

## Desegregation plan OK

### Judge approves of Chicago's methods

CHICAGO (AP) — A board of education plan now being used to desegregate Chicago schools largely through voluntary methods was approved yesterday by a federal judge.

The plan, which calls for busing if voluntary measures fail in the nation's third largest public school system, "is not only adequate to pass constitutional muster but... reasoned and reasonable," U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur wrote in a 41-page opinion.

Chicago's approximately 442,000 public school students, more than 80 percent of whom are black or Hispanic, are subject to a battery of desegregation methods under the plan, which is in its second year of use. About 100,000 pupils now attend desegregated schools, or schools with enrollments of no more than 70 percent minority or white students, a board spokesman said.

The methods include open enrollment at many schools, creation of special "magnet" schools aimed at attracting students from across the city, changes in school boundaries and special funding for minority schools that cannot be desegregated.

The plan was submitted to Shadur nearly a year ago, under terms of a Sept. 24, 1980 consent decree between the Chicago Board of Education and the U.S. Justice Department.

Shadur said he delayed approving it because he "wanted to see how successfully it worked." He noted that since its implementation, "nothing has been shown to disprove the premises on which it was designed."

And he said "major changes" in the schools' racial makeup "over more than a decade before 1980 have increased enormously the difficulties of developing an effective desegregation plan."

The 1980 decree was signed just hours after the Justice Department filed suit against the board, charging that the school system was discriminatory. Chicago

is the largest public education system ever to be sued by the department for alleged segregation and the largest city in which the department has won agreement for a solely voluntary desegregation plan.

Although the public system has been losing students to private schools for years, Supt. Ruth B. Love announced yesterday that Chicago's voluntary desegregation program drew 3,000 children from private and parochial schools in the current school year.

She attributed the change to additional programs and effective promotion of them, plus last year's small gains in citywide reading scores — up one month in each of five grades.

School Board President Raul Villalobos said he was "elated and relieved by the ruling."

Shadur's acceptance of the plan was called "extremely encouraging" by Assistant Attorney General William Reynolds, head of the justice department's civil rights division.

"We remain confident that the proper implementation of this plan, which is based mainly on magnet schools and voluntary transfers, can achieve more lasting desegregation than a mandatory student reassignment plan," Reynolds said in a statement released in Washington.

He said the department intends "to carefully monitor the implementation to assure that the plan actually measures up to the court's expectations."

Although the Supreme Court has ruled that mandatory busing is a permissible remedy for segregation, the Reagan administration has renounced that tool in its integration effort.

Civil rights advocates have accused the Justice Department under Reagan of backing off tough desegregation enforcement. They have said voluntary measures have often proved inadequate and have predicted that will be the case in Chicago.

## 9,000-year-old skeleton found at Texas excavation

CEDAR PARK, Texas (AP) — Archeologists said yesterday that a 9,000-year-old human skeleton, one of the oldest ever found in the United States, was that of a young woman who was probably about 20 when she died.

The find, which excited scientists because so little is known about human history during that period, is underway in advance of construction of a new highway about 18 miles northwest of Austin. The excavation, begun last January and expected to last another year, will be completed before work begins on the road.

Workers were about halfway through unearthing the ancient skeleton yesterday.

"It's one of a kind. There's never been anything like this found before," said Dr. Frank Weir, director of archeological studies for the state highway department.

Weir said if carbon dating proves the estimated age to be correct, "that would put it back before Pharaoh, Moses, the whole bit, back at a time when there was no civilization to speak of. People were still hunters and gatherers."

The skeleton was found at a depth of 12 feet, on its side in a crudely dug grave.

Al Wesolowsky, an anthropologist from the University of Texas at San Antonio, said, "Although the grave itself is shallow, it took a considerable expense of time, when you consider they were probably digging only with sharpened sticks in very com-



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Texas Highway Department workers delicately dig around the remains of a human skeleton believed to be 9,000 years old. The discovery was made during excavation for a highway project north of Austin.

He said scientists might be able to determine how the woman died by examining her bones.

"They can perhaps determine the last meal this woman ate before her death. They bag each portion of soil that they remove and then analyze those that came from the abdominal cavity," McCarver said.

Guards were posted at the site around the clock to prevent vandalism.

## Strong series of earthquakes rock California

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — A series of strong earthquakes centered along the Eastern Sierra rocked a wide area of central California on yesterday, knocking groceries off store shelves and triggering minor panic in a restaurant.

The quakes, beginning after 5 p.m. PST and centered in the seismically active Mammoth Lakes area, caused power outages in the Mammoth area and were felt 100 miles to the west in the San Joaquin Valley cities of Fresno and Merced, authorities said. No injuries or major damage were immediately reported.

"It came in first in our instruments near Mammoth Lake," said University of Nevada-Reno seismologist Wally Nicks. "The main shock seemed to be more than a five (on the Richter scale). I don't know how much. There are so many earthquakes coming in we can't distinguish it right now... just continuous earthquakes. I'd guess it's somewhere between 5 and 5 1/2."

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5.

An earthquake of 3.5 on the Richter scale can cause slight damage in the local area, 4 moderate damage, 5 considerable damage, 6 severe damage. A 7 reading is a "major" earthquake, capable of widespread heavy damage; 8 is a "great" quake, capable of tremendous damage.

The San Francisco earthquake of 1906, which occurred before the Richter scale was devised, has been estimated at 8.3 on the Richter scale.

## Quads: Parents get to cuddle premature babies



A nurse monitors one of the three boys in a set of premature quadruplets Wednesday in Albany, N.Y. The quads were united with their parents yesterday.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Robin Evantisky got to cuddle with and soothe her four tiny babies yesterday afternoon for the first time since the premature quadruplets were taken by emergency helicopter Wednesday to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

"They're beautiful," the 23-year-old mother told a roomful of reporters across the hall from the hospital's newborn intensive care unit.

Dr. Al Bartoletti, head of the medical center's neonatal department, said the 12-week premature infants showed improvement from the day before, but were still listed in critical condition.

The three boys and one girl, weighing between 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 pounds, were born by Caesarean section 12 weeks premature Wednesday morning at Delaware Valley Hospital in the rural Delaware County town of Walton, Pa.

Immediately after they were born, the babies were flown by state police and National Guard medic helicopters to Albany Medical Center, which is the regional perinatal care center for eastern New York and western New England.

The babies, whose parents live in Preston Park, Pa., are the first quadruplets the medical center has had, according to hospital spokesman Elmer Streeter. Only one in 681,000 births are quadruplets, he said.

The first two babies born, a girl and a boy, weighed about 2 1/2 pounds each and had no visible problems when they arrived at the hospital, Bartoletti said. The girl, Wendy Joy, was the only one of the four who was breathing without a respirator yesterday.

The last two boys, believed to be identical twins, weighed about 1 1/2 pounds each and had some physical abnormalities, such as cleft palates and deformed legs and hips, Bartoletti said.

"We have a workable chance" on the larger babies, Bartoletti said. "But we won't relax on them until we get them off the respirators and on feed and growing and thriving."

Of the second two babies, Bartoletti said:

"They are so small, and they have to mature so much, that it's impossible to make a long-term assessment at this time."

Wendy Joy and her brothers, Brian William, Chad Michael and David Samuel, are under constant care by a team of neonatal doctors and nurses in an intensive care unit with 33 other sick or premature infants.

They are being fed only intravenously, and are hooked up to machines that monitor their heartbeats, breathing and blood pressure. Even their urine output is recorded, by weighing their diapers after they wet.

The father, self-employed logger Randy Evantisky, and the couple's only other child, three-year-old Randy Jr., joined Mrs. Evantisky to see the new additions to their family. The father and son planned to spend the night at the nearby Ronald McDonald House, a facility sponsored by the McDonald's restaurant chain to house families of patients.

Evantisky said he was shocked when his wife had four babies, since the couple was expecting only three. The father said he stayed at his wife's side throughout the entire Caesarean birth.

"I'm wiped out but feeling good," the mother told reporters and photographers who crowded around her wheelchair yesterday.

She said she didn't take fertility drugs, but that her family has a history of twins. "But they skipped my mother's generation, so we got double. Thanks, Ma," she added, smiling up at a Joy Rowe, the quadruplets' maternal grandmother.

Mrs. Evantisky said she never saw such tiny infants. "I couldn't believe it when the nurses brought out the little footprints on the birth certificates — they're so small."

When asked if she wanted a big family, Mrs. Evantisky said: "Well, God gave me one, so I guess that's what we want."

Although the couple has no medical insurance, Mrs. Evantisky said she is not worrying about how they will pay the bill, which Streeter said may reach "easily in excess of \$100,000."

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