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State News Briefs

Tilton's ratings plunge by 84%

DALLAS (AP) — Embattled televangelist Robert Tilton's television ratings have plummeted 84 percent since he was accused on a national news program of defrauding his flock, according to the latest ratings report.

The Arbitron Co.'s February report showed 31,000 viewers tuning into Tilton's Success 'N Life program nationwide. That's down 84.4 percent since November 1991, when 199,000 households were watching.

Tilton's Tulsa, Okla., attorney, J.C. Joyce, blames the drastic drop on ABC's PrimeTime Live report that month. The report alleged that Tilton discarded prayer requests sent to him by followers while keeping their donations.

suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome.

The best kidney donor is an identical twin or blood relative. But because Gentry Lovett — 21/2 years old — was adopted, that option wasn't open to her.

So doctors turned to volunteers to see if one of them met the tough odds of being a possible donor.

Against all odds, the winning kidney belonged to Donna Gayle "D.G." Lovett, Gentry's adoptive mother.

On Tuesday, Lovett will undergo transplant surgery to save her adopted daughter's life.

"The first one they tested was me and we matched!" Lovett said.

Fewer than one person in a hundred would have matched that closely, said Dr. Kristine Gugliuzza, who will perform the surgery.

There is a slightly better than an 85 percent chance that Gentry's body will accept the transplant and that it will work for at least a year, Gugliuzza said.

The chances are better than 50 percent that the kidney will function well for at least five years.

Pastor mentions Railey in service

DALLAS (AP) — Former pastor Walker Railey, who recently was acquitted of charges that he tried to murder his wife, was briefly mentioned in Sunday's service at his former congregation.

The Rev. Hal Brady of the First United Methodist Church brought up his predecessor's name at the opening of his sermon.

"I'm sure that everyone here is aware of the verdict on Dr. Walker Railey," Brady said. "I would simply like to remind you, as you already know, that ours is a redemptive community that always comes down on the side of redemption and never on the side of judgment."

Brady did not make any other mention of Railey during the service. His sermon was based on faith, saying people should be judged on their belief and not on their errors.

Brady also announced a special meeting slated for Monday night at the church during which a lawyer and psychological counselor would answer questions for church members having difficulty understanding the verdict.

Mom gives kidney to adopted child

HOUSTON (AP) — A Beaumont woman has been selected to donate a kidney to her adopted daughter, who

Family uses home as reward for info

DALLAS (AP) — A couple is offering a \$50,000 house in hopes of enticing potential witnesses to come forward with information about the 1989 slaying of their daughter.

Tom and Lori Chivers have been consumed with trying to find out who killed their daughter, Terrina "Jade", since the 22-year-old was beaten and stabbed to death at her North Dallas apartment on Aug. 13, 1989.

They have spent most of their free time and \$80,000 tracing leads that led nowhere. Now the lack of progress has led them to the unusual extreme of offering a rental home they own in the Dallas suburb of Carrollton.

"We've had a few years of not getting results," Tom Chivers said. "That makes you a little bitter."

The couple say they have been frustrated by the Dallas Police Department's inability to solve the case. With the help of a private investigator, they have turned up a number of clues and identified the man, a former co-worker of their daughters, they believe killed her.

Police, however, say the evidence is insufficient to arrest the suspect.

Colleges study ways to get diploma in 3 years

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BOSTON — As the cost of a college diploma soars, some American universities are considering reducing the amount of time it takes to get one.

The idea, cutting the length of an undergraduate education from four years to three, is about to be tested by the nation's largest public university system and one school is ready to advertise it as an option.

"It's very simple," said S. Frederick Starr, president of Oberlin College. "If I apply to Oberlin at \$23,000 or Harvard at \$25,000 a year I'm applying for a \$100,000 bachelor's degree. If I get through in three years, I have reduced my cost by 25 percent."

"If my fourth year is spent working, my salary will equal the price of admission. Now we're up to 50 percent off."

Proponents say advances in technology mean students can learn at their own pace. For some, that can mean meeting degree requirements more quickly.

"We have so automatically assumed that all students should spend the same amount of time in college," said Stanford president Gerhard Casper. "Where is that set down in natural law?"

Advocates talk of encouraging high school students to take more college-level courses, streamlining educational requirements and lengthening the academic year.

The State University of New York already is planning to implement what Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone prefers to call "the enhanced productivity of learning."

Unpaid hospital bills

Poor accumulate \$23 million in expenses

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A typical day in the nation's fourth largest city sends about two dozen patients to Ben Taub General Hospital's emergency room, one of the area's busiest.

Some of the patients are poor, leaving taxpayers to pick up the tab rendered by the day's violence.

Although indigent victims accounted for less than 10 percent of Ben Taub's emergency room patients last year, they ran up more than \$23 million in charges, based on one month's billings, The Houston Post reported Sunday.

That month, November 1992, was typically bloody at the hospital police officers refer to as "The Tub."

Doctors treated 226 severely wounded people in shock-trauma rooms: 124 shot, 60 beaten, 41 stabbed, one sexually assaulted.

The bill for November's violence totaled \$1.92 million.

"Unbelievable," says Dr. Kamal Itani, a surgeon who operated on many of those patients. "Unbelievable. You know, we never think of it that way."

Ben Taub charged the average victim of November's violence more than \$8,500.

One of the November victims was Tony Pesina, an uninsured teen-ager stabbed through the heart.

Pesina was the first of 27

casualties of violence to come through Ben Taub's emergency center Nov. 21. Their bills that day totaled almost \$450,000.

The charges to repair Pesina's wounds began to mount moments after he crumpled to his driveway. In six days, they totaled \$31,532.05, a tab Pesina's family can't pay.

"There's no way I can pay it," says Pesina's mother, Alice Alva 35. Her solution: "Tear it up."

But the bill does get paid — by taxpayers.

The Harris County Hospital District does not specifically chart the costs of violence. But multiple November's carnage by 12 and violent acts ran up bills estimated at \$23.04 million in 1992.

Fewer than 10 percent of Ben Taub's patients wounded by violent acts carry medical insurance, says hospital district spokesman Roger Widmeyer, who calls emergency centers "bigtime losers."

"Charges become meaningless," says Robert Barbier, the district's chief of finance.

Unpaid bills have crippled emergency rooms across America. Among the wounded, Hermann Hospital, Ben Taub's neighbor in the Texas Medical Center.

In October 1989, Hermann officials determined they could no longer afford to treat indigent patients. So they began to turn away ambulances bearing the city's severely wounded.

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