

### Attorney condemns government regulation of homosexuals

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less interested in individual autonomy."

The government thinks it can regulate our lives down to the terms of our sexual partner, he said.

"Government actually becomes a third party in bed, it becomes a

menage a trois," he said. "It's just not government's business."

People need to be aware of this problem and help each other, he said. Wiseman said this includes all types of people: the homeless, women, African and Native Americans and homosexuals.

Wiseman said it is the responsi-

bility of everyone to require government to provide people with as much autonomy as possible.

"In my 20 years of practice, I have seen one group after another climbing the ladder to be accepted into the community," he said. "The gay community is not up the ladder, but is well on its way."

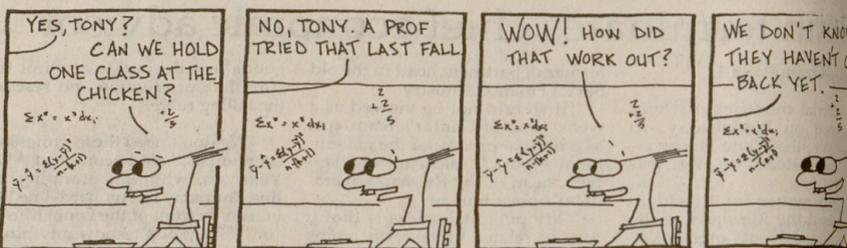
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by GREGORY GOWA



### NASA plans satellite rescue

Challenger replacement to fly 'mission of all missions' in May

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Atlantis has landed, and NASA is preparing its next space flight. It is the mission to beat all missions — the first flight of a new shuttle and a daring satellite rescue by spacewalking astronauts.

The Atlantis' successful atmospheric research mission ended Thursday with a Kennedy Space Center touchdown.

The inaugural voyage of the \$2 billion Endeavour — Challenger's replacement — is scheduled for May. It is clearly the highlight of NASA's year.

So many spacewalks are planned during the Endeavour flight — three, a shuttle record — that four astronauts have spacewalking duties. Usually, it is two. During the seven-day flight, two spacewalking astronauts are to attach a motor to a communications satellite that has been stuck in a lower-than-intended orbit for two years.

It will be the first satellite retrieve-and-repair job by Americans since 1985. "I'm sitting on the edge of my seat waiting on it," said shuttle director Leonard Nicholson. "The very idea of retrieving a satellite

and putting it on top of another upper stage and relaunching it is terribly exciting."

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good, old days when we used to go out and do these kinds of things," said John "Tip" Talone, a NASA official in charge of preparing Endeavour.

William Lenoir, head of NASA's space flight program, said officials "shoehorned" the seven-day mission into the shuttle schedule despite the continuing backlog from the 1986 Challenger explosion. The accident, which killed all seven astronauts aboard, grounded the fleet for 2 1/2 years. "It's a mission we wanted to

do," Lenoir said. "I wanted to do it because it gave me the opportunity to have REAL work that REALLY mattered, that was going to get measured. We either succeeded or we failed."

Lenoir won't be around the Endeavour off, at least in his official capacity.

He announced his resignation this week, effective May 4, three days before Endeavour's targeted launch date.

A May 7 liftoff is contingent on a successful test-firing of Endeavour's three main engines, require of all new orbiters before launch. The engines will be fired for seconds Monday.

The owner of the stranded satellite, the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (Intelsat) is paying NASA \$90 million to \$95 million to go up and attach a 23,000-pound motor that's supposed to boost the craft to proper orbit.

The satellite is orbiting about 345 miles above Earth, 220 miles lower than intended. The uninsured \$157 million satellite failed to separate properly from a Titan rocket in March 1990 and became stuck in a less-than-ideal orbit.

### Police school investigates alleged cheating scheme

FORT WORTH (AP) — Officials are looking into allegations that members of a class at the Fort Worth Police Department's training academy were planning to cheat on a routine first-aid examination.

The investigation began after training supervisors discovered the class may have made preparations to cheat on the test Tuesday.

The Dallas Morning News, in a copyright story in Thursday's editions, reported that the investigation involves 23 of the 26 members of the training class. Until the allegations are proven, normal instruction will continue.

Police Chief Thomas Windham said it is too early to determine what disciplinary action will be taken if the cheating allegations are substantiated. Other police officials said the trainees could be fired.

"The possibility does exist that these individuals could be terminated. That is obviously one possibility because these recruits don't have the same protections as the civil service, fully sworn police officers," said police Lt. Ralph Swearingen.

Windham said he is unsure how long the investigation will last. He said the evidence was discovered before the written test was administered.

### New Orleans jails leader of drug ring

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A former Louisiana boat captain was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole for heading an ecstasy distribution ring that netted \$5 million a year for several years.

Jay St. Pierre, no age available, has been held since his arrest in Brazil in 1990. He had pleaded guilty to operating a continuing criminal enterprise involving ecstasy tablets.

Federal authorities described St. Pierre as head of one of the major ecstasy distribution networks operating in the New Orleans area.

### Repaired levees allow farmers to plant again

REDFORD, Texas (AP) — After two years of watching flood waters break through weak levees and wash out crops, farmers this year are planting alfalfa with a little more security, the Presidio County judge said Thursday.

Reconstruction of seven miles of levees and dikes have made farmers in this poor community confident that their hay crops will not be destroyed again should there be flooding in Mexico. The reconstructed levees will be dedicated next week.

"It'll enable the people to produce again," said County Judge Monroe Elms. "They've got their farms reproducing and they've got the alfalfa planted. They have not been able to for the last two years. It will put people back to work again."

Redford is located about 15 miles south of Presidio, about 215 miles southeast of El Paso. Just north of Presidio, the Rio Concho of Mexico

empties with the Rio Grande. During the past two years after experiencing heavy rains, the Mexican government opened up a dam and released floodwaters into the Rio Concho. In 1990, the water caused a few breaks in the levee, but last year, after months with already high waters in the Rio Grande, the water washed the dikes away.

"It was not normal flooding of the Rio Grande. It was the releasing of water for two years in a row. Elms said.

The county obtained a \$400,000 grant from the Soil and Water Conservation District and a disaster declaration from the governor, which led to \$375,000 emergency state grant.

"It broke the levee in 12 parts (last year) and it came into the farms and destroyed everything, even the land itself," said Jesus Valenzuela, a Redford resident.

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