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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Spencer settles **Connery makes** Mann impressions vith the Express

Connery made

an impression at

Mann's Chinese

wife, Micheline,

hands and feet

into the famous

concrete Tues-

movie "Entrapment.

Williams College.

It opens April 30.

Connery, ac-

Theater.

pressed

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - Sean

by

his

The actor was joined by Cather-

ine Zeta Jones, his co-star in the

Reeve to deliver

commencement

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (AP) -

Christopher Reeve will give this

year's commencement address at

lyzed from the neck down in a

1995 riding accident and has become a spokesperson for the dis-

The college's 210th com-

Reeve traces his theater career to 1968 when at age 15 he got a

summer apprenticeship at the

Williamstown Theater Festival. He has a home in Williamstown.

Graham honored by

Gospel Hall of Fame

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The

Rev. Billy Graham will be inducted

by

George

ceremony

He will be rep-

singer

abled and spinal cord research.

mencement will be June 6.

The Superman star was para-

CONNERY

ONDON (AP) — Earl Spencer pted an undisclosed settle-

rom a newsthat tioned the lling of monraised by a Kahloncert staged) honor of his sister.

People Wite

e Battalion

Hollywood rincess Diana.

Spencer had ued the Express on Sunday for li-

el over its Dec. 16 story. His attorney, Simon Ekins, said

story "gave rise to the infer-" that the earl had control ver the concert proceeds and have used some of the monto defray the high costs of runhis country estate.

fact, Ekins said, the June 28 cert at the estate was orgad by an independent compaand Spencer had no control r the proceeds.

he newspaper withdrew its alations and apologized, blaman editing error.

he concert raised \$320,000 the Diana, Princess of Wales, emorial Fund.

Costner, friends open restaurant

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) n Costner and some famous pals are working

on opening their second restau-



Robert Wagner into the Gospel Music Hall of and champion golfer Fred Cou-Fame next week attended for his support of ples the groundbreak-Christian music. ing Tuesday for resented

nother Clubhouse restaurant, cheduled to open this fall. Costner, Wagner, Couples and

COSTNER

Beverly Shea at legend Jack Nicklaus are the artners in the first Clubhouse, April 21. A video acceptance speech by Graham hich opened in Chicago in will be shown.



April 15

·7 p.m. - Occasional String Band is performing swing and folk music at Brazos Blue Ribbon Bakery.

·8 p.m. - Steamroller and Streamline are performing at The Theatre.

· 10:30 p.m. - Pi Sigma Epsilon presents Sour Mash at Shadow •9 p.m. - Seth Walker will be per-Canyon. forming inside of The Cow Hop, while Linus and 24-7 will be play-

ing outside. •9:30 p.m. - Bobby Hall and Ice Cold Blues Band are playing at

Croozed Path.

•9:30 p.m. - EMS is performing native band. at Fitzwilly's. ·9 p.m. - Dagwood will be playing at The Cow Hop on the inside

Friday, April 16

• 7 p.m. - Occasional String Band is performing swing and folk mu-

Jones steps down from stand

ing outside.

forming at Fitzwilly's.

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - Completing three days on the witness stand, talk show host Jenny Jones said Wednesday that a man who killed a fellow guest after a segment on gay crushes was an adult and made "an informed choice" to appear on the program.

Jones stepped down after 12 hours of testimony in the \$50 million lawsuit against her show.

Jones, who is not being sued, insisted that she and her show were not responsible for the 1995 shooting death of Scott Amedure, a gay man who had described his crush on fellow guest Jonathan Schmitz during a "Jenny Jones

Show" taping. Schmitz has said he is heterosexual and was humiliated.

Schmitz was convicted in 1996 of second-degree murder. The conviction was overturned

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·9 p.m. - Amy Atchley is per-

forming folk at Sweet Eugene's.

·9 p.m. - Cane Breaker is play-

·9:30 p.m. - Hazy Train is play-

Saturday,

April 17

·9 p.m. - Sweet Eugene's pre-

sents Mother's Monkey, an alter-

stage, while Squelch is perform-

9:30 p.m. - Voo-Doos is per-

ing at Crooked Path Ale House.

ing at The Cow Hop.

because of an error in jury selection, and his retrial is set for Aug. 19.

In the lawsuit against the show and its producer, Warner Bros., Amedure's family accuses "The Jenny Jones Show" of tricking a mentally troubled Schmitz into appearing on the program and leading him to believe his admirer was a woman.

Jones said, "I don't think we exploit people." Schmitz, she said, 'was an adult.

He knew the person with the crush could be a man or a woman. He was given enough information to make an informed choice.'

\$197 million Massachusett jackpot claimed by Chilean immigrant

BRAINTREE, Mass. (AP) — In an instant, aria Grasso went from baby sitter for a millione to millionaire baby sitter. he 54-year-old Chilean immigrant came for-

ard Wednesday to claim the \$197 million Big ame jackpot, the world's biggest lottery prize won by one person. She beat odds of 76 mil-

on-to-1 I couldn't believe it," she said. "I haven't had ime to think clearly.

She decided to take the money in a lump sum f \$104 million — \$70.2 million after taxes — inwhere between \$25 million and \$125 million himself, according to campaign records. Grasso bought the winning ticket at a grocery

store near baseball's Fenway Park while shopping for the family

Grasso said she does not play the lottery regularly but did this time because the jackpot was so

"At first I couldn't believe that it could be. There are in 1984. She has worked as a teaching assistant for the mentally handicapped.

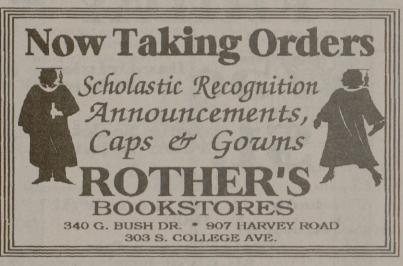
"This has been my priority, to work with chil-dren, special needs children," she said. "I think this will be a chance for me to keep helping.

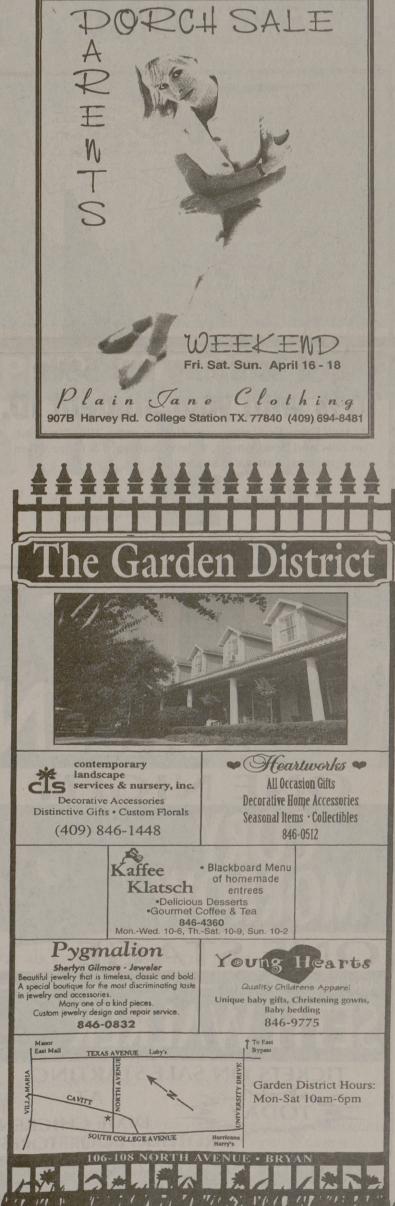
She also will be able to help her family — both her two grown children and her relatives in Chile.

She fully deserves what has happened to her;" a woman named Ana, who said she is Grasso's sister, told National Television in Chile. "She has worked hard all her life to help her family, especially our mother."

Grasso said she waited until Wednesday to









ad of in 26 annual installments. The divorced mother of two said she is not sure vhat she will do with the money, but she menoned her family and handicapped children as riorities

ince finding out she won on April 6, her only najor purchase was the navy blue suit she wore to news conference at state lottery headquarters.

I'm a very down-to-earth person," she said. Intil she quit last week, Grasso worked for the amily of Chris Gabrieli, a Boston venture capist who ran for Congress last year.

ince 1996, she has lived in the family's Bea-Hill townhouse and looked after Gabrieli's hildren. There are now four children, ages 1 to

She's the kind of person who deserves a good urn in life," said Gabrieli, who is worth some-

so many million chances."

- Maria Grasso **Big Game Jackpot Winner**

She said she chose the winning numbers at random.

With the winning ticket beside her bed, she had difficulty sleeping the night she won.

"At first I couldn't believe that it could be," Grasso said. "There are so many million chances.'

Grasso, one of six children, came to the United States in 1971, earned her high school equivalency diploma in 1976 and became a U.S. citizen

come forward because she needed time to get a lawyer and clear her head.

During that time, rumors abounded that the winner was a Nigerian immigrant cab driver. After colleagues at the man's taxi company spread word the driver had won the jackpot, the man got so much attention that he had to hire a lawyer to deny he was the winner.

'I felt sorry for him," Grasso said.

The nation's biggest jackpot was \$295 million, but that was split last July by 13 Ohio machinists who pooled their ticket purchases.

A 1997 lottery drawing in Spain — named El Gordo, or the Fat One — had a \$270 million purse, the richest in the world. But the money was split among many winners, and the biggest single prize was only \$2 million.

