

## Educational renewal: Study shows school progress

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A year after a stream of reports warned of mediocrity in American classrooms, a study released yesterday by a task force of governors, educators and businessmen has found that educational renewal is "well under way" in nearly every state.

The report, "Action in the States," charts the progress of all 50 states in implementing various education reforms. It found that 46 states are working on comprehensive plans to improve public schools. Twenty-seven initiated such plans in the last year alone.

The report noted these steps:

- 16 states have boosted teacher salaries by 8 percent or more since 1983.
- 19 states have passed master-teacher, career-ladder or merit-pay initiatives to encourage better teaching. Forty-five states have implemented tougher teacher certification requirements, annual teacher evaluations and other steps to bolster the teaching profession.
- 39 states have passed curriculum reform measures in the last three years.
- 27 states have lengthened the school day or school year, reduced class size, or provided state funding to increase instructional time.
- 44 states have stiffened high school graduation requirements to require more math, science, foreign languages, English, social science and computer education.
- 20 states have adopted new student discipline policies.
- Spending on public education is on the upswing, said the report.
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"The message of this report is simple," said Delaware Gov. Pierre S. du Pont, chairman of the Task Force on Education for Economic Growth which produced the report. "We've made progress, but if we stop here, we'll quickly find ourselves falling behind again."

The report follows by 18 months an initial Task Force study, "Action for Excellence," a widely publicized education reform proposal which echoed the Reagan administration's call for merit pay.

## Thornburgh to talk issues on own cable TV program

By ARTHUR BUCKLER  
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HARRISBURG — Gov. Dick Thornburgh is planning to star in his own monthly cable television show, a spokesman for the governor says.

"If all goes well, we expect to have something ready to go in the fall," said the spokesman, David Runkel. "We want to do it for sure. It's a question of getting the details done."

Thornburgh would be following the lead of about 35 state legislators who communicate with constituents on their own cable TV programs.

"This is not something that will be unique to the governor," Runkel said.

Each program would be 30 minutes long and available on videotape to local cable TV companies to show on their public service channels, he said.

The exact format of the show has not been decided, but each

show will likely feature the governor and one other public official discussing one or two issues. It will not have a lot of "action," Runkel said.

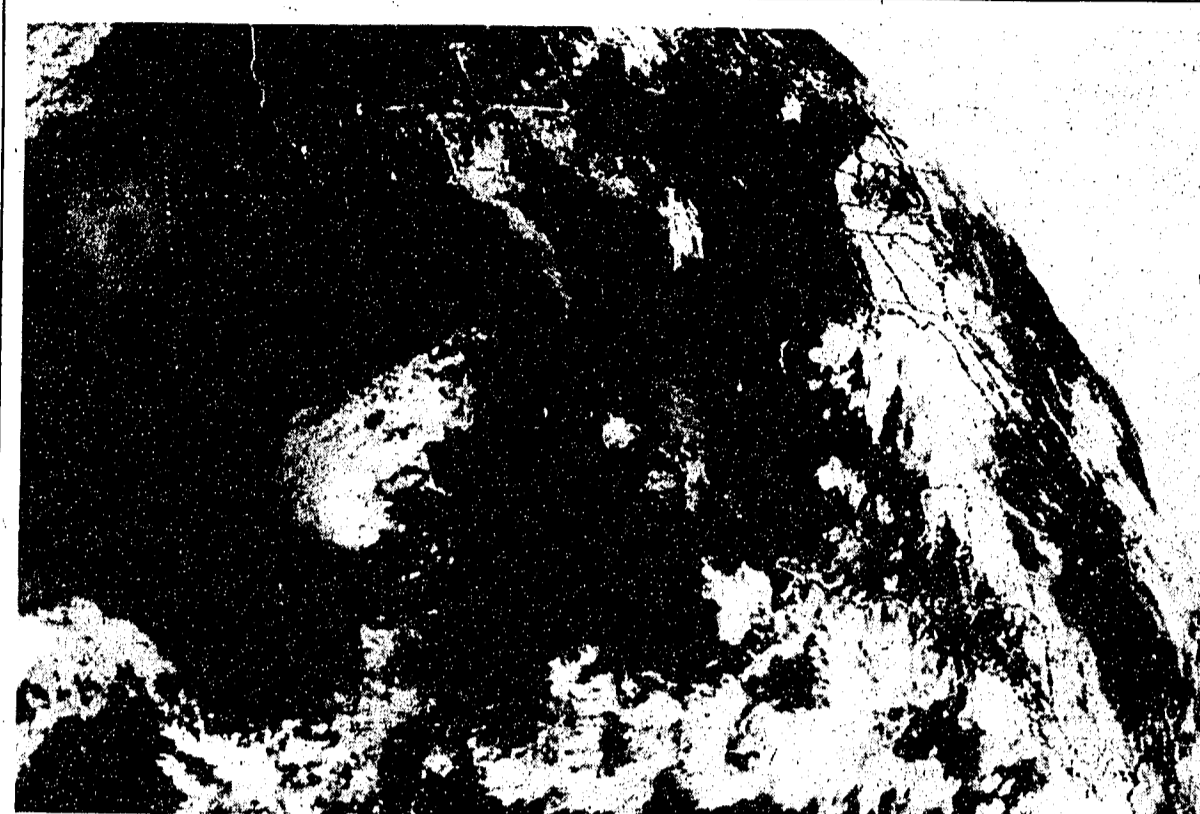
The state will pay the cost of producing the show, but the cable companies will be responsible for distributing it, he said.

"We've been assured by the cable industry that it would be used," the governor's aide said. About 1.9 million Pennsylvania households are wired with cable.

How many people will watch is another question. Legislators who appear on their own shows say they don't know how many viewers they have.

Sen. Anthony "Buzz" Andrezeski, D-Erie, said he taped his own show for seven months, then stopped.

"We were doing it and getting an audience of maybe three people," he said. "It wasn't something that people were looking for, believe me."



This is a weather satellite picture taken at 2:15 PM EDT yesterday. Federal weather watchers say the satellite, GOES-EAST, which is used to track Eastern weather patterns, failed yesterday when a light bulb that enables the satellite to read the angle from which it takes pictures of the earth burned out.

## Weather satellite fails at crucial time

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
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WASHINGTON — The satellite that provides weather pictures for the eastern half of the nation has failed at the onset of the hurricane season, and it will take nearly three weeks to maneuver another into position to offer similar service, the National Weather Service reported yesterday.

The satellite that normally provides West Coast weather pictures will be moved to the center of the country in an effort to cover both coasts, but that process, to begin tomorrow, will take 19 days, said Bill Callcott of the weather service's satellite office.

The failure comes at the beginning of hurricane season, when satellite images are crucial in locating and tracking tropical storms. They provide photographs of the Earth every half-hour, allowing meteorologists to find the distinctive cloud patterns of these storms and to track their movement.

"It is a very bad time," said David Briggs, shift supervisor at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The satellite, one of two used to keep an eye on patterns across North America, went out at 8:53 p.m. EDT Sunday, said Briggs, and "attempts to recover the instrument were unsuccessful."

The satellite pictures are seen daily by millions of people through television weather shows and newspaper weather pages. With the outage, daily satellite photos will be limited to western parts of the country until the remaining satellite is repositioned.

However, regular forecasting activities will continue to provide charts of weather systems based on radar and other collecting systems.

Callcott said once the western satellite is relocated in the middle of the nation it will be able to provide images of both coasts, but some coverage of more distant parts of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans will be lost.

## High-speed train derails near Scottish village

By The Associated Press

POLMONT, Scotland — Three cars of a high-speed train carrying commuters and tourists hurtled off the track near this village yesterday, killing 13 people and injuring 44, British Rail and police reported.

The lead coach somersaulted and crashed upside down in a woodland, demolishing a stone farm wall and tearing up part of the track, said Donald McTeggart, a British Rail spokesman in Edinburgh. The two following coaches toppled on their sides, but three others remained upright after running off the track.

Authorities had said earlier that more than 100 people were injured, but police coordinating the rescue work at Stirling, a nearby town, later revised the injury toll to 44. They put the number of dead at 13.

A regional British Rail manager, Vivian Chadwick, had said earlier that the final toll "appears to be 13 dead and a lot of people in hospital, but we can't be precise."

The six-car express was carrying some 300 passengers on the Edinburgh-Glasgow run, McTeggart said. The accident occurred at 5:38 p.m., 30 minutes after the train left Edinburgh for the 35-mile run.

Soon afterward, an oncoming train on the Glasgow-Edinburgh run screeched to a halt to avoid smashing into the wreckage of the first train and hurled passengers to the floors of the cars. Police said 13 people on the second train were injured.

The mangled remains of a cow or bull were found on the track, but British Rail officials said it was not clear if the animal caused the express train — capable of traveling at 100 mph — to leave the track.

"It was just utter devastation," said Bill Maier, editor of a local paper, the Falkirk and Grangemouth Advertiser, who joined rescuers. "There were severed limbs around the embankment. The dead were covered up with blankets and there were dozens and dozens of people helping the injured out."

Two Canadian tourists Jeff Chomyn, 26, and his wife, Jane, 28, were traveling in a rear coach.

"The first we knew that something was wrong was when the carriage in front of us started to shudder," Chomyn said. "The brakes then went on violently and the carriage disappeared in a cloud of dust. I grabbed my wife and was screaming, 'Hold on, hold on!'" The couple escaped serious injury.

Ambulances ferried the injured to a hospital in the nearest sizeable town, Falkirk, four miles from this village in southeastern Scotland. Police in Stirling, 12 miles away, said 39 people were hospitalized there, some with serious injuries.

Telephone wires were torn down, cutting off service to many homes in this village of 5,000 people.

Tom White, assistant administrator at the Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary, said some of the injured had serious head wounds but most had broken limbs and severe bruises.

Chadwick, speaking of clues to a possible cause, said: "The only thing revealed so far is the remains of an animal."

## Helicopter hunt begins in Grand Canyon area

By ROBERT MACY  
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LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Planes and boats searched the Grand Canyon and Lake Mead yesterday for a missing sightseeing helicopter carrying a family of four and its pilot.

The helicopter took off at 9:45 a.m. Sunday from the Hughes Aviation Terminal at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas and was due back 3 1/2 hours later.

More than 15 helicopters and fixed wing aircraft were joined by boats in tracing the route of the missing craft yesterday.

"We're in contact with the search people and they're conducting a full sweep along the route," said Alice Bauer, one of the owners of Bauer Helicopters, the company operating the sightseeing craft.

The helicopter was piloted by her son, David Bauer. She declined to identify those on board other than to say they were tourists.

Newton Sikes, chief ranger for the National Park Service in the Lake Mead area, said the passengers included a man and wife and their two children.

## Philadelphia homeless want to vote

### Committee of street people go to court for voting privileges

By PETE BROWN  
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PHILADELPHIA — A man who gave his address as a bench outside City Hall testified at a U.S. District Court hearing yesterday that he wants to vote because he is worried the U.S. is headed for "another Vietnam."

Sidney McFadden, a 34-year-old veteran of the Vietnam War, took the stand in a suit aimed at forcing the city commissioners to allow Philadelphia's homeless to register to vote.

Chief Judge Emeritus Joseph S. Lord denied a preliminary injunction against the commissioners yesterday, but he agreed to hear arguments aimed at securing a permanent remedy. No hearing date was set.

"If we send an investigator out on high noon on a sunny day, how are we able to tell what person is attached to what park bench?"

—Ralph Teti, deputy city solicitor

Being challenged in the dispute is a city requirement that a registrant give a specific street address for their residence. Authorities maintain the outcome of the dispute could affect voting rights for as many as 8,000 street people here.

Three homeless Philadelphians and a group of street people calling themselves the Committee for Dignity and Fairness for the Homeless are asking that they be allowed to give any

location they have staked out as their own — such as a park bench or street corner — along with a mailing address, such as a shelter for transients, when they register to vote.

Stephen F. Gold, the lawyer for the homeless group, noted that the District of Columbia adopted such a practice earlier this year. He said a similar challenge is underway in New York City.

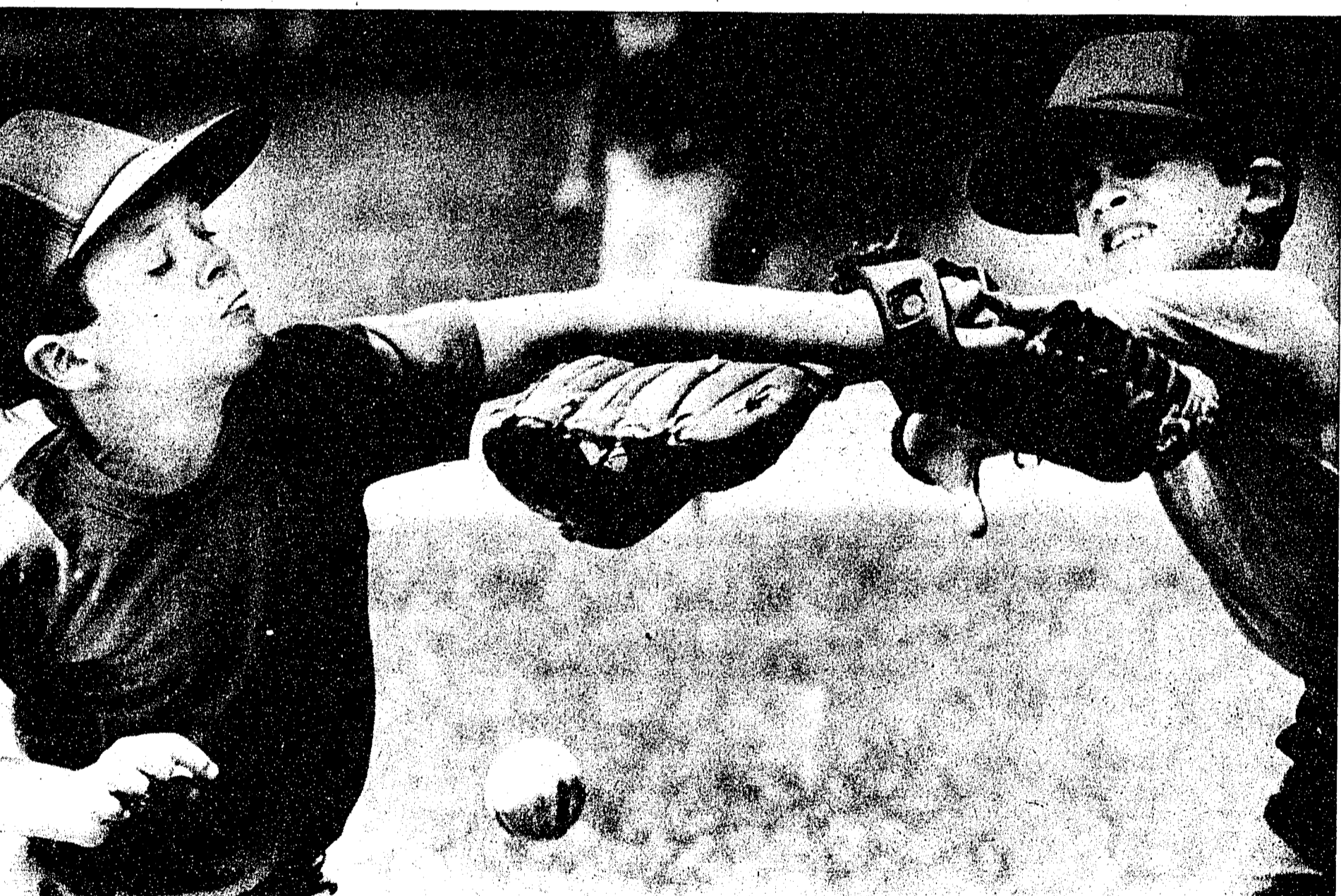
City commissioners have refused to relax the requirement, arguing that such a change would heighten the possibility of voter fraud.

"If we send an investigator out on high noon on a sunny day, how are we able to tell what person is attached to what park bench?" asked Ralph Teti, deputy city solicitor.

McFadden, who said he lives on the west side of City Hall and uses his few possessions as a pillow, was one of three homeless people to testify yesterday.

"I figure my vote will count, maybe change the policies and change things that are going on in Central America," he said.

"If you read the news and watch what's going on, if the policy doesn't change soon, they're going to have another Vietnam."



I got it!  
It was a case of crossed gloves and closed eyes for Danny Kozuch, left, and Tony Camlini, right, both 7, on a pop-up hit during an instructional league game in Bristol, Conn.

## Rabies victim serious

By MICHAEL L. GRACZYK  
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HOUSTON — A 12-year-old girl who contracted the nation's first human case of rabies this year in a coma yesterday and not expected to live, and doctors said they don't know how she got the disease.

"One of the confounding problems in this patient is not only in her history of a bite, but upon physical examination, no evidence of a bite," said Dr. Ralph Feigin, Texas Children's Hospital's physician in chief.

"Sometime in the remote past, she may have come in contact with a bat or some other animal that might have bitten," he said. "But at the time she was lucid, she denied such exposure."

Feigin said rabies is slow to develop and could take as little as seven days or as long as 18 months to show up.

The girl, whose name doctors would not release, was hospitalized July 11 after complaining of a sore throat and headache, Feigin said. She was transferred to Texas Children's Hospital on July 16.

"The patient deteriorated quite quickly," Feigin said.

Doctors believe hers is the first human case of rabies since an incident in Michigan in March 1983.

Feigin said it was not until Saturday that physicians were able to determine for certain that the girl had rabies. Once it was confirmed, she began receiving ribavirin, an experimental anti-viral agent "effective in the test tube against the rabies virus."

## Driver held for L.A. sidewalk rampage expresses 'remorse'

By CAROLYN SKORNECK  
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LOS ANGELES — A man held in a sidewalk rampage that killed one person and injured 54 "expressed remorse" yesterday for the victims, his lawyer said.

"He looked very withdrawn, very quiet, very solemn," said Fred J. Nameth, attorney for Daniel Lee Young, 21.

Young, who has been described as a "walking time bomb" and "really paranoid," was booked for investigation of murder and was held without bail at county jail after the Friday night incident on a crowded sidewalk in Westwood, near one of the Olympic Villages.

Police will present the case to the district attorney today and Young may be charged then or at an arraignment tomorrow, police Officer George Sumpter said.

"I had to keep asking him questions to bring things out of him," Nameth said. "He doesn't quite understand what's going to happen to him. He expressed remorse about what happened to the victims."

Young was not prone to violence, Nameth said, but an older sister "who seemed to know him best" perceived a problem.

"Walking time bomb" was how she described him," Nameth said. "She just felt he needed help and he wasn't getting any," he said, adding that he didn't remember the sister's

name. Young has nine sisters and two brothers.

In the incident, a car jumped a curb and careened at 35 mph for a long block along a crowded sidewalk in Westwood Village, killing a teenage girl from New York and injuring another 54 people, most of them local residents. Westwood Village is adjacent to the University of California at Los Angeles where an Olympic Village houses athletes from around the world and where Summer Games competition began Sunday.

Young told officers the night of his arrest that "he wanted to get even with police," Officer Scott Gilliam said.

But Nameth questioned whether

that was really the motive, "or if he was trying to get people's attention, to get people to listen to him," he said.

"He was having some problems in his life that he was having trouble dealing with," Nameth said. "He said he had written some music and was trying to get it published, but he thought someone was taking his ideas."

"All this had been building up inside of him for a long time, and that was a release from all the frustration and anger he had," Nameth said.

Commenting on a photograph of Young grinning broadly from the back seat of a police car shortly after his arrest, Nameth said, "I

couldn't figure out what was behind that picture."

Until yesterday morning, Young was strapped down with "four-point restraints" on his wrists and ankles in the hospital ward of Los Angeles County Jail, sheriff's Deputy Mason Kenny said.

"It's a precautionary measure because of statements made by his family that he is undergoing psychiatric treatment," Kenny said. "The police is that once a person is placed in that type of a situation, he has to undergo a psychological evaluation at the facility to find out if it's necessary to keep him in that position or to release him (from the restraints)."

Asked if Young had protested the

restraints, Kenny said, "Even if he did, we can't make any comments."

Young, who was not allowed any visitors at the jail until Nameth arrived yesterday, remained handcuffed, the attorney said.

Young has been "really paranoid" and under psychiatric therapy including medication since an April 1983 burglary conviction, said his brother, Larry Young, 24.

Nameth said he did not know what kind of medication Young had been taking.

Eileen Deutsch, 15, of Queens in New York City, was killed in Friday's rampage. Of the 54 people injured, three remained in critical condition yesterday.

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