one year, for every 10,000 women who take the estrogen-progesterone combination there will be eight more breast cancers, eight more strokes and seven more heart attacks — and six fewer colon cancers and five fewer hip fractures — compared with 10,000 women who didn't take the pills.

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Pearl trial adjourns; judge retires to consider verdict

By ZARAR KHAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HYDERABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The trial of four Islamic militants charged in the killing of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl wrapped up Wednesday with prosecutors calling for the death penalty.

Judge Ali Ashraf Shah scheduled court proceedings for Monday to hand down a verdict, although Pakistani courts sometimes delay such rulings beyond the scheduled delivery time.

Lawyers for British-born militant Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and his three co-defendants argued for a dismissal of the charges, saying the evidence was inconsistent, legal procedures had been ignored and some of the evidence seemed to have been fabricated. The defense lawyers spent more than four days giving their final arguments.

"All the evidence brought by the prosecution against the accused persons is doubtful. On the basis on such evidence, they cannot be convicted," one of the defense lawyers, Rai Bashir, said Wednesday.

In his final summation, chief prosecutor Raja Quereshi said the evidence against the four was compelling and he dismissed defense arguments as "mere technicalities."

"We have established that they are guilty," Quereshi told reporters after the closed-door session. "We are demanding the death penalty for all four accused."

Pearl disappeared Jan. 23 while investigating links between Pakistani militants and Richard C. Reid, who was arrested in December on a flight from Paris to Miami with explosives in his shoes. A videotape received by U.S. diplomats in Pakistan after the four defendants were in custody confirmed Pearl, 38, was dead.

The prosecution alleged

that Saeed, a former student at the London School of Economics, lured Pearl into a trap by claiming he was arranging a meeting with an Islamic cleric who authorities say was not involved in the crime.

During the trial, which began April 22, the prosecution alleged that Pearl was abducted outside a restaurant in the restive port city of Karachi and held on the outskirts of city.

Remains of a body believed to be Pearl's were recovered in

Karachi in May from a shallow grave near a shed where police believe he was held before being killed. DNA results are pending.

The gruesome three-minute videotape of Pearl's death was shown at the trial. Defense lawyers questioned its authenticity and admissibility in court, arguing that Pakistani law requires either a witness to the production of a video or the producer of the video to appear in court to authenticate it.

Defense lawyers accused the

prosecution of fabricating the case to ease the Bush administration's outrage over the journalist's death.

Bashir asked the court to rule "without succumbing to any kind of pressure and fear and acquit all four accused honorably so that justice can be done."

The trial, which began on April 22 in southern Karachi, was transferred to the heavily fortified jail in Hyderabad, about 60 miles to the northeast,

after prosecutors said their lives had been threatened.

U.S. grand juries have indicted Saeed in the Pearl case and in the 1994 kidnapping of another American, who was released unharmed in India. Pakistan insisted it would try Saeed first.

A few days after Pearl disappeared, e-mails were received by news organizations showing the journalist in captivity. The e-mails, from the previously unknown National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistan

Sovereignty, also demanded better treatment for U.S. prisoners in Cuba.

FBI agents traced the e-mails to the laptop of one of the accused, Fahad Naseem, whom police said identified Saeed as the mastermind. Police said Naseem quoted Saeed as saying he planned to kidnap someone who was "anti-Islam and a Jew."

Naseem's lawyer claimed the confession was forced.

Saeed admitted his involve-

Deadly tropical storms wreak havoc in Japan, Taiwan

TOKYO (AP) — After killing dozens of people in the Philippines and Micronesia, tropical storm Chataan wreaked more havoc Wednesday, forcing 15,000 people to evacuate in Japan

and killing at least one person — a 13-year-old boy who was swept away in a rain-swollen river.

Two other storms were also moving through the region, generating a rockslide that crushed a tour bus

in Taiwan and threatening to dump heavy rains on the tiny Pacific island of Guam and the nearby Marianas.

Though weakening and downgraded from typhoon status, Chataan hit shore in southern Japan early Wednesday and dumped torrents of rain across the country.

Hardest hit was the city of Ogaki, in central Japan. About 15,000 people in and around the city were ordered

to evacuate their homes as a river flooded over its banks and a rockslide cut off access to several small villages.

Police said two men fishing near the river were swept away by the rushing waters. One remained missing hours later, but the other was rescued by helicopter.

The 13-year-old boy, missing after being carried off in a flooded river in southern Japan, was confirmed dead Wednesday

afternoon. Six people were reported to have suffered minor injuries in strong winds just north of Tokyo.

Transportation was disrupted nationwide. Several flights to the south and the super-express train service between Tokyo and Osaka were canceled. Some highways were also closed.

The storm, which was blamed for 49 deaths in Micronesia and contributed to more than two dozen in

the Philippines, was expected to crawl northward up Japan's coast and cross over the Tokyo area late Wednesday or early Thursday.

Farther south, another storm, Nakri, hit Taiwan's western coast with downpours of rain that caused several mudslides. Named after a Cambodian flower, Nakri whirled into the island just north of the west-central city of Taichung.

South Korea wants American suspects in slaying

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea asked the U.S. military on Wednesday to give up jurisdiction over two American soldiers whose armored vehicle fatally struck two South Korean girls last month.

Since the accident in mid-June, protesters have gathered almost daily to demand apology from the U.S. military and trials in a South Korean court for Sgt. Mark Walker and Sgt. Fernando Nino.

The Ministry of Justice delivered the request Wednesday afternoon. If convicted in a South Korean court, Walker and Nino, both from the Army's 2nd Infantry Division north of Seoul, could face up to five years in prison.

Last week, the U.S. military charged Walker and Nino with negligent homicide, reversing an earlier decision not to prosecute them.

Lee Ferguson, spokeswoman at the U.S. military in South Korea, said her command would carefully consider the ministry's request.

Walker and Nino were on a training mission near the border with the communist North on June 13 when their armored vehicle struck and killed the two 14-year-old girls.

Walker, who was behind the wheel, said he was on the radio and could not hear a warning from Nino, the vehicle's commander, according to South Korean police.

Also Wednesday, Walker and Nino were questioned briefly at a South Korean prosecutor's office in Euijongbu, north of Seoul, but left because of safety concerns, the local Yonhap news agency reported. Prosecutors were not immediately available to confirm the report.

American officials had earlier refused to send the two to local prosecutors for questioning because of the anti-U.S. protests.

Ferguson said the U.S. military was discussing where and when Walker and Nino should be interviewed by local prosecutors.

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Technology industry pushes legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The companies making new homeland security devices, such as bomb detectors and biological weapon alarms, want the government to pick up the tab if their products fail and they are sued.

And in the midst of an aggressive lobbying blitz, they have found a key ally in Congress.

Rep. Tom Davis, the fourth ranking Republican in the House and head of a key subcommittee on technology and federal contracting, plans to have the provision attached to the Homeland Security authorization bill making its way through Congress.

His amendment would indemnify defense and technology contractors who make the devices so that the government would pick up the tab for any liability judgments that exceed the con-

tractor's insurance coverage.

The industry helped draft a version of the plan, and has sent executives to Capitol Hill to make its case. The technology industry also has been generous to Davis — with more than \$120,000 in donations going to him since January of last year. Davis represents a district in northern Virginia, a region that boasts numerous defense and technology companies.

The pitch from the contractors is straightforward — companies that develop new antiterrorism technologies with life-and-death consequences could be driven out of business if they are sued due to a product failure.

"There needs to be a backup mechanism from the government otherwise the company is betting the company every time

it bids on one of these contracts," said Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America.

The trade group represents many of the government's largest contractors, including EDS Corp. and IBM.

Defense contractor Northrop Grumman, another backer of the legislation, said that it may not be able to bid on a Postal Service contract for a biohazard detection device unless the company is indemnified.

"The unintended consequence of even a single failure in a well-intended system or device we might provide could result in significant legal exposure that could financially ruin a company," Northrop Grumman president Ronald D. Sugar said in congressional testimony delivered last month.

Davis' office said his amendment is needed to ensure companies are willing to take the risk in developing and deploying new technologies critical to Americans' safety.

"Davis's legislation will be based on the premise that Congress should ensure the availability of technologies that could make people and facilities across the nation less vulnerable to terrorist threats," spokesman David Marin said.

There is no limit on what the government may have to pay out, but there would be no federal payment if there was "willful misconduct" by the contractor.

Consumer groups are wary about the message the plan could send to corporate America.

"I assume Americans want the very best out there," said Bob Hunter, an insurance expert at the Consumer Federation of America. "One of the ways we get the very best is that people are liable if they don't produce the best. To have the taxpayer on the hook instead of the company will lead to less quality."

Still, there is some precedent for the Davis legislation.

The government can already indemnify contractors against claims when it buys technology for its own use, such as in national defense.

Ex-Mayor Giuliani, wife nearing divorce accord

NEW YORK (AP) — An all-night negotiating session between attorneys for ex-Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and estranged wife Donna Hanover came close to producing a settlement of their ugly divorce case, attorneys for both sides said in court Wednesday.

The announcement came on the morning when the divorce case was scheduled to go to trial. The judge delayed the start of the trial to give the lawyers more time to complete a deal.

An agreement would spare both the public spectacle their divorce case would cause. Giuliani, 57, sued Hanover

for divorce in October 2000 on grounds of "cruel and inhuman" treatment.

Hanover, 52, filed her own divorce action last month, accusing Giuliani of "open and notorious adultery."

Giuliani's lawyer, Raoul Felder, told State Supreme Court Justice Judith Gische that both sides had "worked mightily, through the night. ... We have virtually reached an agreement."

He and Hanover's attorney, Helen Brezinsky, asked for a bit more time to finalize the deal.

Gische agreed, but warned that the trial would go ahead if they were unsuccessful.

FBI searches for Middle East nationals in alleged embassy bribery scheme

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities questioned a former U.S. Embassy employee about an alleged bribery scheme that may have allowed 71 Middle Easterners into the country illegally, including two believed to have lived with Sept. 11 hijackers, a U.S. official said.

Federal investigators have rounded up 31 people suspected of entering the country with visas illegally obtained at the U.S. Embassy in Doha, Qatar, the official said Tuesday night, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The alleged bribery scheme included payoffs of more than \$13,000, the official said.

In a related development, The Washington Post reported in Wednesday editions that 131 Pakistani detainees were secretly deported on a chartered jet from a Louisiana airport on June 26.

The detainees had been held for months after Sept. 11 at Immigration and Naturalization Service facilities around the country. None was charged with a terrorism-related crime. A majority of them, a Pakistani official said, had

been arrested under a Justice Department program to locate and apprehend immigrants who have ignored previous deportation orders and who came under scrutiny after Sept. 11.

The Justice Department chartered the jet as a security precaution after Pakistani officials urged the speedy deportation of detainees.

The alleged visa fraud prompted the Diplomatic Security Service to launch Operation Eagle Strike late last year to investigate and to capture people with illegal visas, according to Frederick Jones, a State Department spokesman.

The investigation found 71 people received visas for which appropriate written records were not found, he said. Of those, 31 were taken into custody, 29 are being sought, six left the United States and five are dependents — children and/or spouses, he said.

All visa issuance posts are being checked, Jones said.

The State Department last week interviewed the former employee, a U.S. citizen who lives in Virginia, the U.S. official said. He and another employee processed

visa applications in Qatar from April 2000 to July 2001, the official said.

The other employee lives in Jordan and is also being investigated, the official said.

Among those who allegedly bought an illegal visa was Ramsi Al-Shannaq, who investigators believe lived with Sept. 11 hijackers Hani Hanjour and Nawaf Al-Hazmi in a Washington suburb the summer before the attacks. On June 24, Al-Shannaq was arrested by FBI and INS agents at a home in Baltimore and charged with obtaining a fake visa in Qatar.

There is no evidence Al-Shannaq aided the hijackers, his appointed attorney, Jim Wyda, has said.

ABC News reported Tuesday that another man who allegedly bought an illegal visa, Ahmed Ahmad, also lived with Al-Hazmi and Hanjour.

Since Sept. 11, the government has come under fire for the way it handles visas.

Although all 19 hijackers came to the United States on valid visas, several were in the country illegally on Sept. 11.

Leaks in John Walker Lindh case investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is investigating whether any government officials leaked sealed documents to the media in the case of suspected American Taliban John Walker Lindh.

Last month, the court asked the government to report whether there had been leaks after a Newsweek article on the Lindh case quoted a string of internal e-mails by Justice Department officials. The e-mails suggested that Lindh might have a good argument in his motion to suppress statements he made just after his capture by U.S.

forces in Afghanistan.

Federal prosecutors reported Wednesday that they directed the Justice Department's inspector general to investigate leaks. The inspector general assigned two investigators to the case, according to a court document.

"To date, they have taken signed sworn statements from numerous individuals who are within the universe of individuals who had access to the material in question and who are or may be bound by the court's sealing order," the government's court filing said.

Lindh, a 20-year-old American, was captured fight-

ing with the Taliban in Afghanistan. U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III has sealed many documents that have details of Lindh's capture because of the government's argument that such documents might be instructive to terrorists.

Lindh is charged with conspiring to murder U.S. citizens, contributing services to the Taliban and al-Qaida and using weapons in crimes of violence. He could face life in prison if convicted of the most serious charges in a trial scheduled to begin with jury selection Aug. 26.

The leaks in question relat-

ed to a central issue in the case — whether Lindh's recounting of his experience with the Taliban while in U.S. custody can be used against him in court.

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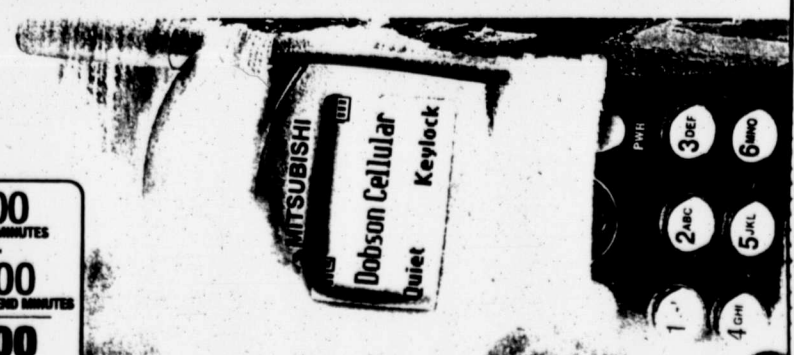
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Republicans want Senate Democrats to attach Bush's penalties to accounting oversight bill

By MARCY GORDON
AP BUSINESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — As an accounting oversight bill moves toward Senate passage this week, Republicans want Democrats to attach penalties President Bush says are needed to fight corporate wrongdoing.

Democrats say they want tougher penalties than those Bush proposed in a speech Tuesday.

Bush, who traveled to the heart of New York City's financial district to deliver the speech, called for doubled prison terms and aggressive policing to stem fraud and corruption in scandal-tarred corporate America, promising to do "everything in our power to end the days of cooking the books."

"We will use the full weight of the law to expose

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—President Bush

and root out corruption," he pledged.

Bush has given only qualified support to the bipartisan accounting bill, which would create an independent private body with authority to discipline auditors and establish auditing and ethics rules.

The measure also would limit the consulting work that accounting firms can do for their audit clients — a step fiercely opposed by the accounting industry, a major contributor to lawmakers' campaign funds.

If the Senate passes the bill, it still has to be reconciled with a version that passed the Republican-led

House in April. That bill has been criticized by consumer groups and some Democrats as too weak to bolster investor confidence.

The White House, in a statement Tuesday, said it supports the Senate bill's goals but — among other objections — is concerned that it "rigidly defines accounting services boundaries by (law) without reference to the size and needs of public companies in a rapidly changing marketplace."

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., meanwhile, asked Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., to bundle into a bipartisan amendment Bush's proposals that require legislation — including doubled sentences for mail and wire fraud, and increased penalties for document shredding. Most of Bush's initiatives don't call for new laws; many just urge companies and executives to adopt them.

Daschle has been working on just such an amendment bundling Bush's proposals, provided they don't weaken a Democratic measure that would create new criminal penalties for securities fraud, Daschle spokeswoman Ranit Schmelzer said.

Democrats were miffed at Bush's lack of support for that measure, which they are seeking to attach to the accounting legislation.

And they scoffed at his proposal to give the Securities and Exchange Commission —

pursuing civil investigations of several big corporations — an extra \$100 million.

It "hardly puts a cop on the street," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn. The accounting bill, written by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., calls for \$776 million for the SEC to hire some 200 auditors and investigators.

A relentless stream of revelations of accounting misdeeds at big corporations in recent months has eroded public confidence in corporate America. Tens of thousands have been laid off — 17,000 at WorldCom alone — and millions have lost retirement savings, handing Democrats a key issue just months before the congressional elections and putting Bush on the defensive.

As Bush spoke in New York, Democrats on Capitol Hill assailed his corporate responsibility address as long on rhetoric and short on action. They challenged the president to support the accounting bill.

"It is not enough to talk about accountability; you have to act to ensure it," Daschle said at a news conference with House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and laid-off employees from WorldCom and Enron.

Without support for the accounting oversight bill now before the Senate, Daschle said, Bush's speech "will ring hollow."

Dodd said, "The silence out of the White House has been deafening on this issue." Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J., former head of Wall Street investment firm Goldman Sachs, called the speech "a grave disappointment."

Homeland Security begins to take shape

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's proposed Homeland Security Department is beginning to take shape in the House, where a battery of committees is moving with unusual speed to assemble enabling legislation.

Five committees were set to vote Wednesday on their parts of the Cabinet-level agency, with a similar number expected to act Thursday. Bush, meanwhile, was planning to meet Wednesday with some of the 170,000 federal workers that would be transferred to the new department.

House leaders are aiming to get a bill creating the agency ready for a floor vote next week. First, though, the pieces must go through a special select committee chaired by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

Armey said Tuesday that the panel would be "respectful" of what the other House committees produce but would act independently. That means any changes approved by the panels could be short-lived.

"We do not feel bound by the chapter and verse details of the president's proposal or of any of the committees," he said. "We think the committees' expertise is going to make the president's proposal an even better proposal."

The Senate is taking a somewhat slower approach even as Democratic leaders aim to get a bill to Bush by mid-September. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., intends to have the Senate version of the proposal on the floor the last week of July.

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said he expected the Senate measure to reflect much of Bush's plan.

"There are some disagreements, but I don't feel they are deep and divisive," Lieberman said.

Also Tuesday, law enforcement officials and the Coast Guard chief told Congress it would be a mistake to split their agencies into pieces, urging instead that lawmakers move them entirely into the new Homeland Security Department.

Officials from the Customs Service, the Coast Guard, the Secret Service and the just-created Transportation Security Administration told a House Judiciary subcommittee that all of their duties are intertwined and some could suffer if not transferred intact to the new agency, as President Bush proposed.

Many members of Congress have the opposite concern. They say an agency like the Coast Guard, which performs such tasks as marine search-and-rescue and fisheries management, might make security such a high priority that the other jobs lose emphasis.

"Some fear that the Coast Guard may be put in a position of compromising your other duties," said Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C.

Adm. Thomas Collins, commandant of the Coast Guard, said dividing the agency's responsibilities between Homeland Security and the Transportation Department would threaten its ability to do any job properly. The same cutters, boats, aircraft and people are involved in all the Coast Guard's tasks, he said.

"Mixing safety and security is not like mixing oil and water," Collins said.

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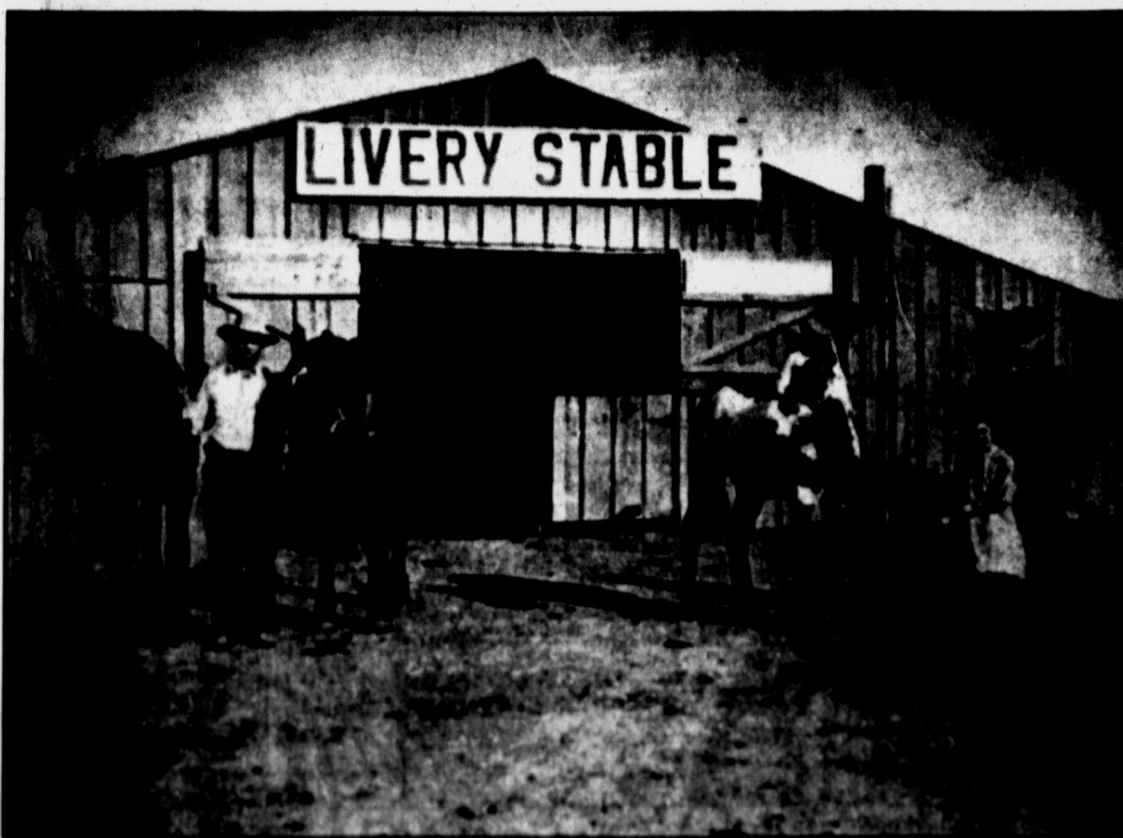
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6. (Left-right) Pat Gormley, Angus Thompson, Kathleen Rider, Beatrice Sloan — 1907. The livery stable at the corner of 100 S. Gillespie and East Foster was sold to J.C. Rider in 1903.



(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)
7. The house (left by horse's head) was possibly built by J.T. Crawford/Elia Vincent in late 1902. It was sold to J.S. Wynne in 1907.

(See MEMENTOS, Page 16)

Researchers prepare to test new jet

WOOMERA, Australia (AP) — Japanese researchers put finishing touches Wednesday to preparations for the test launch in the Australian Outback of a scale model of a proposed supersonic passenger jet.

Early Thursday, weather permitting, the 36-foot model — known as the National Experimental Supersonic Transport, or NEXST — will ride piggyback on a rocket, then be hurled forward at a speed of 1,522 mph.

After a 14-minute test flight the model, which has no engine, will release parachutes and land.

The test at a remote range in central Australia aims to determine the viability of the plane's aerodynamic shape, which was developed through computer simulations seeking to cut in half the sonic boom produced during supersonic flight.

The Japanese government-funded project aims at creating a plane that would fly at twice the speed of sound, with the supersonic boom reduced to the rumble of a Boeing 747. It would go twice the distance of the Concorde, seat three times the passengers, and cut emissions by 75 percent.

While there was some skepticism among Japanese academics that the plane would ever go into production, others in the aviation industry are closely watching Thursday's test.

Boeing Co., which is developing its own "Sonic Cruiser" — designed to fly at just under the speed of sound — is eagerly awaiting the results.

"We've been anticipating this event closely," Wade Cornelius, Boeing's vice president for global strategy, said recently. "I think their expectations hold merit. Our Japanese partners are on the leading edge of this technology."

Cornelius said a successful test could lead to some cooperation between Boeing and the Japanese team.

Its developers say enhanced fuel efficiency and super-light design using composite materials would allow NEXST to seat 300 passengers, against Concorde's 100, and give it a range of 7,460 miles — about twice that of the British-French supersonic jet.

Bob McKenzie, the official in charge of Woomera, the Outback town where the test will take place, said if it is successful the Japanese team hopes to try a full-scale model by 2006.

EU farm policy overhaul proposes farm subsidy cuts; faces resistance

By CONSTANT BRAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union's executive office proposed overhauling the \$43 billion EU farm subsidy program, calling for cuts that were likely to meet heavy resistance among farmers.

The proposal announced Wednesday also would reward farmers for showing greater concern for the environment, public health and food safety.

Currently the 15-nation bloc operates a bewildering system of subsidies linked to production, taking into account the number of livestock on feed lots or dairy farms, the amount of land under tillage and harvest figures.

That practice has long been criticized by the United States and other producers as a gross distortion of world trade, subsidizing inefficient European farmers.

EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler proposed that in future, European farmers get a single "direct payment" based on past income; the payment would be cut over time.

That "direct payment" would be capped at \$295,000 a year and supplemented by greatly simplified subsidies for particular crops and dairy products.

Fischler called for a "greener" approach to farming, responding to public demands for safer, better quality food products after a string of food safety crises in past years, including mad cow disease, foot and mouth disease and scares about dioxin contamination.

"In the future, farmers will not be paid for overproduction, but for responding to what people want — safe food, quality production, animal welfare and a healthy environment," he said.

He added the overhaul would still guarantee

farmers a "stable income," but free them from "the straitjacket of having to gear their production toward subsidies."

The size of payments will be linked to how well farmers adopt stricter environmental, health and food safety standards as well as tougher animal welfare rules.

Fischler said reform of the Common Agricultural Policy was imperative before the EU takes in Cyprus, Malta and eight East European candidates with even more inefficient farm sectors in 2004. He said the EU cannot afford to link subsidies to output when poorer farmers from candidate countries like Poland or Hungary join.

EU farm subsidies were created in the 1960s. Initially, they helped make Europe self-sufficient in food, but led to massive food surpluses in the 1980s that were then dumped on world markets, depressing prices there.

The proposed reform also calls for cuts — of up to 50 percent in some cases — in price supports for soybeans and such grains as wheat, corn, rice. Also, the EU executive wants to replace its milk quota system with quotas based on world market prices.

The commission said the reform will save \$199 million by 2006. The savings, it proposed, should help preserve traditional family farms.

But support for reforms is slim, at best, from farmers and EU governments keen to protect a decades-old system of handouts.

Objections to production cuts may well derail expansion talks with 10 candidate nations that are to be wrapped up by year's end.

France, Ireland and 80 percent if regional aid funding is added.

Expansion has put the current 15 members in a dilemma: how to extend generous farm subsidies to new members without breaking the budget. The EU has about 8 million farmers. Poland alone has 10 million.

Plane passenger panics, tries to go into cockpit

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A British passenger suffering from a panic attack on a South African Airways flight Wednesday tried to break into the cockpit before being subdued by passengers and crew members, an airline official said.

The 35-year-old man, whom the airline declined to name, was handed over to police when the flight from Cape Town arrived in London, SAA spokesman Rich Mkhondo said.

About six hours into the flight, at 2:30 a.m., the man got up from his seat, walked to the plane's upper deck, ran down the aisle and rammed his shoulder into the locked cockpit door.

He repeatedly hit the door, trying to break in, Mkhondo said.

Other passengers and crew members quickly overpowered and handcuffed the man, he said.

A doctor onboard examined the man and said he had suffered a panic attack as a result of either medicine or drugs he had taken.

Mkhondo said the passengers and crew were never in any danger because the airline always keeps its cockpit doors locked.

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Wife Leaves Her Husband's Bed to Sleep With Her Mom

DEAR ABBY: At 48 years of age, I finally need your help in figuring this one out. A year ago, after more than 22 years of marriage, my 58-year-old wife, "Cindy," began sleeping with her 90-year-old mother. Cindy says she does this so she will hear her mother in case she needs help going to the bathroom.

Our bedroom doors are side-by-side, and I can hear her mother clearly from our bedroom. When her mother gets up to go to the bathroom, I hear Cindy tell her to "go ahead" and let her know if she needs help. In other words, her mother can do this — and many more things — on her own.

On the positive side, Cindy may make it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest person still sleeping with her mother. What do you make of this?

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DEAR NEGLECTED: You have written an unusual letter. The answer to your question lies in whatever happened between you and your wife a year ago that caused her to move out of your bedroom and literally go "home" to her mother. I recommend some truth sessions with a marriage counselor to referee.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful man for the past four years and have no doubt of his love for me — or the belief that eventually we will be married.

My problem is I'm at the age where most of my friends and acquaintances are getting engaged, married and having babies, so naturally the marriage question comes up all the time.

I don't mind answering questions like, "When are you two going to tie the knot?" However, I need some ideas for a tactful — yet forceful — way to answer those rude and condescending people who ask, "Well, is he ever going to marry you?"

That question makes me bristle and causes me to feel defensive when there is nothing to be defensive about. I need a ladylike reply that will let the offending parties understand in no uncertain terms that I am taken aback by the phrasing of their question. Thanks, Abby.

BRIDE-TO-BE (EVENTUALLY) IN OXFORD, MISS

DEAR B-T-B (EVENTUALLY): Reply with a smile, "When we make the announcement, you'll be among the first to know."

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Concerned Grandfather in Seattle," and I have to warn him that if he chooses to lie to his grandson by telling him that his father is dead, he will only make things worse.

Whether shame or self-involvement was the cause, my family kept the truth from me for 25 years, and it was purely by accident that I finally found out who my real father is. Had I not, I'm sure my family would still be lying to me.

The trust that had been built over my entire lifetime was shattered in an instant. I no longer knew who I was or where I was going. Eventually I found a degree of freedom in knowing the truth, but it took a long time and many dark days to get to that point.

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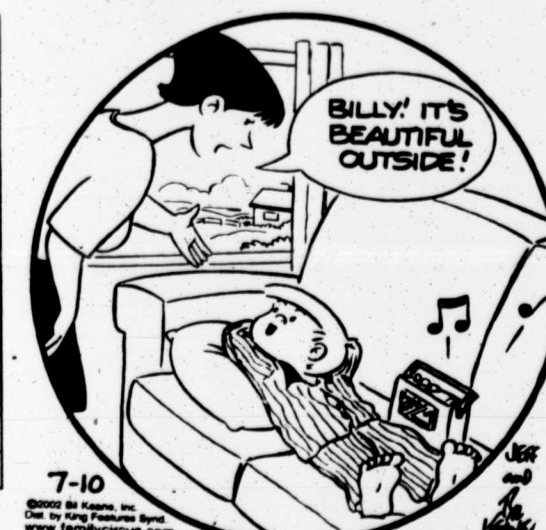


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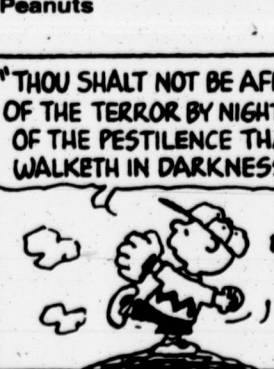
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The dance will be held from 9 to 12 at the Optimist Club.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Al Unser Jr., who had worked to put a racing slump and troubled personal life behind him, is accused by a girlfriend of hitting her after they left a strip club.

Jena L. Soto, 38, of Albuquerque, N.M., told police Unser struck her early Tuesday while she was driving him home because he was drunk.

BASEBALL

MILWAUKEE (AP) — No one proved worthy of winning the first Ted Williams award as All-Star game MVP.

Baseball never handed out its newly named award Tuesday night because the All-Star game was called after 11 innings with the game tied at 7 and both teams out of pitchers.

"You came to see a winner, you came to see an MVP, you came to see something special," Cleveland shortstop Omar Vizquel said.

Instead, fans got to see only a pregame ceremony honoring Williams and some of the sport's other great players, and a game that wasn't played to conclusion.

"They named the MVP award for Ted Williams, who was one of the greatest competitors of the game. And on the same night, they chose not to compete," said David Cusuna, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

For the second time in three years, baseball's All-Stars paid tribute to Williams, who died Friday.

Although this time the night will be remembered for its wacky finish instead of a poignant pregame ceremony.

Before the game, Red Sox All-Stars Nomar Garciaparra, Johnny Damon and Ugueth Urbina unveiled a No. 9 painted into the grass in left field — the position the "Splendid Splinter" patrolled in 18 All-Star games while playing for Boston.

Highlights of Williams' Hall of Fame career played on the video board before the unveiling, and Garciaparra, Tony Gwynn, Sammy Sosa and Shawn Green talked about the impact Williams' All-Star appearance at Fenway Park in 1999 had on them.

At the end of the video, the scoreboard said simply: "Ted Williams, 1918-2002, 'The Greatest Hitter That Ever Lived.'"

1984: Curt Brashears had four hits in four times at bat to lead First National Bank to a 10-5 win over Cree Company in a Babe Ruth League game. Winning pitcher was Jimmy Massick.

Hall of Fame member



West Texas State Commissioner James Davis, pictured with his wife May, was presented with a Hall of Fame plaque from the Babe Ruth League Southwest Region during a special ceremony Tuesday night at Optimist Park. Davis started coaching in Pampa's Little League program in 1965 and joined the Pampa Optimist Club in 1967. He has served in a variety of positions, including Club President, Assistant District Commissioner, Assistant State Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor for Zone One of the North Texas District of Optimist International. He has been the West Texas State Commissioner for the past 18 years.

(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Miller named to TSWA All-State Team

PAMPA — Pampa's Evan Miller has been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association All-Star Baseball Team.

Miller, who is headed for Angelina College in Lufkin on a baseball scholarship, was a second-team selection as designated hitter.

Miller, who played shortstop, batted .525 during the regular season and knocked in 44 runs.

Miller's bat helped lead the Harvesters into the playoffs as the No. 3 seed out of District 3-4A. Pampa finished as bi-district and area champions. He had the area's second highest batting average in combined Classes 4A-5A after leading for most of the season.

Caprock outfielder Michael Martinez, a third-team, all-district pick, overtook Miller near the end to finish with a .529 average.

Miller also had offers to play baseball at Northern Oklahoma Junior College, Midland College, Frank Phillips, Western Texas College and Paris Junior College.

He is the son of Charlie and Jeannette Miller.

Besides Miller and Martinez, District 3-4A placed four other players on the all-state team. They were Chance Douglass, Josh Payne and Dustin Brooks of Randall and Michael Crabtree of Canyon.

Class 4A's Player of the Year, voted on by TSWA writers, was junior pitcher Charles Benoit of Southlake Carroll.

Cóach of the year was Larry Hughes, also of Southlake Carroll.

Texas All-State teams
BRYAN, Texas (AP) — The all-state baseball teams for 2002 as selected by the Texas Sports Writers Association and sponsored by Collin Street Bakery:



Evan Miller

CLASS 5A

First Team

Pitchers — Jamaal Hamilton, Lubbock; Monterey, sr.; James Loney, Elkins, sr.; and (tie) Clint Everts, Cypress Falls, sr. and Joey Benavides, Brownsville, sr.

Catcher — Jarrett Williams, SA O'Connor, sr.

First baseman — (tie) James Loney, Elkins, sr. and Matt Manship, SA Reagan, sr.

Second baseman — Kevin Roberts, Pearland, sr.

Shortstop — David Leatherwood, Elkins, sr.

Third baseman — Josh Bowen, Houston Lamar, sr.

Outfielders — Brent Clevlen, Westwood, sr.; Lance Pendleton, Humble Kingwood, sr.; and (tie) Jeff Marshall, SA Reagan, sr. and Jason Thompson, Euless Trinity, sr.

Designated hitter — Gilbert Bustillos, Carrollton Newman Smith, sr.

Player of the Year — James Loney, Elkins, sr.

Cóach of the Year — Rick Carpenter, Fort Bend Elkins, sr.

Second Team

Pitchers — Scott Kazmir, Cypress Falls, sr.; Mark McCormick, Clear Creek, sr.; and Matt Manship, SA Reagan, sr.

Catcher — Travis Mangum, SA Reagan, sr.

First baseman — Alex Guajardo, La Joya, sr.

Second baseman — Aric Green, Clear Creek, sr.

Shortstop — Billy Hogan, Carrollton Newman Smith, sr.

Third baseman — Matt Emerson, Spring, sr.

Outfielders — Ramon Lopez, Spring Woods, sr.; Wardell Stirling, Elkins, sr.; and Edwin Walker, SA Highlands, sr.

Designated hitter — Ryan LaMotta, Clements, sr.

Third Team

Pitchers — John Melon, Katy Taylor, sr.; Brent Clevlen, Westwood, sr.; and (tie) Jeff Marshall, SA Reagan, sr. and Lance Pendleton, Humble Kingwood, sr. and Eric Hacker, Duncanville, sr.

Catcher — (tie) Cory Jacobi, CC King, sr.; Leo Aviles, Killeen Ellison, sr. and Taylor Teagarden, Carrollton Creekview, sr.

First baseman — Andrew Leal, CC Carroll, sr.

Second baseman — Jason Russell, Midland, jr.

Shortstop — (tie) Blake Womble, Tyler

Lee, sr.; Cliff Pennington, Carroll, sr. and Eddie Vasquez, CC Moody, sr.

Third baseman — (tie) John Alvarez, CC King, sr. and Daniel Stovall, Midland, jr.

Outfielders — Wes Bankston, Plano East, sr.; Bobby Bramhall, A&M Consolidated, soph.; and (tie) Chad Adams, Amarillo, sr. and Kyle Myers, Pearland, sr.

Designated hitter — (tie) Cody Denson, South Garland, sr. and Greg Nicholson, A&M Consolidated, sr.

CLASS 4A

First Team

Pitchers — Charles Benoit, Southlake Carroll, jr.; Kehe Schulz, Calallen, sr.; and (tie) Brock Johns, Andrews, sr. and J. Brent Cox, Bay City, sr.

Catcher — Gene Verastigue, Uvalde, sr.

First baseman — Joseph Martin, Forest Brook, sr.

Second baseman — Jake Rippee, Kerrville Tivy, sr.

Shortstop — Russell Raley Uvalde, sr.

Third baseman — Blake Weston, Medina Valley, sr.

Outfielders — Paul Sausameda, El Paso Burges, sr.; Chris Sutton, Pine Tree, sr.; and Cameron Chandler, Chapel Hill, sr.

Designated hitter — Kyle Young, Southlake Carroll, sr.

Player of the Year — Charles Benoit, Southlake Carroll, sr.

Cóach of the Year — Larry Hughes, Southlake Carroll, sr.

Second Team

Pitchers — Chance Douglas, Randall, sr.; Ryan Tackler, FW Western Hills, sr.; and (tie) Clay Buchholz, Lumberton, jr.; Buzz Vargas, Bay City, sr.

Catcher — (tie) Kent Russell, FW Western Hills, sr. and Josh Payne, Randall High, sr.

First baseman — Michael Pavlek, Smithson Valley, sr.

Second baseman — Matt Bode, Calallen, sr.

Shortstop — Ross Elmore, Athens, sr.

Third baseman — Robert Reyna, Columbia, sr.

Outfielders — Dustin Brooks, Randall, jr.; Brandon Brooks, Brazosport, sr.; and Joseph Hicks, Forest Brook, sr.

Designated hitter — Evan Miller, Pampa, sr.

Third Team

Pitchers — Clint Decuir, Friendswood, sr.; Ben Newman, Highland Park, sr.; and (tie) Drew Johnson, Wylie, jr.; Brandon Revis, Forest Brook, jr. and Keer Foster, Athens, jr.

Catcher — John Schindler, Highland Park, sr.

First baseman — (tie) J. Brent Cox, Bay City, sr. and Matt Saucedo, SA Roosevelt, sr.

Second baseman — Chuck Rice, Santa Fe, jr. Shortstop — Brandon Revis, Forest Brook, jr.

Third baseman — Randy Black, Greenville, sr.

Outfielders — Jamie Dear, Calallen, sr.; Michael Martinez, Amarillo Caprock, sr.; and (tie) Chris McDaniel, Santa Fe, sr. and Nathan Warrick, Belton, sr.

Designated hitter — Chance Douglas, Randall, sr.

CLASS 3A

First Team

Pitchers — Jason Adams, Sinton, jr.; Adrian Alaniz, Sinton, jr.; and B.J. Boening, Yoakum, sr.

Catcher — Adam Moore, Mineola, sr.

First baseman — Kevin Campbell, Lindale, sr.

Second baseman — Chance Schmidt, Sinton, jr.

Shortstop — Josh Sulik, La Grange, sr.

Third baseman — Taylor Edwards, Sinton, sr.

Outfielders — Aaron Peck, Seminole, sr.; Marcus White, Lubbock Cooper, sr.; and David Garza, Port Isabel, sr.

Designated hitter — Matt Pierce, Abertathy, sr.

Second Team

Pitchers — Jonathan O'Neill, Wall, sr.; Chris Barnett, DeKalb, soph.; and Ben Sherman, Lockney, jr.

Catcher — (tie) Jason Kolb, Gunter, jr. and Joe Mann, Blanco, sr.

First baseman — Cody Clearman, Celina, sr.

Second baseman — (tie) Tyler Mica, Flatonia, jr. and Benji Ramirez, Banquete, sr.

Shortstop — Joey Koenig, East Bernard, sr.

Third baseman — Nathan Keith, Blanco, sr.

Outfielders — Daniel Myane, Blanco, sr.; Blake Nixon, Holliday, jr.; and Brandon Hancock, Tahoka, sr.

Designated hitter — Matt Pierce, Abertathy, sr.

Third Team

Pitchers — Adam Mann, Valley Mills, sr.; Brad Riemenschneider, Lufkin, sr.; and (tie) Aaron Gee, Petrolia, sr. and J.D. Steinberger, Windthorst, sr.

Catcher — Robbie Yanowski, Bremond, jr.

First baseman — (tie) Adam Dawson, Shiner, sr. and Jordan Teichman, Windthorst, sr.

Second baseman — Augie Berend, Windthorst, sr.

Shortstop — (tie) Chris Chmiel, Bremond, sr.; Kody Evans, LaPoyner, sr.; Matt Fogus, North Hopkins, sr.; and Cody Wagner, Burton, sr.

Third baseman — (tie) Blake Burnett, Bremond, jr. and Kevin Norris, High Island, soph.

Outfielders — David Hardcastle, Meridian, sr.; Kris Michalsky, Fayetteville, sr.; and (tie) Cory Portwood, Aspermont, sr. and Kyle Wallace, Bosqueville, jr.

Designated hitter — (tie) Eric Schilling, Nazareth, jr. and Dusty Arreguin, Cushing, jr.

CLASS 2A

First Team

Pitchers — Brian Babbitt, Celina, sr.; Blake Nixon, Holliday, jr.; and (tie) Kyle Futrell, Leon, sr. and Kenn Kasperek, Weimar, soph.

Catcher — Adam Harvey, Celina, sr.

First baseman — Zac Berend, Holliday, sr.

Second baseman — Blake Warren, Arp, jr.

Shortstop — Chase Sadler, Harmony, jr.

Third baseman — Dustin Parker, Arp, sr.

Outfielders — Will Hedrick, Leon, soph.; Matt Hookey, Celina, sr.; and Clint Arrendell, Elysian Fields, sr.

Designated hitter — Scott Bates, Salado, soph.

Player of the Year — Brian Babbitt, Celina, sr.

Cóach of the Year — James Evans, Celina, sr.

Second Team

Pitchers — Jonathan O'Neill, Wall, sr.; Chris Barnett, DeKalb, soph.; and Ben Sherman, Lockney, jr.

Catcher — (tie) Jason Kolb, Gunter, jr. and Joe Mann, Blanco, sr.

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Shortstop — (tie) Chris Chmiel, Bremond, sr.; Kody Evans, LaPoyner, sr.; Matt Fogus, North Hopkins, sr.; and Cody Wagner, Burton, sr.

Third baseman — (tie) Blake Burnett, Bremond, jr. and Kevin Norris, High Island, soph.

Outfielders — David Hardcastle, Meridian, sr.; Kris Michalsky, Fayetteville, sr.; and (tie) Cory Portwood, Aspermont, sr. and Kyle Wallace, Bosqueville, jr.

Designated hitter — (tie) Eric Schilling, Nazareth, jr. and Dusty Arreguin, Cushing, jr.

CLASS 1A

First Team

Pitchers — Blake Burnett, Bremond, jr.; Adam Dawson, Shiner, sr.; and (tie) Kody Evans, LaPoyner, sr.; and Jody Dempsey, McLeod, sr.

Catcher — Brody Lipse, Celeste, sr.

First baseman — Brent Lyday, Celeste, sr.

Second baseman — Matt Morgan, Ranger, sr.

Shortstop — Blake Birkenfield, Nazareth, sr.

Third baseman — Jason Beasley, McLeod, sr.

Outfielders — Justin Carver, Boys Ranch, sr.; James Melson, Lufkin, sr.; and Kyle Whittier, Burton, sr.

Designated hitter — Kris Campos, Ben Bol Palto Blanco, sr.

Player of the Year — Adam Dawson, Shiner, sr.

Cóach of the Year — Steven Cerny, Shiner, sr.

Second Team

Pitchers — Chris Hanna, Bosqueville, sr.; Garett Puska, Shiner, sr.; and Jake Jackson, Santo, jr.

Catcher — (tie) Marcus Gonzalez, D'Hanis, jr. and Ross, Harrison, Petrolia, jr.

First baseman — Jarrod Newton, Simms, sr.

Second baseman — Chance Hardin, Valley Mills, sr.

Shortstop — Shaun Butler, West Sabine, sr.

Third baseman — Blake Cox, Avalon, sr.

Outfielders — Adam Smith, Moulton, sr.; Bo Martin, Simms, Bowie, sr.; and Gary Nolan, Bremond, sr.

Designated hitter — (tie) Paul Cruz, Alford, sr. and Bryan Kirts, Burton, sr.

Third Team

Pitchers — Adam Mann, Valley Mills, sr.; Brad Riemenschneider, Lufkin, sr.; and (tie) Aaron Gee, Petrolia, sr. and J.D. Steinberger, Windthorst, sr.

Catcher — Robbie Yanowski, Bremond, jr.

First baseman — (tie) Adam Dawson, Shiner, sr. and Jordan Teichman, Windthorst, sr.

Second baseman — Augie Berend, Windthorst, sr.

Shortstop — (tie) Chris Chmiel, Bremond, sr.; Kody Evans, LaPoyner, sr.; Matt Fogus, North Hopkins, sr.; and Cody Wagner, Burton, sr.

Third baseman — (tie) Blake Burnett, Bremond, jr. and Kevin Norris, High Island, soph.

Outfielders — David Hardcastle, Meridian, sr.; Kris Michalsky, Fayetteville, sr.; and (tie) Cory Portwood, Aspermont, sr. and Kyle Wallace, Bosqueville, jr.

Designated hitter — (tie) Eric Schilling, Nazareth, jr. and Dusty Arreguin, Cushing, jr.

CLASS 9A

First Team

Pitchers — Adam Mann, Valley Mills, sr.; Brad Riemenschneider, Lufkin, sr.; and (tie) Aaron Gee, Petrolia, sr. and J.D. Steinberger, Windthorst, sr.

Catcher — Robbie Yanowski, Bremond, jr.

First baseman — (tie) Adam Dawson, Shiner, sr. and Jordan Teichman, Windthorst, sr.

Second baseman — Augie Berend, Windthorst, sr.

Shortstop — (tie) Chris Chmiel, Bremond, sr.; Kody Evans, LaPoyner, sr.; Matt Fogus, North Hopkins, sr.; and Cody Wagner, Burton, sr.

Third baseman — (tie) Blake Burnett, Bremond, jr. and Kevin Norris, High Island, soph.

Outfielders — David Hardcastle, Meridian, sr.; Kris Michalsky, Fayetteville, sr.; and (tie) Cory Portwood, Aspermont, sr. and Kyle Wallace, Bosqueville, jr.

Designated hitter — (tie) Eric Schilling, Nazareth, jr. and Dusty Arreguin, Cushing, jr.

CLASS 8A

First Team

Pitchers — Adam Mann, Valley Mills, sr.; Brad Riemenschneider, Lufkin, sr.; and (tie) Aaron Gee, Petrolia, sr. and J.D. Steinberger, Windthorst, sr.

Catcher — Robbie Yanowski, Bremond, jr.

First baseman — (tie) Adam Dawson, Shiner, sr. and Jordan Teichman, Windthorst, sr.

Second baseman — Augie Berend, Windthorst, sr.

Shortstop — (tie) Chris Chmiel, Bremond, sr.; Kody Evans, LaPoyner, sr.; Matt Fogus, North Hopkins, sr.; and Cody Wagner, Burton, sr.

Third baseman — (tie) Blake Burnett, Bremond, jr. and Kevin Norris, High Island, soph.

Outfielders — David Hardcastle, Meridian, sr.; Kris Michalsky, Fayetteville, sr.; and (tie) Cory Portwood, Aspermont, sr. and Kyle Wallace, Bosqueville, jr.

Designated hitter — (tie) Eric Schilling, Nazareth, jr. and Dusty Arreguin, Cushing, jr.

CLASS 7A

First Team

Pitchers — Adam Mann, Valley Mills, sr.; Brad Riemenschneider, Lufkin, sr.; and (tie) Aaron Gee, Petrolia, sr. and J.D. Steinberger, Windthorst, sr.

Catcher — Robbie Yanowski, Bremond, jr.

Lawyer: Court will be asked to settle Williams dispute

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A judge will be asked to settle the fight over the remains of Ted Williams, whose children are arguing about whether to freeze or cremate the body of the baseball great, a lawyer said.

Attorneys for the estate plan to file Williams' will with the Florida courts this week, said John Heer, a lawyer for Williams' daughter.

The will said Williams wanted to be cremated and have his ashes scattered in the Florida Keys, where he often fished, Heer said from his Cleveland office.

"All versions were consistent," he said.

Attorneys for Williams' estate, Pam Price and Bill Boyoles, did not return phone calls Tuesday, but Heer said they told him the contents of the will.

Williams, the last major league hitter to bat better

than .400 in a season, died Friday in Florida at 83.

His daughter, Barbara Joyce Williams Ferrell, has accused her half brother, John Henry Williams, of moving their father's body from a Florida funeral home to Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Scottsdale, Ariz., where bodies are frozen.

Ferrell says John Henry Williams wants to preserve their father's DNA, perhaps to sell it in the future.

The son first proposed the idea of freezing Williams' body more than a year ago, said Ferrell's husband, Frederick "Mark" Ferrell.

Mark Ferrell also denied reports that his wife was estranged from her father.

He said she had a falling out with her half brother over what to do with their father's body.

"He proposed the cry-

onics thing to my wife, and she went nuts and said, 'You're not going to do it to my dad,'" Mark Ferrell said. "There was no estrangement between Ted and his daughter. The estrangement was caused by the cryonics issue in June 2001, and it was caused by John Henry, not Ted Williams."

Williams and his daughter lived just miles apart but had not seen each other since August, Heer said.

No one answered the phone at John Henry Williams' office, and a business associate said he was out of town earlier this week.

Karla Steen, a spokeswoman for Alcor, would not confirm Monday whether Williams' body was at the facility.

Ferrell has said she was told by the funeral home the body had been taken to Arizona.

Special Olympians & Bikers



Pampa Special Olympians Linda Lou Pierce, Mark McMinn, Janice Smith, Amy Hammer, Jennifer Roden and Taisey Phillips (on motorcycle) are with bike riders Todd Wilson and Dale West at the recent Poker Run. The Poker Run was sponsored by the Jordan-Baten Prison Unit to benefit Special Olympics.

Zabel leads Tour de France, with Armstrong lurking

REIMS, France (AP) — With Texan Lance Armstrong not far off the lead and the mountains still to come, Erik Zabel knows it is far too early to celebrate any sort of success.

The German sprint specialist rode through the Champagne region in the third stage of the Tour de France to finish second and claim the leader's yellow jersey. He is eight seconds ahead of Australia's Robbie McEwen, the winner of Tuesday's stage.

Armstrong of Austin, Texas, bidding for a fourth straight Tour de France title, was 33rd in the stage and dropped a spot to fifth overall, 17 seconds behind the leader.

Zabel, who rides for Telekom, took the yellow jersey from surprising two-day leader Rubens Bertogliati of Switzerland. Zabel said Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team is a big threat entering the team time trial Wednesday.

"We're going to leave the cham-

pagne tonight for the coaching staff of Telekom, out of respect for tomorrow's team time trial," he said. "No champagne for me tonight."

"U.S. Postal seem to have a great chance of winning the time trial, so holding on to the yellow jersey seems uncertain," Zabel added.

Armstrong maintained his strategy of keeping up in the flat stages while awaiting the time trials and mountains. The 30-year-old cruised through the wheat fields of eastern France on the 108-mile leg from Metz to Reims, all part of his plan to quicken the pace in the mountains, where he often leaves rivals behind.

"If you had offered me this scenario before the Tour, I would have signed for it right away," USPS team leader Johan Bruyneel said.

The USPS team is one of the favorites to win Wednesday's fourth stage, a 42-mile team time trial from Epernay to the historic

town of Chateau-Thierry.

Tuesday's leg took riders through the World War I battlefield of Verdun, where Armstrong won his first Tour stage in 1993 — the year he captured the world championship.

Thousands of fans cheered the riders under overcast skies. In a region that often honors U.S. soldiers who died there, many fans waved American flags or team jerseys of the USPS riders.

"There are a lot of people in this region who would love to see an American win the Tour again," Alcide Leclerc, 70, of Verdun, said as he waited for the cyclists to pass.

McEwen won the stage in 4 hours, 13 minutes, 37 seconds, thrusting his fists in the air as he crossed the line in a sprint just ahead of Zabel. Armstrong was part of a pack of 185 other riders that clocked the same time as McEwen.

Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt, a cycling buff who has attended the Tour in each of the last

14 years, was on hand in Metz for the start. He expects another victory by Armstrong.

Belgium's Eddy Merckx holds the Tour de France record of five victories along with three other rid-

ers, Merckx, whose son Axel is racing this year, won his titles between 1969 and 1974.

"I'm not afraid of losing the record," he said. "It's not a problem if it's beaten."

Comets rally to beat Storm

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes scored 24 points as the Houston Comets rallied to beat the Seattle Storm 67-59 Tuesday night for their 10th straight victory.

Houston (15-3) hasn't lost since June 13 at Washington, and is 8-0 at home since an opening day loss to defending WNBA champion Los Angeles.

Lauren Jackson scored 16 points for Seattle (8-10).

"In the first half, we weren't aggressive enough on defense and dug ourselves into a hole," Swoopes said. "At halftime coach told us that we could play better and we know no team can run with us."

Swoopes made 10 of her 19 shots

and grabbed five rebounds. Tina Thompson scored 18 points and had 13 rebounds for the Comets, who trailed by 18 points in the first half.

"In the first half, we just let them run," Houston coach Van Chancellor said. "Anything they wanted to do, anywhere they wanted to shoot, we let them have it. In the second half, we didn't let them run their offense."

Seattle led 38-20 with 4:37 left in the first half, but Houston scored six of the next eight points and 12 of the first 13 after halftime.

"The last thing I told the team at the end of halftime was that we did not see the real Houston Comets in the first half," Seattle coach Lin Dunn said.

Rowdy PGA golf gallery upsetting to Davis Love

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Davis Love III has had it with obnoxious fans.

Heckled mercilessly by some in the gallery who seem to have forgotten that golf is a genteel sport, Love yelled back during last weekend's final round at the Western Open.

After blasting out of a tricky spot in the rough on the par-4 17th, Love looked at fan, glared and started toward him.

After telling the fan to be quiet, he headed back to the fairway.

"They're just overstepping their bounds," said Love, who finished two strokes behind winner Jerry Kelly. "They're yelling before you hit and screaming after you hit. When you walk up on a green, they're telling you which way the putt breaks."

"They're not supposed to yell at the players. They're not supposed to give players advice, and they're not supposed to tell players what to do and interfere in their game."

But galleries at some PGA Tour events are looking more and more like something out of "Caddyshack" these days.

The mild-mannered country club set who clap politely after a putt have been joined by those who don't seem to know much about etiquette.

The Phoenix Open is notorious for its raucous, beer-drinking gallery. As Chris DiMarco stood over a putt at this year's tournament, one fan actually yelled out "Noonan!" as he was playing in the movie's caddy tournament.

"People don't have respect for other people and don't have respect for what they do," Love said. "I'm certainly not going to go out and disrupt a business person in their

business life, and they shouldn't disrupt our game. If they're not having any fun and they have to yell and scream to have fun, they ought to go somewhere else, because it's fun to watch good golf and not interfere with it."

While fans have gotten more brazen with every year, things really got out of hand at last month's U.S. Open at Bethpage Black on Long Island.

The New York fans had something to say about — and to — just about every player who went by, and they weren't afraid to let even the biggest stars have it.

They were especially brutal to Sergio Garcia, peppering him with shouts of "Whiner" and "Waggle Boy."

"Everyone saw on TV the fans doing the wave and yelling and screaming at players as they were chipping in," Love said. "Just like when the first guy started yelling, 'you're the man!' and everybody copied him and it's just annoying."

"I sound like my mom, but it's lack of respect for other people and for what they do."

The fans were so obnoxious last

weekend that Love said his 14-year-old daughter left the course.

"The majority of them fans are very good, and a bunch of younger, drunken people make it hard on the players to make it fun for the majority," he said.

But like it or not, this is what golf has come to," Kelly said. Kelly, a fan favorite from nearby Madison, Wis., didn't hear much heckling last weekend, but fans thought nothing of yelling at him throughout his round. He even joked back with a few.

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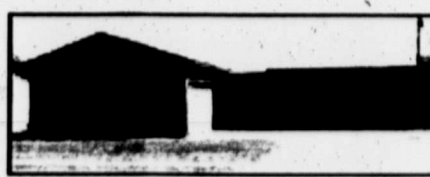
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Respondent(s)

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of RETHA SUE DORSEY AND WILLIAM H. DORSEY filed in said Court on the 17th day of April, 2002, against SUSAN MAXINE MERRICK. Respondent(s) and said being numbered 32566 on the docket of said Court, and entitled:

IN THE INTEREST OF DEANNA MICHELLE NUNN, A MINOR CHILD
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GAYE HONDERICH,
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By: TERESA DAVIS,
Deputy

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 11, 2002:

Finances toss a new perspective into your life. Though you're likely to see an increase in funds, you also might overspend. The long-term importance of savings becomes quite obvious. You start a new 11-year luck cycle this month. Christen it well, with an eye to the future. Use an unusual gift to speak the right words this year. Others will listen as a result. If you are single, network. Meet new people. You could be surprised at how easily you could meet the right person. If you are attached, relationships will flow as long as you handle finances wisely. Don't be possessive of a LEO.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Confusion marks your interactions, with both individuals and groups. Confirm plans before skipping off. If tension develops, creativity, humor and intellect will save the moment. Find answers rather than getting upset with the moment. Remember, this too will pass. Tonight: Think weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** You might think a superior could be a touch daffy. Think through decisions carefully, understanding that you might be a bit off as well. Gain clarity through a process of asking and confirming what you have heard. Tonight: Run home and vanish!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Others want to hear what you think. Curb a tendency to allow your mind to roam. You will communicate in a much more effective manner as a result. Don't back away from the

inevitable with an in-law or someone at a distance. Tonight: Swap jokes with a jovial associate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Be very careful when dealing with funds — yours and others. Though you might be absolutely sure of yourself, you could make a mistake. Consider your options carefully here. Make sure everything involving insurance policies are on the up-and-up. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You're all lightness and fun right now. Use care when dealing with an associate who might feel more than friendship for you. Ask yourself not only what you feel here, but also what you would like. Guide this relationship accordingly. Your charisma speaks. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Slow down, especially with your daily routine. You could easily stumble over yourself and make a mistake. Consider options that involve your work and health most carefully. Schedule a checkup if you're overdue, be it with the dentist or doc. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You are caught between the push and pull of a situation that you might be most uncomfortable with. A child or loved one needs direction from you. Be subtle as you lead this person down the right path. Stop putting another on a pedestal. Tonight: Playtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Deal with a boss who insists on running the show. You cannot get away from this person's demands. Listen to another more carefully. You might make assumptions that simply do not work. Realize that you could be misreading what is happening. Tonight: A must show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Reach out for another at a distance. You might not be exactly sure what the best way to handle a problem is. Get others' feedback. Tap into your creativity, and you'll find solutions with ease. A partner gives you a piece of his or her mind! Tonight: Relax your mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Confusion lies close to home. Don't allow yourself to make a monetary mistake. Carefully consider options that revolve around your personal finances. Cautiously check out ideas with someone in the know. Wait to commit. Tonight: Do for another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You might not be seeing another clearly. On the other hand, you also could prefer to put this person on a pedestal. Be sure about what you want and expect from him or her. Is this person fulfilling your needs? Only you can answer that question. Tonight: Be a follower.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Reach out for another at a distance. Your ability to understand others saves the day in a stressful, work-related situation. You might think you have a hunch about what is going on, but you will discover that reality might be a lot different. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

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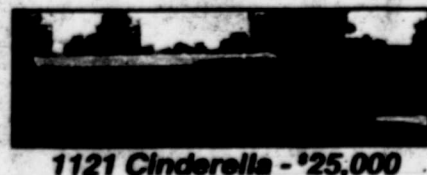
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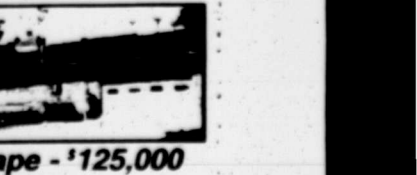
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Israeli soldier dies in ambush; Palestinian shot in West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian gunmen shot and killed an Israeli army lieutenant on patrol in the southern Gaza Strip on Wednesday, and Israeli troops fatally shot a 19-year-old Palestinian in the West Bank.

The lieutenant died after Israeli soldiers came under fire as they were searching for tunnels near the Egyptian border, a frequent area of clashes in 21 months of fighting, officials said on condition of anonymity.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, Israeli soldiers fired live ammunition at a group of children and teenagers who threw stones at tanks as they passed by the Askar refugee camp, residents said. The army said it was checking the report.

Hospital officials in Nablus said Rami Kotosh, 19, died from a bullet in the chest. Two others were slightly wounded.

Israeli forces routinely search and have sometimes destroyed houses in the area, saying they are used to cover snipers and conceal the entrances to tunnels used to smuggle arms and drugs under the border from Egypt into the Gaza Strip.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, affiliated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the shooting in announcements at several mosques in Rafah, in southern Gaza.

The shooting came amid new efforts to resume high-

level talks between the two sides, with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres meeting for a second day Tuesday with Palestinian Cabinet ministers.

Those talks, stalled for months, were launched ahead of a meeting in New York next week of the "Quartet" officials from the United States, Russia, European Union and United Nations who are trying to bring an end to the conflict.

Also ahead of the meeting, Arafat sent a letter to the Quartet members assuring them of his commitment to reform the Palestinian Authority's security, financial and judicial sectors, Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said Wednesday.

He told reporters in Ramallah that for the reforms to be continued, "there must be an Israeli action in return lifting the curfew and stopping the collective punishment for the Palestinians."

In other violence, a Palestinian bystander died Tuesday during a shootout between Israeli police and a Palestinian gunman near Herod's Gate, one of the entrances to the Old City of Jerusalem.

And in the West Bank, an activist with Islamic Jihad who was planning a mission against Israeli targets was shot and killed, Palestinians said, blaming Israel. Israeli military officials said they were investigating.

Also Tuesday, Israeli police raided the campus of Al

Quds University, in the village of Abu Dis on the edge of Jerusalem, and closed down the office of the president, Sari Nusseibeh, who is also the top PLO official in Jerusalem.

Nusseibeh is one of the most outspoken moderates among prominent Palestinians, criticizing suicide bombings and calling on his people to give up their long-standing demand for the right of all Palestinian refugees to return to their original homes in Israel, on condition that Israel give up all the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem.

Nusseibeh was in Greece when the raid took place. Israeli Internal Security Minister Uzi Landau said the university is part of the "long arm of the Palestinian Authority, operating against the law."

Israel and the Palestinians have conflicting claims over Jerusalem. Israel claims the whole city as its capital, but the Palestinians want the eastern part, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war, as their capital.

Israel says that under interim peace accords, the Palestinians are banned from political activity in Jerusalem, and police periodically close down their offices.

Despite the raid, Peres pursued his contacts with new ministers in Arafat's Cabinet, re-establishing contact that had been all but stopped during 21 months of violence.

Al-Qaida: planning new attacks against America

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A key al-Qaida spokesman has made a new threat to attack American targets and urged Muslims the world over to "kill enemies of God everywhere."

"Al-Qaida will organize more attacks inside American territory and outside, at the moment we choose, at the place we choose and with the objectives that we want," al-Qaida's chief spokesman, Kuwaiti-born Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, said in an audio recording aired by an Islamic website believed to be close to the terror network blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We are coming back, God willing, from where you cannot expect us," said Abu Ghaith in the interview broadcast on www.jehad.net.

The new targets, he said, will be "American and Jewish ... our arrogant enemies."

There is no way to verify the authenticity of Abu Ghaith's interview, but U.S. officials said two weeks ago that a recent audio recording by him in which he claimed that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was still alive appeared to be legitimate. Government analysts matched the sound of his voice to previous recordings.

The recording, played on the website Wednesday, appeared to be the same voice.

Abu Ghaith interview on www.jehad.net, is the latest in a series of contacts between al-Qaida and the outside world after weeks of silence. These contacts were made on Islamic-militant oriented web sites whose availability on the Internet has been irregular.

The string of statements coincide with evidence al-Qaida remains capable of planning attacks. Last month, Saudi Arabia announced it was holding 11 Saudis, an Iraqi and a Sudanese man belonging to a failed plot to shoot down a U.S. military plane taking off from a Saudi air base.

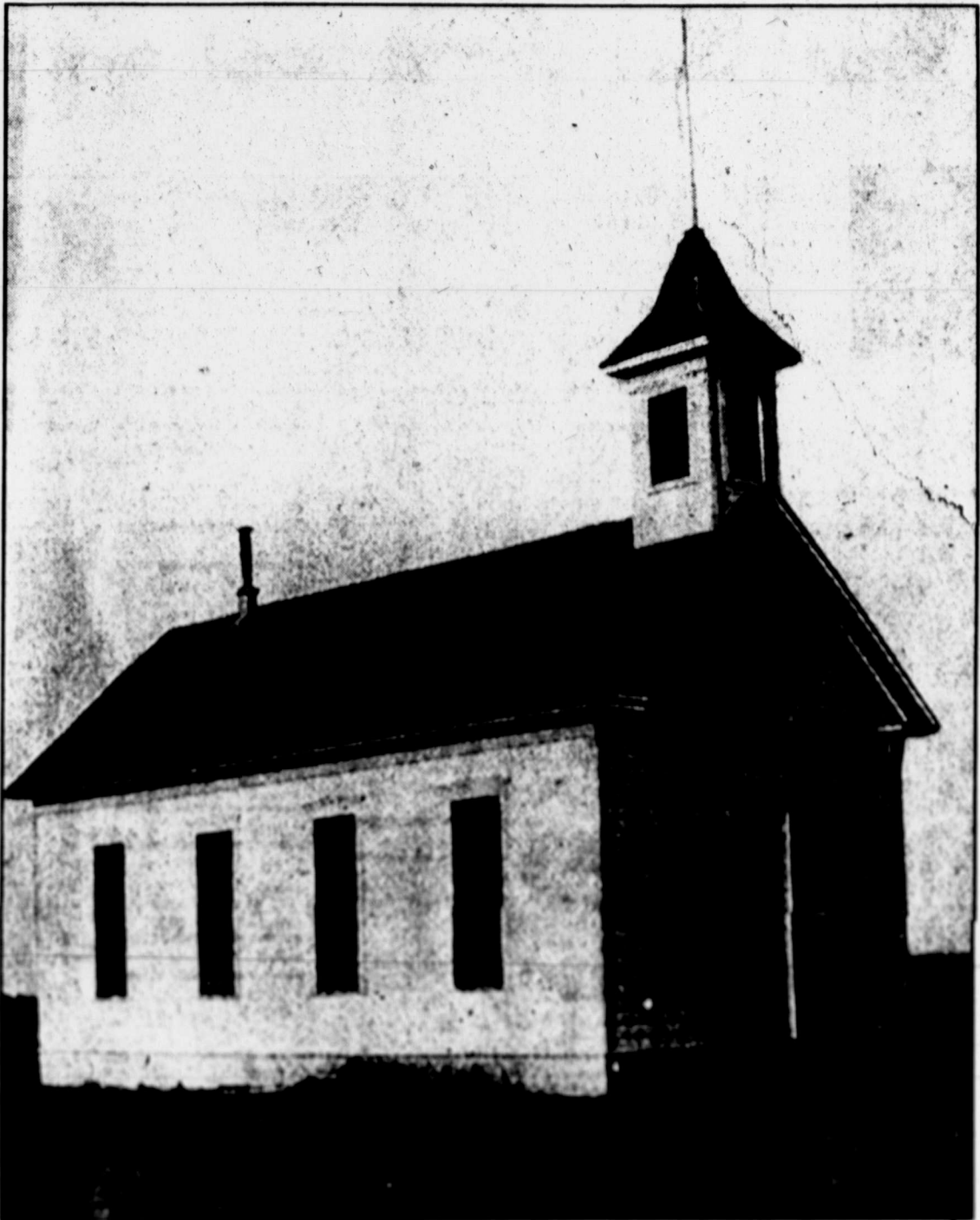
News of the Saudi arrests followed detentions in Morocco of three Saudis who were planning to attack U.S. and British warships in the Straits of Gibraltar.

Referring to the war in Afghanistan that followed the Sept. attacks, Abu Ghaith said in the latest interview that the U.S.-led military campaign has failed to crush the fighters of the Taliban and al-Qaida, claiming that it has instead destroyed Afghan villages and towns.

He said al-Qaida operatives were currently carrying out surveillance operations to pick up new targets.

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Carter ends Venezuelan peace visit

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter left a politically divided Venezuela after a four-day peacemaking mission, saying he had made progress in convincing the government that international help is needed to defuse the nation's crisis.

Carter, who departed Wednesday, failed to broker a face-to-face meeting between President Hugo Chavez and Venezuela's leading opposition parties. But the leftist government signaled it will accept outside mediation to resolve a stalemate that produced a brief April coup.

Though empty chairs at Tuesday's meeting were "a great disappointment," Carter said: "I see hope and I expect to see efforts to initiate and conclude dialogue. I have full faith that the opposition will cooperate."

"There's a mixture of opinions among the opposition," Carter told a news conference. "Some are singularly focused on removing Chavez from office. The overwhelming majority want reconciliation."

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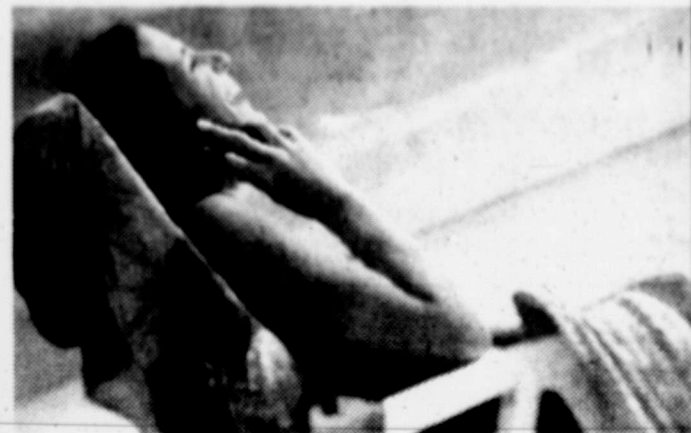
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