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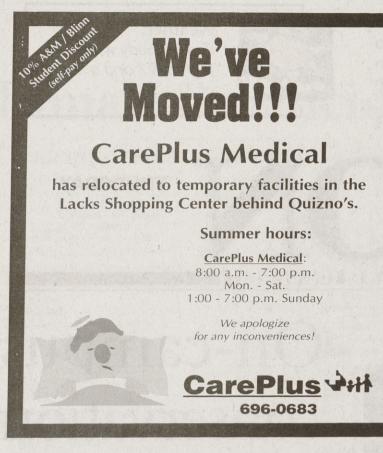
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# Second Texas inmate executed this month

### Father of Soria victim attends injection

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short a son.

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- Edward Bolden

Father of Soria's victim

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)—A convicted killer who last month nearly severed the hand of a prison chaplain in a razor attack on death row was executed Wednesday for the abduction and slaying of a Fort Worth teenager 15 years ago.

"I guess we'll see everyone after this surgery is performed," Juan Soria said at the conclusion of his final statement.

The lethal drugs were administered, Soria gasped slightly, and then was pronounced dead seven minutes later

Soria, 33, condemned for the death

of Allen Bolden, was covered with a sheet up to his chest in the death chamber. A towel covered his arms. Prison officials said he had numerous self-inflicted cuts.

He spoke slowly and barely audibly for several minutes, mentioning "Allah" and "love" repeatedly.

"I call to all of my brothers and sisters and to members of the human race that still have some knowledge for what love, divine love, is," he said. "Love is brought by this prophet Allah. ... We extend our love to everybody."

He never made eye contact with Edward Bolden, the father of his victim, who watched through a window nearby.

"I'll never have to get up and look at a letter from yet another court from yet another attorney filing yet another appeal, most of which were just absolutely asinine," Bolden said. "That, if anything, makes me glad. "I'm still short a son. This execution

doesn't fix that." Soria's execution was the second this

month in Texas and the 26th this year. At

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was needed.

are now in."

"In a phone poll taken

two years ago, it showed

about 84 percent of peo-

ple in the Brazos Valley

wanted a new perform-

ing arts center," Romei

said. "The phone poll led

to the study and the

study led to the concep-

tualization stage that we

the end of the study,

three options were clas-

Romei said that, at

least six executions are scheduled for August.

Soria's punishment drew none of the attention that was focused on last month's lethal injection of Gary Graham, whose claims of innocence and an unfair trial spotlighted Texas as the nation's most active execution state and the support of the death penalty by Gov. George W. Bush, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

Soria's attorneys did not seek a reprieve from Bush, who could have issued a one-time 30-day halt to an exe-

> cution. The U.S. Supreme Court refused Tuesday to reconsider his case and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles earlier voted 18-0 against clemency for Soria.

Allen Bolden, 17, was leaving the Fort Worth Boys Club, where he worked as a lifeguard and swimming instructor, when Soria and Mike Lagunas, then 18, asked for a ride in his father's Oldsmo-

bile Toronado.

When they all were in the car, Lagunas pulled a gun and threatened to kill Bolden if he did not cooperate.

According to court documents, Bolden was ordered to drive to a secluded area under a bridge in north Fort Worth where he was taken from the car. After Lagunas hit Bolden in the head with a rock, knocking him to the ground, Soria told police that at Lagunas' urging, he "bent down and stabbed the guy twice in the soft spot at the back of the head."

The knife severed Bolden's spinal cord and killed the nationally ranked swimmer who had earned a scholarship to Texas Christian University and planned to be a sports doctor.

### sified by price. "The first option is to build a center that would

Continued from cost \$5 to \$7 million," Page 1 Romei said. "The second (PMK), concluded a option is about \$10 to \$12 study presented by the million, and the third oparts council. Romei said tion is \$18 to \$20 million. audience members, per-The options differ. For informers, sponsors and stance, one option has government officials only one theater and in were interviewed to deanother option there are termine whether a new two theaters. People are performing arts center leaning toward the sec ond option."

Talitha Marburger, a junior nutrition major, thinks the performing arts center will benefit the whole community.

"I think the new arts center will be very beneficial because it will bring more variety of arts to this area," said Marburger. "The community will be able to get more involved by hav-

ing programs provided by OPAS and in the new arts center."

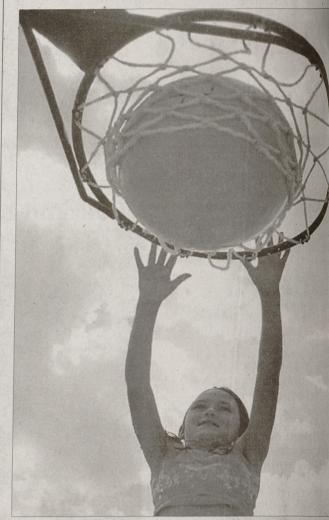
Romei said the new performing arts center is still in planning stages and a site has not been chosen. "A site has not been

decided on because we are in the stage of conceptualizing," Romei said. "There is a committee set up to decide the future fate of location. We are in works with the school of architecture and a firm in New York. I think it will be completed in two years."

Romei said there are several ways to fund the

"The funding will be a partnership between the government, private and business contributions," he said.

### Above the rim



Seven-year-old Tori Tackett slam dunks in a game of pool ball at the Recreation Center's backyard pool.

## Illegal gift clubs surface

DALLAS (AP) — In the latest spin on the age-old pyramid scheme, women are draining their bank accounts and taking out loans they can not always afford for a shot at the big

A bit pricey, perhaps, but it sounds General Christine Gregoiresued 13 innocuous enough: a women's club moters of a gifting club, accusing to that costs \$5,000 to join, where mem- of operating an illegal pyramids then bers mingle and exchange cash gifts in called the Renewal Celebration restaurants and homes.

The best part? The promise of a return on their initial investment to the tune of \$40,000.

But, as always, hype rarely lives up to reality, and most participants either wind up penniless or in trouble with

Two women in Princeton, in rural Collin County, were arrested Tuesday for partaking in one such gifting scheme, which is illegal under Texas

Princeton police said Shannon Ford, 29, and 52-year-old Judy Gipson were arrested after Ford refused to return a \$5,000 investment she made to

Both were charged with a felony count of promoting an illegal pyramid

Police said new club members paid \$5,000 to join. They then became eligible to receive money from the next eight participants, reaping a potential windfall of \$40,000 during planned dinner meetings.

Princeton Police Chief Tim Ris refused to comment further of matter Wednesday.

Similar clubs have cropped elsewhere in the United States.

In March, Washington Atto

And last week, several male an male police officers in Auburn, Ma were suspended or forced to resig ter spending \$2,000 to join the "Changing Lives" pyramid scher

Back in Texas, the problembe an epidemic of sorts in Marchin lington, southwest of Dallas, dozens of calls streaming in to

"We had so many compl about it. It became really so spread it became the talk of th There were so many people getti volved," police spokesperson De derson said Wednesday.

Authorities eventually teame with the Better Business Bureau held a news conference war

women of the clubs. No arrests were made, and members were stuck to dwell on

financial losses. Arlington resident De Lindquist borrowed \$5,000 fm bank in March to join one such but never saw a penny of it again

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