

People in the News

Liz Taylor to help kids in Chechnya

Bible verses of such celebrities as former President Carter and civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks.

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor will use her high-wattage charm to help the children of war-torn Chechnya.

Princess Diana to reveal her 'diary'

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana is baring her soul on television again, but this time she is talking about someone else's problems.

The ex-wife of Prince Charles is to appear in a BBC documentary Feb. 11 to give a "personal and frank account" of her four-day trip to Angola last month, the network said Monday. The program is called "Diary of a Princess."

Diana "describes in her own words meeting some of the victims of land mine explosions. She also talks openly about her new role as a humanitarian ambassador," the BBC said.

The princess went to Angola to support a Red Cross campaign to ban land mines. The Red Cross says Angola has the highest amputee rate in the world as a result of the mines.

In 1995, Diana gave an interview to the BBC in which she discussed her failed marriage and admitted having an affair.



Taylor

Minnelli replaces Andrews on Broadway

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a tossup which is the more interesting show these days — "Victor/Victoria" or the star-studded drama unfolding backstage.

Liza Minnelli wants to return to the lead role when Julie Andrews bows out this summer, but only if co-star Tony Roberts is sent packing, said Barry Cross, Minnelli's manager.



Minnelli

Minnelli had returned to Broadway for the first time in 12 years to fill in for the vacationing Andrews, who returned this week.

Roberts, piqued by Minnelli's on-stage mistakes, staged a sickout for several days.

Two days after he returned, it was Minnelli who stayed home, producing a doctor's note to prove she really did have a throat infection. She missed the shows.

As for Minnelli's new demand, the New York Post said producers were searching for Roberts' replacement even before the outbreak of diva-ism. And producers very much want Minnelli back, said producer Tony Adams.

Roberts' agent did not immediately return a call for comment Monday.

Cash's favorite verse not from his songs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Johnny Cash's favorite verse? It is not from "Ring of Fire" or "I Walk the Line" but from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Asked for his favorite Bible verse, the country legend chose this passage: "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body you will live."



Cash

Cash's favorite was one of many collected by Art Toalston for "Lamp Unto My Feet: A Verse-a-Day Devotional." The book includes the favorite

Disabilities Awareness

This week aims to heighten Aggies' understanding of those with disabilities

By Karen Janes
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students will have the opportunity this week to experience some of the difficulties disabled individuals go through every day. They will learn what it is like to live life confined to a wheelchair. They will also understand the feeling of not being able to see a sunset or hear a bird's song.

This week is Disabilities Awareness Week. Various films, programs, and events will take place each day this week in an effort to raise campus awareness of disabilities. "Access Challenge" is one of the activities to be held on Wednesday in the MSC.

Graduate student Jacqui Spevak, a member of the Disabilities Awareness Week committee, said Access Challenge is designed to help students understand the challenge of a disability.

"Access Challenge will simulate what it is like to have a disability," Spevak said. "Students can learn what it is like to be blind, to use crutches or to depend on a guide dog."

The highlight of the week will be a demonstration by the nationally ranked wheelchair rugby team, the Houston Hurricanes, at 1 p.m. today in the Recreational Sports Center.

However, Jo Hudson, coordinator for the Department of Student Life Services for Students with Disabilities, said disabilities are not strictly physical.

"Disabilities can range from physical to neurological to learning," Hudson said. "Students, faculty and staff who are in wheelchairs make up a very small part of the disabled population of A&M."

A disability is defined as a physical and/or mental impairment which may limit major life activities. A significant number of students at A&M fall under this description, so many services have been made available for those with disabilities.

The Department of Student Life offers services such as voluntary note takers, writing assistants, books on tape and speech-to-text writing technology. Students with learning disabilities such as dyslexia may also take their tests outside the class-



Jenny Maki and Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

room in a more focused environment.

The organizers of Disabilities Awareness Week hope to help the student body understand the nature of disabilities.

"The purpose of Disabilities Awareness Week is to further educate students about what disabilities are and how people manage them," Hudson said, "and to break the stereotypes that people have."

Though not directly involved in Disabilities Awareness Week, the non-profit organization "You've Got to Have Heart" helps the more seriously disabled members of the community.

"You've Got to Have Heart" is a horseback riding program which caters to special populations. For a \$5 fee, riders can go on a 30-minute ride in the company of three volunteers.

Leslie Kleibrink, secretary for the organiza-

tion and a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M, says horseback riding is therapeutic for people with special needs.

"The kids and adults that ride respond amazingly to contact with a horse," Kleibrink said. "They seem to have a special bond with the animals and come alive on the back of a horse."

The horseback rides give many of the riders and their families a unique chance to have a good time together.

"The benefits come from seeing the adults and children that you are working with smile and laugh," Kleibrink said. "It makes you want to cry."

"You've Got to Have Heart" is preparing for the Special Olympics, and is looking for volunteers and donations of any kind.

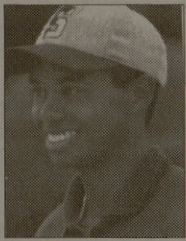
"Working with these people is a great way to give back to the community," Kleibrink said.

Aggie owners begin at Square One

By April Towery
THE BATTALION

Dreams do come true, and sometimes they come true without the help of the Texas Lotto.

Junior geography major Jennifer Reynolds and her boyfriend, former student Brendan Reilly, saw their dream come true last month when they became owners of the restaurant Square One.



Woods

"We've been dating for six years, and we always said if we won the lottery, we'd open a restaurant," Reynolds said.

The restaurant, at 211 W. William J. Bryan in downtown Bryan, has previously been a funeral home, a chapel, a clinic and, most recently, the Lemon Tree.

Square One is versatile in atmosphere and clientele, Reynolds said.

"It can be everything from romantic to laid back," she said. "Everything is made to order. You're coming here for the dining atmosphere. We don't have a liquor license, but you can bring your own wine or beer."

Reilly said the BYOB policy has attracted customers.

"Instead of paying 20 bucks for a bottle of wine at the restaurant, they can go to the grocery store on the way over and pick up a bottle for \$4," he said.

Reynolds said few changes have been made since she and Reilly became owners Jan. 1.

"The only thing we've changed is to make it nicer and softer in the evenings," he said. "The food is not changing. The chef is still here, and his food is awesome."

The decor of Square One is a mix of the contemporary artwork of local students and the antiquated malt-shop appearance given by old soda bottles. But Reilly and Reynolds said they are trying to redecorate.

"I want a cappuccino machine," Reilly said. "I want more plants," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said she and Reilly use their skills to create an informal yet high-class atmosphere.

"You won't see us wearing uniforms or giving a rehearsed speech at the door," she said.

The restaurant offers a variety of what Reynolds described as "eclectic American" food: pastas, sandwiches, steak and seafood. Reynolds said she comes from a Cajun background and has always enjoyed cooking.

Reynolds said owning a restaurant is a time-consuming career. Their responsibilities include dish washing, cooking, waiting tables, managing, bookkeeping and, when necessary, plumbing.

"It's a lot of work, but it's rewarding to see improvements in clientele," she said.

Square One opened a year ago under the ownership of Cafe Eccell chef Paul Patranella. Reilly worked there for six months before deciding to buy it.

Reynolds said skills she learned at A&M have proved beneficial to her career.

"I worked in the geology and geophysics department at A&M for a while," Reynolds said. "It helped me with business and office stuff."

Reilly said he, too, improved his career skills at A&M.

"I majored in biochemistry, so I guess I know all the diseases you're not supposed to get," he said. "I did learn time management and respon-

sibility. College experience, not the actual curriculum, is what taught me."

A typical day for Reilly and Reynolds begins at 9 a.m. They shop for fresh produce and prepare the restaurant for lunch rush. After lunch, they have a short break between 3:30 and 5 p.m., then they return to their duties for dinner customers.

The hustle and bustle of working in a restaurant can cause tension, but Reynolds said working with her boyfriend has not caused problems between them.

"We get frustrated, but usually not with each other," she said. "Because we're working for ourselves, it makes it easier to mop that floor every night."

Reilly said he and Reynolds work better together than with other people. Of the six employees at Square One, all are either roommates or good friends.

"No one's a stranger," Reynolds said. Chris Penn, a friend of Reynolds and Reilly and a frequent customer of Square One, said he highly recommends the restaurant.

"I think it's neat because they're my friends, but also, it's off the beaten path," he said.

Penn said he recommends the restaurant to college students because of the relaxed, yet classy atmosphere it offers.

"Once people go, they get hooked," he said. "I think it's the perfect date place."

Reynolds said she enjoys the good feedback she and Reilly have received from customers and encourages students to visit the historic area and see the product of their dreams.

"It was such a good deal, we didn't have to win the lottery," she said.

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