

# Book tells mother's tale

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they moved to Colorado with their two younger sons, Thane and Mark. The decision was not easy on her, she said, and she turned to therapy.

"I sat in counseling and said, 'You know, sometimes I would like to write so others would know how this impacted my two other sons,'" Morgan said.

She said a counselor told her that unless she told the story with complete honesty, she wouldn't be able to help anyone.

Other than people who have helped edit the book, she said, no one has read it yet, not even her family.

She's not sure what the reaction will be from her sons.

"I'd like to think that they would be proud of their parents," Morgan said, adding they might be unsettled by the "complete honesty" of the book.



Morgan

"What happened to us, people can benefit from hearing about it," she said. "I hope it will be appreciated."

She said her sons will learn some things by reading the book.

"They were so young at the time, only 3 and 7," Morgan said. "There are things about their early childhood

that there is no other way they could know about it, other than conversations."

The story doesn't tell people how to care for a disabled child, she said. Instead, it is a story about family and "a mother's spiritual journey."

There aren't many support programs for the families of disabled children, Morgan said. Only recently has a sibling group been started.

"Whenever I said 'It's too hard, I don't know how to write well enough,' people would urge me to go on," Morgan said. "They said there is nothing else like it, and it would be able to help people."

Morgan said the life she imagined never came to pass, but along the way she discovered the one thing that leads to a perfect life. She doesn't want to give it away, though.

"It's in the book," she said with a laugh.



Cortney Ragatz (second girl from left in top row) posed for a picture with Ste, Christian and Mark of BBMAK along with her friends and family after a private concert on Friday. Kali Reitcheck and Morgan Titus (right of Cortney), eighth graders from Goodland, attended the concert in Maryland.

## Dream comes true for former resident

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day during the eighth grade formal dance at Ballenger Creek Middle School for about 200 students. She said not many people knew about the show.

"They kept it really hush-hush," she said. "They didn't want a frenzy here."

Kali Reitcheck and Morgan Titus,

eighth graders in Goodland, traveled to Maryland last week to see their friend and meet BBMAK.

Kali, who says she's a big BBMAK fan, said even though they're famous, the group's members were down-to-earth.

"They were laid back," she said. "They were really funny; they like to tell jokes."

Morgan agreed.

"I thought they'd be all untouched," she said, "but I got a hug from each one, so it was cool."

She said Washington is a lot different from Goodland. There more trees and everything is green.

"They have rain here," she said.

Elaine said the musicians told her they're busy recording a new album in England. "They flew in," she said, "and then flew right back out."

## Preliminary hearing postponed

A preliminary hearing for a Sharon Springs man shot during an alleged liquor store robbery has been postponed and no new date has been set.

Del Ray Dreiling, 20, was scheduled to appear at a hearing Tuesday. District Judge Jack Burr was to decide if there was enough evidence to try the case.

Dreiling's court-appointed lawyer, R. Dean Dinkel, asked for a continuance four days before the scheduled date, saying Dreiling had recently gone through major surgery in Denver, and had not recovered enough to make it to

the hearing.

On Dec. 31, Dreiling was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center with a bullet wound, and was flown to a Denver hospital where the bullet was removed. He made his first court appearance Tuesday, April 2, where he heard the charges against him and was released on his own recognizance.

In a document asking the court to appoint an attorney, Dreiling said he had not worked since the day of the alleged robbery.

The Sharon Springs man is accused

of trying to rob Kamper Retail Liquor on New Year's Eve. Police reports say Dreiling went into the store at 426 W. Business U.S. 24 with pantyhose over his head and a loaded .22 caliber pistol.

When he allegedly demanded money from the cashier, Jack Kamper, the owner of the store, came out of his office and shot Dreiling once in the chest with a handgun.

Kamper was cleared of any wrongdoing by County Attorney Bonnie Selby.

# Bush envoy to try to help defuse conflict between Pakistan and India

*By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL*

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — An envoy dispatched by President Bush to help defuse the latest crisis between nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan began his mission today as artillery fell silent across the disputed Kashmir frontier.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, who has a reputation for blunt talk, immediately went into a meeting with Pakistani Foreign Secretary Inam Ul Haque amid extremely

tight security.

"Hopefully we're going to have a good discussion," said Armitage, who was to meet later with Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar.

He arrived a day after India made a conciliatory gesture to Pakistan, calling for joint monitoring of the Kashmir frontier — a proposal that Pakistan played down as old and unlikely to work.

In phone calls to Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Bush appealed to leaders of both nations Wednesday to "choose the path of diplomacy."

An Indian army spokesman reported sporadic gunfire overnight across the so-called Line of Control in Kashmir, but said artillery fell silent hours before

Armitage arrived. No casualties were reported.

**NATIONAL SPACE CENTER, Houston** — Space shuttle Endeavour darted toward the international space station early today to deliver the fifth crew that will call the orbiting outpost home.

After thunderstorms and a leaky valve delayed its flight for nearly a week, Endeavour finally took off Wednesday afternoon.

When told the shuttle had launched, the three men who have been aboard space station Alpha since early December cheered the good news.

The shuttle is set to arrive at Alpha on Friday and return the current crew to Earth on June 17.

Endeavour is delivering Alpha's newest crew: American Peggy Whitson and Russians Valery Korzun and Sergei Treshev. They will spend 4 1/2 months aboard the space station.

During the eight days that Endeavour is docked to Alpha, the shuttle crew will conduct three spacewalks to replace a faulty joint on the station's ro-

botic arm and install a base that will enable the robot arm to move across the space station.

**NEWYORK** — A murder suspect in England who allegedly chopped up his victim and cooked some of the body parts was arrested in Central Park after two female tourists spotted him lounging on a bench.

The unidentified tourists had seen a picture of Richard Markham in the newspaper and became startled when they saw him Wednesday, police said.

After they notified police, an officer approached the suspect and asked him for his name.

"He just said, 'Richard Markham,' at which point he lifted his shirt and showed me a tattoo that said, 'Made in England,'" officer Francisco Alvarez said.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said Markham was carrying copies of the Daily News and New York Post, both of which featured pictures of him and stories describing his tattoo and flight to New York.

Police say Markham, 27, fled England after slaying Tristian Lovelock, 25, whose severed head was discovered Friday by a man walking his dog at a park southwest of London.

Markham was expected to appear in federal court in Manhattan today to face extradition proceedings.

## Cell phone problems troubling callers

Have you been having trouble calling a cell phone number from your home or office phone during the past two days? Well, you're not alone.

Callers in Sherman and Thomas counties have reported that when they dial a cell phone number from a land line they hear a message saying something like, "This call can not be completed, please hang up and dial again."

No one is quite sure why this was happening, but the problem seems to have been fixed this morning.

After doing some checking, a technician at Southwestern Bell said the telephone company was aware of the problem, but they couldn't find anything wrong on their end. He said Alltel, a cell phone company, was most likely the one having the problem and

searching for a solution.

An Alltel representative said she had heard callers in Kansas were having trouble reaching cell phones from land lines.

She said problems had been reported near Salina, but she wasn't sure what was causing it.

An Alltel public relations spokesperson could not be reached this morning.

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