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<http://student-rules.tamu.edu>:

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by Will Lloyd

Gates

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"(The Department of Homeland Security) people are more worried about how to answer the phone every day than how to protect the homeland," Gates said.

Gates said a small adjustment could be made to the department by giving the director of the CIA the power to move money and people around as he saw fit.

"The director could truly integrate and manage," Gates said.

Gates responded to a question about the retirement of George Tenet from the position of director of the CIA by saying that he believed the decision was entirely Tenet's.

"People cannot imagine the toll that the job has on the people and their families," Gates said. "There are physical and spiritual costs that come with it."

Albert Broussard, a history professor at A&M, said that he liked that Gates is a straight

shooter.

"He is a very powerful speaker," Broussard said. "The fact that George Tenet called him today [after he retired from the CIA] speaks for itself."

Nate Evans, an incoming freshman international studies major, said Gates' insight into foreign affairs was relevant to his interests.

"He had an effective and interesting speech on America and where it is headed," Evans said. "He was very specific on issues in international relations."

Stronger-looking pope appears to thrive on Swiss enthusiasm

By Alexander G. Higgins
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERN, Switzerland — A stronger-looking Pope John Paul II, appearing to thrive on the enthusiasm of young Swiss Roman Catholics, joined 70,000 people Sunday in celebrating his first open-air Mass abroad in nine months.

The largely youthful crowd erupted in cheers as the 84-year-old pontiff arrived and waved his right hand to the crowd as he was rolled across the large stage.

"Dear young friends," John Paul said in his sermon. "You should know that the pope likes you, accompanies you daily in his prayers, counts on your cooperation in the matter of the gospel and encourages you to proceed optimistically in the path of Christian living."

John Paul held up well through the 2 1/2 hour Mass.

At times his hands trembled and he had difficulty speaking, but when the pauses became long, the crowd encouraged him by cheering and he came back with vigor.

He spoke clearly in three of the languages of

Switzerland — German, French and Italian — and in his native Polish to a contingent from his homeland.

But he appeared to tire somewhat as the day wore on. In a meeting with former members of the Vatican's Swiss Guard Sunday afternoon, he read the opening and closing sentences of his prepared remarks thanking them for their service. But he had a bishop read the bulk of the short speech.

The pope then returned to Rome, taking off in an Alitalia jetliner from a military airbase near Bern at 7:03 p.m.

Even on Friday, when he received President Bush at the Vatican, John Paul's hands trembled badly and his speech was difficult to understand.

The trip to Switzerland was a test of the pope's condition, and his improved appearance would seem to have smoothed the way for further travel. Vatican officials have started planning a mid-August pilgrimage to the Marian shrine in Lourdes, France.

The visit to Bern was the 103rd of John Paul's 25-year papacy and his third to Switzerland. He told a youth rally on Saturday evening that he felt duty-bound to keep traveling.

"It's wonderful to be able to offer oneself until the end for the cause of the Kingdom of God," he said.



JOHN PAUL II

Trial to begin in vigilante case

By Lynn Brezovsky
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HEBRONVILLE, Texas — A South Texas couple says the U.S. Border Patrol hasn't been much help in stemming the flow of illegal immigrants who make their way into the country across their ranch land.

After continuing to find broken fences, food containers and other messes from migrants, Joe and Betty-Lou Sutton last year called on Ranch Rescue, an Arizona-based group of armed vigilantes who believe citizens should protect the U.S.-Mexican border themselves.

Now, the Suttons' ranch is at the center of a federal court case alleging abuses against migrants.

Jury selection begins Monday in a trial for Ranch Rescue volunteer Casey Nethercott. The Douglas, Ariz.,

man is accused of pistol-whipping two Salvadorans who attempted to cross the Suttons' land. Nethercott has pleaded innocent to felony counts of assault, unlawful detention and unlawful possession of a weapon.

A civil trial naming the Suttons and Ranch Rescue among the defendants is scheduled for August.

The case is the latest against members of such vigilante groups.

Ranch Rescue is one of at least three citizen patrol groups who say they are patriots fighting what they call a homeland invasion. They have been called to private lands more frequently because of Border Patrol crackdowns on more populated portions of the 2,000-mile border.

Nethercott, 35, joined Ranch Rescue's Sutton Ranch mission, dubbed "Operation Falcon." On

March 18, the volunteers set up camp, donned camouflage and prepared equipment that included assault rifles, handguns, night-vision devices and Nethercott's Rottweiler, prosecutors said.

Fatima Leiva and Edwin Mancia were crossing the ranch, reportedly on their way to family and jobs in Houston, when Nethercott's dog attacked them and Nethercott hit Mancia with the back of his handgun, injuring him, prosecutors said. Nethercott is accused of making the couple repeatedly kneel and stand, and interrogated them before releasing them outside the ranch gate.

Jim Hogg County police spotted the couple on the highway that passes the ranch, and brought them to the Border Patrol, which contacted the Mexican consul in Laredo, Daniel Hernandez Josef.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trial set for Texas men accused of funding terrorists

DALLAS (AP) — Five brothers whose computer company did business in the Middle East are scheduled to go on trial this week on charges that they made illegal shipments of computer equipment to countries that support terrorism and tried to cover up the deals.

The trial in federal district court in Dallas, however, will not include the most explosive charges in the original indictment — that the men funneled money to the terrorist group Hamas.

The men, all Palestinian-born brothers, are expected to stand trial on the Hamas-related charges this fall.

The case drew enough attention in the aftermath of the September 2001 terror attacks that Attorney General John Ashcroft took the unusual step of personally announcing the indictments.

The men — Ghassan Elashi, Bayan Elashi, Basman Elashi, Hazim Elashi and Ihsan Elashyi — ran a company called InfoCom Corp., which sold computer equipment and hosted Web sites for groups in the Middle East. The company is also a defendant.

Sheriff's department develops new policy against shooting cars

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County Sheriff's Department is developing a tough new policy

against shooting at vehicles following a newspaper report that deputies have shot 22 people since 1999 by firing on vehicles in violation of their training.

The Houston Chronicle investigation found that deputies have killed six people and wounded 16 others. Nineteen of the shooting victims were unarmed and only two were fleeing after violent crimes.

Sheriff Tommy Thomas said he has known about the problem for at least a year but hoped that additional training that began in spring 2003 would help. The department plans to distribute new rules to deputies next week, but no one will be punished retroactively.

"It boils down to unless someone is using deadly force other than the vehicle, you don't shoot at them," Thomas said.

Reagan

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Friday morning, a parade will take the casket to the National Cathedral for a national funeral service. It will be flown back to California in a motorcade to the library's private interment service.

Reagan will be buried crypt beneath a memorial at the library, a library spokeswoman said. A curved, adorned with shrubbery, ivy lines the memorial as inscribed with a three-quote from Reagan.

"I know in my heart man is good. That what right will always even triumph. And there's peace and worth to each and every life," the inscription reads.

President Bush, in fact, recalled that 20 years ago Reagan had come to Normandy on the anniversary of the June 6, 1944, invasion.

"He was a courageous leader himself and a great leader in the cause of freedom, and today we honor the memory of Ronald Reagan," Bush said.

At Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon, Ill., many left flowers, flags and plaques of Jelly Belly jelly beans, his favorite — at the feet of a life-sized statue of Reagan the front yard.

At Bel Air Presbyterian Church, which Reagan attended during and after presidency, worshipper McNally recalled how members of the congregation would react to his arrival.

"As soon as he'd step the ramp, people would pass a piece of paper, any piece of paper, to get him to sign."

Reagan's "Star Wars" program drew the Soviet Union into an unaffordable arms race, and his 1987 declaration to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at the Berlin Wall — "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall" — was the ultimate challenge of the Cold War.

Gorbachev on Sunday came back on those tensions of equanimity and forgiveness.

"I take the death of Reagan very hard," Gorbachev told reporters. "He was a man whom fate set by me in perhaps the most difficult year of the end of the 20th century."

"It was his goal and dream to end his term in history as a peacemaker," he said.

Ronald Reagan 1911-2004

Born Feb. 6, 1911 in Tampabay, Ill., younger of two sons of a farmer and John Reagan.

Education

1932 Graduates from Eureka College, Eureka, Ill.

Family

Jan. 26, 1940 Marries actress Jane Wyman. Children: Michael, born 1941; Michael, born 1942; and Christine, born 1947. 1947 and dies the next day. Marriage ends in divorce in March 4, 1952. Marries actress Nancy Davis. Children: Patrick, 1952, and Ronald, born 1958.

Hollywood

1932-37 Works as a radio announcer in Iowa.
1937-1964 Makes more movies by the time he turns politics. His most famous roles as "the Gipper" in "Klutie" and "All-American." He also served as president of the Screen Actors Guild.

Politics

1964 Campaigns for Barry Goldwater.
1966-74 Governor of California.
Nov. 4, 1980 Wins presidential election, defeating incumbent Jimmy Carter.
March 30, 1981 John Hinckley Jr., tries to assassinate him.
August 1981 Fires more than 11,000 air traffic controllers they go on strike against the Federal Aviation Administration. In the same month, 241 U.S. Marines and sailors are killed in Beirut.
Nov. 6, 1984 Defeats former President Walter Mondale in election.
November 1986 The Iran-Contra affair becomes public.
Dec. 8-10, 1987 Summit in Washington. Reagan and Gorbachev sign treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces.
January 1989 Retires to California after his term.
June 5, 2004 Dies after a struggle with Alzheimer's disease at his home in California.

SOURCE: Compiled AP reports