

Berlin court convicts four in disco bombing

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BERLIN (AP) — A Berlin court convicted four people Tuesday in the 1986 bombing of a West Berlin disco that killed two U.S. soldiers and a Turkish woman. The United States blamed the attack on Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi — a charge the court said was not proven.

The court said the bombing was planned by members of the Libyan secret service and workers at the Libyan Embassy in then-East Berlin. But Judge Peter Marhofer said prosecutors failed to prove that Gadhafi himself ordered the attack, due to the refusal of the German and U.S. secret services to provide evidence.

Marhofer said “the limited willingness” of the German and U.S. governments to share additional intelligence was one of the disappointments of the trial.

The court said all four defendants plotted the attack, but it found only Verena Channa, a 42-year-old German, guilty of murder. She was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Yassir Chraidi, a 42-year-old Palestinian accused of being the main organizer, was convicted of multiple counts of attempted murder, as were Musbah Abdulghasem Eter, a 44-year-old Libyan, and a Lebanese-born German, Ali Chanaa, 42. Chraidi was sentenced to 14 years; Eter and Ali Chanaa to 12

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years each. A fifth defendant, Verana Chanaa’s sister, Andrea Haeusler, 36, was acquitted.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A Russian cosmonaut and an American astronaut completed a spacewalk outside the international space station, hooking up cables, testing a crane and doing a little sightseeing in the process.

“Whoa, look beneath us now. Can you see those lights?” station commander Frank Culbertson said to his spacewalking partner, Vladimir Dezhurov, as the station headed over the Arabian Sea. “Incredible.”

During the five-hour excursion Monday, the spacewalkers routed seven antenna cables for the Russian docking system. The men also inspected and photographed a Russian solar wing that never fully deployed. All the screws and bolts appeared to be in place on the stuck panel.

Because the cosmonauts did not have time to test the crane they installed on their first spacewalk, the hand-intensive job fell to Culbertson and Dezhurov.

Using a hand crank, Dezhurov extended the telescoping crane out to almost its full length of 40 feet. Culbertson, floating nearby, made sure

the end of the crane didn’t get too close to the space station.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Pumps that boost weakly beating hearts can be implanted permanently in the terminally ill, offering an alternative to heart transplants that could save tens of thousands of lives annually, according to a landmark study.

These so-called assist devices have been available for several years, but they have been used exclusively to keep patients alive while they wait for heart transplants. Now the much-anticipated new study, released Monday, suggests a far broader use.

It concludes the assist devices could be a long-term solution for many of the estimated 100,000 Americans each year with congestive heart failure who could benefit from transplanted hearts but cannot get them because the organs are in such short supply.

Doctors tested the HeartMate, the most widely used assist device, in patients with severe heart failure. They found it doubled survival after one year and tripled it after two years, even though complications such as infections and mechanical breakdowns were a significant problem.

“We are looking for a heart on a shelf, and this study was designed to validate that,” said Dr. Eric A. Rose of Columbia University, the study’s director. “There is substantial hope for patients with the most severe form of heart failure, and I think this will be available for them soon.”

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nuclear weapons stockpiles are due to be slashed at summit talks President Bush is holding with Russian President Vladimir Putin, both leaders having concluded they have far too many deadly warheads in the post-Cold War era.

If any suspense remained before Putin called at the White House it was whether the cutbacks would be mandated in an agreement between the two leaders or be declared by them without a formal accord of the type Bush’s advisers scorn as products of outdated bureaucratic haggling of a now-distant era.

The summit talks Tuesday in Washington and Wednesday and Thursday at Bush’s Texas ranch are more likely to be marked by atmospheric designed to inform the world that the United States and Russia no longer are adversaries.

Bush told Russian reporters on Monday that he and Putin were on the verge of forging a relationship that “will out-

live our presidencies.”

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors who recognized the recent cases of inhaled anthrax and treated them aggressively with antibiotics have shown the disease is treatable and not a sure death sentence, experts say.

An analysis of the cases, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, shows that if doctors speedily give patients a constellation of antibiotics, along with aggressively treating symptoms such as the accumulation of fluid in the chest, there is a high rate of survival. The cases appeared in four eastern U.S. cities in the past few weeks.

“The fact that six of these patients have survived gives hope that the published mortality rates of 86 to 97 percent for inhalational anthrax may not be accurate in the year 2001,” Dr. Anthony S. Fauci and Dr. H. Clifford Lane, both of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, said in a JAMA editorial last week.

The rate of survival — 60 percent for the recent inhalational cases — could well improve for future infections because doctors across the country now are so aware of anthrax and its symptoms.

“The signs and symptoms of inhalational anthrax are way up on the radar screen of virtually all health care pro-

viders now,” Fauci, the NIAID director, said in an interview.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bishop Wilton Gregory is in line to become the first black president of the group that serves as the collective voice of the nation’s Roman Catholic bishops.

The Belleville, Ill., bishop now serves as the vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The organization’s vice president traditionally ascends to the top office.

Black Catholics see Gregory’s expected election Tuesday as recognition they have long sought from church leaders. Estimates of the number of black Catholics range from 2 million to 3.5 million, out of 63.7 million church members nationwide.

“It’s a symbol of pride,” said Richard Mark, who is black and the chief executive of St. Mary’s Hospital in Gregory’s diocese. “He shows that with intelligence, education and hard work, you can rise to the top ranks in whatever field you go into.”

Gregory is known as a compelling speaker who frankly discusses racism as a sin he feels the church should do more to address. He has also written extensively on the church’s opposition to the death penalty and physician-assisted suicide.

The current president is ending his three-year term.

Stovall not shying away from the moderate label

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paign Oct. 29, he told reporters that he believes he is less conservative than President Bush.

Stovall hasn’t shied away from the moderate label, but said Monday evening that she is more conservative than portrayed.

“I’m the conservative when it comes to law enforcement issues, public safety, and when it comes to fiscal issues,” she said.

Shallenburger scoffed at Stovall’s statements and said her picking Glasscock as her running mate indicates she’s no conservative.

“Every time anyone runs for governor, they say they’re conservative,” Shallenburger said. “I think I’m the only conservative in this race.”

Stovall picked Marion, a community of about 2,100 residents about 50 miles northeast of Wichita, for the kickoff of her campaign because she grew up there. About 100 family members, longtime friends and supporters attended her speech at

the Marion Senior Center and a reception afterward.

“If I would have been elected cheerleader in the seventh grade, I would not feel the need to have this attention and applause, like I do now,” she joked, drawing laughter from her supporters. “I would never have had to run for governor, so it’s really your fault.”

Stovall, 44, was first elected attorney general in 1994 after serving as Crawford County’s prosecutor and as a member of the Kansas Parole Board. She was re-elected in 1998 with more than 75 percent of the vote.

Senate President Dave Kerr, of Hutchinson, who identifies himself with neither party faction, plans to decide whether to run after the 2002 Legislature concludes in May.

Former state GOP Chairman David Miller also is looking at the race. Miller, a conservative, unsuccessfully challenged Gov. Bill Graves in the 1998 primary.

The presumed Democratic nominee is Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius.

matters of record

Sept. 28 — A 2000 GMC driven by Gary Webring backed out of a parking space at 11th and Main into a 1991 GMC driven by Jonathan Darity.

A 1993 Mercury driven by Louis Medrid pulled in front of a 2000 Firebird driven by Michael Garwity at Hwy 24 and Commerce Rd. Mr. Garwity ran into Mr. Medrid. Mr. Medrid then left the scene and was later stopped by police.

Sept. 29 — A 1995 Pontiac driven by Kayla Williams disobeyed a stop sign at 2nd and Center and ran into a 1993 GMC driven by Leonard Elmore. Ms. Williams fled from the scene.

A 1996 Chevy owned by Richard Raile was struck by a hit and run while parked at 121 E. 11th.

Oct. 5 — A 1998 Pete Semi driven by William Pierce struck and damaged a steel pole protecting a utility pole at Enterprise Rd. and Hwy 27.

Oct. 9 — A 1995 Chevy driven by Johanna Zwetzig struck a parked 1976 Chevy owned by Dennis Wolfrum Sr. at 17th and Broadway.

Oct. 11 — A 1978 Pontiac driven by Rafael Macias Jr. was struck by a 1996 Ford driven by Adrian Conde while passing through the intersection at 14th

and Kanas.

Oct. 12 — Harry Hurst reported that he discovered at 919 E. Hwy 24 the solid waste he was carrying was on fire

A 2001 Ford driven by Donald Long collided with a 1983 Chevy driven by Tiffany Peters at Hwy 27 and Commerce Road.

Oct. 17 — A 1987 Oldsmobile driven by Georgia Weis was struck by a 1986 Mercury driven by Dustin Miller at 15th and Broadway. Ms. Weis’s Oldsmobile was pushed off course and struck the parked 1993 Buick owned by William and Dustin Knox.

Oct. 18 — A tractor pulled behind Richard Meyer’s 2000 Ford bounced over a curb and struck a sign at the McDonalds drive-thru.

Oct. 21 — A 1998 Dodge owned by Mike Phillips was struck by a hit and run while parked at the Walmart parking lot.

Oct. 28 — A 1987 Chevy owned by Irma Benavides was struck by a hit and run while parked in the Walmart parking lot.

Oct. 29 — An unknown driver struck a gas meter at 517 W. 9th.

By Carl Manning

Associated Press Writer

LAWRENCE — Turkmenistan will play some role in shaping the post-Taliban future of neighboring Afghanistan, the former U.S. ambassador to the Turkmen government said.

But the role of Turkmenistan and the shape of the post-Taliban world remains to be seen, Ambassador Steven Mann said Monday.

“By virtue of their geography they are going to be playing a significant role in encouraging an Afghan settlement,” Mann said.

“Beyond that, I think the situation is so fluid, no one can say who will have which role,” Mann told reporters at the University of Kansas, where he delivered a lecture.

Mann said Turkmenistan, which shares a 600-mile border with Afghanistan, has worked with the United Nations and on its own to attempt an agreement between the Taliban and northern alliance.

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The Goodland Daily News
1205 Main

student of the week



Name: Tiffany Schwasinger
Parents: Richard & Diane Schwasinger
Grade: Junior
Age: 16
We’ve nominated this student because: We have nominated this student because Tiffany excels in all her classes. Tiffany is the Vice-President of the Goodland High School DECA I Chapter and is the Western Region Vice-President of Kansas State DECA. Tiffany has placed first in her two attempts at State DECA competition and has qualified to compete at National DECA competition twice. Tiffany

has placed in the TOP 24 in national competition both years.

Student Comment: Favorite aspect of school life - Seeing my friends every day. Best liked subject - Science, especially Biology 2. After graduation, I will remember all of my friends and the good times we had.

Activities involved in at school: DECA - President of DECA I (2000-2001), Vice-President of DECA I (2001-2002), Kansas State DECA Western Region Vice-President (2001-2002) AFS, GAA, and Fort Hays Math Relays.

My choice of movies, books, and games : I enjoy watching scary movies, listening to rock music, and reading medical thriller books.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: study medicine at the University of Nebraska, earn a Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctorate Degrees in medicine and virology.
And 10 years from now, I think I’ll be: at a college pursuing my doctorate Degree in Virology.

Favorite Quote: “Success is a journey, not a destination.”
-Ben Sweetland

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