World and Nation

Lincoln edges Washington in place race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - George Washington may be the father of our nation, but when it comes to namesakes, Abraham Lincoln has edged him out by a narrow mar-

Washington, of course, has a whole state named after him, as well as the nation's capital, while Lincoln's most prominent namesake is probably the capital city of Nebraska.

Those are just the highlights, though.

Nationwide, there are no less than 1,346 towns, schools, reservoirs, parks, streams, valleys, springs, ridges and other geo-graphic features named Wash-

ington.

But the U.S. Geological Survey reveals that there are 1,361 places and things called Lincoln.

At this season of celebrating the birthday anniversaries of the two presidents, Illinois, "the Land of Lincoln," has the most potential for festivities, with some 128 spots named for that president.

Tylenol not poisoned at plant level, official says

NEW YORK - The chairman of Johnson & Johnson on Sunday disputed suggestions that cyanide was put in Tylenol capsules at the plant or distribution center, saying it seemed too great a coincidence that two bottles would "end up at two stores a block and a half apart.

At least 14 states and the District of Columbia, along with Italy, have banned sales of Tylenol capsules or ordered them off store shelves, and one official called on the federal government to control production

and sale of all drugs in capsules.

A young woman died in suburban Westchester County after taking two capsules that contained potassium cyanide. A second poisoned bottle of capsules was found later in a store less than two blocks from the market where the woman's pills were

According to the chairman of the company that manufactures the popular painkiller, investigators reported no new leads in the case.

Interviewed on the ABC News program "This Week with David space of two weeks. Brinkley," Johnson & Johnson's A tamperer at



James Burke said FBI Director William Webster told him Sunday morning that, "Unfortunately, there's nothing new at this time.

Burke disagreed with Westchester District Attorney Carl Vergari, who said FBI test results led him to believe the capsules were poisoned "at the plant.

Vergari said FBI officials told him that tests indicated the seals on both tainted bottles had not been broken after they left the factory

But Burke said the bottles came from two plants, one in Pennsylva-nia, the other in Puerto Rico. He also rejected a theory that the pills were tainted at a distribution center, also in Pennsylvania, where both bottles were handled last summer in the

A tamperer at the distribution hind the counter.

center would have had to penetrate "an awful lot of material" in which the capsules were packed, he said.

Then, Burke said, the tamperer would have to ensure that it would "end up going through the A&P (supermarkets) distribution center which goes to 38 states... And then you've got to get (the other bottle) into a packing center that goes to the F.W. Woolworth distribution centers

Finally, he said, the pills had to 'end up at two stores a block and a

half apart at the same time.' Vergari said he would send investigators to the Pennsylvania Tylenol factory this week.

Frank Young, head of the federal Food and Drug Administration, noted that the bottles had several layers of protective coating. "It really sounds like it's much more of a pro-

fessional-type job," he said. Westchester County Executive Andrew O'Rourke called on the federal government to ban the use of such capsules, except where medically necessary or prepared by local pharmacists for sale only from be-

Lambda Sigma maybe the honor society for you.

\$1500

ENGINES TRANSMISSIONS

★ TUNE-UPS ★ AIR CONDITIONING

★ BRAKES
★ SPECIALTY WORK
★ SUSPENSION WORK

Do you...

If interested, please attend the information sessions

Feb 25, 8:30 Rudder 301

off Perms (with Becky)

3400 A. S. College

822-9515 Appts please

PICKUPS

PLUS

SALES & SERIVE

1-DAY SERVICE

Your Truck Specialists

Affordable Used Trucks

512 W. Carson Between College & Finfeather

want to get involved

•have at least 14 hrs

•want to be part of an

active honor society?

completed?

•have at least a 3.25 GPA

775-6708

For more information, contact Kevin 208 Pavilion

insurance company rule condemned

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - For every dollar the government pays health insurance companies to process Medicare claims, the Reagan administration expects them to deny at least \$5 in benefits, according to federal regulations.

The obscure rule for evaluating the performance of insurance companies hired by the Health Care Financing Administration is cited by critics as evidence the administration is trying to make it harder for elderly people to get Medicare to pay for post-hospital care.

The regulation, which was formally adopted in 1982 and has been updated several times since, was detailed in a letter last summer to Chairman Edward R. Roybal, D-Calif., of the House Select Committee on Aging from Lawrence J. DeNardis, acting assistant secretary of health and hu-

"Both medical review and audit are critical elements," DeNardis wrote of the cost-benefit ratio. "Failure to succeed in these elements could to succeed in these elements."

lead to various contract actions, including termi-

No insurance company's contract has been canceled for failure to return \$5 in savings for every dollar it earns. But critics contend that companies getting the lucrative audit contracts feel pressure to deny benefits with little regard to the merits of claims.

William Dombi, co-director of Legal Assistance for Medicare Patients in Connecticut, said, 'We are finding clearly covered cases that are being denied. They are happening with too great

One insurance company executive, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the rule isn't a factor in the way the firm processes claims because she has never told her auditors about it.

"I know that the decisions they are making are supportable because they are not aware of that requirement," she said.

claims. "I don't think there has been any increased pressure on us to come up with more sav-

ings or anything specific.' But operators of nursing homes and home health agencies contend they are feeling the brunt of a government crackdown on Medicare benefits for the care they provide.

Robert Stutz, an administrator of a hospitalbased nursing home in Philadelphia, said the facility's rate of denied claims soared to 70 percent for a time last year after Blue Cross was ordered to check the medical charts of every patient admitted following hospitalization.
Stutz said the facility was forced to close half its

beds last year because too few patients were qualifying for Medicare.

Philip Nathanson, a senior HCFA official, said, "There is not a campaign here to cut reimbursements to nursing homes in any way.

"Our main interest in intensifying reviews is to make sure that people are not being prematurely discharged from hospital beds, not to restrict

Kenya seeks to stop custom of mob justice

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Mob justice, often lethal and frequently misdirected, is a Kenyan custom of which no one is proud.

A shout of "mwizi" — Swahili for thief - can transform passers-by on a city street into a hysterical mob that will punch, kick, bludgeon and stone determine the facts of a case

a chase through a Nairobi shantytown, a burglar who stole a tool box was set ablaze by another Nairobi be caught by police.
mob and a woman in a village southHarrison Musau, a deputy com-

Kenyan police keep no statistics mobjustice on mob killings, but the average anperhaps two dozen.

MSC GREAT ISSUES

A shout of "mwizi" — Swahili for thief — can transform passers-by on a city street into a hysterical mob that will punch, kick, bludgeon and stone a suspect to death without pausing to determine the facts of a case.

There are conflicting theories a suspect to death without pausing to why mob justice is more common in Kenya, East Africa's most prosper-Since Jan. 1, two suspected robbers have been stoned to death after region.

One factor may be a public perception that thieves are unlikely to

east of the capital was beaten to missioner of the national police, death after being accused of using said, "If there were policemen everywitchcraft to poison fruit she gave to three children who became ill. where, where they could arrest these people, there would be no need for

A recent informal survey by a Nainual toll in recent years, as gauged robi newspaper, The Standard, indiby newspaper reports, appears to be cated many Kenyans view mob justice as an effective deterrent.

in criminal law at the University of city has too few jobs and too little de-Nairobi, told the Associated Press, cent housing "Mob justice has more to do with

self-hate than it does with stopping crime. The people who engage in it are normally in the same social and

economic category as the victims of mob justice. They are frustrated, hardened people who feel left out."

Mob justice is a product of Kenya's modern-day social problems, he said, not an evolution of the community justice traditionally administered in Kenya's villages, he said.

ishment was not arbitrary, and peo-

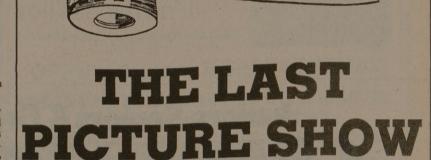
ple were rarely killed, even murderers.

Urban violence is one of the many problems worsening in Kenya and other African countries as their cities swell with arrivals from the countryside. Often, the newcomers give up the psychological comfort of family Arthur Okoth-Owiro, a lecturer and tribal ties only to find that the

"Just trying to survive in Nairobi is very difficult," Okoth-Owiri said.

There have been cases in Nairobi where thieves escaped by making a false accusation that prompted a mob to pursue and beat the wrong person. In other instances, angry mobs intent on violence have tried to pull their quarry from the grasp of intervening police officers.
Government officials, police officers and judges condemn the violent

"In traditional Kenyan society, everybody had a place," he said. "Puncourage the public to play an active role in law enforcement

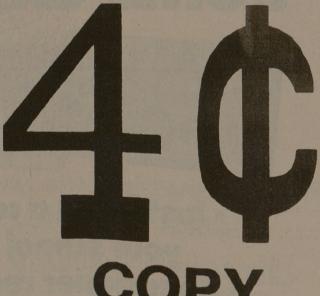


Introduced by Larry Hill

Texas A&M University Department of History

February 177:30 p.m.

Architecture Auditorium Admission Free



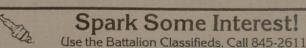
COPY CENTER

Hours:

M-Th. 8-8 Fri. 8-5

Sat. 10-4

707 Texas Ave. S.





BLACK **AWARENESS** COMMITTE

JUDGE NOT BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN

A RACISM SEMINAR



FEATURING DR. CHARLES KING AND A PANEL DISCUSSION OF TAMU STUDENTS FEBRUARY 18 — 7:00 P.M.

RUDDER **THEATER**

