

Asbestos

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Asbestos disposal is not an easy process.

"When abating asbestos, we're required to move it so it doesn't go into the environment," Mizer said. "The problem is, the asbestos got into the soil from the crawl space. We're going to have to dig up the contaminated soil and dis-

pose of it in a special place." Peel said areas with asbestos that cannot be excavated must be capsuled so the material does not contaminate the environment.

Guy Cooke, assistant manager for facility construction, said the demolition crew is trying to salvage some of the buildings' components.

"Asbestos abatement is the kind of work that can be slow," he said. "But we're also trying to save some bricks and stuff to build a monument in memory of the resident halls."

Gallery

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is Japanese objects from the Benz collection in conjunction with calligraphy by a local artist," Johnson said.

He said the art league tries to make the exhibits interesting and educational.

Johnson said the Benz collection is eclectic and includes art from all periods.

"We try to make the exhibits diverse in keeping with his collection," Johnson said. "I think people are always surprised to find a collection of interesting and unusual objects."

Johnson said not many people know about the gallery because the building is hard to find.

"People always express amazement that they haven't seen it before," he said.

André Michel, a senior biomedical science major, said she didn't know there was an art gallery in the HFSB until she had to go there to talk to

a professor. "It (the gallery) is a nice place to go and look around," Michel said. "I think they have some beautiful displays."

Bob Rucker, former head of the horticulture department, said the gallery, funded by the estate of Buddy Benz, Class of '32, is the only one of its kind.

"Buddy had a vision to do something for A&M," Rucker said. "He had an art collection worth over \$2 million and he didn't know what to do with it."

Rucker said Benz donated his art to the horticulture department to keep the collection together.

Benz also established the Benz School of Floral Design and left it to the horticulture department.

"He established the school to teach people to sell beauty with flowers," Rucker said.

He said the school has become well-known all over the world.

"The best example was when we had a group come from Japan to study there," Rucker said.

House approves child record-setting ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prompted by the death of 7-year-old Jessica Dubroff, the House passed legislation Monday night forbidding a licensed pilot from turning over an airplane's controls to a child trying to set an aviation record.

Jessica was attempting to become the youngest person to fly across the country when her single-engine Cessna went down April 11 after takeoff in an icy rainstorm near Cheyenne, Wyo. Her father, Lloyd, and flight instructor,

Joe Reid, died with her.

The bill, passed 395-5 and sent to the Senate, prohibits anyone who does not hold a valid pilot's license and medical certificate from attempting to set a record or engaging in an aeronautical competition or feat. The minimum age for obtaining a pilot's certificate is 17.

Licensed pilots who turn over the controls to a nonpilot trying to set a record would have their licenses revoked by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"We cannot legislate good

judgment into the minds and hearts and souls of pilots, but we can erect some strong barriers," said Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, the senior Democrat on the House Transportation Committee.

Federal investigators said Jessica's four-seat plane appeared to be carrying more weight than was safe. They said Reid's injuries suggested that he, not Jessica, was piloting it at the time of the crash. The investigation is not complete.

Jessica of Pescadero, Calif.,

40 miles south of San Francisco attracted great publicity when her plans to fly from Half Moon Bay, Calif., to Falmouth, Me. But after the crash, critics questioned whether a child that had the necessary skill and judgment for such a feat.

The bill, by aviation subcommittee chairman John Dingens and Rep. William Lipinski, Ill., would still permit children to take a plane's controls under the supervision of the pilot in charge and under circumstances other than a record attempt or competition.

Olympics

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in the hunt for a medal." Four-time gold medalist Evans missed the cut after an unusual arbitrators' ruling permitted Ireland's Michelle Smith to compete. Smith took advantage to easily become the first double gold medalist of the Centennial Games.

Smith, the most talked-about swimmer in the games due to her sudden success, the Evans flap and rumors of performance-enhancing drugs, won Ireland's first swimming gold medal in the 400 individual medley Saturday.

"She swam a fast time, even though she did have to break the rules to get in the race," the 24-year-old Evans said of Smith, tears welling in her eyes.

Smith, who missed a July 5 Olympic deadline to qualify for the 400, was allowed to race and finished second in the qualifiers. Evans was ninth; if Smith was excluded, she would have been eighth and slipped in.

"I've learned that life's not fair and today proves that point," Evans said after the bizarre turn of events. Evans will have one more shot at matching Bonnie Blair's U.S. record of five gold medals for a woman athlete — the 800-meter freestyle.

The women's 400-meter freestyle relay team claimed the swimmers' (and the Americans') fourth gold of the games, to go with

the team's seven silver and one bronze medal. Two of the silvers were picked up Monday by the U.S. men.

Hall, the son of three-time Olympian Gary Hall Sr., won the silver in the 100-meter freestyle, finishing just .07 seconds behind Popov in a stirring race. Teammate Tom Malchow then grabbed silver in the 200-meter butterfly as another Russian, Denis Pankratov, won the gold.

A little man made big news at the weightlifting, where two-time gold medalist Naim Suleymanoglu of Turkey — aka "Pocket Hercules" — won an unprecedented third Olympic title in the 141-pound division.

The 4-foot-11 lifter hoisted 413 1/4 pounds — nearly triple his own weight — to set a world record in the clean-and-jerk. In his two lifts, Suleymanoglu raised a world record 738 1/2 pounds.

"I will continue," the 29-year-old Suleymanoglu said, raising the possibility of a fourth gold. "I'm getting a little older, but I want to continue."

In the boxing ring, flashy Floyd Mayweather knocked out 125-pounder Bakhtiyar Tulegenov of Kazakhstan just 57 seconds into the second round, and U.S. middleweight Roshii Wells scored a one-sided victory over Iran's Sefid Dashti K. Mollal.

The U.S. boxers' record is now 6-0; the powerhouse Cuban team is keeping pace with a 7-0 mark.

The Dream Team's alleged competition was all in action Monday, with Croatia

routing China, 109-78, behind 36 points from Arijan Komazec; Yugoslavia beating Australia, 91-68; and Argentina stunning Lithuania, 65-61, despite 30 points and rebounds from Portland Trail Blazers center Arvydas Sabonis.

Evans wasn't the only disappointed American on Monday, though.

The eight-woman rowing team, which arrived in Atlanta determined to capture gold, was upset in its first match against Belarus and gets another shot Wednesday at remaining in the competition through the repechage.

Liliko Ogasawara, the United States' chance for a medal in judo, was wiped out with two defeats in the middleweight competition. And men's air rifle hopeful Rob Harbison lost a chance for the Olympic bronze on his final shot, falling instead to seventh when he went awry. It would have been the first U.S. medal in the event.

Reversing the bad luck trend were the American Greco-Roman wrestlers, who took advantage of a favorable draw to win five out of five matches. Wrestler Dennis Hall captured a silver medal on Sunday.

The U.S. soccer team bounced back from its loss to Argentina with a 2-0 victory over Tunisia. The women's volleyball team defeated the Netherlands, 12-15, 15-10, 17-15, 15-7. The men's water polo team's record to 2-1 with a 9-7 victory over the Ukraine. And the U.S. women's field hockey team scored with six seconds left to beat South Korea, 3-2.

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