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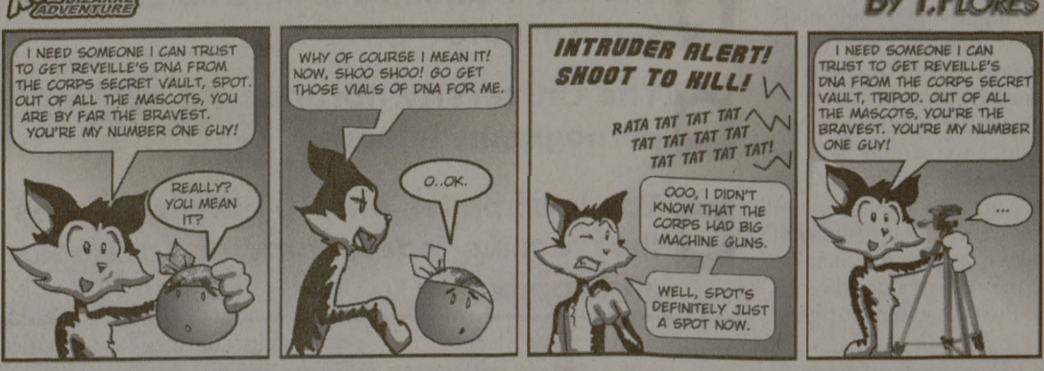
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"The Number One Guy!"

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Smuggling

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immigrant called one of the numbers and was told where to go next, he said.

Prosecutors said Chavez had simply taken over her husband's business. Heriberto Flores-Rebollar, 35, has several convictions for transporting and harboring illegal immigrants and is currently serving prison time for illegally re-entering the country after being deported for a previous conviction, according to court documents.

"We believe the evidence will show her involvement became more (increased) once her husband was arrested," Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Rodriguez said. "She inherited the operation."

Gabriel Gomez, one of Flores-Rebollar's associates, told authorities he had been helping Chavez smuggle immigrants into the country for at least eight months and that Chavez had been involved in transporting at least 200 loads of people, Meza testified. The agent said Chavez at one point threatened if Gomez talked to authorities "his family would pay ... his family would be harmed."

Meanwhile, Chavez's mother, Maria Luisa Gonzalez, testified that Chavez, who was arrested June 13 trying to enter Guatemala from her native Honduras, did not intend to permanently flee the country. Authorities in Guatemala quickly deported her to the United States.

"She was going to come back here," Gonzalez said. Botley also cited Chavez fleeing to Honduras as another reason to deny bond.

As Gonzalez testified, her daughter sobbed quietly, grasping a tissue, staring at the defense table with her head bowed.

Just before Botley denied the bond request Tuesday afternoon, an unsteady

Gonzalez had to be helped from the courtroom after marshals had given her water and friends had been fanning her. A nurse later said Gonzalez had just become overly excited.

During his cross examination of Gonzalez, Rodriguez suggested she was not telling the truth in her earlier testimony, saying investigators had a recording of her discussing with Chavez and Gomez how her daughter should continue to hide from authorities.

Botley cut off questioning after Gonzalez was asked whether she accompanied her daughter to retrieve some smuggling money from a house, which she denied.

In a conference at the bench, Botley wanted to know if Gonzalez was being considered as a co-conspirator. Prosecutors and defense attorneys later appeared before Botley and they said that if authorities questioned her in the future, she should be advised of her rights. After the hearing, attorneys declined to talk with reporters about whether Gonzalez was involved in the ring.

Prosecutors are still deciding whether to seek the death penalty against 12 of the 14 people, including Chavez, named in a 58-count indictment unsealed last month.

The indictment accused Chavez of leading the smuggling cell that coordinated activities of three other rings involved in the operation.

As the top figure, prosecutors say Chavez, who is a legal U.S. resident, set the price per immigrant, organized their trafficking through Mexico and into the United States, arranged safe houses in Texas and hired transportation inland.

Nine of the indicted suspects, including Chavez and the truck's driver, Tyrone Williams, are in federal custody. Authorities are still looking for five of the people named in the indictment.

Iraq

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every day, leading some to worry about the possibility of a Vietnam-style political and military quagmire.

In Washington, President Bush said Tuesday that anti-American violence was expected, because Saddam loyalists will stop at nothing to regain power.

"These groups believe they have found an opportunity to harm America, to shake our resolve in the war on terror, and to cause us to leave Iraq before freedom is fully established," Bush said. "They are wrong and they will not succeed."

"There will be no return to tyranny in Iraq," he said.

In Tikrit, Abdullah Mahmoud al-Khattab, who was leader of Saddam's Bani al-Nasiri tribe, was shot and killed Sunday afternoon while he rode in his car.

Governor Hussein al-Jubouri said al-Khattab's son, Odai, also was wounded when assailants fired from a pickup truck and fled the scene.

The killing highlighted the shifting alliances that have characterized Iraq as the country emerges from 35 years of brutal, one-man rule. Even those eager to distance themselves from Saddam often pay dearly for their past links to him.

Al-Khattab "had many enemies and he had confiscated a lot of properties and killed many people," the governor said, adding, "The person who killed him could have taken revenge."

Several Tikrit residents said the killers could have been Saddam loyalists angered at the tribal leader's public disavowal of the ousted dictator.

Saddam still enjoys a degree of popularity in Tikrit, where he built roads and schools and soccer fields. Wall graffiti here reads, "Pray for Saddam's victory because he's a genuine Iraqi" and "May the occupation fall and may Saddam return."

"He's just, he's pious, he's a real Muslim, he loves his people," said Tikrit resident Abu Ahmed at the mention of Saddam's name.

Most other Iraqis express disdain for Saddam, yet anti-U.S. forces have persisted in stepping up attacks on occupation forces in recent days.

On Tuesday, assailants traveling in a vehicle in central Baghdad fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. military vehicle, wounding three soldiers. Another grenade slammed into a U.S. truck on a road 12 miles south of Baghdad, injuring three soldiers.

In western Baghdad, U.S. troops shot and killed two people when their car didn't stop at a checkpoint,

Dotson, a 6-foot-7 forward, averaged 4.6 points in a reserve role with Baylor this season. He decided not to return next season after his playing time steadily declined throughout his only season at Baylor. He was expected to transfer to a lower-division NCAA school before next fall for his final season of college eligibility.

Brandy Helmer, who has known Dotson since they were in sixth grade and graduated from high school with him, said she didn't think Dotson shot Dennehy.

"Carlton's not that type of person," Helmer said. "He was an outgoing student. Carlton's got his head on his shoulders."

Dennehy, 21, transferred to Baylor last fall. He had played two seasons at the University of New Mexico, where he averaged 10.6 points and 7.5 rebounds his sophomore year, but then was cut from that team after losing his temper during practice.

His mother, Valorie

Brabazon, told "Good Morning America" from her Carson City, Nev., home on Tuesday that she remains hopeful.

"Our son is still alive, and we're keeping a positive attitude about it and keeping our hopes up. And we know God is with him."

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. said the university is working with police and school officials were trying to comfort Dennehy's family.

"Nothing really prepares you for an ordeal like this," Sloan said. "While we still have many questions and very few answers, we do have confidence in the various law enforcement agencies that are operative in this situation."

He said firearms are banned on campus but would not say whether he was alarmed at reports that Dennehy and Dotson may have been firing guns. Dennehy and Dotson lived in an off-campus apartment across the street from the basketball arena.

Libraries

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but that the library trusts all research be done responsibly.

Nicole Ramirez, a junior agricultural development major, said A&M should filter out pornographic material regardless.

"I would think that with A&M's primary goal being to equip its students with vast amounts of knowledge in and out of the classroom, they would take the necessary precautions to make sure their students are using the school's assets with the best intentions to further their education," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

City courts relocate

The City of College Station Municipal Court and City Court will move to a new location on Krenek Tap Road beginning July 5.

The current location is on Texas Avenue next to the College Station Police Department.

The Municipal Court will close on July 3 and remain closed through July 7. No court business will be handled during that period.

Recipients of citations issued by the College Station Police Department or the Fire Department will receive a full 10 business days to enter a plea of their citations.

Teen Court, which has been meeting at the College Station City Hall, will begin hearing cases at the new location beginning July 7.

O'Malley

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documents detailed sordid conduct by priests and showed Law allowed accused molesters to be transferred from parish to parish.

While apologizing publicly, Law spent much of the year on the defensive or out of the public eye. He was viewed by some as standoffish and isolated from abuse victims, and — near the end of his tenure — priests, lay people and victims' advocates all called for him to step down.

O'Malley, a Franciscan friar, has taken a vow of poverty and eschews the trappings of diocesan power. In Palm Beach, O'Malley had a choice of four residences and took the smallest. He hasn't decided whether to live at the sprawling chancery in Boston.

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