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Texas fugitives surrender in Oklahoma

ARDMORE, Okla. (AP) — Two convicted murderers who broke out of a Texas jail surrendered peacefully to authorities early today, six hours after seizing a hostage at a southern Oklahoma gas station and using him to hold authorities at bay.

Two other fugitives who escaped with them last month were also captured.

Curtis Gambill and Joshua Bagwell allowed their elderly hostage to go free and gave up at 4:30 a.m., FBI Special Agent Richard Marquise said.

The surrender was the result of "a very skillful agent developing a rapport" with the escapees, Marquise said. He said the only request by the fugitives was to talk to relatives by telephone. The FBI arranged these phone calls.

"There was discussion about hunting and fishing and what life was in prison," Marquise said.

The hostage, store owner George West, 65, emerged unharmed. Members of West's family, who waited for word at a command post about a quarter-mile away, left immediately after the standoff ended.

West was back at the gas station working this morning. He said he never feared that he would be harmed.

"They weren't out to hurt anybody," he said. "They were just looking for something to eat and a way out of here."

The standoff lasted as long as it did because Gambill and Bagwell were eating more food than they had in more than a week, Marquise said.

West said the men ate chips and beef jerky, drank beer and smoked cigarettes.

"I don't believe I've ever seen five men eat as much as those two boys did," West said.

"I think they were enjoying their last moments of freedom before going to prison for the rest of their lives," Marquise said.

Gambill and Bagwell were taken to the Carter County Jail in Ardmore, where two other fugitives, Chrystal Gale Soto and Charles Jordan, were taken after their arrests. All could face charges in Carter County

It was not immediately known when or where the four would appear in court.

Authorities arrested Soto and Jordan around 9:50 p.m. Wednesday outside the Total gas station, said Kym Koch, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Jordan was using a pay phone when an FBI agent and a Carter County sheriff's deputy arrested him. The officers had received a tip that the escapees might be there, said Gary Johnson, a spokesman for FBI in Oklahoma City.

Soto came out of the store and gave up. Gambill and Bagwell refused to come out of the store.

The four overpowered a female guard at the Montague County Jail Jan. 28 and fled in her sport utility vehicle.

Their escape set off a massive manhunt across the southern Plains, with authorities suspecting that Oklahoma might be their destination because Gambill and Bagwell were raised in the state and know the area.

In recent days, they were linked to two burglaries and the theft of a flatbed truck in southern Oklahoma. A .22-caliber rifle was taken in one of the burglaries.

The truck was found in Lake Murray State Park on Saturday, about a mile from where the hostage standoff took place. The four spent several days hiding in the park, FBI agent Sam Macaluso said.

Marquise said the escapees told authorities they had walked about 40 miles since their escape.

Soto and Jordan told investigators they were ready to come out of the woods.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The older you get the tougher it is to shed pounds. By our age, the body and fat have become best friends."

A few days ago, we gave you the champion Darwin Award story and the first runner-up.

Since we all had rather laugh at the foolishness of others, the honorable mention stories also are worth a chuckle or two.

Second runner-up went to a man at a West Virginia party who popped a blasting cap into his mouth and bit down.

It triggered an explosion that blew off his lips, teeth and tongue.

The 24-year-old man bit the cap as a prank at a late night party after another man tried to explode the cap in an aquarium hooked to a battery, but it wouldn't go off.

Third runner-up was a poacher in Spain who shot a stag standing above him on an overhanging rock and was killed instantly when the animal fell on him.

And another dandy concerns a California man who died when he hit a lift tower at the Mammoth Mountain ski area while riding down the slope on a foam pad.

The 22-year-old man was pronounced dead after he and his friends apparently had hiked up the ski run called Stump Alley and removed yellow foam protectors from lift towers.

The pads were put in place to protect skiers who might hit the towers coming down the slope.

The man and his friends apparently used the pads to slide down, and the victim hit one of the towers where the protection had been removed.

Honorable mention went to a 32-year-old man from St. Louis who was being disorderly in a local grocery store.

When the clerk threatened to call the police, the man grabbed a hot dog, shoved it into his mouth and left the store without paying.

Police found the culprit in front of the store where paramedics removed a six-inch wiener from his throat. It had choked him to death.

Moral: Always chew your food.



SOUND OF MUSIC — Snyder High School Fine Arts Division's *Sound of Music* will debut at 7:30 tonight at Worsham Auditorium. In this scene, Maria teaches Capt. Von Trapp's children how to sing. From left are Allie Brewster, Molly Haire, Hayli Henderson, Justin Stoker, Clark Reed and Craig Robertson. Performances continue at 7:30 Friday and Saturday night and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $6 for adults, $5 for students, and $8 reserved. Call the high school at 573-6301 to make reservations. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ex Enron officials take the fifth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two former Enron executives at the heart of a web of partnerships that kept company debt off the books invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify to Congress today.

"On the advice of my counsel I respectfully decline to answer the questions," said Andrew Fastow, Enron's former chief financial officer.

Fastow was dismissed after telling the committee that would be his answer to all questions posed by the panel.

Michael Kopper, a former Enron officer, also invoked the constitutional protection against self-incrimination. Kopper saw an investment of $125,000 become $10.5 million in less than three years.

After Kopper departed, two current Enron executives, Richard Buy and Richard Causey, also declined to answer questions. Both had knowledge of the partnerships that Fastow and Kopper ran.

Fastow and Kopper collected $40 million for their role in the partnerships — which investigators say involved self-dealing and conflicts of interest that eventually lead to the energy trading company's collapse.

Fastow was sworn in by Rep. Jim Greenwood, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce oversight and investigations subcommittee. Greenwood was rebuffed when he asked the witness two questions about his handling of company partnerships that hid hundreds of millions of dollars in Enron debt.

"You enriched yourself by tens of millions of dollars" through deals "with your own company," Greenwood said to him.

As the four current and former Enron executives sat silently in the crowded hearing room, lawmakers called those who drove the company into bankruptcy, "economic terrorists," "business cowboys" and "corporate thieves."

"This collapse was not brought about by isolated acts of rogue employees. It required the complicity of far more than a few bad apples," Greenwood said as he opened today's hearing.

"Was the selling of your morals ... of your souls, worth it?" asked Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., who said "millions of dreams" of people who lost retirement money were ruined by the Enron crash.

Arthur Andersen auditor David Duncan also has invoked his Fifth Amendment rights and refused to testify before Congress. Duncan was fired last month for his role in the shredding of Enron-related documents.

Among those expected to testify at today's hearing were Jeffrey Skilling, Enron's former CEO, and former Enron attorney Jordan Mintz, who became so concerned about whether the off-the-books partnerships were proper that he tried to rein them in.

Mintz raised questions with Buy, the chief risk officer, and Causey, the chief accounting officer, about how the partnerships were being handled late in 2000, shortly after becoming general counsel for Enron Global Finance.

In memos, Mintz insisted Skilling sign off on one partnership arrangement before it could proceed. Six people signed an approval sheet, but the line next to Skilling's typed name is blank. Causey and Buy were among those who signed.

In a May 22 memo to Skilling, Mintz wrote: "I can send such approval sheets to you as a package and you can then sign at your convenience." Twelve days earlier, Mintz had gone to an outside law firm because of his concerns about whether the partnerships were proper.

Friday is deadline for board

For statewide boll weevil eradication organization

Friday is the deadline for cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone to place a name in nomination for the eradication foundation's statewide board of directors.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the ballot for the election to be held March 11.

Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical information sheet.

In addition, the nomination must include the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

Forms are available at the Scurry County extension office and they can by faxed to the Texas Department of Agriculture at 512-463-1104.

Woody Anderson of Colorado City currently represents the Rolling Plains Central Zone on the statewide board of directors of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

Growers in the zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program Dec. 1, 1994.

In March 1998, cotton growers voted by more than six to one to continue the eradication program in the zone.

The zone covers approximately 700,000 acres in Scurry, Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Young and parts of Archer, Borden, Brown and Taylor counties.

WTC board to call election in Friday meet

The Western Texas College board of trustees convenes at noon Friday to consider an agenda with only one item of new business.

The board is expected to call a trustee election for May 4.

The terms of Drew Bullard, Place 1; and Jackie Greene, Place 2; are up this year.

WTC board members serve 6-year terms with no term limits. Items on the agenda for information and discussion are LVN graduation, the February activity calendar and a report from Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president.

The luncheon meeting is to be held in the faculty dining room.

ASK US

Q—Where can I get information about auditioning for the *TEXAS* musical drama?

A—Call 1-877-58TEXAS, or on the web at www.texasmusicaldrama.com.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 48 degrees; low, 27; 7 a.m. Thursday, 28; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low around 35; S winds 5-10 mph. Friday, sunny, high near 65; SW winds 15-20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy, low 30-35.

Christopher Johnston
Sunny

Sunset: 6:24 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:31 a.m.
Of 37 days in 2002, the sun has shone 34 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can't steal second base if you don't take your foot off first.
—Mike Todd

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Megan Crisp wins SJHS spelling bee

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. That's what Megan Crisp did and it paid off Wednesday afternoon when she claimed top speller honors at Snyder Junior High School's annual campus spelling bee. In last year's bee, she finished second.

The eighth grader is 13 and the daughter of Bert and Valerie Crisp.

Second place honors were garnered by Daniela Garcia, also 13 and an eighth grader. She is the daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann Garcia.

Also competing were Chris Lopez, third place; and Ashley Pavlovsky, fourth. Both are eighth graders.

Virginia Trevey coordinated the bee. Sylvia Sapsky pronounced the words. Judges were Elaine Bragg, Linda Huestis and Carla Allen.



TOP SPELLERS — Megan Crisp, left, won Snyder Junior High School's spelling bee Wednesday afternoon. Daniella Garcia finished in second place. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Reagan's birthday subdued due to his Alzheimer's

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ronald Reagan, the longest-living U.S. president, celebrated his 91st birthday at home with his family and was honored with a proclamation by the governor declaring it "Ronald Reagan Day" across California.

Reagan spent his birthday with his wife, Nancy, and daughter Patti Davis, at his Bel-Air home. They served him his favorite cake — chocolate.

Reagan, who has recovered from a broken hip suffered in a fall last year, has remained secluded at the home since announcing in 1994 he has Alzheimer's disease.

"He's doing as well as can be expected," said Joanne Drake, Reagan's chief of staff.

In Time magazine this month, Davis wrote emotionally about her father and his Alzheimer's disease.

"We will commemorate his birthday, speak of it, but the word 'happy' won't be put in front of it," she said.

California Gov. Gray Davis honored Reagan on Wednesday by proclaiming it his day.

"Throughout his career, President Reagan was committed to promoting opportunities for the citizens of California and our nation. Happy birthday, President Reagan," Davis' proclamation said.

Son Michael Reagan told CNN his father sleeps later each day and is not really able to get up and walk around.

"Every day gets a little shorter for him and every day the world gets a little smaller for him," Michael Reagan said.

Asked how Nancy Reagan is faring, he said: "They have so many memories but they're not able to really discuss the memories ... It's really a one-way conversation."

At the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, about 50 miles northwest of the Reagan home in Simi Valley, there were cards, a cake, a book signing by Lou Cannon, author of "President Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime."

"We always consider his birthday a special day," library Director Duke Blackwood said.

President Bush signed legislation Wednesday making Reagan's childhood home in Dixon, Ill., a federal historic site. The private Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home Foundation owns the house where Reagan lived in the early 1920s.

The new law authorizes the Interior Department to acquire the site from the foundation, which would continue managing and operating it.

New rules slated

DALLAS (AP) — Strict new guidelines for law clerks have been issued by the Texas Supreme Court, including an end to special signing bonuses paid by private law firms.

A government watchdog group had said the bonuses paid to Supreme Court clerks raise questions of impropriety between the court and big law firms with pending cases.

"This is a major improvement in their own rules. They're a lot tighter," Cristen Feldman, a staff attorney for Texans for Public Justice, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

East Elementary: Kerr top speller

One East fourth grader spelled his way to victory Wednesday morning during the annual campus spelling bee.

Jonathan Kerr, 10, son of Thomas and Carol Kerr, captured first place honors. Raven Luna, 9, daughter of Robert Luna and Delia Rodriguez, claimed second place honors.

Rounding out the top 10 spellers are Natasha Garcia, third; Valeri Guzman, fourth; Rachel Dupree, fifth; Alexandra Rios, sixth; Monica Clanton, seventh; Brance Scott, eighth; Ty Burton, ninth; and Meagan Downing, 10th.

Other fourth graders who participated in the spelling bee include Zack Ball, Alex Hernandez, Gina Guerrero, Krystal Martinez, Jessica West, Victor Chhuor, Brent Cole, Becky Evans, Bianca Cabrera, Cassie Cochran, Meagan Smith, Terrence Williams, Sarah Parmer, Tayla Wesson, Titus Hestand, Josie Ornelas, Eleanor Ashley, Quintin Bass, Javiel Rowe, and Jake Strickland.



BEST SPELLERS — Jonathan Kerr won East Elementary's spelling bee Wednesday morning. Raven Luna is the runner-up. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Red headed doll returned to owner

NEW YORK (AP) — A red-headed rag doll found in the World Trade Center wreckage was returned Wednesday to its owner, a children's charity founded by Duchess of York Sarah Ferguson.

"I took (the doll's recovery) as a sign that Chances for Children has to continue," Ferguson said after the doll was presented to her at the Boliver Arellano Gallery in the East Village.

Schwarzenegger's new movie raises alarm

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani attended a screening of Arnold Schwarzenegger's new movie and said criticism of the film by firefighters, police officers and Colombian activists is premature.

"Let's see the movie before criticizing it," Giuliani said Wednesday evening outside the Ziegfield Theatre, where he attended the advance showing with former fire commissioner Thomas Von Essen.

In the movie, "Collateral Damage," Schwarzenegger plays a Los Angeles firefighter who seeks vengeance against Colombian terrorists who killed his family.

Fire and police union officials have expressed concerns that Giuliani's appearance at the screening might appear to link a Sept. 11 charity to the film.

In an initial press release promoting the screening, Warner Bros. said Giuliani would appear "in association with the Twin Towers Fund and Twin Towers Board." Giuliani set up the fund last year for the families of firefighters and police lost in the attacks.

"It saddens us any time a tragedy is used to promote anything like a movie," said Peter Gorman, president of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association.

Schwarzenegger attended the screening but did not speak to reporters.

Berry's World



Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 14-20-23-32-35-52.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

1-9-6

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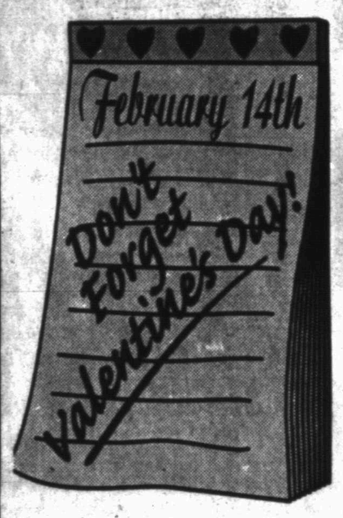
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BSP SWEETHEART —Brenda Billingsley was crowned 2002 Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Queen Tuesday evening by last year's queen, Niki Glasscock. The queen is selected by the membership. A buffet dinner was hosted by Glasscock. A short business meeting followed. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-07-02
♠ J 7
♥ A 10 8
♦ —
♣ A Q 10 8 7 6 3 2

West
♠ 6 4
♥ K 6 4 3
♦ A J 10 3
♣ K 9 5

East
♠ A 8 2
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ Q 8 5 2
♣ J 4

South
♠ K Q 10 9 8 5
♥ Q 5
♦ K 9 7 6 4
♣ —

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dbl.	Redbl.	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002

In the trenches with the locals

By Phillip Alder

Without looking at my auction, how do you think your regular quartet would bid this nightmare layout? Second, after peeking, does West have a lead to defeat four spades? How does five clubs by North go?

That South hand is well worth a one-bid. West has a minimum takeout double, but his shape is good. Unappealing though it is, North must redouble because two clubs would be nonforcing. With eight points, East wonders what is going on, but prefers his partner to select a suit. South's two-diamond rebid announces an unbalanced minimum or subminimum hand; with a full-weight opening, South should pass. North's three clubs is forcing. East still wants to bid, but the deal has "misfit" written all over it. (Three hearts doubled can cost 800.) After that, North-South did well to stop in four spades.

West led the heart four. Declarer ran that to his queen, ruffed a diamond, cashed the heart ace, ruffed a heart, trumped a second diamond, threw a diamond on the club ace, and had 10 tricks: four spades, two hearts, one club, two diamond ruffs in the dummy, and one heart ruff in hand.

West's lead was unthinking. The opponents were probably in a 6-2 fit, and North apparently didn't like diamonds. So, a trump start should have stood out like a bikini in a Middle Eastern bazaar.

The original author said that five clubs could be made if East led a heart and North guessed correctly. Not so! Declarer should always lose at least one spade, one heart and one club. In theory, five clubs has no play.

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Organize your home for independent living

WINNETKA, Ill. (AP) — Most people with houses put a lot of thought into how their homes look and function, evaluating the layout and convenience of rooms and appliances.

Like many homeowners, Patti Jacobson does that, too. But she also must factor in something else as she maintains her house in Greeley, Colo.: her blindness.

"I keep my house organized so I will know where things belong," she says. "I use braille to make my shopping list and have devised a safety pin system to identify my clothes by color."

Jacobson is an instructor for the Hadley School for the Blind, based in Winnetka, and she shares her knowledge of independent household management with her students.

"My students love lessons on personal care and cooking," she says, and she passes along tips she's learned from experience.

She uses raised adhesive dots on the dials and settings of appliances, for example. Keeping laundry sorted starts as soon as the clothes are taken off, by depositing them in separate hampers for whites and darks. She keeps sock pairs together by fastening them together with plastic clips as she removes them. When loading the washing machine, she feels the level of detergent in the scoop with her fingers.

A friend goes with her to the grocery store to help her identify products. She brings along labeling tape and label magnets to attach to the purchases as she fills her cart. The labels stay on the packaging until the product is used, at which point she puts them on the fridge. That way, she not only can use the labels again, but they serve as a shopping list for her next trip to the store.

Jacobson is quite at home in the kitchen, maintaining skills she learned as a young girl before she completely lost her sight. Her fellow Hadley instructor, Martha Pamperin, suggests to those who rely on the microwave to add those raised markers to the buttons used the most to identify the funotions. If the user is proficient in braille, the whole front panel can be marked in braille.

Jacobson plants and weeds her own garden, and she clears the leaves in the fall. But how does she get them into a neat pile? "I put a transistor radio on the ground when I first start my pile, then just keep raking toward the music."

Jacobson and the Hadley School emphasize that developing such skills can keep blind and visually impaired people — estimated at about 10 million in the United States — in their quest for independent living.

The school offers more than 90 courses free of charge to these people and their families through distance education. The courses cover education, jobs and other concerns, but several are devoted to the basics of the home and garden.

On the Web:
http://www.hadley-school.org

The word rhythm comes from the Greek word *rhythmos*, meaning measured motion.

Texas honey can sweeten any menu

Honey tastes great on hot biscuits, but its uses are far more versatile. Quick to carmelize, this natural sweetener complements the spices, herbs and condiments used to flavor glazes and marinades. It adds zip to dips, sweetens desserts and makes a star appearance in spreads, smoothies and salad dressings. As for sopapillas and bunuelos, what would they be without a golden drizzle of honey?

Ever since some curious cave dweller was brave enough to stick a hand inside a hollow tree, honey has sweetened the lives of human beings. In ancient Egypt, honey was a kitchen staple valued so highly it was commonly used as a payment or tribute.

Honey is eaten in most countries of the world, contributing flavor and texture to salsas, sauces and other specialties. Today about 3,000 different honeys are produced worldwide.

Texas is no exception. Some 1,750 commercial and sideline beekeepers in the Lone Star State oversee the production of honey varieties – each as typically Texan as mesquite and cotton.

"Texas honeys have unique flavors that mark them indelibly as Texas natives," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "Where else will you find honey that comes from huajillo or black brush? Texas honey should be in every Texan's pantry."

Executive Chef Ed Ebert of the Zuni Grill on San Antonio's River Walk couldn't agree more. Ebert, who likes to support local farmers and keep indigenous ingredients on his menu, buys honey from an area beekeeper.

"When you visit Texas, you don't want to taste California or New York honey," he said.

Ebert says honey works wonderfully for glazing. He includes it in such mouth-watering entrees as honey-basted pork loin rubbed with coriander and garlic and sea bass dredged in a glaze of honey, soy sauce, lime juice, chiles and rice wine vinegar. A chicken wing appetizer arrives at the table dressed in a honey-chipotle glaze.

Honeys differ in color and flavor, according to which blossoms bees visit to gather nectar. Some honeys – certain clovers, for example – are almost colorless, while others such as buckwheat are dark and full-bodied. Honey variety influences the flavor and sometimes the appearance of baked goods and other foods.

"Darker honeys could make a very robust bread, but if you're making a light, delicate product, like a white bread or a dainty sauce you probably would want a lighter one," said Marcia Cardetti of the National Honey Board.

Registered dietitian Belinda Boshell of the Texas Department of Agriculture recommends cooking with whatever flavor you prefer.

"If you like a mild flavored honey, that's what you should cook with. As a rule, the lighter the color, the milder the taste," she said. "Honey also helps a product stay moister longer. Even a small amount of honey will help make a moister cake."

Texas produces many types of honey. With so many to choose from, cooks may have to taste a few to educate their taste buds. To capture flavor nuances, spoon out about 1/2 teaspoon, take in the aroma, and place the honey on the front of the tongue. As the honey spreads to the back and sides of the tongue, its unique flavor will emerge. Clover honey, for instance, tastes sweet, flowery and mild, while orange blossom should taste of citrus blooms. Eating unsalted crackers and sipping room temperature water will help neutralize the palette between tastes.

Because honey has a higher fructose content than sugar, less is needed for the same amount of sweetness. About half the amount is a good rule of thumb. At first, it may be preferable to experiment, starting with a little less than half and increasing the amount if a sweeter taste is desired.

When baking, reduce any liquid in a recipe by 1/4 cup per cup of honey used and add 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda per cup of honey.

To prevent excess browning, reduce the oven temperature by 25 degrees F.

"Products containing honey tend to get browner quicker. If you switch from metal to a glass or ceramic baking dish, you'll have to drop the temperature another 25 degrees because glass transfers heat better than metal," Boshell said.

Honey sealed in containers may remain stable for decades, but it is likely to darken and lose flavor and aroma. For practical purposes, figure on a two-year shelf life. Store honey at room temperature on the kitchen counter or in the pantry. Refrigeration speeds up crystallization, a natural process that solidifies the liquid in honey.

One word of caution: never feed honey to a baby. Honey may contain bacterial spores that can make an infant seriously ill. It is safe for anyone 1 year or older.

The way to a loved one's heart

Stumped on what to give your sweetheart for Valentine's Day?

You may avoid heartbreak by turning to America's most popular romance guide. You'll find thousands of ideas, listed from A to Z. Everything from candy and flowers, to palm readings, hot air balloon rides, flying lessons, jewelry, romantic videos, singing telegrams and exotic vacations.

It's the Yellow Pages.

"Traditionally, flowers are the top choice for men," says Larry Small, vice president of research for the Yellow Pages Publishers Association. "Women are more likely to buy candy."

If you use your imagination and your Yellow Pages-Small says you'll find your way to almost anyone's heart.

How about a custom-made cake of your first date or honeymoon spot?

Simply e-mail a photo to Le Bakery Artiste in Denver and you can be immortalized in chocolate frosting.

"Most of our new business comes from the Yellow Pages," says John Spots, owner of the 20-year-old bakery. "And 90 percent are women.

"Men tend to wait until the last minute and are shy and conservative. Women shop early and tend to be more outrageous. They like to have fun."

Spots can even make custom cakes for the three percent of shoppers who give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

Small says more shoppers also turn to the Internet Yellow Pages to find Valentine's gifts. "Almost one-fourth of men buying lingerie say they'll buy on-line. It's convenient and helps take away some of the embarrassment."

According to a Yankelovich survey, 17 percent of single men prefer an intimate home-cooked meal for Valentine's Day.

What if your cooking skills aren't up-to-snuff?

"Order take-out ahead from your favorite restaurant," suggests Small. "Serve it on your best china and it'll be your secret."

What if you don't have a special someone on Valentine's Day?

Look under dating services or counselors, Small says.

"The phone book doesn't have much of a plot," he admits.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

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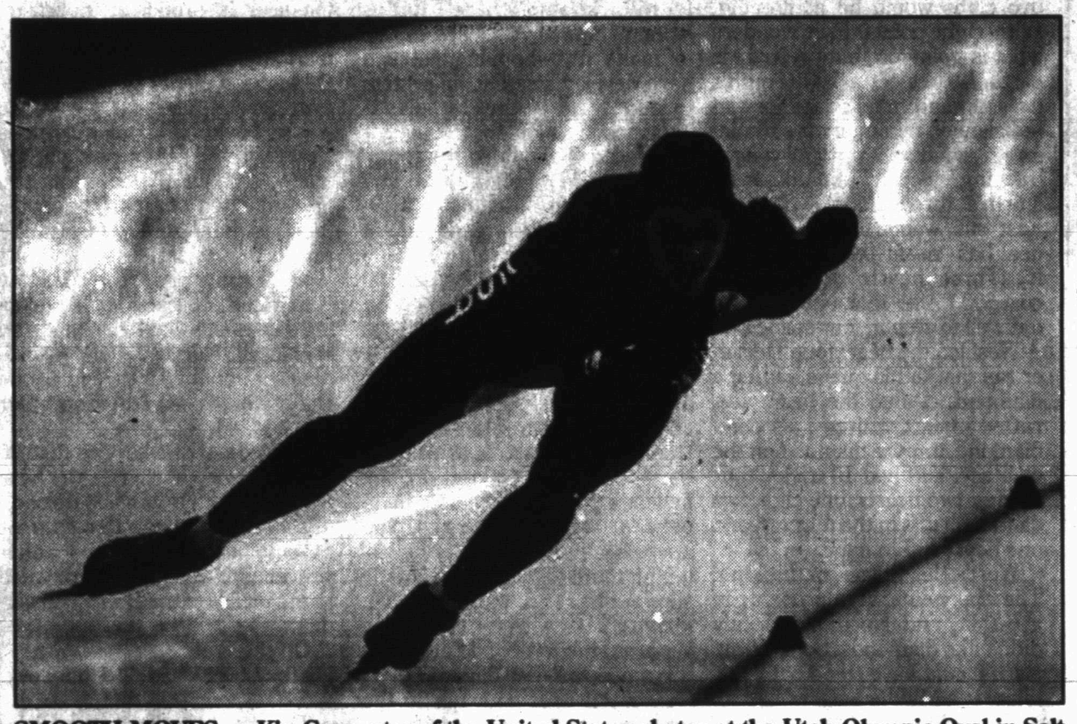
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U.S. eager to open 'America's Games'



SMOOTH MOVES — Kip Carpenter of the United States skates at the Utah Olympic Oval in Salt Lake City. The XIX Winter Olympic Games open Friday. (AP Photo)

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An Olympics scarred by scandal and tinged with fear opens with a proud new label in a city dominated by Mormons and mountains: America's Games.

A patriotic celebration just waiting to burst out, the Winter Olympics return to the United States for the first time in 22 years, eager to shed a troubled past and be embraced by crowds of flag-waving, cheering home fans.

European stars will come and win most of the medals, but these games will play to a United States much more patriotic because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Heartwarming ceremonies and a best-ever showing by the U.S. team could be exactly what the country needs.

It will unfold in the towering Wasatch Mountains and the valley below, under the tightest security imaginable. At a cost of nearly $2 billion, it will be the most expensive Winter Olympics ever.

But for 17 days beginning Friday, it figures to be quite a show.

"It will be very powerful emotionally," Salt Lake Olympic chief Mitt Romney said. "I think people will go away and say, 'What a magical games.'"

If they do, it will be quite different than the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., where it took the "Miracle on Ice" by the U.S. hockey team to help soothe a nation upset over the Iranian hostage crisis and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Organizers call these the "healing games" in deference to the rest of the world. But NBC will wrap them around the American flag for television, and chants of "USA, USA" will reverberate in arenas and on the slopes.

Spectators will pay an average of $82 a ticket to endure traffic jams, security searches and long lines in the cold. Once they get in, they will cheer on the home team in events such as skeleton and short-track speedskating that Americans usually pay little attention to and know little about.

At night they'll party with hot chocolate and entertainers like the Dave Matthews Band in the shadow of the granite spires of the Mormon Temple that dominates downtown.

The slogan is "Light the Fire Within," and the games will celebrate the American West. But the world won't be left out.

Armed with plenty of antibiotics in case of an anthrax attack and enough booze to get around Salt Lake City's strict liquor laws, 75 countries will bring their best on frozen surfaces.

The Hermanator — Austria skier Hermann Maier — will be missing, but teammate Stephan Eberharter is a favorite in the downhill and Super G, and Germany's Hilde Gerg could sweep the same gold medals for the women.

Norwegians and Swedes will win more than their share in cross-country skiing, Germans will be among the favorites in all the sliding sports and Russia's Irina Slutskaya will try and deny Michelle Kwan a figure skating gold.

America won't be lacking, either, with speedskating sensation Apolo Anton Ohno, skier Bode Miller, and some dysfunctional female bobsledders among the gold-medal favorites.

Then there's 1998 Olympic champion Jonny Moseley, planning to show off the Dinner Roll jump in which he flies off a mogul and rotates twice with his body parallel to the ground. The sport's lingo is almost as dizzying as his moves.

"If I can come down, throw a 360 mute grab up top, ski the middle clean, and do the Dinner Roll at the bottom with a bute grab, that's the run," Moseley said. "It's over. K.O. punch. Right there."

By the time the Olympics end Feb. 24, 2,654 athletes will have competed for 477 medals. The games have 10 more competitions than Nagano, and more athletes than any other Winter Games.

Women's bobsled makes its Olympic debut, along with the 1,500-meter freestyle race in cross-country skiing for men and women. Skeleton — a headfirst, belly-down version of luge for men and women — returns for the first time since the 1948 Olympics.

Athletes, fans and officials will be guarded by a 16,000-member security force that includes sniper teams, Blackhawk helicopters, federal agents and volunteers ready for possible terrorism.

Officials say Salt Lake City will be the safest place in the country during the games, despite an Associated Press poll that says a third of Americans believe the games will be the target of terrorists.

"Terrorism will not prevail. Fear will not prevail," Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said.

The city's downtown high-rises have been wrapped in images of athletes, but to most residents the Olympic image is already one of barricaded streets and National Guardsmen on patrol.

A $310 million plan to protect the games — much of it at taxpayer expense — will give them a military look, although top Olympic officials hope that image will change when the games begin.

"All elements are in place to have excellent games," International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said. "I'm quite sure the atmosphere will take over as it has taken over at all the previous difficult games."

Once foreign visitors get here they'll find not every man has more than one wife and they can actually get a drink in restaurants and bars.

Even the town's Mormon-owned television station is getting into the act, hiring a party specialist to report on the goings on around town because, as an anchor intoned recently, "We're not known as party people."

The games are being met with a mixture of indifference and excitement in Salt Lake City, which has coveted the Olympics for more than three decades.

Many residents are leaving town for the games, not willing to put up with the traffic and crowds and fearful of their security. But more than half the tickets were sold to Utah residents and 60,000 of them applied to be Olympic volunteers.

Even some of the homeless who panhandle downtown are in the Olympic spirit.

"I want to go to see it," said 63-year-old Albert Vasser, sitting in a wheelchair outside a state liquor store. "Maybe I'll borrow my check to go."

Salt Lake City chased the games for more than three decades. To finally get them, frustrated organizers resorted to offering gifts and payments to IOC members, leading to a bribery scandal that brought down the first leaders of the organizing committee.

These were the "Scandal Games" when Romney took over a dispirited organization that was also in deep financial trouble in 1999. He turned it around, enlisting the Mormon church to help out, and the Olympics quickly became the "Mormon Games," a name city officials tried hard to shake.

"People think this is a boring, one-dimensional place where you can't get a drink and is full of polygamists running around," Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson said. "I don't think there's a doubt that there are huge misconceptions about Salt Lake City."

Most of the estimated 220,000 visitors from outside the state will be more interested in how fast someone is skiing or how well they are skating than taking the free tours at Temple Square in downtown.

If they can escape predicted traffic jams and make it through long security checks, they'll have plenty to see, as will the millions watching on television.

Television viewers will get 31/2 hours of Olympics nightly on NBC, nearly half of it taped from the day's events, while hockey fans will enjoy six hours of games a day on CNBC. During the afternoon, MSNBC will show events that don't attract much attention in the United States.

And, of course, viewers will be offered features that introduce them to athletes they know nothing about.

"You need to go heavy, heavy on the storytelling, whether from the announcers or features, to let the public know who they should be rooting for," NBC sports chairman Dick Ebersol says.

In NBC's case, they want people rooting for Americans. The network ran promos leading up to the games featuring Neil Diamond's "Coming to America" and featuring the line, "This is my house."

U.S. Olympic officials have set a goal of 20 medals, seven more than the country has won in any Winter Games. That might be conservative with the home-field advantage for perhaps the country's strongest team ever.

American gold medalists will get $25,000 each, in addition to sponsorships that have made some of them rich.

Olympic Schedule

First Week

FRIDAY

Opening Ceremony. Ski jumping: Individual K90 qualification.

SATURDAY

Men's hockey: Belarus vs. Ukraine; Slovakia vs. Germany; Austria vs. Latvia; Switzerland vs. France. **Figure skating:** Pairs short program. **Speed skating:** Men's 5000m. **Ski jumping:** Individual K90 finals. **Freestyle skiing:** Women's moguls. **Cross-country skiing:** Women's 15km freestyle; Men's 30km freestyle. **Nordic combined:** Individual K90.

SUNDAY

Men's hockey: Austria vs. Germany; Latvia vs. Slovakia. **Skiing:** Men's downhill. **Luge:** Men's singles. **Speed skating:** Women's 3000m. **Snowboarding:** Women's halfpipe. **Nordic combined:** Individual 15km.

MONDAY

Men's hockey: Ukraine vs. Switzerland; Belarus vs. France. **Women's hockey:** Canada vs. Kazakhstan; Sweden vs. Russia. **Skiing:** Women's downhill. **Luge:** Men's singles, final runs. **Figure skating:** Pairs free program. **Speed skating:** Men's 500m preliminaries. **Snowboarding:** Men's halfpipe. **Biathlon:** Men's 20km individual; Women's 15km individual. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

TUESDAY

Men's hockey: Slovakia vs. Austria; Germany vs. Austria. **Women's hockey:** USA vs. Germany; Finland vs. China. **Luge:** Women's singles. **Figure skating:** Men's short program. **Speed skating:** Men's 500m finals. **Ski jumping:** Individual K120 qualification. **Freestyle skiing:** Men's moguls. **Cross-country skiing:** Men's 15km classical; Women's 10km classical. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

WEDNESDAY

Men's hockey: Switzerland vs. Belarus; France vs. Ukraine. **Women's hockey:** Russia vs. Canada; Sweden vs. Kazakhstan. **Skiing:** Men's combined. **Luge:** Women's singles, final runs. **Speed skating:** Women's 500m preliminaries. **Ski jumping:** Individual K120 finals. **Short track speed skating:** Men's 1000m preliminaries, 5000m relay preliminaries; Women's 1500m finals. **Biathlon:** Men's 10km sprint; Women's 7.5km sprint. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

NEXT THURSDAY

Men's hockey: Classification round, three games TBA. **Women's hockey:** China vs. USA; Finland vs. Germany. **Skiing:** Women's combined. **Figure skating:** Men's free program. **Speed skating:** Women's 500m finals. **Snowboarding:** Men's and women's parallel giant slalom qualification. **Cross-country skiing:** Men's 10km combined pursuit classical and freestyle. **Nordic combined:** Team K90. **Curling:** Preliminaries.



GERMAN FAVORITE — The men's and women's downhill events form the core of the Winter Games that open Friday. Germany's Hilde Gerg is a favorite on the women's side despite a surgically reconstructed right leg, which contains a 30-cm long titanium nail. The women's downhill is scheduled for Monday. (AP Photo)

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SPORTS



RECRUITING WIZARD — Texas coach Mack Brown discusses his new recruits during a press conference Wednesday. The Longhorns are considered by many to have the top recruiting class in the nation. (AP Photo)

'Horns haul in nation's best

AUSTIN (AP) — Mack Brown keeps reeling in the recruits and keeps building national championship expectations at Texas.

The Texas recruiting class signed by Brown on Wednesday was considered the nation's best by national recruiting experts, which is sure to stoke the expectations of Longhorns fans champing for at least a Big 12 title and ultimately a national championship.

Brown had the consensus No. 1 class in 1999, too. Texas made it to the conference title game last season and finished in the Top 10 for the first time since 1983. Even so, some critics have labeled Brown "Coach February."

"At Texas, you've got to win," Brown said. "I do think we get too much credit for recruiting and not enough credit for coaching."

The 27 recruits signed Wednesday should help Brown win a lot. The group includes eight all-Americans, including Houston Madison quarterback Vincent Young, considered by some to be the best prospect in the country.

At 6-foot-5, 200 pounds, Young accounted for 3,819 yards passing and rushing last season and 59 touchdowns.

"He's got the height, he's got the arm, he's got all the things that you need to be successful," Brown said.

Texas again proved its ability to get many of the top players in its home state. And when the Longhorns did cross the border, Texas signed Parade All-Americans Bryan Pickryl, a defensive lineman from Tulsa, Okla., and Marquis Johnson, a wide receiver from Champaign, Ill.

"We always look hard at the in-state guys first and if we can't find the perfect fit, we go out of state," Brown said.

The Longhorns made defensive linemen and linebackers a priority and signed 12.

"They just dominated everything," Tom Lemming of Schaumburg, Ill.-based Prep Football Report said.

"They are head and shoulders ahead of everyone else. They helped themselves at every single position."

At Texas A&M, coach R.C. Slocum signed 23 players, including the two quarterbacks that started in the Class 5A Division II state championship game in December — Lufkin's Reggie McNeal and Austin Westlake's Chad Schroeder.

Slocum said McNeal will be given a chance to play at quarterback right away. Schroeder, who initially committed to Purdue before deciding to stay closer to home, is expected to play receiver for the Aggies.

In his last high school game, McNeal — a mobile quarterback and the highest-ranked state recruit that didn't go to Texas — threw for three touchdowns and ran for the go-ahead score as Lufkin overcame a 21-3 deficit to beat Westlake 38-24 for the state championship

"This fall we will give him the opportunity," Slocum said. "I think the things we're going to ask him to do are something he can do very early in his career."

The Aggies signed five defensive linemen, three offensive linemen and three tight ends. They also got four linebackers and three running backs.

Defense dominated at Texas Tech, where coach Mike Leach is known for his high-octane passing offense. Tech signed 24 players, 14 of them on defense.

The Red Raiders got two of the state's top high school linebackers — Tyler John Tyler's Fletcher Session and Plano West's Kellen Tillman. Session had 85 tackles and an interception for a touchdown, and Tillman had 88 tackles, two interceptions, three fumble recoveries and five sacks.

Leach didn't forget his offense. The Red Raiders signed four receivers, including Thomas Bachman, one of the top prospects from Louisiana after catching 96 passes for 1,453 yards and 20 touchdowns last season at Evangel Christian of Shreveport.

Baylor, which hasn't won a Big 12 game in three years, signed 27 players, including eight junior college transfers.

The Bears filled a variety of needs with a class of 14 offensive players, 12 defensive players and a kicker. Of the eight junior college players, three are defensive backs and two are receivers who could play this fall.

While Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops got only nine of his 24 signees from Texas, Oklahoma State coach Les Miles crossed the state line for 16 of his 27 signees.

Red Raiders blow large lead; Cowboys win in final seconds

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma State was struggling again on offense, trailed by 12 with seven minutes left and had lost its best player with an injury.

Perfect time for a game-saving rally.

The 14th-ranked Cowboys used a press to come up with turnovers and quick baskets and, with Maurice Baker out with an ankle sprain, surged past No. 24 Texas Tech 64-62 Wednesday night.

The game-winner came on a putback by reserve forward Terrence Crawford with 5.3 seconds remaining. It gave the Cowboys (18-5, 5-5 Big 12) a victory they sorely needed, since they had lost two straight and four of six.

"It's a big game because we needed to turn the tide, the way we've been playing," coach Eddie Sutton said. "I'm not saying we're going to go back next week and play a lot better, but everybody feels better about themselves after we won tonight."

The Cowboys felt good early on, when they made 10 of 11 shots during one stretch to take a 22-12 lead. But after making 11 field goals in the first 8:20, they made just four during the next 17 minutes and Texas Tech (16-5, 5-4) took control.

Behind the trio of Andre Emmett, Kasib Powell and Andy Ellis, the Red Raiders turned the early 10-point deficit into a 35-32 halftime lead. Then they outscored the Cowboys 10-0 at the start of the second half.

All Oklahoma State had going for it was Baker, its leading scorer and best player. The Cowboys missed their first eight shots, several of them from in close, before Baker scored 11 straight points to keep the Cowboys from getting blown out.

Tech led 53-38 with 12 minutes remaining and led 55-43 when Baker came down wrong on his right foot after driving through the lane for a shot.

"It looked like we were really in trouble," Sutton said. "But the press got us back in the game, we loosened up offensively and we were able to hit some shots."

After Emmett, who scored 29, made a basket to make the score 57-47 with 6:02 to play, the Cowboys ran off 12 straight to take a 59-57 lead. The Red Raiders had three turnovers and missed two shots during that time.

"We've had a problem all year long in several different games where we've gotten a lead and then it's like, 'Well, this game's over,' " coach Bob Knight said. "It's like we're bringing Randy Johnson in to pitch for the last three outs, and that just doesn't happen."

Two free throws by Emmett with 3:04 remaining tied it at 59, and a free throw by Andy Ellis gave the Red Raiders a 60-59 lead with 2:14 to play.

Williams then hit a free throw and followed that with a layup off another Tech turnover, making it 62-60. Powell, who scored 17, tied it again with a jumper with 29.8 to play.

After a timeout, Williams got an open jumper from the left wing. The ball hit the front of the rim and Crawford was there to drop it back in.

"I just went and tried to get a tip-in because I knew it might come off short," Crawford said.

Knight opted not to use a timeout, and Will Chavis' 15-footer in traffic at the other end came up short and set off a players' celebration on the court.

"Every mistake we made, they took advantage of," Knight said.

Emmett, Powell and Ellis, who scored 13, combined for all but three of the Red Raiders' points. But aside from Powell's late jumper, the three were shut out in the final six minutes.

Mavericks surge past Nets, 112-100

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — On a night the Dallas Mavericks had more than enough excuses to pull a no-show, they showed something else — courage.

Playing with little rest after a double-overtime win at Indiana and without suspended forward Juwan Howard, the Mavericks used a game-ending 16-2 run to beat the New Jersey Nets 112-100 Wednesday night.

"I don't think anyone gave us much of a chance to win this one after a double overtime and the circumstances with Juwan," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "He's been my best player the past seven games and he was suspended. That's quite a win for us."

The Mavericks won for the 23rd time in 28 games despite getting little sleep after arriving at their hotel at 4 a.m.

Six of the nine Mavericks scored in double figures, and the five on the court at the end held the Nets scoreless for the final 4:25.

"I'm very proud of this team, coming into two hostile places," said veteran guard Tim Hardaway, who hit a go-ahead 3-pointer to start the late run. "After double overtime in Indiana, we had enough courage to come out here and play with only nine people."

Howard was suspended by the NBA and fined $7,500 for throwing an elbow at Pacers guard Jamaal Tinsley in the game on Tuesday night.

Hardaway had seven of his 11 points in the run that gave Dallas a team record-tying seventh straight road win and ended the Nets' eight-game home winning streak.

Dallas, which set a team record by hitting all 27 of its free throws, is now a league-best 17-7 on the road.

"It was unbelievable, even a little surprising to me," said Dirk Nowitzki, who led the Mavericks with 22 points. "We had such a long game and an emotional ending (at Indiana). I was surprised how well we came out and played with energy."

Steve Nash added 18 points and 12 assists for the Mavericks in their last game before the All-Star break. Wang Zhizhi scored a career-high 15 points.

Rockets' Mobley unhappy with referee

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cuttino Mobley, who scored 27 of his 29 points in the second half of a 111-109 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night, thought the game should have at least gone to overtime.

"Don't take the game away from us like that," Mobley said after referee Ken Mauer disallowed Houston's last-second basket by Steve Francis.

"He was running to the table like he's Superman, like he's the President, to call the game," Mobley said of Mauer. "You going on a trip or something? You going to the Bahamas, you've got a discount? That's terrible. I don't like that man."

Today's baseball action cancelled

Snyder High School's baseball scrimmage tentatively scheduled for today at Lubbock High has been cancelled.

The Tigers host scrimmage action Saturday against Midland High at 11 a.m.

Local Schedule

FRIDAY

Basketball: Levelland at Snyder boys, 7:30

Golf: Snyder boys at Horseshoe Bay tournament

SATURDAY

Golf: Snyder boys at Horseshoe Bay tournament

Tennis: Snyder vs. Dumas, at Lubbock

Baseball: Midland High at Snyder, scrimmage, 11 a.m.

Softball: Snyder at Odessa Permian, scrimmage

Big 12 Basketball

MEN

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Kansas	9	0	1.000	20	2	.909
Oklahoma	7	2	.778	18	3	.857
Missouri	6	3	.667	17	6	.739
Texas	6	3	.667	15	7	.682
Texas Tech	5	4	.556	16	5	.762
Oklahoma St.	5	5	.500	18	5	.783
Colorado	4	5	.444	13	7	.650
Baylor	3	6	.333	13	9	.591
Texas A&M	3	6	.333	9	14	.391
Nebraska	3	6	.333	10	10	.500
Kansas St.	3	6	.333	9	11	.450
Iowa St.	1	9	.100	9	15	.375

Wednesday's results
Oklahoma State 64, Texas Tech 62
Oklahoma 70, Baylor 57
Texas 66, Texas A&M 52
Missouri 76, Iowa State 73

Saturday's games
Texas Tech at Kansas
Oklahoma at Texas A&M
Colorado at Texas
Missouri at Baylor
Kansas State at Nebraska

WOMEN

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	9	1	.900	19	2	.905
Kansas St.	9	2	.818	21	3	.875
Colorado	8	3	.727	18	6	.750
Texas	6	4	.600	14	6	.700
Baylor	6	4	.600	18	4	.818
Texas Tech	6	5	.545	14	7	.667
Iowa St.	6	5	.545	18	5	.783
Missouri	4	5	.444	13	7	.650
Texas A&M	4	5	.444	12	9	.571
Oklahoma St.	3	7	.300	11	12	.478
Nebraska	2	8	.200	12	10	.545
Kansas	0	10	.000	5	18	.217

Wednesday's results
Texas Tech 61, Texas 49
Iowa State 75, Kansas 50
Colorado 95, Nebraska 60

Saturday's games
Texas Tech at Baylor
Texas A&M at Oklahoma
Oklahoma State at Texas
Kansas at Missouri
Colorado at Iowa State

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Weber St. 66, N. Arizona 64

Sports Briefs

Groundhog golf tournament set

The Groundhog Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 23-24 at Snyder Country Club. Format is two-man scramble, and cost is $80 per team. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Snyder to host playoff

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President will attend opening ceremony

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will attend Friday's opening ceremony of the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics and meet with U.S. athletes.

Enron considers buyout for Houston arena

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. is willing to consider a buyout to remove its name from the Houston Astros' 2-year-old retractable roof stadium, but the team's owner believes the energy company has it backward.

Astros owner Drayton McLane said Enron owes them for 27 years left on its contract.

Maverick forward suspended one game

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Juwan Howard was suspended for one game without pay and fined $7,500 by the NBA for throwing an elbow to the head of Indiana Pacers guard Jamaal Tinsley in a game Tuesday.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

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Plan to break up Amtrak heads to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressionally appointed panel said today that Amtrak is irreversibly flawed and should be broken up to give the free market an opportunity to improve the nation's passenger train system.

Amtrak, created to relieve freight railways of the burden of carrying passengers, should be replaced at least in part by private operators working under franchise, the Amtrak Reform Council said.

The council's report, sent to Congress, says Amtrak should be relieved of policy-making duties and landownership. After a transition period, private operators would be allowed to compete for contracts to run specific routes.

If enacted, the change would be dramatic. Amtrak, formed in 1971, is the nation's sole provider of intercity passenger train travel.

"The council believes that passenger rail service will never achieve its potential as provided and managed by Amtrak," the report says.

The council voted 9-1 in a mail ballot this week to approve the report, which was released today. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, the Bush administration's representative on the panel, abstained. Charles Moneypenny, who represented rail labor, cast the only "no" vote.

The next step is up to Congress, due to vote this year on whether to authorize Amtrak's continued existence. The House Transportation Committee has scheduled a Feb. 14 hearing on the report.

White House budget director Mitchell Daniels said this week the Bush administration plans to study the council's plan before deciding on a course for Amtrak and passenger rail.

The plan faces a hostile reception from Amtrak supporters on and off Capitol Hill.

"I think this report should be rejected out of hand," said Amtrak chairman Michael Dukakis, former Massachusetts governor and presidential candidate. He called decentralization "a prescription for bureaucratic paralysis."

Dukakis said the real issue is money.

Amtrak says it has a $5.8 billion backlog in work needed on its trains, tracks, rail yards and stations. The Transportation Department's inspector general, Kenneth Mead, reported last month that Amtrak needs at least $1 billion a year to stave off deterioration of its assets, most of which are in the Northeast.

Last week, Amtrak said it will cancel long-distance routes unless it receives $1.2 billion in the 2003 budget year, which begins in October. President Bush has proposed $521 million for Amtrak, the same amount as the last three years.

In its report, the reform council endorses "adequate and secure sources of funding for intercity passenger rail service" but specifies no amount.

The reform council's chairman, Gilbert Carmichael, said today that Amtrak's problems do not relate to funding. "They stem from an organization that is obsolete, can't do all the things it is supposed to do, and has to change," he said.

Under the council's plan, a new subsidiary of the National Railroad Passenger Corp. — Amtrak's official name — would conduct train operations, ultimately franchising out some or all routes through competitive bidding.

Another subsidiary would own, operate and maintain the tracks, property and stations now under Amtrak's control.

"The council believes that, as is the case throughout our free-market economy, competition would drive down costs and improve service quality and customer satisfaction," the executive summary says.

Congress created the council as part of an overhaul that gave Amtrak until Dec. 2, 2002, to begin operating without government subsidies. The council voted 6-5 in November that Amtrak will not achieve that goal, a finding that gave the panel 90 days to come up with a restructuring plan.

Amtrak President George Warrington said the council's November vote cost Amtrak $52 million because it forced some pending business deals to fall apart.

The rail labor division of the AFL-CIO's transportation trades department failed last week to persuade a federal judge to block release of the council's report.

On the Net: Amtrak Reform Council: http://www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov
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Anxiety mounts in missing girl's home

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The bedroom walls are swathed in her favorite colors, pink with purple trim. A lacy white canopy covers the bed. A Barbie doll sits near a basket of stuffed animals.

But on the wall by the light switch lies inky smudges left by crime scene investigators while dusting for fingerprints — a reminder of the mystery that surrounds the disappearance of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam.

"It's like we're in a fog of insanity," the girl's father, Damon van Dam, said Wednesday as he and his wife, Brenda, waited for news of their daughter with an increasing sense of dread.

Police believe the 4-foot-tall girl with shoulder-length blonde hair was abducted from her second-floor bedroom Friday night or Saturday morning. But despite an extensive search of surrounding streets and canyons, there's been no trace of her and no arrests in her disappearance.

"She could be anywhere right now," Brenda van Dam said.

While police disclosed little about an investigation that has focused on an adult neighbor, the van Dam household was a hub of activity during the time the couple spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Phones rang. Family and friends came with news, videotapes of Danielle and baskets of flowers. On a wall, someone had placed a U.S. map bristling with pins in cities where volunteers have agreed to distribute flyers with Danielle's photo. Coordinating the search, the couple said, has helped them cope with the stress and horror of their daughter's disappearance.

"We're calling everybody we know and asking them to call everybody they know," said Damon van Dam, 37. "We need to get flyers at every highway rest stop in the nation."

Panic set in Saturday morning when Danielle's family realized she was missing. Damon and the couple's two boys, ages 5 and 9, watched cartoons while Brenda went to wake up her daughter.

The bed was empty.

The family tore through closets and searched the back yard. They fanned out across the neighborhood.

"I knew in my heart right away it was an abduction," the mother said

At first, authorities weren't so sure. Dozens of officers and volunteers joined the search for the second-grader, but the case wasn't classified as an abduction until Monday.

Police impounded two vehicles and other property from the home of the man who lives two doors down from the van Dams, but have not arrested him.

Danielle's parents said their daughter sold Girl Scout cookies to the man last year, but they only have a passing acquaintance with him and wouldn't comment on details of the investigation.

"He's an acquaintance. He's not a friend," the girl's father said Wednesday. "We've seen him since we moved in. We wave to him, we say 'Hello' to him when we drive by."

A private group, the Millennium Children's Fund of Beverly Hills, has offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to Danielle's return.

Neighbors in the upper middle class neighborhood about 20 miles north of downtown San Diego are baffled.

"To be honest, I'm worried about my own kid," said Allen Beyge, the parent of a 5-year-old boy. "I don't even have an alarm in my house. I thought this was a safe place."

The van Dams, Florida natives who moved to San Diego four years ago.

Ask Hollywood

by Holly Wood

Where's Cabot Cove?

Q: I love "Murder, She Wrote." Angela Lansbury is an icon. What is the location of Cabot Cove? I know that on the program it is supposed to be in Maine. I have heard it is actually in Portland, Ore. — J.O., via e-mail

A: You're on the right coast, but in the wrong state. The scenes at Cabot Cove were filmed in Mendocino, Calif. The exterior shots were filmed at a bed-and-breakfast called the Blair House Inn.

Q: Were there not two movies titled "Twelve O'Clock High"? One starred Gregory Peck, and the other starred, I think, John Lansing. Are they available on tape? Also, did Gary Burghoff make any movies or TV series other than "MASH"? — E.R., Mesa, Ariz.

A: There is only one film titled "Twelve O'Clock High," and it starred Gregory Peck. There was also a TV show by the same name, which starred Robert Lansing. The show ran from 1964 to 1967 and was based on the movie. Any business that dares call itself a video store should stock the film or be able to order it for you, but the series isn't available on video yet.

Burghoff has had a few minor roles since "MASH" ended. He starred in the spinoff "Walter" and guest-starred in "After MASH," reprising his role as "Radar" O'Reilly. He appeared in the films "Behind the Waterfall," "Small Kill" and "B.S. I Love You." He was also a regular on "The Don Knotts Show," and he guest-starred on "The Outer Limits," "The Love Boat," "CHiPs" and "Fantasy Island," among others. Most recently, he hosted the TV show "Pets: Part of the Family," but he'll always be remembered as the guy who REALLY ran the 4077.

Q: Here is a real challenge for you. Please tell me whatever happened to the actress P.J. Soles. She starred as Riff Randell in the 1979 movie "Rock 'n' Roll High School." She should be in her 40s now. The rock group The Ramones were also stars of this movie. — J.R., Virginia, Minn.

A: I do love a challenge. The 46-year-old Soles has been busy since 1979. She recently starred in "Kept" and "Acting 'Carrie'." Some of her more well-known flicks are "Private Benjamin" and "Soldier's Fortune." She also guest-starred on "Knight Rider," "Simon and Simon" and "Cheers."

Q: I saw a movie on television called "Encino Man." It was made in 1992 and starred Sean Astin and Pauly Shore. Is it available on video? — E.F., Paris, Tenn.

A: Unfortunately, yes. Just when you think it's safe to crawl out from under your bed, Pauly Shore makes another movie. "Encino Man" is available on VHS and DVD to torment the unwary. You can get it at any large video store or at Blockbuster.com (http://www.blockbuster.com).

TRIVIA: Gary Burghoff has a deformed left hand that he hid behind clipboards and radios throughout his run on "MASH."

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Celine Dion's new album to be released

TORONTO (AP) — Celine Dion has launched her first new song in two years.

"A New Day Has Come," written for Dion by Montreal songwriters Aldo Nova and Stephan Moccio, was released for radio play on Wednesday although her new album of the same name reaches stores on March 26.

Dion, who is from Quebec, has sold more than 140 million albums to make her one of the world's most popular female singers of all time. She is best known for "My Heart Will Go On" from the film "Titanic."

"The last two years have been among the best of my life, as my husband and I have started a family and enjoyed our time together," said a statement by Dion, who gave birth to son Rene Charles in January 2001. "This has made going back into the studio a vehicle to express my growth both personally and artistically."

Starting next year, Dion will appear five nights a week for three years at Caesar's Palace hotel in Las Vegas for a reported $100 million.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Primer on beaver fever

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do fish, crabs, shrimp, etc. become infected with giardia and act as reservoirs for the infection? Does giardia survive meat processing and cooking? Is it only spread by contaminated drinking water? Should pet owners dispose of their animals' waste in sewage systems rather than allowing it to enter ground water or landfills?

DEAR READER: Giardia lamblia are tiny parasites that are shed in the feces of infected animals, most of which are wild. The parasites infect humans when contaminated water or food is ingested. Human giardiasis causes fever, abdominal cramps, nausea, diarrhea, flatulence and weight loss; symptoms are often minimal or absent in mild infections.

Giardiasis is diagnosed by stool analysis and is treated with the prescription drug Flagyl.

Giardia parasites are not found in fish or shellfish because the microorganisms require a warm-blooded host. They are killed by heating, cooking or processing. Therefore, the usual method of transmission is by drinking untreated fresh water.

Giardiasis exists worldwide. In this country, beavers are a major source of the infection, hence the sobriquet "beaver fever" for the disease. Domestic pets also can contract the infection.

Pet owners in urban/suburban communities should clean up after their animals. This is more a matter of etiquette and consideration than of public health. In most instances, wild animals constitute a more serious threat to drinking water.

I don't believe that strict attention to pet animal waste is a telling answer to controlling groundwater contamination in most cities. There are other, pressing environmental reasons for addressing this issue; the lowly giardia are not one.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about lymphocytosis and leukocytosis?

DEAR READER: Lymphocytes and leukocytes are the white blood cells whose primary role is fighting infection. Therefore, in the presence of infection, the number of these cells increases in the bloodstream.

Lymphocytosis is a lymphocyte count that exceeds the normal range (3000 cells per cubic millimeter of blood). This is commonly seen in viral infections, such as influenza and mononucleosis. Once the infection disappears, so does the lymphocytosis.

Leukocytosis is a leukocyte count that is higher than normal (about 10,000 cells per cubic millimeter of blood). Leukocytosis usually accompanies bacterial infections, such as staph or strep. When the infection is brought under control, the leukocyte count falls to normal.

When considering surgery - for acute appendicitis, for an example - the surgeon is often governed by the presence or absence of leukocytosis; a normal count usually indicates that the infection is not severe, whereas an elevated count ordinarily means that an operation is needed.

There are non-infectious causes of lymphocytosis and leukocytosis, the most notable being leukemia. Thus the white blood cell count must be viewed in the context of the patient's overall condition. An elderly, healthy woman with a high count is more likely to have a primary blood disorder; a robust teenage boy with a leukocytosis and a bellyache probably has appendicitis or some other abdominal infection.

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

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		23.35	22.52	22.97 + .60
AOL TimeWrn		25.04	24.37	25.00 + .71
AT&T Corp s		16.30	15.85	16.14 + .54
Albertsons		29.10	28.56	29.09 + .31
Alltel		54.15	52.95	53.87 + .92
AmEl Pw		40.49	40.30	40.42
AndarkPtr		48.06	46.91	47.38—.68
ATMOS Egy		20.85	20.70	20.82 + .08
Aviall		7.20	6.88	6.89—.31
BP PLC		45.87	45.58	45.84—.93
BakerHughes		34.19	33.54	33.62—.54
Bank of Amer		59.90	58.72	59.75 + .90
BellSouth		38.64	37.90	38.64 + .54
vjBeth Steel		.40	.38	.40 + .02
BurlNoSFe		28.21	27.70	28.03 + .15
Caterpillar		48.55	47.92	48.38—.24
ChevronTex		82.75	82.10	82.40—.80
Citigroup		44.80	43.55	44.79 + .79
CocaCola		46.41	45.90	46.07—.43
ColgatePal		55.25	54.95	55.12—.25
ComclMetals		34.09	33.82	34.03 + .22
CooperIn		34.50	34.05	34.49—.01
DaimlrChry		36.92	36.55	36.76—.25
DeltaAirl		31.60	30.75	31.17 + .54
Dillards Inc		14.20	13.72	13.72 + .04
DowChem		29.35	29.10	29.27 + .07
DuPont		42.49	41.79	42.04—.16
EastmanChem		38.33	37.62	37.99—.27
EstKodak		27.65	27.09	27.11—.24
EDS Corp		61.50	60.50	61.25 + .80
Entergy		41.88	41.56	41.74 + .75
ExxonMobil s		38.99	38.21	38.30—.39
FootLocker		15.00	14.70	14.70—.10
GenDynam		87.74	86.64	87.00—1.00
GenElec		37.29	36.55	37.15 + .19
GenMills		45.00	43.65	44.79 + 1.24
GenMotors		48.73	48.26	48.52 + .21
GaPacific		23.53	23.05	23.12—.22
Goodrich		26.24	26.00	26.05—.15
Goodyear s		21.60	21.30	21.35 + .06
GtAtlPac		24.40	23.80	24.04—.36
Halliburtn		13.43	12.85	13.43 + .42
Hanson ADS		31.35	31.20	31.33 + .03
HarteHanks		28.30	27.85	27.85—.58
HomeDepot		49.52	48.55	48.90—.01
HoneywellIntl		33.86	32.97	33.75 + .80
IBM		107.00	105.10	105.75—.88
IntlPaper		41.26	40.83	41.14 + .57
JohnsonJn s		56.23	55.80	56.17 + .29
vjK mart		.99	.95	.97 + .03
KinderMorg		49.96	49.52	49.70—.31
Kroger Co		20.59	20.49	20.57 + .19
LockheedM		53.70	53.52	53.67 + .07
Lowes Cos s		45.60	44.51	44.78—.38
Lubys		6.35	6.25	6.27—.03
LucentTech		5.92	5.75	5.80 + .04
MarathonOil		28.05	27.68	27.80—.24
MayDeptStr		35.70	34.85	34.85—.48
Medtronic		48.50	47.10	47.14—.81
Motorola		12.27	12.06	12.18 + .13
NCR Corp		41.50	40.71	40.92—.54
Navistar		39.11	38.75	38.91—.04
PNM Rescs		25.75	25.41	25.60
Penney JC		24.00	23.20	23.21 + .09
PepBoys		14.48	14.00	14.15—.64
PepsiCo		49.17	48.63	49.02—.08
Pharmacia		37.81	36.67	37.00—.96
PhelpDodge		34.75	34.12	34.36 + .10
PhilipPet		57.88	57.03	57.29—.84
PilgrmPrd B		12.24	12.15	12.15—.09
Praxair		56.28	55.75	56.01—.14
ProctGamb		82.99	81.80	82.09—.41
RadioShack		28.00	27.14	27.15—.15
ReliantEngy		22.20	21.15	21.86 + .70
RoyalDut		49.08	48.61	49.07—1.02
SBC Comm		35.30	34.48	35.19 + .70
SaraLee		21.34	21.10	21.30 + .06
Scripps EW		70.68	70.33	70.68 + .34
SearsRoeb		52.40	51.55	52.02 + .19
SherwinW		24.85	23.55	24.57—.37
SouthernCo s		24.95	24.57	24.90 + .40
SwstAirl		18.85	18.46	18.77 + .25
SprintFON		13.34	12.63	13.21 + .57
SprintPCS		10.75	10.01	10.59 + .59
Sunoco Inc		38.19	37.95	38.19 + .19
TXU Corp		49.75	49.18	49.75 + .58
TempleInland		55.70	53.15	53.74 + .10
TexInd		36.20	36.00	36.20 + .08
TexasInst		29.95	29.12	29.93 + .43
Textron		44.36	43.30	43.78—.35
TriconGlbR		54.92	54.25	54.92—.06
TrinityInds		23.12	23.00	23.02 + .02
TylerTech		4.08	4.00	4.00—.02
UnionPacif		60.25	59.80	59.99—.16
USSteel		18.43	18.07	18.43 + .06
UnitedTech		68.18	67.70	67.78—.02
Unocal		34.43	34.11	34.30—.24
VerizonComm		44.29	43.25	44.09 + .69
WalMart		59.75	58.85	59.10 + .22
WellsFargo		45.74	45.26	45.65 + .39
WstnGasRs		29.00	28.22	28.72—.28
WinnDixie		13.75	13.37	13.60 + .10
Xerox Cp		10.82	10.45	10.48—.26

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Showed fear
6 Dangerous bacteria (2 wds.)
11 Investigate
12 Festivals
13 On terra firma
15 Upholstery fabric
16 Tall flowers
18 LL.D. holder
19 Contingencies
21 Blushing
22 Tizzy
23 Is off base
25 Run around a lot
28 Bedding plant
30 Goddess of the dawn
31 Single
32 Sturm — Drang
33 Purchase
35 Parts of speech
37 Home, in the phone book
38 Hoover Dam lake
40 Can. neighbor
41 Deposed Amin
42 Helium or nitrogen
43 "The Addams Family" cousin
46 Magic word
49 String beads
50 Carpenter's tool
54 Glide
55 Battery post
56 Camels' backs
57 Arctic dwelling

DOWN

1 Hot tub
2 Thousands of secs.
3 — and aah
4 Orchestra members
5 Deborah of old films
6 Self-images
7 Spending limit
8 Mexican pot
9 Cafe au —
10 Doesn't exist
14 Colleen's home
15 Pitcher Martinez
17 Romantic ballad
19 Mindless
20 Tracks down
22 Boot jingler
24 9-digit ID
25 Dutch cheese
26 Pavlova and Freud
27 Kind of job
29 — Kippur
34 Spooky
36 In progress
39 Part of CD
43 Yen
44 Quaker pronoun
45 Streetcar
46 Dabs on
47 Bangkok native
49 Sixth sense
51 Sun, in Acapulco
52 Ancient Tokyo
53 August person, maybe

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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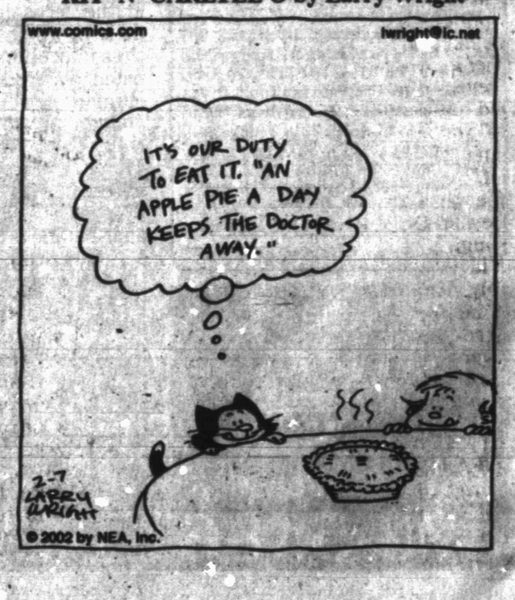


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By The Associ

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By Abigail V

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Prison reforms, alternatives examined by recent studies

By The Associated Press

The tough-on-crime laws of the past two decades are getting another look as crime rates have slowed, with many states easing mandatory sentences and turning to drug treatment options, two new reports have found.

The reports released today, both by advocates for sentencing alternatives, suggest that policymakers are beginning to revisit long sentences and that the recession may spur more action.

Two Washington-based groups, The Sentencing Project and the Justice Policy Institute, did the separate studies. They looked at legislative and administrative changes around the country.

Some authorities think the reports' conclusions are correct.

"We have to make sure that we're not just being tough on crime, we're being smart on crime," said Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor, who is seeking an overhaul of the state's sentencing system.

In the last few years, Connecticut, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi and North Dakota eased their laws on mandatory sentencing or parole, the reports said. Drug treatment as an alternative to prison gained ground in six states — Arkansas, Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon and Texas.

And for several reasons, including a shrinking number of inmates, at least 10 states are looking at closing prisons or cutting back on expansions or programs.

The new trend contrasts sharply with the get-tough approach of the 1980s and '90s, when mandatory sentences removed discretion from judges and parole boards.

Now the crime rate has fallen for nine consecutive years, with the murder rate at its lowest point in 35 years, according to the latest Justice Department report in October.

The decline "is starting to finally sink in on people," said Marc Mauer, assistant director of The Sentencing Project and author of its study.

"It's changed the whole emotional, political discussion about crime," he said. "It doesn't have the same resonance as a campaign issue that it might have had 10 years ago, when crime rates were rising."

The cost of get-tough policies is also inspiring some re-examination, especially now that state budgets are strained by the weak economy, the reports conclude.

"When you're fat and happy, you don't have to really look at policy choices with such a discerning eye," said Vincent Schiraldi, president of the Justice Policy Institute and author of its report.

Their conclusions, however, found little support with Mike Fasano, a Florida state representative who led the way this week to try to reinstate the state's "three strikes, you're out" law. (An appeals judge had dismissed the law on a technicality).

"The reason why crime is down here in this state, it's because of the tough stance (we've) taken against criminals," Fasano said. "Not only here in the state of Florida, but throughout the nation. And we should not go backwards."

In Washington state, however, the head of the state prison system said he sees policy-makers reassessing harsh penalties against drug users, though not considering steps to go ease up on violent criminals.

"There is a national move to re-examine the efficacy of our past policies," Joe Lehman said.

Along with judges, prosecutors and drug treatment advocates, he is pushing a measure that would shorten time for drug offenses while beefing up treatment opportunities.

The effectiveness of drug courts "became the awakening of the criminal justice system," he said. In the courts, judges supervise a drug offender's treatment and can order punishment for those who fail.

Yet prison time for repeat violent offenders has proven effective in stopping crime, Lehman said.

Financial worries may force some prison closings. That may not necessarily translate to treatment or rehabilitation programs, Schiraldi said.

10-year-old grazed by officer's bullet

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A 10-year-old boy was grazed in the right cheek by a bullet when an off-duty police officer conducting a school demonstration dropped her gun Wednesday, officials said.

The boy was released after treatment at Temple University Children's Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Jennifer McGowan said.

The officer had shown the magazine clip to the class at Imani Education Circle Charter School and had just put it back in the gun when she dropped the weapon, Principal Francine Fulton said.

Police department spokesman Sgt. Roland Lee declined to name the officer who joined the department in 1996. Her child was among the 23 students in the class at the time, he said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 8, 2002

Some influences over which you have no control could actually arouse and instill fresh ambitions in you in the year ahead. This motivating force will turn out to be your best asset.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It will be counterproductive if you continue to wallow and nurse an old wound concerning a relationship that is very fragile. Begin today to deal only what is now at hand. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even though sometimes it is necessary to spend money you can't afford for something important, today you might do so for the wrong things and for the wrong reasons.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you show your displeasure today by being pushy with a person you recently had a problem with, it'll antagonize this individual further and re-ignite the feud.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you allow your emotions to gain the upper hand today, it will influence your judgment, resulting in some very poor decision-making. Don't let them take precedence over your logic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's important you find a common ground from which both you and an associate can work together to solve a problem. Unless you do, each could spend too much time blaming the other.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Normally you can operate effectively, even when the heat is on. However, should you be faced with a combative situation today, you could make some blunders if not careful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Extra jobs may pop up today which require more attention than you're prepared to give. They could be handled carelessly and, unfortunately, have to be redone. Do them right the first time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The tighter you draw the bindings on someone you love, the harder this person will struggle to get free from you. Subdue inclinations to be overly possessive today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — For whatever reason, it is quite possible today that you and your mate won't be operating on the same wavelength. Silly spats over trivial issues could result if you don't use common sense.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — For the sake of peace and harmony, keep your observations to yourself today or else someone with whom you're closely associated will deeply resent your criticism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Yielding to reckless impulses today can create havoc for you financially. Don't take any foolish risk that could shatter something you treasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Those with whom you'd like to do your bidding today will have no reason to believe you're the one who should be calling the shots, unless you first set the proper example.

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Ship officer charged

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A ship officer was indicted on misconduct and negligence charges Wednesday in the death of a crewman ordered to clean the ship's emptied cargo tanks while they were still filled with toxic fumes.

Master Gilbert C. Thurston, chief officer on the SS Trinity, could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

The Trinity was sailing from New York to Houston on May 18, 2000, when Thurston ordered pumpman Frederic Albert Cambra Jr. to mop the empty cargo tanks, according to the federal indictment.

Cambra, of St. Helens, Ore., was overcome by fumes in the tanks, which had been filled with the chemical gasoline additive MTBE, the indictment said.

Date Book

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002

Today is the 38th day of 2002 and the 49th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1904, the Great Baltimore Fire consumed an 80-block area of the city's downtown, leveling over 1,500 buildings and costing the city over $100 million in property damage.

On this day in 1964, the Beatles' invasion began when the band was welcomed by thousands of fans at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport.

On this day in 1992, the nations of Western Europe united with the signing of the Maastricht Treaty of European Union. This agreement laid the groundwork for the establishment of the currency called the "euro."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sir Thomas More (1478-1535), statesman; John Deere (1804-1886), innovator; Charles Dickens (1812-1870), author; Sinclair Lewis (1885-1951), author; John Mahoney (1919-1989), actor; Tom Williams (1951-), hockey player, is 51; Garth Brooks (1962-), musician, is 40; Chris Rock (1966-), comedian, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan signed a baseball contract with the White Sox.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Subdue your appetites, my dears, and you've conquered human nature." — Charles Dickens

TODAY'S MOON: Between the last quarter (Feb. 4) and new moon (Feb. 12).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl doesn't know rules of the new dating game

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl, raised to be old-fashioned. I am very uncomfortable with how the rules of courtship have changed over the years. It used to be that guys pursued the girls. Now, the situation has reversed and girls have become the aggressors.

Most of the guys I know won't ask me out unless I make the first move and call them. They are so used to being chased that they think if a girl doesn't do it, she's not interested.

How can I encourage a guy to ask me out without being the aggressor? — OLD-FASHIONED GIRL IN INDIANA

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: Most males like to be chased. It's flattering, and that way they know they won't be turned down. However, there are ways a girl can let a guy know she's interested without coming on like a shark that smells blood.

(1) Be friendly.

(2) Have a reason for calling other than just to talk.

(3) If you share a genuine interest in something he's interested in, let him know it.

(4) If you want to see him outside of school, ask him to join you and a group of your friends. It will take the pressure off.

Last, if you think you're alone in having this problem, read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding a letter from "Regretful in Springfield," who said she would have married "Todd" if he had only let her know how he felt. Her mother revealed on her deathbed that Todd had left the state on "Regretful's" wedding day because "Texas wasn't big enough to hold his grief."

He probably told her mom believing the way to the calf is through the cow, thinking she would tell her daughter. Unfortunately, many of us are too trusting and indirect. Believe me, the best way to get a message across is to deliver it yourself and not count on someone else to do it for you. Leave nothing to chance. — BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, LAKE WALES, FLA.

DEAR BT/DT: You're 100 percent right. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Regretful" could have stepped up and asked Todd, the shy guy, out for a cup of coffee. (How simple!) This somewhat current — in the scope of modern history — mostly American habit of women playing coy rarely works out well.

I believe that a woman waiting for her knight on a white horse is a stupid fantasy that has been sold to us by the entertainment industry for the last 75 years. Someone once said: "Where are all the nice men? Well, they're usually standing right next to you."

I have talked to many senior citizens, in particular senior women. I always asked them the same question: "Did you court or somehow 'go after' your husband"? About 75 percent of these women admitted they had made the first move to get their man's attention — dropping by the pond where they fished, or asking them about their job or family.

Abby, I have had two women tell me they had a crush on me in high school, and yet these same two women dated only popular athletes. I don't remember either of those beautiful girls looking my way. If women want to miss out on the "shy guy" and continue to date the wolves out there, it's very easy — just continue doing nothing. Nice guys are everywhere. — ROBERT IN CARLSBAD, CALIF.

DEAR ROBERT: Well said. To which I add: If nice guys would simply look around instead of focusing solely on their own insecurities, they might discover they have a host of admirers.

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Tax Facts

Taxes: Capital Gains

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers with relatively modest incomes could take advantage this year of a new 8 percent capital gains tax rate for long-term investments they sold in 2001. Others will have to wait until at least 2006 to take advantage of another lower rate.

Beginning in January, 2001, taxpayers whose capital gains tax rate is 10 percent saw it drop to 8 percent for assets they have held for at least five years.

But that tax break is expected to apply to relatively few investors on their 2001 tax returns because income above $27,000 for a single taxpayer is taxed at a 15 percent rate. Only those taxpayers whose income from sources other than the capital gains is below $27,000 can qualify for the 8 percent rate.

Far more people are likely to be affected by a new 18 percent capital gains rate on investments made in 2001 or later and held for at least five years. Anyone, regardless of their other income, will be able to take advantage of it. Most gains on assets held longer than one year are taxed at a 20 percent rate.

A higher income taxpayer would have to wait until 2006 at the earliest to sell an asset purchased in 2001 to qualify for the 18 percent rate.

It gets even more confusing.

When Congress passed the law authorizing these new lower rates in 1997, it decided to give taxpayers a way to make their pre-2001 investments potentially qualify for the lower 18 percent rate without actually selling and repurchasing them. It's called a "deemed-sale" election and it's irrevocable.

"What it means is, I can take something I bought in 1993 and treat it as if I had bought it in 2001," said Jackie Periman, senior tax research analyst at H&R Block.

There's a catch: The 18 percent tax on the gains so far would have to be paid in this year. So taxpayers who make the deemed sale election would owe taxes on the difference between their basis in the asset and its value on Jan. 1, 2001. While gains are reportable, losses are not allowed on a deemed sale. Future gains also would be taxed at 18 percent, if the asset is not sold before 2006.

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Sharon meets with Bush today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon faced a polite turndown from President Bush today in his appeal for a break in U.S. diplomatic contact with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"The president will make clear the United States will remain engaged in the region and remain engaged with the Palestinian authority," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said before the late-afternoon meeting.

Sharon's fourth visit to the White House in less than a year was designed mostly to underscore U.S. support for Israel as it defends against a rash of Palestinian attacks.

Since he is not asking for a break with the Palestinian Authority itself, Bush and Sharon are really not in serious disagreement.

Israel's defense minister, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, told reporters over a breakfast of bagels and lox that the majority of the Palestinian people are opposed to Arafat.

"We are facing a new generation of leaders. They are not less nationalistic, but more realistic," Ben-Eliezer said.

And, he said, "once there is an opportunity" for an agreement with Israel "I will be ready to compromise."

Passenger detained on international flight

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A passenger tried to force his way into the cockpit of a United Airlines plane on a flight from Miami today but was subdued after the co-pilot hit him over the head with a small ax, the FBI said.

Pablo Morcira, a banker from Uruguay, was restrained by the flight crew and later arrested by police after the flight landed as scheduled in Buenos Aires at 8:30 a.m. EDT today, said Judy Orihuela, an FBI spokeswoman in Miami.

United Airlines Flight 855 took off from Miami at midnight with 157 people aboard. Morcira, 28, began kicking the cockpit door about five hours into the flight, as the jetliner flew over Brazil, Orihuela said.

The captain opened the cockpit door and Morcira made it inside. The co-pilot grabbed a small ax and hit Morcira in the head, subduing him, Orihuela said.

Orihuela said Morcira did not appear drunk and was not armed. She said she was not aware of any threats made by Morcira or what prompted him to try to enter the cockpit.

Morcira was treated for his injuries and was lucid and in stable condition today, Orihuela said. A flight attendant also received minor injuries while trying to keep Morcira out, Orihuela said.

Morcira will be charged with interfering with a flight crew and flown back to Miami sometime today, Orihuela said.

United Airlines said it had notified local authorities and the FBI about the incident. In a statement, United said flights to and from Argentina would continue as scheduled.

3 Marines killed and 5 injured

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — Three Marines were killed and five injured when the vehicle they were riding in during a training exercise overturned, a U.S. Marine Corps spokesman said.

The accident occurred at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, 1st Lt. Kyle Lewis said. He said he couldn't release any other details, including what kind of vehicle was involved, because the accident was under investigation.

The names of the Marines were withheld pending family notification.

Two of the injured Marines were listed in fair condition. The conditions of the others were not immediately available.

At least four Marines have been killed and 10 others injured at Camp Pendleton over the past three years. Two of the deaths occurred during training exercises.

Several persons arrested on outstanding warrants

Arrests

Officers arrested an 18-year-old man at the Justice of the Peace office Wednesday morning on warrants for truancy.

A 17-year-old woman was taken into custody at municipal court at 11:20 a.m. Wednesday for public intoxication.

Deputies arrested a 47-year-old man at the Purple Sage Motel on outstanding warrants from Crosby County.

A 45-year-old woman was taken into custody at 8:40 Wednesday evening for public intoxication.

Officer requested

Blanca Hernandez requested an officer at 603 25th Street at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday in reference to someone attempting to steal a vehicle from the residence.

Two officers were dispatched to the home and contacted the residents who advised they caught a man attempting to steal a Ford pickup, but he fled east on foot.

The officers advised a close patrol would be initiated and they would attempt to locate the subject.

Close patrol

Scott Reston requested a close patrol of his residence on 37th Street Wednesday night after finding his vehicle had been egged.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a drive off Wednesday in the amount of $9.67. Descriptions of the vehicle and its driver were provided and officers advised they would attempt to locate the car.

Obituaries

Mrs. Zimmerman

1925-2002

BURNET — Annie Marie Zimmerman, former Snyder resident, died Monday, Feb. 4, after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Zimmerman, 76, was set for 2 p.m. today in Hillsdale Cemetery, near Izora, under the direction of Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home. Elder Hugh Montgomery was to officiate.

Mrs. Zimmerman lived in Snyder many years and was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for more than 30 years. She moved to Burnet six years ago.

A son, Jimmy Cummings, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Marvin Don Cummings of Carrollton; two granddaughters, Margo M. Cummings and Elizabeth T. Dean, both of Richardson; three brothers, Bernard I. Butler and Eugene F. Butler, both of Burnet, and Clyde B. Butler of Milwaukie, Ore.; a half-sister, Jackie Kaup of Lebanon, Ore.; and eight nieces and nephews.

Bob Shroyer

1930-2002

Bobby Jack "Bob" Shroyer, 71, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Shroyer is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with his half-brother, the Rev. Carl Shroyer of Lubbock, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Feb. 12, 1930 in Snyder, Mr. Shroyer was a lifelong resident of Snyder. He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and had worked for J.W. McCutchen Drilling Co. for many years. He also worked overseas in Saudi Arabia and Libya.

Survivors also include his stepmother, Valree Shroyer of Snyder; and three half-sisters, Mary Frances Thomas of California, Vicky Lynn Shroyer of Houston and Brenda Burney-Kotarski of Cortez, Colo.

Rosa Hatton

1904-2002

RANGER – Rosa Hatton, 98, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hatton is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Ranger First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Bullock Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 20, 1904 in Stephens County, she married Belton R. Hatton on Feb. 25, 1923. He died in 1975.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Dalton and Winfred Hatton, both in 1990; a son-in-law, Johnny Young; and two great-grandsons.

Survivors include six daughters and five sons-in-law, Jenna Vee and Cyrus Miller of Arlington and Linda Young of Eastland and all formerly of Snyder; Dorthy and Dewey Godwin of Duncanville, Bernice and Bill Gildner, Peggy and Jessie Lindsey, all of Arlington, Rozelle and Joe Sklenar of Marion, Kan.; two daughters-in-law, Bonnie Hatton of Lubbock and Mary Helen Rogers and her husband, Harold, of Arlington; 18 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Rose Bachus

1920-2002

LAKE JACKSON — Vivian Rose Black Bachus of Rockport died Tuesday, Feb. 5, in Plantation Healthcare Center in Lake Jackson after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bachus, 81, was held at 10 a.m. today in the Lakewood Funeral Home Chapel in Lake Jackson. Deacon Wallace Shaw officiated. Cremation was requested.

Born June 26, 1920 in Oklahoma, she was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening and animals.

Mrs. Bachus was preceded in death by her parents, Leanord and Mable Ruthardt, and her first husband, John Black.

Survivors include her husband, Norman Douglas Bachus of Rockport; a son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Pam Black of Houston, four daughters and three sons-in-law, Michelle and Greg Flaniken of Lake Jackson, Anne and Bob Linkous of Kentucky, Suzanne and David Clark of San Antonio and Cathy Black of Houston; a stepdaughter and her husband, Roxanne and Don Stoker of Snyder; a stepson, Loyd Bachus of Snyder; eight grandchildren and three step grandchildren, Colby Stoker of Austin, and Bailey and Justin Stoker of Snyder; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Laura Arnold

1920-2002

ARLINGTON – Laura Glenn Arnold, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, in Arlington.

Funeral service for Mrs. Arnold, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Arlington Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.

Born Sept. 6, 1920 in Tyler, she was a homemaker and a member of the Lakeview Christian Church in Dallas and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Arnold, a longtime employee of Holder Construction Co.; a daughter, Bettye Parkis; and a granddaughter, Denise Mapp.

Survivors include a daughter, Laura I. Arnold of Sachse; a son and daughter-in-law, Glenn J. and Ginger Arnold of Houston; two brothers, William Glenn of Shreveport and Frank Glenn of Flint, Tex.; a granddaughter, Lanez Beasley of Grand Prairie; and seven great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Clogging lessons

Clogging lessons will begin at 7 tonight in the coliseum annex. Call 573-0807 or 573-3315 after 5 p.m.

SHS class of 1977 reunion

The class of 1977 will have an organizational meeting at 7:30 this evening in the home of Janie McCormick for its 25th anniversary. Call Sheila Collier at 573-0882 or Janie McCormick at 573-1637.

Soil Conservation Service trees

Hardwood and evergreen trees will be available to purchase at the Soil Conservation Service starting Friday.

Snyder Oaks fundraiser

Snyder Oaks Care Center will have a fundraiser Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hamburger plates are $5 and there will be crafts for sale.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

8th grade parents meeting

There will be a meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday to plan the 8th grade end-of-school party. The meeting will be at Terri Sue Brock's home, 4209 Lubbock Ave.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Drew Bullard will present a program on computers.

Snyder Tiger booster club

The Snyder Tiger booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room at the field house. The public and all parents are invited.

Video school

The Center for Biblical Counseling video school, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, begins Tuesday. Supplies must be ordered now. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Alzheimer information

To learn more about Alzheimer's disease, attend a meeting from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday in the old fellowship hall at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. For information call Kinney Robinson at Snyder Oaks Care Center, 573-9377.

Utility assistance, utilization

Representatives from People for Progress will be in Snyder Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. –noon and 1-3:30 p.m. at the Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th St.

Illusionist James Pfau to perform

Illusionist James Pfau will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Ira. The performance will be preceded at 6:30 by a brisket meal.

Last call for Ira annuals

For the last time this year, the Ira Bulldog annuals are on sale from now until Wednesday. Cost is $26 with your name on cover or $22 without.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

Ira School spring pictures

Ira's Spring Casual and Friendship picture proofs have been passed out to students. Orders for these as well as orders for each class group picture must be turned in by next Thursday. Students not ordering must turn proofs back in to Becky Hudgins.

WTC pool hours:

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

Discovery School fundraiser

Discovery School is selling tickets for a drawing for dinner for two at the Spanish Inn and a movie rental, plus a second drawing for six six-inch subs from Subway. The drawing will be next Thursday, and tickets are $1 each. All proceeds go to Discovery School.

Candidate's luncheon

State Representative candidate Scott Campbell will hold a Dutch treat luncheon at noon next Thursday at The Spanish Inn. The public is invited.

Child safety seat check

The Scurry and Borden county extension service's child safety task force will conduct a child safety seat check from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. next Thursday at United Supermarket. A safety team from Texas A&M will perform the inspections.

GED pre-registration and test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the first GED test of 2002 will be from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. next Thursday in the GED testing center, Building 7B, on the Western Texas College campus. The math segment will begin at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet 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.

St. Elizabeth fish fry

The annual St. Elizabeth fish fry is Friday, Feb. 15, from 5:30-8 p.m. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12. Tickets will be sold at the door and proceeds go to the scholarship fund.