

# Piano Concert

by  
**Liu Ning**

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### Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

## Testing laws not needed, official says

WASHINGTON (AP) - Health-care workers and their hospital patients should be encouraged to undergo tests for the AIDS virus, but no mandatory testing laws are necessary, the head of the federal Centers for Disease Control told Congress Thursday. "The risk of HIV transmission from an infected health-care worker to a patient is very small, and most medical procedures involve no risk at all of HIV transmission," CDC Director Dr. William L. Roper said, referring to the virus that causes AIDS. Roper defended CDC's voluntary testing guidelines under strong attack from conservative Rep. William Dannemeyer, R-Calif., who said it was an

"absurdity" to rely on voluntary compliance. "Aren't you placing the civil rights of the infected above the civil rights of the uninfected?" Dannemeyer asked. "I think you are." The exchange came as Roper and other health care professionals testified before the House subcommittee on health and the environment, which is holding hearings on how to deal with the threat of AIDS transmission in health care. Roper said federal testing laws would amount to an intrusion into state regulation of medicine. He said doctors could be expected "to do the right thing" if they test positive for the AIDS virus.

## Judge reduces charges against 'imprisoning' parents

NEW YORK (AP) - Charges were reduced Thursday against the parents of a 15-year-old girl who was chained at home to keep her off the streets and away from drugs. Eliezer and Maria Marrero now face misdemeanor unlawful imprisonment charges. Initially they were charged with felony imprisonment.

The case remains under investigation, but if their daughter, Linda, does not file a complaint in 60 days, the charges will be dropped. Linda was routinely chained to the family's Bronx apartment, with enough slack to reach the bathroom. Frequent crack cocaine binges and a nearly fatal attack led her parents to take the drastic measure. Her parents were arrested Sept. 13 and briefly held with bail set at \$100,000. After reviewing the case and the parents' explanation, they were freed without bail. After staying in a city youth home while her parents were jailed, Linda returned home Monday, the day they were freed. Family and friends say Linda began skipping school and hanging out with drug users about four years ago. She would disappear for days or weeks, returning home bruised and emaciated. Marrero has said she petitioned the city child welfare agencies for help six times but received no assistance.

## Noriega's attorneys negotiate deal to get Castro's testimony on tape

MIAMI (AP) - A deal in which Fidel Castro would testify by videotape for Manuel Noriega is close, a lawyer for a government witness in the former Panamanian leader's drug trial said Thursday. Prosecutors and defense attorneys have previously raised the possibility of the Cuban president's testimony at Noriega's trial, but did not provide details. "It's definitely in the works," Sam Burstyn, attorney for former Noriega military aide Luis del Cid, told reporters. Burstyn's client was on the stand Thursday tracing Noriega's rise to power. The trial was abruptly adjourned until Monday after prosecutor Myles Malman's father suffered an apparent heart attack.

Malman's father was hospitalized in critical but stable condition later Thursday, the U.S. Attorney's office said. The prosecution says del Cid accompanied Noriega to a 1984 meeting in which Castro mediated a dispute between Noriega and Colombia's Medellin drug cartel. Outside court, Burstyn confirmed his client was present at that meeting, and said prosecutors and defense attorneys were near a deal to travel to Cuba to obtain Castro's sworn statement on videotape. U.S. attorney's office spokeswoman Diane Cossin said she could not comment on any potential witnesses. The indictment claims Noriega and del Cid visited Castro in June

or July 1984 after a drug lab in southern Panama's Darien province was accidentally raided by government troops. The cartel had paid \$4 million or \$5 million to protect the lab and demanded compensation. Castro negotiated a deal and Noriega paid back the protection money, as well as releasing everyone arrested in the raid, the government claims. Castro has denied that role and said he would help Noriega's defense. On the stand, del Cid, 47, detailed Noriega's rise through 1983, when he became Panama's supreme military commander and de facto ruler. Noriega coupled loyalty and intrigue to control virtually all Panamanian life, he said.

## Regents

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Dr. E. Dean Gage, A&M's provost and senior vice president, also reported a significant increase in the number of National Merit Scholars attending A&M. "This year we have 156 new incoming merit scholars," he said. "This is the largest incoming group of merit scholars at this institution ever. This will probably move us up to about number four or five in the nation in this respect." In other actions for A&M, the board rejected construction bids for the Companion Animal Geriatric Center and the Medical Sciences Courtyard because of high bids. The projects will be revised,

and new bids sought. The board also recommended acceptance of bids for furnishing for the state headquarters of the Texas A&M University System and the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center. Construction plans for a new wastewater treatment plant will also be given closer looks at the behest of the board. The design firm, KSA Engineers, Inc. of Longview, has estimated the cost of the plant at about \$12 million. Planners said the plant could eventually branch its service area, becoming a regional treatment plant.

## Peace

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The secretary of state plans to fly to Damascus, Syria, on Friday for a second meeting with President Hafez Assad. He met Tuesday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. At each stop Baker has circulated letters in which the United States lays out positions on a range of issues related to the peace process. For example, the letter to the Israelis said they would not be required to sit at the negotiating table with any delegation of which they disapproved. That proviso effectively recognized an Israeli claim to veto power over any Palestinian delegation that contained members of the

Palestine Liberation Organization or residents of East Jerusalem. On the other hand, the letter to Assad reaffirmed U.S. support of Syria's demand for return of the Golan Heights, occupied by Israel since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. In response to a report that the Palestinians he met with in Jerusalem had refused under PLO pressure to meet with him again in Amman, Baker said, "I would very much like to meet with the Palestinians we've been meeting with in Jerusalem, here or anywhere else." The Palestine National Council is schedule to meet in Algiers on Monday and there are conflicting reports as to whether the Palestinian legislative body will endorse sending representatives to the peace conference as part of a Jordanian delegation.

## Bonfire

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two or three years. "After all the evaluations had been done, it was always decided that Duncan Field was the best site," McTasney said. "The first reason was the permanence of the site. We don't want to move it again in a couple of years, and then again after that." The second reason was the site's accessibility to students, and third was the feasibility of the site for construction - the construction concerns, the logistics. So a number of sites were passed up for those reasons."

Relocating bonfire to the polo field would actually be placing it closer to the center of campus, Koblter said. The nearest building would be more than 300 yards away, compared with the close proximity of the University Press building to Duncan Field. The bonfire committee plans to take into consideration feedback from College Station as well as any other opinions of the Texas Air Control Board, who will attend bonfire again this year, and work them into the final proposal to be reviewed by University President William Mobley. "We are proceeding in a fashion that we could make a decision on it this fall, if needed," Koblter said.



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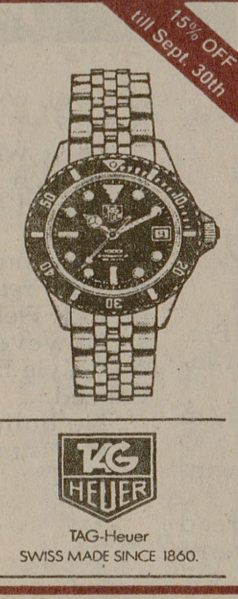
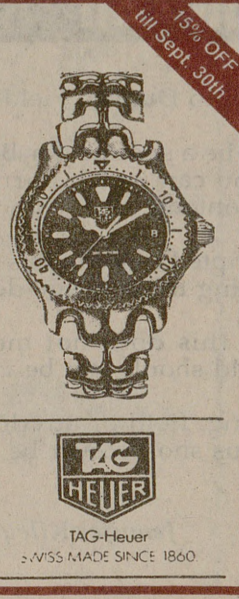
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