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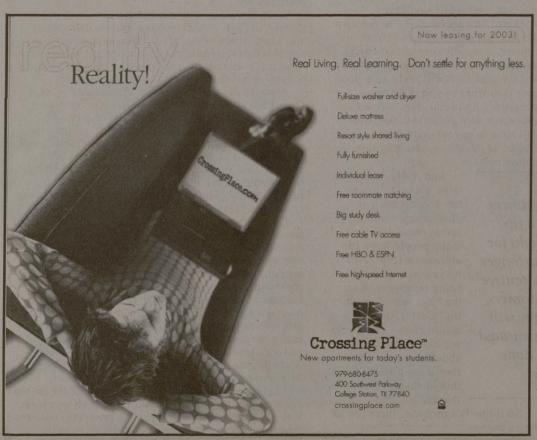
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Secretary of State Collin Powell, National Security Adviser Condolezza Rice and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld are General, Lord Robertson on Feb. 18.

pictured at the White House where President George W. Bush met with NATO Secretary

NEWS IN BRIEF

Natural gas cause of home explosion

GAINESVILLE, Texas (AP) -Investigators have determined that a natural gas explosion caused the destruction of a Gainesville residence on Monday and damaged every house within a two-block range, the Gainesville Fire Department said Wednesday.

No one was in the house at the time, but an adult and two children in a passing car suffered minor injuries from flying glass.

Six investigators and engineers completed an late Tuesday, investigation officials said.

The investigation of the

natural gas explosion focuses on the gas plumbing beneath the house, the fire department

Plans under way to free up prison space

said in a release.

AUSTIN (AP) - As the state prison system approaches its operating capacity, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Wednesday plans are under way to free up 4,000 prison beds.

"At the end of the day, the state of Texas is not going to compromise on safety," Dewhurst said.

Some of the additional capacity would come from

shortening a substance abus program for offenders from ni

months to six months. The would free up about 2,00 beds, said Sen. John Whitmi chairman of the Senat Criminal Justice Committee. Another 1,000 beds cou

come from converting the Hamilton Youth Commiss facility in Bryan into an adul prison operated by the Texas Department of Crimina Justice.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Colleg Station, said he supports the logic behind using the yout commission facility, but said h wants to make sure that



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