

Associated Press stories you may have missed

April fools gone awry

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A 26-year-old man who enrolled in high school as a girl and made the all-girl cheerleading squad was sentenced to two years' probation.

He performed in uniform with the cheerleading squad at a pep assembly, and changed clothes in the women's locker room, students and teachers said.

When the masquerade came to light, several of the girls who had befriended the new cheerleader were upset, but some said they had their doubts all along.

In the meantime, several football players had expressed interest in dating the newest member of the cheerleading squad despite his solid build — he is 5-foot-9 and 164 pounds.

To protect and serve

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Police checking a report of a prowler entered an apartment at 3:30 a.m. and shot a 24-year-old stockbroker to death when he got out of bed in his night clothes to see what was wrong.

It is believed to be the sixth shooting death committed by Kansas City police officers this year. In one, four officers fired 19 times at a man brandishing a bar-

becue fork. In another, an officer killed a man who was spraying him with a fire extinguisher.

A boy named Scud

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Hundreds of fervent Muslims in Algeria are naming newborn sons Saddam, but authorities have quashed an attempt by one family to name a son "Scud" after the Iraqi missile.

The father of the child said he would make another attempt — this time through the courts.

And in this corner ...

BALTIMORE (AP) — Doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital removed a 180-pound ovarian cyst from a 40-year-old West Virginia woman, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"That is abnormally, abnormally abnormal," said Dr. Raymond Kaufman, chairman of the obstetrics-gynecology department of Baylor College of Medicine in Madison, Texas. "That's a rarity."

There are different types of ovarian cysts, but unless the patient is extremely obese, most can be detected

with a pelvic exam when they are 3 or 4 centimeters in diameter and "a couple of grams" in weight, he said.

High tech grunting

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. fighter pilots used special physical tactics — including explosive grunting and muscle tensing — to keep from losing vision or even blacking out from the high-speed, neck-snapping action in the Persian Gulf War.

Those wacky kids

SEATTLE (AP) — A 14-year-old girl was charged today with first-degree attempted murder in the Valentine's Day shooting of a 15-year-old schoolmate who spurned her advances.

The girl told detectives she wanted to kill Jason R. Hood because "he's ... I don't know? Annoying," according to court papers filed by deputy prosecutor Robert T. Reischling.

The girl was arrested at her home without a struggle, waived her rights and gave a taped statement to police detective Randy Mullinax in which she said she intended to kill Hood.

At the end of the tape she said her voice would not be recorded "because I am a vampire."

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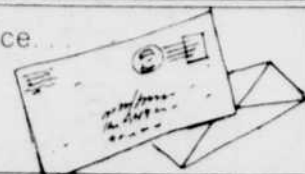
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