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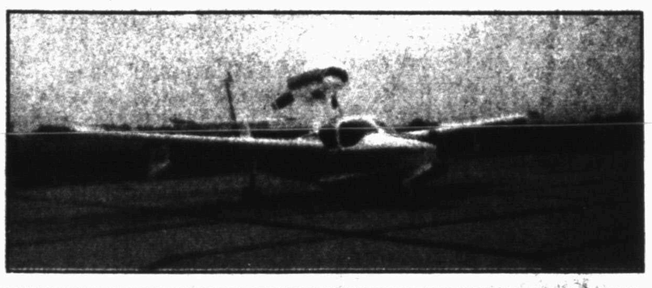
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Home of John Roddy

Airport open house...



INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF CONTINENTAL AIRLINES — The airline began its flights out of Winston Field in the early 1950s and some of the dignitaries who were at the flight are shown here. Those that can be identified are Bill Schiebel, far right, C.T. McLaughlin, third from right, and the airline's owner, Bob Six, fourth from left.





POPULAR PLACE — Winston Field attracts a variety of aircraft over the year, including the sea plane in the top photo and the Red Baron. (Contributed Photos)

Celebration is Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Airplane rides will be $5

The 50th anniversary of Winston Field will be celebrated Saturday with an open house from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, will feature a fly-over by a B-1 bomber from Dyess Air Force Base at 10 a.m. The B-1 will be flying from north to south over the airport, according to Dyess officials.

A number of airplanes from around the area will be on display and airplane rides will be available for adults and children for $5 each.

If the weather is bad on Saturday, the airplane rides will be held Sunday, said Donna Fowler, chamber executive director.

Refreshments will be served during the event, and the Scurry County Pilot's Association will have hamburgers for sale.

The opening of the airport on Dec. 11, 1951 featured the landing of a giant C-54 that brought the featured speaker to the event, Major Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, commandant of the Eighth Air Force, Carswell Air Force Base.

The Reese Air Force band was also in attendance and played during the dedication ceremonies.

The opening of the airport featured a fly-over by a B-36 bomber.

Winston Field is named in honor of the late Harrie and Wade Winston who donated the land for the facility.

Scurry County sheriff...

Jackson announces his candidacy for re-election

Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson formally announced Thursday afternoon he is a candidate for re-election in the March Democratic primary.



Darren Jackson

Sheriff Jackson, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, graduated from Snyder High School in 1984 and is a Western Texas College graduate with an associate's degree in criminal justice.

He was a Snyder policeman from 1984 to 1985, and then began working for the sheriff's department in 1986.

Jackson began his first term as sheriff in 1997. He ran for a second term two years ago, but was declared ineligible after voting in the GOP primary. Former sheriff Keith Collier was named the Democratic nominee for sheriff and was subsequently elected, but did not take office.

The Scurry County commissioners' court then appointed Jackson to serve as sheriff until the next general election. Jackson will be on the ballot for the remainder of the four-year term that expires in 2004.

Jackson, and his wife, Jackie, an employee of Covenant Healthcare, are the parents of two freshmen at Snyder High School, Paul and Lesli.

The Jacksons are members of First Baptist Church.

"It has been my honor to serve the citizens of Scurry County as their sheriff since 1997 and I would like to continue my service in that capacity," said Jackson.

"Two years ago, the voters sent a strong message that they approved of the job I was doing and that it was their desire to have me continue to serve them as sheriff," said Jackson.

"That message was not lost on me, and it is that support from the citizens that motivates me to work even harder to serve them in a professional and courteous manner.

"I believe that effective law enforcement is a team effort, and over the years, I have built tremendous relationships with the other law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, schools and citizens. It is that partnership throughout the community that I am most proud of."

Jackson has just completed his second term as president of the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Association, and will begin serving as the president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in January.

He is also the past president of the Noon Kiwanis Club, and currently serves as the chairman of the Goodfellows food drive.

In other filings starting Monday, Rod Waller, former Snyder mayor, filed with the Republican Party for county judge.

Waller will be facing incumbent county judge Ricky Fritz. Fritz has not yet filed, but indicated he does intend to seek a third term.

Incumbent district clerk Trina Rodgers, a Republican, announced her intentions to seek a second term; while county treasurer Nelda Colvin, a Republican; Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd, a Republican, and Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, a Democrat, all announced Monday that they will be on the March 12 ballot.

Also on Monday, Republican Robbie Floyd announced his intention to run for Precinct 2 commissioner. Incumbent Precinct 2 commissioner Roy Idom is not seeking re-election.

No candidates have filed for county clerk, but Republican incumbent Joan Bunch says she will seek re-election.

The political filing period ends Jan. 2.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Often a penny is a fair price for thoughts of some folks."

Conventional wisdom gives Snyder and Scurry County about an inch of moisture from last week's 8 to 10-inch snowfall.

That puts the total precipitation for the year at 19.70 inches. Those totals are based on measurements recorded at the city water treatment plant, so amounts will vary through the vast county.

Based on these records, Snyder will still need 1.73 inches in the month of December to avoid setting a new "drought of record."

During the eight-year drought of the 1950s, Snyder recorded 145.22 inches. So far in the same period ending this year, Snyder has recorded 143.49 inches of moisture.

It could be a photo finish.

We're not giving up on corrections for the parking lot at the new post office.

While the congested and dangerous situation is no fault of anyone locally, the issue needs to be addressed.

This week we received a response from Congressman Charlie Stenholm:

"...In an effort to be of the best possible assistance, I have contacted officials with the United State Postal Service, advising them of my interest on your behalf and requesting their attention and assistance in this matter.

"As soon as I receive a response to my inquiry, I will be contacting you and providing you all relevant information concerning this matter. In the meantime, if you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Billy Peche in my Washington office at 202 225-6694."

If you, too, are concerned, you might want to give the congressman's aide a ring.

Local citizens continue to inquire about the status of the Snyder Daily News' Texas Open Meetings lawsuit against the Scurry County commissioners' court.

The answer is that a very simple issue is trying to be made complicated by lawyers. There have already been interrogatories answered, and depositions are expected early next year.

Frankly, we're ready to present our side and let the judge decide.

And so far, the county has spent $10,570.95 with a Houston law firm in a lawsuit in which we're asking for them to do just one thing – follow Texas law.

Enjoy the weekend and remember – 17 more days to shop for Christmas.

Dec. 7, 1941...as real as it was

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

It's been 60 years, but it remains as fresh in John Roddy's mind as it was on that fateful Sunday in Hawaii.

The morning of Dec. 7, 1941 started just like any other weekend day since Roddy's ship, the USS Tennessee had been anchored at Pearl Harbor.

Roddy, who had turned 21 just six days earlier, was not on duty and he and a number of other sailors were preparing for a leisurely day.





John Roddy, in his Naval uniform and today

"We were all just lying around in our bunks, some of my fellow sailors were reading the newspaper, while others were writing letters back home, or getting ready to go to church."

"I don't remember exactly what I was doing when general quarters sounded, but I do remember what I thought...what the hell is this...general quarters on Sunday morning?"

Roddy explained that general quarters means 'man your battle stations.'

"I was in the main drive control room when the orders were sounded and then I ran up the ladders to the electrical division compartment. The portholes were open and I glanced out to see the torpedo planes approaching."

"The rising suns on the planes told the whole story in an instant," Roddy said. "We were under attack."

Roddy said an explosion rocked his ship and it threw him up against a stanchion, momentarily stunning him.

"I managed to make it up to my battle station and then the full realization that we were under attack by the Japanese hit me solid."

Roddy said his ship was moored directly forward of the USS Arizona, and the USS West Virgina was moored east of his ship.

The Arizona suffered direct hits from the torpedo planes and sunk to the bottom of the harbor, as did the West Virginia.

Roddy's ship also was damaged.

"When the West Virginia went down, it wedged our ship against the quay (pier) and we couldn't move. There were fires everywhere, on the ships, in the water...just everywhere."

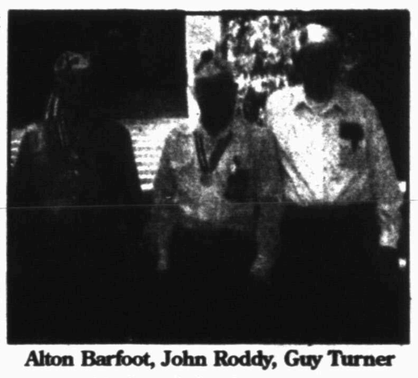
Roddy said his officer of the deck ordered all the props on his ship to turn in hopes of washing the burning fuel fires in the water away from the Tennessee.

Roddy said he remained in general quarters during the attack, three decks below the water line.

"At about 10 o'clock in the morning, our chief engineer came into the main control room and reported what was going on topside."

"Men, he said with tears running down both cheeks, you can't believe what has happened to our fleet."

Roddy said he kept getting reports of the damage over the next couple of days, but the full realization of the damage inflicted did not hit home until he went topside on Tuesday.



Alton Barfoot, John Roddy, Guy Turner

"The sight was unbelievable."

Roddy said his ship remained wedged between the West Virginia and the quay until it was blasted out by Navy yard workers.

"We then headed to the Pearl Harbor repair base to make us sea-worthy, and then on Dec. 20, we departed Pearl Harbor for the U.S. for major repairs."

When asked his feelings for the Japanese people now, Roddy said although it had been a long time, he could not forget what had happened and who inflicted the damage.

"It was like murder, just like the terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

"I do realize the Japanese military had a job to do just like we did," added the only Pearl Harbor survivor now living in Scurry County.

Roddy said until this year, there were three survivors in the county.

"Guy Turner died in May, and Alton Barfoot passed away in October."

Roddy joined the Navy in 1939 after graduating from Snyder High School at a salary of $21 per month.

He served in the Navy until 1950, then joined the Air Force, later retiring after serving a total of 21 years in the service.

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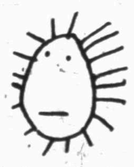
Q—Have the dates for the West Texas Western Swing Music Festival been set?

A—Yes, it will be held June 5-8 at Scurry County Coliseum.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 65; low, 40; 7 a.m. Friday, 44; no precipitation; total for 2001, 19.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low around 30; NE winds 10-20 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny, cooler; high around 55; NE winds 5-15 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear.



Jacoree Brooks
Sunny, but cooler

Sunset:
5:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:31 a.m.

Of 340 days in 2001, the sun has shone 327 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can't start worrying about what's going to happen. You can get spastic enough worrying about what's happening now.
—Lauren Bacall

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Factory shooting leaves two dead and six wounded

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) — Authorities say a factory worker who opened fire on his co-workers, killing one and wounding six others before taking his own life, had either just been fired from his job or was about to be.

They also were investigating reports that factory managers may have been worried enough after an argument with Robert Wissman that they warned employees to be on the lookout for him.

Wissman, 36, had left the Nu-Wood Decorative Millwork plant Thursday morning but returned a few hours later with a shotgun, walked inside and opened fire, Elkhart County Sheriff's Capt. Julie Dijkstra said.

Tammy Funderburk said she spoke by cell phone with her son, a factory employee who escaped uninjured.

"He saw the gunman coming and he had a big rifle," Funderburk said. "He saw the gunman shooting people and he ran out the back door as fast as he could."

A police SWAT team entered nearly two hours after the 2:30 p.m. EST shootings, uncertain whether the gunman was still alive. They found Wissman dead in an office area with an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head and a shotgun under his body.

Wissman had apparently just been fired or was about to be fired before he left the factory, Dijkstra said.

Brian Messick, superintendent of a neighboring factory, said a wounded Nu-Wood employee told him that managers had instructed employees to lock down the building and call for help if they saw Wissman nearby, The Truth newspaper of Elkhart reported. Sheriff's deputies could not confirm stories that factory managers may also have warned authorities.

The most seriously wounded victims were a 27-year-old man listed in critical condition and a 52-year-old man in serious condition. Two people were hospitalized in fair condition, and two others were treated and released.

The name of the factory worker who was killed was being withheld until relatives could be notified.

Misty Rushing said she sought cover under a desk in a small office when the shooting began.

"I just saw him standing there with a shotgun, and I hit the floor. The only thing you could hear was firing. You couldn't hear anyone screaming. He was just firing. He was just loading and unloading, loading and unloading," she told the Star.

"He didn't have no little gun. He had a long gun. He had the biggest gun I've seen in my life."

After the shootings, police searched Wissman's home in a middle-class neighborhood about two miles from the plant.

Agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms removed two guns and shotgun shells from the house, where Wissman lived with his mother, the South Bend Tribune reported.

Afghanistan war impacts communities

WATAUGA, Tenn. (AP) — The note on William and Linda Davis' convenience store says there's been a death in the family. The sign on City Hall reads "Our prayers are with you, Davis family." Dozens of little American flags on the family's front yard flutter in the breeze.

The Davis' son, Master Sgt. Jefferson Davis, 39, was one of three Green Berets killed in Afghanistan by an errant U.S. bomb.

In this eastern Tennessee city — just like in the western Massachusetts town of Cheshire and mountain town of Frazier Park near Los Angeles — the war a half a world away has become a lot more painful.

Along with Davis, two other soldiers were killed Wednesday by the bomb — Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser, 28, of Frazier Park, Calif., and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Petithory, 32, of Cheshire, Mass. Twenty other American soldiers were injured. Five Afghan fighters also were killed.

All but four of the soldiers were members of the Army's 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., on the Tennessee-Kentucky border.

As he placed the flags in the Davis' front yard, William Mottern, 81, said he wanted to pay his respects.

"We said a prayer for him when the new war started, and that's about all you can do," said Mottern, a World War II veteran and cousin of Davis. "He will be missed."

Anna Clark, who is housesitting for Davis' parents, said she was almost as distraught as the family.

"Donnie was a fine young man. He was a good kid growing up and he was well-liked by his peers and he had done well in the military," Clark said.

Davis made a career in the military. He had a wife and two children, who live in Clarksville, Tenn., just outside Fort Campbell.

Like Davis, Prosser was from a small town where he played high school football and worked at a lumber store in Frazier Park, about 70 miles north of Los Angeles.

"Although I am deeply saddened and will always miss him, I find some comfort knowing that he died doing what he loved — being part of the Special Forces," said Prosser's wife, Shawna, who lives near Fort Campbell.

Prosser's father, also named Brian, called his son a "hero."

"He was the kind of guy that believed in what they're doing over there and what we're going to continue to do, and he would have been upset if he was anywhere but where he was," he said.

Petithory grew up in western Massachusetts, most recently living in Cheshire, near the Vermont border. His brother, Michael, said he "always wanted to be an Army man." He enlisted right after graduating from high school.

"My mom was distraught, and I was just crying," recalled his 20-year-old sister, Nicole. "We were proud of him, but it was so sad to see him go off, even though he said, 'I'll be back.'"

Petithory was single and had no children, his brother said. His body is being flown back to the United States. Michael Petithory said the family decided against having him buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

"We want him here, he belongs here," Michael Petithory said.

Prosser will be buried at Arlington, his family said. Davis' family did not provide details.

At a news conference near Fort Campbell, Special Forces Lt. Col. Frank Hudson said the accident only strengthens the group's resolve to win the war on terrorism.

"These brave men were all prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice," Hudson said. "We honor their sacrifice."

In Watauga, Tenn., Matt Geagley said he and Davis were school classmates at nearby Elizabethton High School and they later attended East Tennessee State University together.

Geagley said Davis got interested in a military career while in college. Davis wore camouflage pants to a mountain climbing class, Geagley said. The ROTC instructor said, "'If you join the Army, they'll let you wear those every day,' and so he did."

Rapist receives 23 year term

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A civilian who pleaded guilty in a series of sex crimes involving six women at three military installations in Texas and Louisiana was sentenced to almost two dozen years in prison.

Robert Sauri Baker of San Antonio, whose father is a former military officer, was ordered Thursday to serve 23 years and four months in prison. He pleaded guilty in October to one count of aggravated sexual abuse, four counts of attempted aggravated sexual abuse, abusive sexual contact and credit card fraud.

The sentence for Baker, 23, included an additional 18 months in prison because the four-month crime spree occurred while he was on supervised release for a previous stolen credit card conviction.

An assistant U.S. attorney earlier called the case one of the most serious federal sex crime cases prosecuted in the area.

The assaults occurred in housing at Fort Sam Houston and Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and Fort Polk, La. All but one of the victims was in the military. The sixth was the wife of a Fort Polk soldier.

The attacks began in September 2000 when Baker fondled a soldier taking a shower at Fort Sam Houston. Baker continued to target women in their dormitories in a series of attempted sexual assaults, at times brandishing a knife, according to court documents.

Investigators said Baker fled without his underwear after one of the attacks. Authorities used the clothing to extract his DNA and later match it to a sample of his blood.

U.S. District Judge Fred Biery said he reluctantly accepted the plea agreement because it spared the victims the pain of a trial. Baker had faced a possible life imprisonment upon conviction in a jury trial.

Virus kills 17

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Medical experts from the World Health Organization flew to central Congo on Thursday to investigate the deaths of 17 people with Ebola-like symptoms, state radio said.

The deaths began Nov. 17 in Dekese, a small village about 435 miles east of Congo's capital, Kinshasa, U.N. officials said.

At least 30 people exhibited symptoms similar to Ebola, said Auguy Ebeja, a doctor with Medecins Sans Frontieres.

"It is a hemorrhagic fever, but we still have to check whether this is Ebola or not," Ebeja said. "We are getting prepared to deal with an emergency situation."

Teams from Medecins Sans Frontieres, known in English as Doctors Without Borders, and the health ministry accompanied the World Health Organization to the affected area in Western Kasaai province, radio reported.

Rapper Jay-Z gets probated sentence

NEW YORK (AP) — Rapper "Jay-Z" was sentenced to three years probation for stabbing a record producer at a Manhattan nightclub, prosecutors said.

The Grammy-winning rapper, whose real name is Shawn Carter, pleaded guilty in October to misdemeanor assault, admitting he stabbed Lance Rivera at a club party on Dec. 1, 1999.

Jay-Z accused Rivera of making and selling counterfeit copies of one of his recordings, then stabbed him with a 5-inch knife at least twice, according to a police account.

As part of a plea agreement, Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Micki Scherer sentenced Jay-Z, 31, to three years probation.

The rapper refused to talk to reporters, but his lawyer, Ben Brafman, said his client was pleased the case was resolved.

Rivera, 35, did not file a suit against the rapper, and the two settled out of court for between $500,000 and $1 million. Rivera later told prosecutors he was not interested in pursuing the case.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001

Either a friend or a relative might be responsible for helping you make a connection in the year ahead that could turn out to be rather profitable for you. Be sure to find a way to reciprocate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Take a day off from whatever it is you're selling or espousing. People are more interested today in fun social activities than in listening to one of your deals. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Whether you want it or not, you might be placed in the spotlight today. Keep in mind there may be more than a few critics in the audience grading your performance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Trade on your past experiences today rather than relegate them to an insignificant position. They can be instrumental in helping you sort out something that could go both ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your greatest gratification today can be derived from activities and interests shared with others. It won't be a bad day if you decide to be a loner; it will be just another ho-hum day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There's a strong probability that you're going to have to deal with someone else's priorities today instead of your own. Take this in stride or you'll end up feeling very restricted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is an excellent day to work on labors of love projects, especially if they call for your artistic, creative and organizational abilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Fun, social activities with good pals with elements of friendly competition will be appeal to you today. Make plans to fulfill this desire during your leisure hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You shouldn't be wishy-washy or indecisive when being called upon to referee a domestic matter today. If you don't take a firm position, the disruptive forces could continue all day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Fair-mindedness and an unbiased outlook are all that you need to win others over to your position or points-of-views. However, a restrictive attitude will have the opposite effect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take the time to balance your budget today if you can. You will have less trouble than usual in clearly perceiving the difference between nonessential and essential spending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Rather than partaking in situations that are congenial to everybody today, you can personally accomplish a lot more if you operate on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It might appear to others that you are on the quiet side today. In reality, however, you will be working hard to weigh and balance several critical issues with which you have to deal.

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

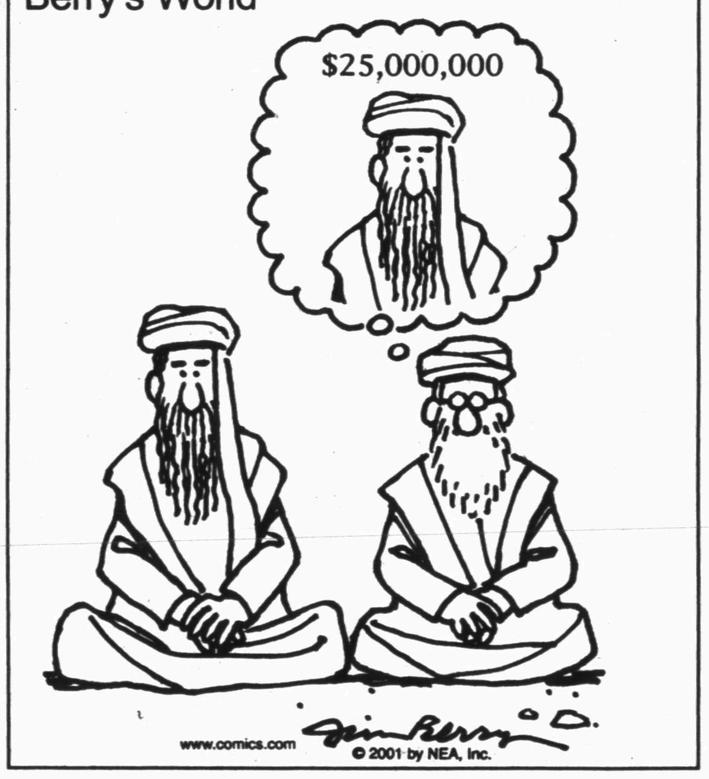
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Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3-7-8

Berry's World



Date Book

Friday, Dec. 7, 2001

Today is the 341st day of 2001 and the 77th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1803, James Madison was elected president by the Electoral College.

On this day in 1941, Japanese carrier-based aircraft attacked the U.S. Pacific Fleet base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On this day in 1972, the crew of the Apollo 17 moon mission were launched into space from Cape Canaveral, Fla. It was to be the last Apollo mission.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary Stuart (1542-1587), Queen of Scots; Willa Cather (1873-1947), writer; Joyce Cary (1888-1957), writer; Eli Wallach (1915-), actor, is 86; Noam Chomsky (1928-), linguist-political activist, is 73; Johnny Bench (1947-), baseball great, is 54; Tom Waits (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 52; Larry Bird (1956-), basketball great, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, Kansas broke the Cincinnati Bearcats 90-game winning streak by beating them 51-47.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "For good and evil, man is a free creative spirit. This produces the very queer world we live in, a world in continuous creation and therefore continuous change and insecurity." — Joyce Cary

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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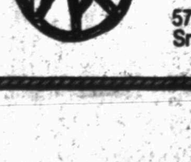
HARRY POTTER PG

Starring John Cleese, Robbie Coltrane, Richard Griffiths, Richard Harris, Ian Hart, Maggie Smith, Fiona Shaw, Daniel Radcliffe, Alan Rickman, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Verne Troyer, Warwick Davis FANTASY... Adaptation of the first of J.K. Rowling's popular children's novels about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own.

DISNEY'S MONSTER, INC. G

Voices of John Goodman & Billy Chrystal Family comedy from the computer animation geniuses at Pixar. Monsters enter into closets of human kids to collect screams to convert into energy. Not to worry, Monsters are petrified of every tyke, and chaos ensues when a toddler waddles through the wrong door.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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South
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♣ A K Q

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

What price important instruction?

By Phillip Alder

There are a few monthly booklets and pamphlets with instruction aimed at intermediate players who wish to improve. The latest is Will-Bridge Magazine by Eddie Kantar and Dominique Pilon. It looks great, with 20 colorful 4-by-8.25-inch pages. My main caveat is that, like its competitors, it is expensive.

Originally written in French by Pilon, the text has been translated, improved and Americanized by Kantar. He has also added some characteristic humor. You get instruction on all aspects of the game, with bidding having the modern slant that you also get in this column: limit raises, weak two-bids, transfers, and so on.

Here is a declarer-play problem from issue nine. You are in four hearts. West begins with three top spades. After ruffing the last, how would you continue?

This is the Kantar-Pilon auction: After his redouble, North's two-diamond rebid is forcing, though raising hearts immediately isn't wrong. Also, the jump to four hearts is aggressive, in the contemporary style of bid game on (almost) every deal. However, if North settles for three hearts, South would go on to game.

Given West's takeout double, a 4-1 trump break isn't unlikely. With this layout, if you immediately play a heart, West will win with his ace and lead his fourth spade, promoting a trump trick for East. Instead, first cash two top clubs, discarding dummy's last spade, then play a trump. If West leads his remaining spade, you can ruff with dummy's heart king.

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Deaths not linked

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — No links have been found between the cases of three men who died last month after undergoing elective knee surgeries, state health officials said.

The youngest patient, a 23-year-old man, was infected with the clostridium sordellii bacterium, health officials said Thursday.

The bacterium is suspected to have come from a cadaver's tissue that was grafted into the patient, said Dr. Harry Hull, the state epidemiologist. He said clostridium sordellii grows naturally in corpses as part of the decomposition process.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is tracking eight other patients who received tissue from the same cadaver, according to Dr. Dan Jernigan, a CDC epidemiologist. All are alive, but one has shown some possible symptoms of infection, he said. Hull refused to say where those patients were being treated.

Hull said officials still don't know why the two other men — ages 78 and 60 — died after their operations.

Laid off Enron workers seek to move on

HOUSTON (AP) — Edgar Castro spent only six months working at Enron Corp. before getting a pink slip the day after the once-mighty trader filed one of the largest Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganizations in history.

He's optimistic his credentials will overshadow any Enron-related doubts so he can find another job in risk management and trading in less time.

"It was completely out of our hands," he said. "It wasn't a failure of Enron employees."

Castro was one of 4,000 of 7,500 employees at Enron's Houston headquarters laid off Monday, the day after the bankruptcy filing capped a whirlwind downfall in which revelations of hidden debt and overstated earnings decimated investor confidence and prompted other traders to stop doing business with the global company.

On Thursday he joined a few hundred other former Enron employees at a meeting to offer guidance on unemployment insurance, health benefits and pensions as they re-enter the job market. A job fair will be held next week at the Houston ballpark named for the trader, Enron Field.

Castro shrugged at how his stock options lost value when shares dipped below $1 after trading at about $90 a year ago. But Beverly Lakes, 42, an accountant for Enron for 15 years, said her 401(k) lost $500,000 in value. She thought her experience and longevity would help protect her from layoffs.

Neither Castro nor Lakes were among 500 employees who received $55.7 million in incentives to stay while Enron works to resurrect itself under a bankruptcy judge's watch.

"They kept that totally hush-hush," Lakes said. "When I heard about it, I was just shocked. As a 15-year employee, I thought at the very least my experience brought something to the table. It's a stressful time, a disheartening time."

The payments were doled out Nov. 30 — two days before Enron filed the bankruptcy case in New York and three days before employees were laid off with a promise of getting a $4,500 severance payment.

Lakes said she is still waiting for that promise to be kept.

"$4,500 is not even one month's salary for me," Lakes said. "We were thrown out on Monday, and I've been given no information on when that money is coming."

Enron spokesman Mark Palmer said Thursday the money was needed to retain critical employees crucial to maintaining Enron's operations.

"This was a retention incentive made in the days prior to filing for bankruptcy because we need to protect and preserve the value of the business once it's in bankruptcy," he said. "Our goal is to emerge from bankruptcy and to do that we need to have a strong and viable business."

Palmer also said employees who received the payments agreed to stay with Enron at least 90 days. If they leave sooner, they will owe the company a penalty.

The energy trader sought bankruptcy protection after its would-be suitor and smaller Houston rival, Dynegy Inc., last week walked away from a $8.4 billion buyout.

Just months ago Enron was the country's seventh biggest company in revenue. But investors and traders bailed out after the company in October revealed questionable partnerships that helped keep billions of dollars in debt off its books and Enron's acknowledgment in that it overstated profits for four years.

Enron's collapse has launched investigations by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Labor Department, Justice Department and a congressional committee. A slew of class-action lawsuits also have been filed on behalf of shareholders as well as employees who watched their 401(k) accounts shrivel because the company froze them just before the shares started tumbling to less than $1.

On Thursday, shares were at 66 cents, down 35 cents on the New York Stock Exchange.

"It was a great company," Lakes said. "The benefits were excellent, the salary was competitive, and it was one of the top companies on the Fortune 500. You had no idea that anything like this could happen in a million years."

Lakes also said Enron's employees made the company strong, while a few top executives contributed to its demise.

Texas Tech gets first state Family Trust Fund grant

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Tech University has received the first grant awarded by the state through its Family Trust Fund program.

The $303,000 grant was announced Thursday by Attorney General John Cornyn.

The university plans to use the funds for research programs designed to strengthen families and assist children of broken homes, Cornyn said.

"Today, we are laying the groundwork for an improved way of life among families and children," Cornyn said. "The research that will take place here at Texas Tech will have a positive statewide impact by helping find ways to reinforce family values."

Texas Tech's Department of Human Development and Family Studies will lead the research projects, including a study of premarital education programs. The grant also will be used to fund a program that helps divorced parents better communicate with children, a pilot program that aims to reduce conflicts between divorced parents and a program for divorced Hispanic mothers.

In 1999, Texas lawmakers created the Family Trust Fund, which uses three dollars of each marriage license fee. The fund is administered by the attorney general's office.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Neighborhood charity project spreads joy to those in need

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your column about appropriate gifts for seniors. Like many families, we, too, have wrestled with the "what do we get for people who have everything?" gift dilemma. Last year, our family finally hit upon a solution. We discussed it with our grandparents. They agreed that it would be more charitable for us to give something to people who lack everyday necessities.

We adopted a battered children's shelter. Those little ones are truly refugees. They need everything from toothbrushes and hairbrushes to baby formula and diapers — not to mention toys and games.

To our delight, our neighbors got involved in our project, too. For weeks, on Thursdays, neighbors would leave donations in a sack by their mailbox, and we would pick them up. Our goal was for every child in that shelter to wake up on Christmas morning to find packages of necessities and a few playthings.

The project created so much excitement among our neighbors that we collected enough for two shelters. There were pillows, socks, underwear, bath products, cold medicines, books, towels, baby clothes, etc. Each child also got a large gift basket, including a nonbreakable tree ornament to help him or her remember this holiday. The cost was small when spread over so many families, but the rewards couldn't have been greater. We felt our project embodied the true spirit of Christmas. It sensitized our children to the needs of others all year long.

Because it was one of the best holidays we have ever had, we're repeating the drive again this year. When people join together, everyone CAN make a difference. — **SANTA'S HELPERS IN PHOENIX**

DEAR SANTA'S HELPERS: They certainly can. Witness the incredible amounts of money raised by the Red Cross and the fund for the families of the people who perished in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

With that in mind, I hope that readers will be sensitive to the needs of charities in their local communities this year. Because monies that would ordinarily have been donated to local charities were diverted to the East Coast tragedies, many charities in other parts of the country are having difficulty raising enough to meet their budgets for 2001. Remember, folks, charity begins at home — and by that I mean the communities in which you dwell.

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DEAR ABBY: You should be arrested for printing that hilarious story about Bud the St. Bernard. While I was driving alone on the freeway, I remembered reading about him in your column and began to laugh hysterically. I'm sure the other drivers thought I was mad!

What a dog! The woman who was stared down by Bud didn't get the message. For some reason, Bud didn't approve of her and cleverly spooked her away. That great animal should run for office. — **STILL LAUGHING, ENCINO, CALIF.**

DEAR STILL LAUGHING: Whether Bud approved of her is beside the point. The woman was a guest in his owner's house. As long as the owner is home — and presumably in charge — the owner is supposed to be the one who decides who is welcome.

If Bud had been my dog and pulled that routine, he would have found himself in the doghouse in more ways than one.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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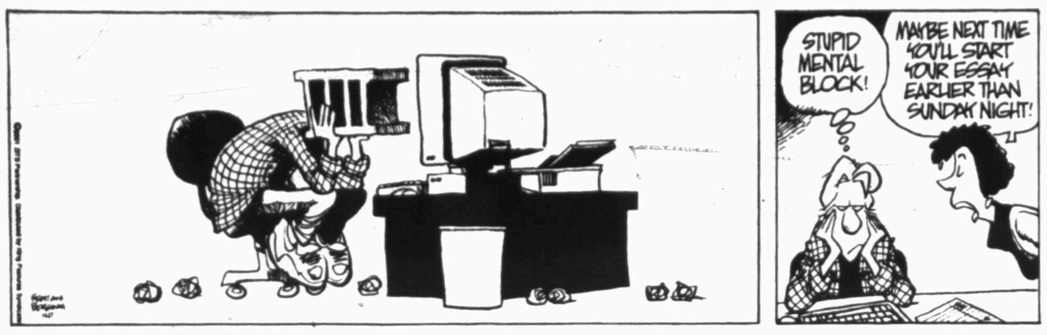
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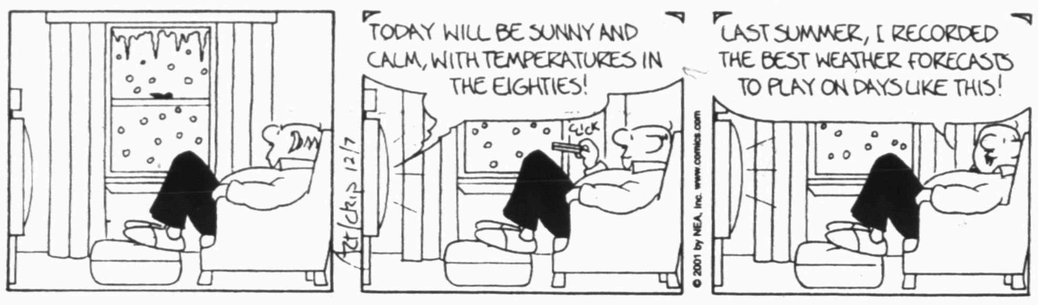
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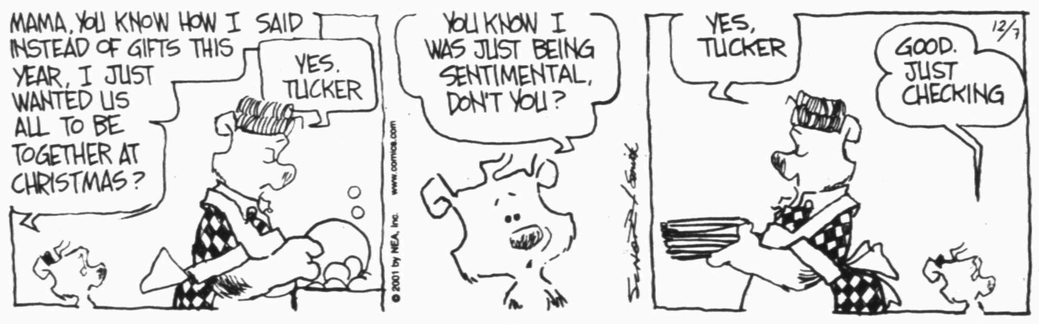
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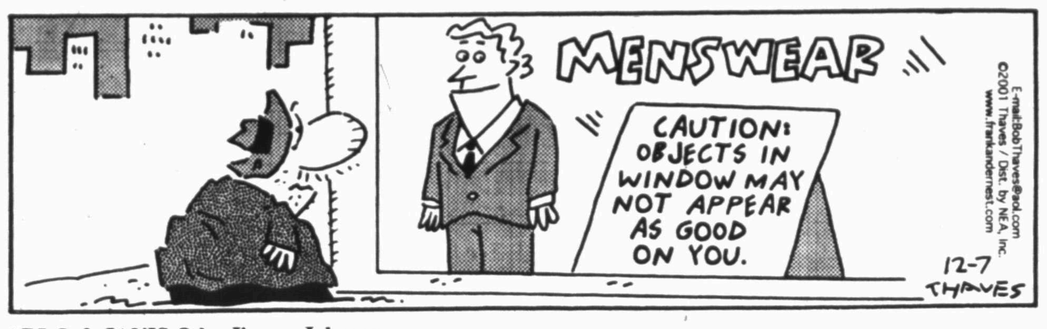
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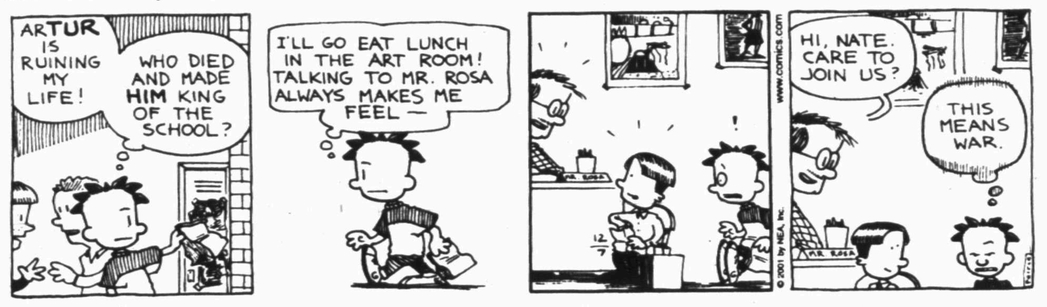
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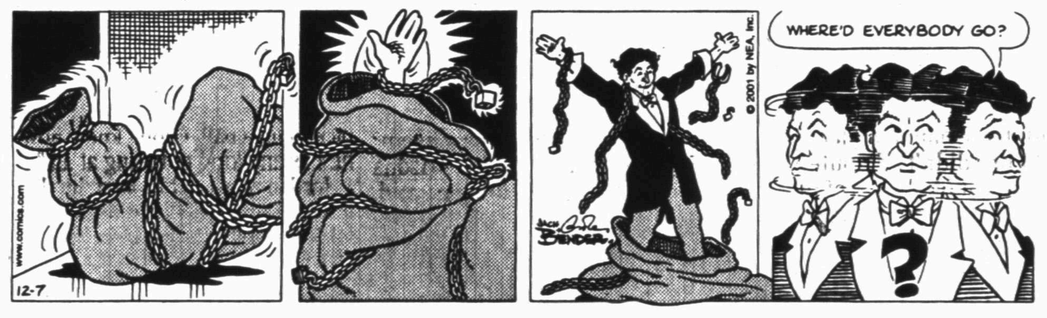
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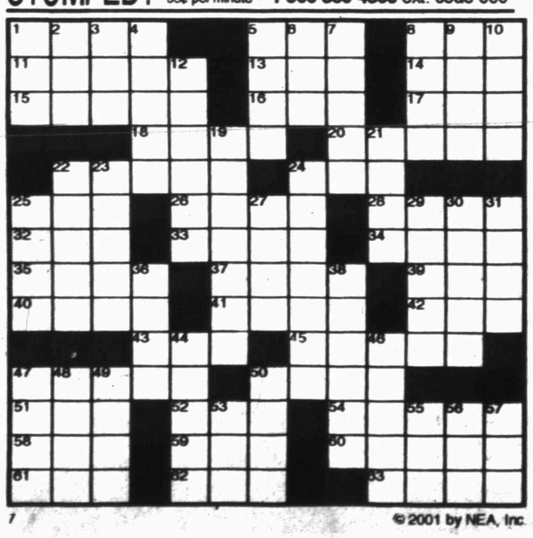
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SPORTS

Post coach savoring Antelopes' success

POST — Snyder native Richard Gorman is about to coach in the biggest game of his career, but you'd never know it.

Gorman leads his Post Antelopes (10-3) into battle against Van Alstyne (11-2) tonight in the Class 2A Division I semifinals at Coppell, and the son of former Snyder ISD assistant superintendent Jack Gorman couldn't be more excited.

"This is a great experience for these kids, for this school and for this whole town," said the leader of the Bold Gold. "Our team has had a lot of fun this season, so we don't want to stop now."

It's the Antelopes first trip to the state semifinals since 1983, but it's not a 17-year absence that's fueling this year's squad, it's the memory of a season ago.

Post tallied just two wins a year ago, so Gorman is letting his players savor this season's success.

"There wasn't much fun last season," Gorman remarked. "We didn't want those memories hanging over this year's team, so we've focused all year on working hard and having fun. The kids are still working hard, and so far we've had lots of fun."

Part of the fun was a 28-0 shutout of Holliday in the quarterfinals. Post faces a different task this week against Van Alstyne's option attack.

"They use a lot of different formations, and try to get you outnumbered on one side," Gorman stated. "We have to be sure we get lined up correctly, and we must do a good job of tackling."

At stake against the Panthers is a berth in next week's state championship game against either Hemphill or Blanco.

"We're not looking past this week's game," Gorman said. "If we make it to next week it would be great for everybody here, but making it this far has already been a tribute to these kids."

Players union unsympathetic to baseball's financial woes

IRVING (AP) — Players union chief Donald Fehr isn't impressed by all the financial figures baseball commissioner Bud Selig is releasing.

Selig told the House Judiciary Committee on Thursday that owners sustained a $232 million operating loss this year — $519 million with interest payments and depreciation added in.

Fehr didn't dispute those totals, but like some of the committee members in Washington, the union leader said the lack of details prevents a true understanding of what they mean.

"In order to understand claims made by the owners, we need vastly more information than the owners have been willing to share, and you need to do a critical analysis," Fehr said. "The audited financial statements are where inquiry begins ... it's far from a point at which you can draw any conclusions."

Baseball is trying to justify a plan to eliminate two teams before next season. The teams haven't been named, but Minnesota and Montreal appear the likely candidates.

Selig's testimony in Washington came in response to proposed legislation to repeal baseball's 79-year-old antitrust exemption as it applies to franchise moves and contraction.

"Do I think there is as much doom and gloom as some on the other side would make it seem? Absolutely not," said Arizona pitcher Brian Anderson said. "The numbers can't possibly even add up to support those claims."

Fehr, who wasn't able to attend the congressional hearings because of the annual meeting of the union's executive board in Texas, said there is too much information missing. Lacking are details on expenses, including how much owners pay themselves.

"We have the same old day in which the commissioner's office relegates to itself the right to determine what information is made available to whom, in what form," Fehr said.

College Bowl Glance

BOWL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 18
New Orleans Bowl
At New Orleans, La.
$750,000
North Texas (5-6) vs. Colorado State (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, Dec. 19
GMAC Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
$750,000
Marshall (10-2) vs. East Carolina (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 20
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$750,000
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Pittsburgh (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, noon (ABC)
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas, Nev.
$800,000
Southern California (6-5) vs. Utah (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Dec. 27
Seattle Bowl
At Seattle, Wash.
$750,000
Georgia Tech (7-5) vs. Stanford (9-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
$1 million
Iowa State (7-4) vs. SEC selection, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
$750,000
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. TCU (5-5) or Southern Miss (6-4), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
$750,000
Boston College (7-4) vs. SEC selection, 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego, Calif.
$2 million
Texas (10-2) vs. Washington (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
$750,000
Toledo (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), noon (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
$1.2 million
Texas Tech (7-4) vs. Iowa (6-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix, Ariz.
$750,000
Kansas State (6-5) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
$1 million
Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), noon (CBS)
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
$750,000
Louisiana Tech (7-4) vs. Clemson (6-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Silicon Valley Bowl
At San Jose, Calif.
$750,000
Fresno State (11-2) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 3 p.m. (FOXSN)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
$1.3 million
Brigham Young (12-0) vs. Louisville (10-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta, Ga.
$1.8 million
North Carolina (7-5) vs. SEC selection, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
$2.2 million
Ohio State (7-4) vs. SEC selection, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
$2 million
Oklahoma (10-2) vs. SEC selection, 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
$1.4 million
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$4.25 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. SEC runner-up (6-5), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
$11-13 million
Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans, La.
$11-13 million
Illinois (10-1) vs. BCS selection, 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami, Fla.
$11-13 million
Maryland (10-1) vs. BCS selection, 8 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
$11-13 million
Miami (11-0) vs. BCS No. 2 (6-5), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Tigers top unbeaten Ballinger

ABILENE — The Snyder Tigers were 0-8 and the Ballinger Bearcats were 6-0, but you couldn't tell it Thursday afternoon.

Snyder looked more like the undefeated squad, turning in its strongest effort of the year in a 62-53 victory in the opening round of the Wylie Catclaw Tournament.

The win erased the goose egg in the Tigers' win column and gives the team something to build on, according to head coach Bud Birks.

"This is a starting point," said Birks. "We still have a long way to go, but now we know we are capable of doing things right. The kids saw that if they execute like they're supposed to, they give themselves a chance to win."

The Tigers limited their turnovers, beat Ballinger to the boards and cut down on their fouls. Both squads connected on 22 field goals, but Snyder was 14-of-26 from the stripe while the Bearcats were only 6-of-11.

"We teach a very aggressive defensive style, so fouls are sometimes part of it," Birks stated. "But we had been committing some senseless fouls this season. Today we didn't. The guys played better fundamental defense, and when you're in the right position you don't foul as much."

Ballinger, led by Latvian exchange student Marcosh Jeromanovs, clung to a 14-13 lead after the first quarter before Snyder jumped out front for good in the second period.

Three-pointers from Nick Landes and Chris McLeod helped push the Tigers to a 28-25 advantage at the break. Snyder never looked back from there.

"We played better than we have been in all faces of the game," said Birks. "We cut down on our mental mistakes. We blocked out better. We did a better job of getting good shots, and we kept our cool when Ballinger would try to make a run at us."

Jeromanovs led all scorers with 19 points.

Josh Mendoza dropped in 18 to lead the Tigers. McLeod added 16, and Landes finished with 13.

Snyder is in action again at 5 this evening against Olney.

In Thursday's other first-round games, Olney topped Kermit, 58-31. Whitehouse downed San Angelo Lake View, 72-48, and Wylie knocked off Breckenridge, 67-58.

Snyder	**13**	**15**	**17**	**17**	**—**	**62**
Ballinger	**14**	**11**	**14**	**14**	**—**	**53**

Snyder
Scott 0 2-4 2, McLeod 6 2-2 16, Driggers 1 0-0 2, Bedell 2 2-3 6, Jones 1 0-2 2, Landes 3 5-6 13, Mendoza 8 2-8 18, Clay 1 1-1 3. **Totals 22 14-26 62.**
Ballinger
Wall 3 2-2 8, Smith 3 1-3 7, Jeromanovs 8 0-2 19, Nicholson 1 1-2 3, Carter 3 2-2 8, McGee 3 0-0 6, Posey 1 0-0 2. **Totals 22 6-11 53.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (McLeod 2, Landes 2), Ballinger 3 (Jeromanovs 3). Total fouls: Snyder 10, Ballinger 22. Fouled out — None.

Jordan returns to lead Wizards past Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — Imagine how good Michael Jordan could be if he practiced.

Jordan returned from a one-game absence caused by a sore knee and scored 10 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Washington Wizards to an 85-82 victory over the Houston Rockets on Thursday night.

"I don't know how he does it. He hasn't practiced in three weeks, and on the off days he seldom even shoots the ball," Washington coach Doug Collins said. "Today was the first time he's picked up a ball. I don't know how he has any kind of timing at all."

Jordan played his best in the fourth, hitting five crucial baskets to hand the Rockets their eighth straight loss.

"He has tremendous confidence," Collins said. "Michael can go 3-for-20 going into the fourth quarter and he can't wait to get that 21st shot.

"He really delivered with some big shots in the fourth quarter. We couldn't have won without him."

In other NBA games, it was Minnesota 105, Memphis 80; Milwaukee 95, Toronto 89; and Charlotte 95, Portland 89.

Jordan missed Tuesday night's game at San Antonio with a right knee injury, the first game he missed because of injury since March 5, 1993. He received a big ovation when he was introduced with the Wizards' starting lineup.

"I'll do some limited practicing, there's no other way I'll be able to find my rhythm," Jordan said. "I can't go into every game trying to find my rhythm"

Jordan's late show included a driving reverse layup that gave Washington a 66-62 lead with 9:07 to play. Moments later, he hit a 12-foot turnaround jumper that gave Washington a 68-63 lead.

Jordan matched his career-low against the Rockets, but it was enough. He played just 33 minutes.

"I felt good. I wasn't trying to overextend myself," Jordan said. "My wind was a question, but Doug was very adamant about keeping my minutes down."

Richard Hamilton led the Wizards with 26 points. Popeye Jones had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"I wanted him to play between 30 and 33 minutes," Collins said. "We were hoping that we could keep the game in a good situation so when Michael came in in the fourth quarter he could do the things he does.

"He struggled with his shot the first three quarters, but when it counted, he was in a good rhythm."

Cuttino Mobley led Houston with 25 points. Kelvin Cato added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Rockets led 40-38 at the half. Hamilton scored 10 points in the third quarter, and Jones added a pair of free throws with 17 seconds left in the period to give the Wizards a 60-58 lead.

Mobley finished the first half with 17 points.

High School Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Semifinals
Keller Fossil Ridge (11-2) vs. Mesquite (13-0), 4 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Pearland (13-0) vs. SA Taft (11-2), 4 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
DIVISION II
Quarterfinals
Euless Trinity (12-1) vs. DeSoto (10-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Maverick Stadium (UTA) in Arlington.
Spring Westfield (12-1) vs. Lufkin (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Astrodome in Houston.
Houston Madison (13-0) vs. Fort Bend Hightower (11-2), 7 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
Austin Westlake (12-1) vs. SA Madison (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Comalander Stadium in San Antonio.
CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Semifinals
Burleson (11-2) vs. Denton Ryan (13-0), 7 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Nederland (11-2) vs. Smithson Valley (13-0), 3 p.m. Saturday at Rice Stadium in Houston.
DIVISION II
Quarterfinals
Southlake Carroll (9-4) vs. Frenship (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.
Highland Park (12-1) vs. Ennis (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Jasper (12-1) vs. Bay City (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
Austin Reagan (11-2) vs. Bastrop (9-4), 2 p.m. Saturday at Alamodome in San Antonio.
CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Semifinals
Perryton (11-2) vs. Everman (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Fouts Field (UNT) in Denton.
Bridge City (11-2) vs. Sinton (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Kyle Field in College Station.
DIVISION II
Quarterfinals
Bridgeport (8-5) vs. Kennedale (12-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Dragon Stadium in Southlake.
Commerce (11-2) vs. Gladewater (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Rose Stadium in Tyler.
Newton (11-2) vs. Giddings (12-1), 8 p.m. Friday at Bowers Stadium in Huntsville.
La Grange (10-3) vs. Wimberley (11-2), 6 p.m. Saturday at Alamodome, San Antonio.
CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Semifinals
Post (10-3) vs. Van Alstyne (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Cowboy Stadium in Coppell.
Hemphill (12-1) vs. Blanco (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Sports Complex.
DIVISION II
Quarterfinals
Quanah (10-3) vs. Sonora (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mustang Stadium in Sweetwater.
Whitewright (13-0) vs. Celina (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Pennington Field in Bedford.
Garrison (11-3) vs. Alto (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Homer Bryce Stadium (SFA) in Nacogdoches.
Refugio (11-1) vs. Ganado (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium in Victoria.
CLASS 1A
Quarterfinals
Petersburg (12-1) vs. Stratford (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.
Celeste (12-0) vs. Petrolia (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Justin Northwest.
Tenaha (9-3) vs. Chilton (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Rose Stadium in Tyler.
Burkeville (7-3) vs. West Sabine (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday in Silsbee.
SIX-MAN
Semifinals
Whitharral (13-0) vs. Sanderson (13-0), 7 p.m. Saturday at Garden City.
Richland Springs (12-1) vs. Woodson (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Comanche.

SHS girls fall to Bastrop

AUSTIN — The Lady Tigers had plenty of chances Thursday, but it was Bastrop who made the most of its opportunities.

Snyder gave up 19 points in the first quarter and struggled all night from the line in a 39-37 setback to Bastrop in the quarterfinals of the Lake Travis Hill Country Classic.

The Lady Tigers trailed, 19-8, in the early going, but got on track in the second quarter to pull even by halftime at 26-26.

Snyder picked up its play on the defensive end in the second half, but had trouble producing points. The Lady Tigers limited Bastrop to 13 points over the final two quarters.

Snyder's downfall came at the free-throw line where the Lady Tigers were 10-for-21 on the night.

"We had opportunities to win the game," said Snyder assistant coach Brent Parr. "We need to learn how to capitalize on those chances when we get them."

Afton Schwertner's 11 points led Snyder. Erin Burleson added eight, and Hailey Putnam dropped in seven.

The Lady Tigers were to have squared off with Austin LBJ at noon today.

Ira squads drop games

STANTON — The Ira Bulldogs almost pulled off a shocker.

Midland Greenwood spoiled Ira's upset bid with a third-quarter run Thursday to capture a first-round victory, 45-35, at the Hooptown Classic. In the girls bracket, the Lady Bulldogs fell to the host Lady Buffaloes, 63-30.

The Ira boys raced to a 12-8 first-quarter advantage against Class 3A Greenwood, and stretched the margin to 25-20 by halftime.

The Rangers turned the tide with a 14-2 run to start the second half, then outscored Ira, 11-8, in the final frame to preserve the victory.

Nathan Smith poured in 14 points to pace the Ira boys.

The Lady Bulldogs got 15 points from Celeigh Sterling, but it wasn't enough to overcome Stanton.

The Lady Buffaloes led, 34-12, at halftime and continued to pad their advantage in the second half.

The Ira boys were to have faced Wink this afternoon, while the Lady Bulldogs squared off with Grady.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	11	6	.647	—
Boston	10	6	.625	½
New York	10	9	.526	2
Orlando	10	9	.526	2
Philadelphia	8	10	.444	3½
Washington	6	12	.333	5½
Miami	2	14	.125	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	12	6	.667	—
Milwaukee	10	6	.625	1
Toronto	11	8	.579	1½
Indiana	11	10	.524	2½
Charlotte	8	10	.444	4
Cleveland	7	11	.389	5
Atlanta	6	13	.316	6½
Chicago	3	14	.176	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	13	4	.765	—
Minnesota	12	5	.706	1
Dallas	12	7	.632	2
Denver	7	11	.389	6½
Utah	7	11	.389	6½
Houston	7	13	.350	7½
Memphis	4	14	.222	9½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	16	1	.941	—
Sacramento	14	5	.737	3
Phoenix	12	8	.600	5½
L.A. Clippers	9	9	.500	7½
Portland	9	9	.500	7½
Seattle	9	12	.429	9
Golden State	8	11	.421	9

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Minnesota 105, Memphis 80
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Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Seattle, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court Thursday overturned the death sentence of a Sacramento hitchhiker because of a typographical error in instructions to the jury.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the error may have biased panelists to vote for the death penalty.

Bruce Morris was convicted in 1987 of beating to death a man who offered to drive him from Sacramento to Lake Tahoe. The jury was to determine a sentence of death or life imprisonment without parole, but the written jury instructions listed the choices as execution or life "with parole."

That's a big difference, the three-judge appeals court panel said, because jurors might have voted for execution out of a false fear that Morris might one day get out.

Under California law, life without parole and death are the only two authorized sentences for capital offenses. All 12 jurors must vote for execution.

During deliberations, the jury reported that it was hung. The judge ordered jurors to reach a decision.

A federal judge and the California Supreme Court had upheld the conviction. The state Supreme Court said that, although it was "physically impossible" to know whether the typographical error prejudiced jurors, the death sentence should stand.

The appeals court ordered prosecutors to hold another trial in which a jury would only decide whether Morris gets life without parole or death.



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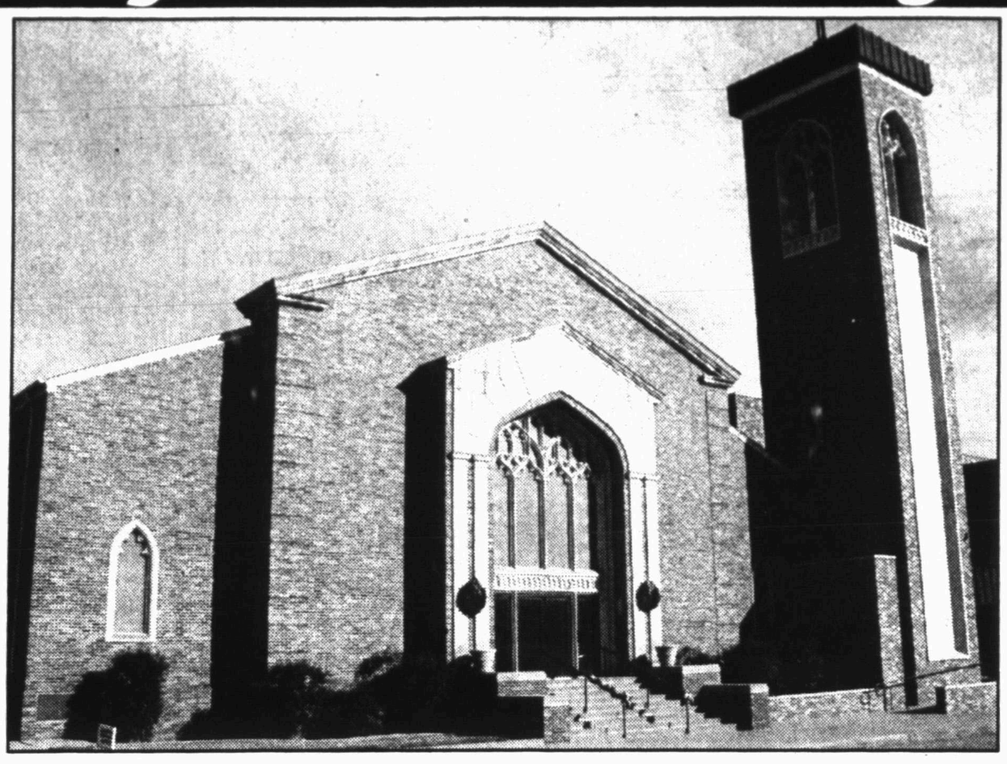
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DNA evidence casts doubt on DeSalvo ID

BOSTON (AP) — For nearly four decades, the families of the women murdered by the Boston Strangler believed they knew the identity of the killer: Albert DeSalvo, a factory worker who confessed to the murders.

But new forensic evidence has the family of one of his victims convinced DeSalvo wasn't the infamous strangler.

A team of forensic scientists who exhumed the body of Mary Sullivan over a year ago revealed that tests on her clothing and remains found DNA from two individuals other than Sullivan, and neither was DeSalvo.

"We have found evidence, and the evidence does not and cannot be associated with Albert DeSalvo," said James Starrs, a professor of forensic science and law at George Washington University who has worked on other profile forensics cases, including the Lindbergh baby kidnapping, the Lizzie Borden hatchet murders and the outlaw Jesse James.

"I, as a juror, would acquit him with no questions asked," Starrs said.

The evidence appears to clear DeSalvo only of sexual assault, but Starrs and other forensic scientists who took part in the investigation said it also raises significant doubt that DeSalvo killed Sullivan. DeSalvo confessed to the crime, then recanted. He was killed in prison in 1973, and his body was exhumed six weeks ago for the investigation.

A prosecutor who worked on the original strangler investigation in the 1960s said the new DNA tests do not prove that DeSalvo is innocent of Sullivan's killing or any of the other slayings.

"It doesn't prove anything except that they found another person's DNA on a part of Miss Sullivan's body," said Julian Soshnick. "I believe that Albert was the Boston Strangler."

Soshnick, who interviewed DeSalvo twice after he confessed to the killings, said he asked him specifically about the Sullivan case and seven or eight of the other murders.

"There were things that only the killer would know that were not known publicly," he said. "We knew a lot more than was made public, and he knew them."

Specifically, Soshnick said, DeSalvo described accurate details about what type of ligatures were used and how he tied them around the victims' necks.

The strangler terrorized Boston between 1962 and 1964, killing 11 Boston-area women. Sullivan was found murdered in her apartment on Jan. 4, 1964, three days shy of her 20th birthday.

DeSalvo, a blue-collar worker with a wife and children, confessed in 1965 to those murders, as well as two others, but later recanted. He was stabbed to death while serving a sentence for rape and other crimes.

DeSalvo never was charged in the killings, and those who question whether he was responsible point to a string of circumstances that raise doubts about his involvement. Among them: There was never any physical evidence putting him at the crime scenes; he did not match witness descriptions of possible suspects; and he was never on investigators' lists of more than 300 suspects.

"If he didn't kill Mary Sullivan, yet he confessed to it in glaring detail, he didn't kill any of these women," said Casey Sherman, Sullivan's nephew.

A statement released by the families' attorneys Daniel and Elaine Whitfield Sharp said the work of Starrs' team proves "beyond reasonable doubt" that DeSalvo didn't kill Sullivan. The DeSalvo and Sullivan families believe DeSalvo may have confessed in hopes of making money from book and movie deals.

Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly, who began reinvestigating Sullivan's murder last year at the request of the DeSalvo and Sullivan families, said in a statement that the new findings don't resolve the question of whether DeSalvo killed Sullivan.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Angina in a 22-year-old?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a woman, 69, who has suffered attacks of angina since age 22. The symptoms include nighttime awakening because of difficulty breathing, weakness when stressed or carrying heavy objects and shortness of breath when walking.

When I experienced these symptoms last year, while visiting in another state, I was taken to the hospital and later told that I'd had a heart attack. I was put on disability for three months.

Once I returned home, my doctors did not believe that I had a heart attack. I've had three coronary angiograms, all normal. My physicians are so frustrated they have named my problem "Syndrome X."

I am sure this affliction is not in my head; I know of other women with the same symptoms. Please discuss this in your column so that you can prove that we are not crazy or just a bunch of hypochondriacs.

DEAR READER: I would like nothing more than to prove those conclusions. However, you don't give me enough information to do that.

To begin with, angina (heart muscle cramps from inadequate coronary circulation) is so unusual in a 22-year-old that it would constitute a medical curiosity. While some young people — especially athletes — do die unexpectedly from cardiac disorders (such as valve blockages), heart attacks or angina at this age don't occur. Furthermore, appropriate studies have shown that you, as an adult, do not have significant coronary disease. Finally, angina is classically characterized by chest pain or pressure during times of stress or exercise. In contrast, you are experiencing a 47-year history of weakness and respiratory difficulty, without chest pain.

Consequently, I conclude that you do not have a heart condition. Where, then, does this leave us? With your lungs, of course. If I were your physician, I'd investigate your problem with chest CT scans (looking for blood clots), pulmonary function studies (to evaluate your breathing mechanics) and arterial blood gas samples (to measure the oxygen and carbon dioxide in your system).

Syndrome X, a poorly understood condition, is marked by chest pain/pressure (that is relieved by rest), an abnormal stress cardiogram and a normal coronary angiogram. This condition is entirely benign. The symptoms can often be prevented by the use of beta-blockers (such as atenolol).

Your symptoms could also be related to de-conditioning, an unfortunately common disorder in our country today. People — who disdain regular exercise, may be overweight and are out of shape — often experience periodic breathlessness and weakness when they engage in strenuous activity — or even in activity that most of us would consider to be routine. Therefore, you might want to examine your lifestyle: if you're overweight, consider a weight-reduction diet; if you seldom exercise, try walking for an hour after work, five days a week; look into other conditioning practices, such as fitness centers, personal trainers and so forth.

In my experience, patients with your symptoms rarely have significant health problems. Taking charge of your life (through regular exercise and a prudent diet), with or without medication, may — at long last — solve your problem.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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Teen pleads innocent in stabbing death

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A 17-year-old student pleaded innocent to murder Thursday in the fatal stabbing of a high school counselor who prosecutors said was killed after he asked the student to remove his jacket hood from his head.

Corey Ramos was ordered held without bail.

The Rev. Theodore Brown, 51, was stabbed Wednesday during a classroom argument in front of other students and another teacher at Springfield High School. Ramos' lawyer, Alan Black, said Ramos was "distraught" over the killing.

Grief counselors were on hand at the school Thursday, and acting Gov. Jane Swift visited students shaken by the killing.

"I wanted to offer the condolences of all the citizens of the Commonwealth," she said.

The school committee voted Thursday night to begin using metal detectors at the city's middle and high schools, and asked the city to assign more police to the schools.

Brown was stabbed repeatedly with a 4-inch knife after he and Ramos got into an argument over the teen wearing his jacket hood over his head — a violation of school rules.

Police recovered the knife in a wooded area behind the school. Ramos ran from the building and was arrested a half-mile away.

Prosecutor Brett Votero said Ramos admitted to police that he struck the first blow against Brown during their altercation. Ramos' lawyer said he would contest the alleged admission.

Ramos had been on probation on charges of assault and battery on his mother in December 1999, Votero said. He was living with his grandfather, and was under court jurisdiction, said School Superintendent Joseph Burke.

Brown was a Pentecostal minister who had worked in the school system since 1996. He was married and had one child, police said.

Brown is the first Massachusetts educator killed by a student in four years. David McHugh, a counselor at a Lowell middle school, died in 1997 after being kicked in the head by a student.



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Pearl Harbor vets see the latest attack as sign of unlearned lesson

FREDERICKSBURG (AP) — Phillip Corsello was on guard duty at Pearl Harbor when Japanese fighters began bombing the U.S. fleet on Dec. 7, 1941. Nearly six decades later, he watched another surprise attack play out on television as hijackers crashed a second plane into the World Trade Center.

"The first thing that came into my mind was, 'They let it happen again. They let us down again,'" said Corsello, who watched news coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks from his home in Wellsville, Ohio.

In towns across the country, veterans have been getting together this week to remember the attack that brought the United States into World War II. As they share memories of fallen comrades, many have echoed Corsello's assertion that the events of Sept. 11 showed that the government has failed to keep Americans safe.

"Our motto is 'Keep America alert,'" said Bill Davis, an Army Air Corps veteran from Apple Valley, Calif., who joined the 300-plus members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association in Fredericksburg this week.

"All I thought of (on Sept. 11) was, 'Damn it, all of our preaching about keeping America alert didn't matter — no one listened,'" he said.

Fredericksburg, west of Austin, is home to the National Museum of the Pacific War, which is partially housed in a former hotel owned by the family of the late Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific during World War II.

Touring the museum, Garth Sawyers watched images from a scratchy black-and-white newsreel. A World War II torpedo bomber was on display nearby.

Sawyers, an Army veteran of the attack, came to the Texas Hill Country from his home in St. George, Utah, knowing that the journey would stir memories, but perhaps not quite prepared for the emotional impact.

"I think mostly about the people that were killed," Sawyers said of his visit Thursday. "It reminds you of the saddest day of your life."

Former President George Bush, a Navy aviator during the war, will be the keynote speaker at the 60th anniversary ceremony in Fredericksburg today. The current President Bush planned to attend anniversary ceremonies aboard the USS Enterprise at Norfolk, Va.

Many veterans said they had been thinking more about Pearl Harbor since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In Hawaii, 3 American aviators and 3 Japanese fliers related their World War II experiences.

40 attend public meeting to support work on parks

More than 40 citizens attended the public meeting in Towle Park Barn Thursday night to discuss the future of Scurry County's parks and their message was clear: "Do what it takes to improve our parks and get started."

Committee member Cloyce Talbott said the group was "very impressed with all three meetings and how positive those in attendance were."

"We were very happy with the turnouts at the meetings," he said. "There were a lot of good ideas brought forth and everyone was very positive. We expected some negativity and there was none at all."

Everyone at the public forum Thursday, the last of three held around the county this week, was in favor of improving the county's recreational areas.

Audience member and Snyder city councilman John Reed talked of the importance of everyone working together in order to succeed in improving the parks.

"I think we should all pull together to do this," he said. "The city, the county, the schools, the college... all of us have to get together and get it done. If we don't do that, well then, we're headed down the wrong road."

Ned Underwood, a retired educator, agreed and said Snyder and Scurry County need to regain the pride they once had and revamping the parks is the way to do so.

"I agree with John 100 percent. This used to be Sparkle City and people used to call us the All-American City," he said. "I think this plan is wonderful because it shows that we are still proud of our community. We need to get behind this committee and we need to make this the best place to live in West Texas, the way it used to be."

Underwood also told the committee prioritizing is a must.

"There are two things we don't have in West Texas... trees and water," he said. "Those should be the top two items on your priorities list."

Audience member Roy Baze, retired oil company executive, said that is why a master plan is important.

"Grants don't come easy. You can't just write a letter and expect to receive a grant," he said. "You absolutely have to have a plan and I think this committee is on the right track.

"One of the problems I think that is going to surface before the committee is the number of suggestions for things people want," he continued. "There will have to be prioritizing and we won't be able to satisfy everybody. There is going to have to be some give and take."

Talbott told the audience the importance of nice parks and facilities when recruiting new families to Snyder.

"After our company merged last year, we had to start recruiting people here and it quickly became obvious what people look at first when considering a move," he said. "They want to see the schools where their children will attend and they want to see the parks where their children will play. It's obvious our parks aren't as good as they used to be."

Elliot Cox of Wilson Motors told the committee "the coliseum is vital to the success of this city."

"It brings countless people into our community and with just a few small improvements and modifications, it could draw in many more," he said. "If it brings in a 1,000 people and they go around town and see our nice parks, four or five of them might decide to move to Snyder."

Committee member Mike Dennis said community response through the city-wide survey was tremendous.

By Thursday night, 983 of the completed forms had been returned and results were being tabulated today.

Officers respond to varied calls Thursday

Arrest

A 20-year-old man was taken into custody just before 11 p.m. Thursday at an apartment on 37th Street. Officers were called to the residence around 10 p.m. because of a disturbance. Two patrol units arrived and told the man to leave, then arrested him when he returned.

Accident

Officers were dispatched to 38th Street and Denison Thursday afternoon in response to a minor accident. Involved were a 1996 Honda Accord driven by Christina Thompson, 21, of 400 34th Street and a 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Joe Rosas, 58, of CR 254. No injuries were reported.

Theft

Charlie Freeman reported a theft at 2200 42nd Street Thursday morning. An offense report was filed.

Preston Wilson contacted an officer at the police department and reported some pipe stolen from behind his residence. A report for Class B theft was submitted.

Disturbances

A woman reported a disturbance at her residence on 35th Street Thursday. Officers contacted several subjects at the residence and advised a verbal disagreement had taken place and all appeared in order.

Another verbal disagreement was reported in a home in the 2600 block of El Paso Thursday evening. An officer was dispatched and advised all was in order.

Dog bite

An 18-month-old child was bitten by a dog just before 7 p.m. Thursday. The child was taken to Cogdell Hospital and an offense report was filed.

Prowlers

A woman requested an officer inspect her backyard in the 1000 block of 26th Street after hearing someone in the yard. Officers were dispatched, but no one was in the area.

Another woman reported finding cups in her yard and requested a close patrol because it appeared someone went through her yard.

Births

Danny and Kimberly Gambol of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Landon LaRue Gambol, on Dec. 3 in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center. A sister, Jade Taggart, also welcomed him.

Grandparents are Sharon Wadley of Big Spring and the late Rue Gambol, and Roy Neves of Snyder and the late Ruby Neves.

Commissioners certify votes

The Scurry County commissioners' court in a brief meeting this morning certified Tuesday's results for the Texas Senate District 30 runoff election.

Republican Craig Estes defeated Greg Underwood, a Democrat, for a spot in the Texas Senate. The election was made necessary when Sen. Tom Haywood died in July.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said the election "went extremely smooth."

Bunch said the ballots were counted by hand to save the county the expense of using machines.

"The ballots were counted by hand at each polling place, so that made it a lot easier," she said. "This election was very painless."

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided and commissioners Roy Idom and Chloanne Lindsey were present. Commissioners Howard Limmer and Ralph Trevey were absent.

Abilene man gets two-year sentence

A 39-year-old Abilene man was sentenced to serve two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility after pleading guilty in 132nd District Court.

Johnny Lee Sisco pleaded guilty to an Aug. 21 charge of possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Sisco was arrested by DPS trooper James Arnwine on the charge, and also an outstanding warrant for parole violation.

Obituaries

Lucy Magill

1907-2001

COLORADO CITY – Lucy Marie Magill, a former resident of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, in Valley Fair Lodge.

Funeral service for Mrs. Magill, 94, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 20, 1907 in McGregor, the daughter of Guy and Ollie Maxwell. She taught at the Gannaway School in Scurry County and married J.B. "Mac" Magill in 1928 in Levelland. He died in 1980.

Mrs. Magill, a member of the First Baptist Church, had been a resident of Colorado City since 1952, moving from Lamesa.

Survivors include three daughters, Anita Garner of Loraine, Shirley Clark of Houston and Lynda Van Zandt of Jasper; a son, James "Deacon" Magill of Colorado City; a brother Doyle Maxwell of Roswell, N.M.; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Grace McQuiddy

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ROBERT LEE — Grace McQuiddy, mother of Juanita Wright of Snyder, died at 3 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in a Robert Lee nursing home.

Graveside service for Mrs. McQuiddy, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

She was born on July 11, 1915 and was preceded in death by her husband, Brian McQuiddy in April 1992; a son-in-law, Stan Wright in January 1992; and a granddaughter, Dana Wright Boarland, July 1995.

Other survivors include three grandchildren, Donnie Wright of LaGrange, Janie Pierce of Morton and John Wright of Lamesa; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Everyone is invited to a benefit concert at 4 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park Barn by Heart-N-Soul, a local Christian band. Proceeds will be used to help defray expenses incurred by Richard Bross following his heart attack and surgery.

Country gospel music

Country gospel music will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Noah's Ark Church guest evangelist

Evangelist Heriberto Hernandez of San Paula, Calif., will be ministering in word and music at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Noah's Ark Church at 18th and Ave. R.

Snyder FFA booster club party

The Snyder FFA booster club party will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Union Community Center. It will be a Mexican food potluck supper and those attending are also asked to bring a six pack of soft drinks.

United Way board meet

The Scurry County United Way board will meet at noon Monday at the United Way office, 2311 Ave. T.

AARP banquet

The AARP installation banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Hermleigh booster club

Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Stanfield reading night

Stanfield Elementary School's reading night will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, followed by a parent council meeting at 7.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Baptism: What is it and who is it For?" followed by "Holy and Reverend is His Name."

Scurry County 4-H

Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

Special Hermleigh postal cancellation

The U.S. Postal Service in Hermleigh will honor Hermleigh High School's boys and girls basketball teams with a special postal cancellation Tuesday beginning with the varsity girls game.

Weigh Down workshop

Registration for a Weigh Down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th. Classes begin Jan. 3. For information call 573-9615 or 573-8401.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Scouts selling popcorn

Boy and Cub Scouts are selling all varieties of popcorn. Call Rhonda Fletcher at 573-7065 or 338-1865 by Dec. 15.

Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the First United Methodist Church. Anyone attending is asked to bring a pair of scissors for a take home craft. If you have already reserved a spot, you do not have to call again, For more information call the Scurry County Cooperative Extension office at 573-5423.

Windbreak trees

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees, both evergreen and hardwoods. Call 573-6317.

Seniors helping seniors

Snyder High School's senior class would like to help senior citizens decorate for Christmas. Students will provide the labor by putting up lights or decorating Christmas trees, etc. Call 573-6301 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make arrangements.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Saturday, Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

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