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Record entry numbers here for TaeKwonDo

The West Texas Invitational TaeKwonDo Championships are set for Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum, and this year's event promises to be the largest and most competitive competition, yet.

This is the 14th annual event.

About 400-500 competitors from all over the southern United States and even Mexico are expected to converge on Snyder today. Competition in the form division begins Saturday at 10:30, with sparring getting underway at 12:30.

Competitors from Snyder, Lubbock, Amarillo, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Midland and Abilene, will be at the event, as will some from Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Mexico City.

The number of entrants will be a new record for the tournament. TaeKwonDo is gaining popularity around the country, bolstered by the news that it will be an Olympic sport for the first time later this year. Three team members who will represent America in the Olympics have competed at the Snyder event in years past.

The tournament will also draw a large number of junior competitors, using the Snyder event as a tune-up for the upcoming Junior State Championship April 29 in Dallas.

The tournament itself will be split into two divisions — form competition and sparring competition.

Competitors will be divided by age, ranging from 5-under to 41-up, and by ability, from white belt to black belt.

Tickets for the event will be general admission. Cost is $5 for adults, $3 for children ages 6-12, with kids 5 and under getting in free.



READY TO SPAR — Alex Jaramillo (left) and Collin Parsons stand in the ready position waiting for the signal to begin sparring. Rodney Thompson referees the match. Between 300 and 400 competitors are expected Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum for the 14th annual West Texas TaeKwonDo Tournament. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's easy to keep a secret, but it's the people you tell who can't."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Danny Andrews, editor of the Plainview Herald, had some deep thoughts that will help you wind down for the weekend.

—The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90 percent probability you'll get it wrong.

—They raised the burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.

—It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.

—You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

—Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75 percent of the world's population.

—If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

—Eat right. Stay fit. Die anyway.

—The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

—A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

—A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

—The only cure for insomnia is to get more sleep.

—Everybody lies, but it may not matter since nobody listens.

—When you go to court, you're putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

—Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright before you hear them speak.

—The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.

—It's a small world, so you gotta use your elbows a lot.

—Always remember you're unique – just like everybody else.

—Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

—It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.

—If you think nobody cares you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

—If you don't have a lot of education, you have to use your brain.

—The world listen contains the same letters as the word silent.

—Pain and suffering are inevitable, but misery is optional.

—Cleaning your house while your kids are growing up is like clearing the driveway while it's still snowing.

—If you took all the people who sleep in church – and laid them end to end – they would be more comfortable.

Enjoy the weekend.

Winners named at more spelling bees

Two more schools have determined their campus spelling bee winners. Hermleigh seventh and eighth graders competed Thursday afternoon.

Shae Rinehart finished in first place and Valerie West was the runner-up. Shae is the daughter of James and Vivian Rinehart. Valerie's parents are Larry and Lori West. As a fourth grader, Valerie placed first in Hermleigh's elementary bee in 1996. Both girls will advance to the county bee on Feb. 18.

Also competing were Justin Kelley, 7th grader, and Brittainy Milota, eighth grader.

Brenda Kuss, who coordinates Hermleigh's spelling bees; pronounced the words.

Judges were Cathy Beckman and Kay Brown.

East Elementary students competed in their spelling bee this morning. The winners were Chris Williams, first place, and Ashley Farquhar, runner-up.

Chris is the son of Robert and Theresa Williams. Ashley's parents are J.R. and Shirley Farquhar.

Besides Chris and Ashley, the other eight finalists who competed this morning were Cory Jaramillo, Roy Rivera, Audrey Jones, Quentin Shafer, Lauren Lunsford, Jessica Rivera, Marci Pinkerton and Luke Robertson.

Wayne Kennedy, East principal, was the spelling bee coordinator. Janie Carroll pronounced the words and judges were Christy Smith, Janet Davis and K'Ann Fletcher.

Northeast Elementary students were to see action at 2 p.m. today. Vanessa Taylor is the coordinator.

Snyder Junior High School's bee is set for 2:15 p.m. Wednesday. Virginia Trevey is the coordinator.

Ira School has set its bees for next Friday. The elementary students will begin the spell off at 8 a.m. The junior high spellers will follow. The action takes place in the old gym. Cindy Shoults is the coordinator.

The county bee is set for 9 a.m. on Feb. 18, in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College. The top two spellers at each campus will compete.

The winner will advance to the regional contest in Lubbock which determines who will go to the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C.

Some Bush backers nervous after defeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican strategists, elected officials, fund-raisers and other early backers of George W. Bush are nervously sifting through his stunning defeat in New Hampshire and demanding a change in tactics from their troubled frontrunner.

The GOP establishment, heavily invested in the Texas governor's success, has a case of the jitters.

"You've got to believe it is hard to get through to the '202' exchange today because the lines are buzzing about this in Washington," said Nelson Warfield, former press secretary for 1996 nominee Bob Dole.

"I'm bleeding for the guy right now," said Rich Bond, who was an operative for the candidate's father, former President Bush. "Most professionals will tell you Bush will prevail," he said, but the shock of an 18-point loss "should give one who cares about politics and, in my case, George W. Bush, great pause."

With McCain passing up Delaware's primary next week, South Carolina's Feb. 19 contest has become critical for both men. Bush's formidable lead in state polls evaporated overnight with the news of his New Hampshire finish, according to two sets of South Carolina surveys released Thursday.

"The prop-wash of defeat is going to be around for a while," Bush told reporters Thursday, adding a thought for the second-guessers: "Tell them to hold their breath because they've got somebody who's about to win the Republican nomination."

Interviews with more than a dozen GOP leaders across the country, most of whom support Bush, underscored the party establishment's strong belief that the Texan eventually will win the nomination, given his formidable resources and lead in most national and state polls.

Yet several troubling themes kept cropping up:

—The sense of inevitability that cloaked Bush's candidacy is in tatters. "I think if his odds were 20 to 1 before New Hampshire, they're probably 10 to 1 now," said Bush fund-raiser Ted Welch. "He needs to pull things together, and he will."

— He must be more critical of McCain. "Bush is going to have to get up and fight," said Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, who dropped out of the presidential race in July and endorsed the Texas governor.

—He must convince voters that he is prepared to be president. "I think that Governor Bush has really got to bone up on a tremendous number of issues," said Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.



HERMLEIGH WINNERS — Two girls were the top spellers in Hermleigh's junior high spelling bee held Thursday afternoon. They are Shae Rinehart, (left) first place; and Valerie West, runner-up. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



TOP SPELLERS AT EAST — The top two spellers in this morning's spelling bee held at East Elementary are Chris Williams, (left) first place, and Ashley Farquhar. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Candlelight vigil is tonight

A labor union comprised of correctional employees will hold a candlelight vigil this evening beginning at 7 o'clock on the grounds of the Scurry County Courthouse.

The vigil will last an hour and was postponed from earlier in the week due to inclement weather.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees are invited to attend, as well as the general public.

The vigil is being held to encourage Gov. George W. Bush to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to address staff shortages in the TDCJ, correctional officer pay and safety issues.

A moment of silence will also be observed in honor of TDCJ correctional officer Daniel Nagle who was killed in December at the Beeville TDCJ unit.

ASK US

Q—When will county schools have spring break?

A—Snyder and Ira school will close March 13-17 for spring break. Hermleigh does not have a spring break, but has three-day weekend holidays instead.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 80 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. Friday, 33; no precipitation; total for 2000, .88 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy; low, lower 20s; E wind 10-15 mph. Saturday, cloudy; high, upper 50s; S wind 10-15 mph.



Carly Hill
Cloudy

Sunset:
6:22 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:34 a.m.
Of 34 days in 2000, the sun has shone 33 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame.
—Elizabeth Browning

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Mattel CEO resigns; sales, profits off

NEW YORK (AP) — Jill Barad, who made Barbie into a selling sensation and helped build Mattel into a corporate powerhouse, has stepped down from the helm of the world's biggest toymaker after failing to revive falling sales and profits.

Barad resigned Thursday as the El Segundo, Calif.-based company reported a steep loss for the fourth quarter, disappointing Wall Street analysts for the third time in the past four quarters.

Barad, 48, one of the highest ranking women in business, was under intense pressure from investors and Mattel's board of directors to explain big losses at the company's newly acquired Learning Company software division and other troubles at Mattel.

With her resignation, the board of directors will take charge of the company to oversee operations and search for a new chief executive officer. The board appointed two of its own members to leadership roles, picking William Rollnick as acting chairman and Ronald Loeb as acting CEO.

"I think they need to look themselves in the eyes, look at what the problems are with this company and really try to figure them out," said Sean McGowan, a toy analyst at the investment firm Gerard Klauer Mattison.

For the quarter ended Dec. 31, Mattel reported a net loss of $18.4 million, or 4 cents a share, compared with profits of $86.7 million, or 22 cents a share, in the same period a year ago.

Analysts expected the company to earn 25 cents a share.

Sales for the quarter were $1.77 billion, down from $1.82 billion a year ago.

Barad, a former actress and beauty consultant, joined Mattel in 1981 as a product manager in the novelty toy unit, and became CEO in 1997. Her flashy style and an aggressive marketing savvy lifted her to the top.

Under her supervision, Barbie was transformed from a tired, $200 million product line into one of the most recognized brands of all time with $1.9 billion in sales last year.

She also was able to recognize the changing desires of techno-literate kids today, who learn to use a computer in preschool. Mattel's has stepped up its software and online offerings, and looked to new avenues to capture shoppers.

Barad also was considered a pioneer of women in corporate America. She was only one of four women CEOs heading Fortune 500 companies. The others are Andrea Jung is CEO of Avon, Carleton S. Fiorina of Hewlett-Packard and Marion D. Sandler of Golden West Financial.

But she also has come under intense pressure from investors and the Mattel board to explain big losses at the company's newly acquired Learning Company software division and other troubles at Mattel. The Learning Company lost $183 million in the quarter and $206 million for the year.

Since April, when Mattel's stock reached its 52-week high of $30.311/4 per share, disappointing results have pushed the stock down by more than 60 percent.

Mattel shares, which surged 14 percent Wednesday on speculation that Barad was on her way out, gained 121/2 cents more as of 5:15 p.m. EST Thursday to $11.933/4 for the New York Stock Exchange-listed company.

Scouts to pick up food

Local scouts are joining together to do a good turn for families in need — collecting canned goods for the local Food Cupboard.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts distributed food collection bags Thursday.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Scouts will be out in force collecting the bags. Those interested are asked to leave their sacks in plain view.

The Tiger Cubs will also be collecting donations at IGA and United super markets Saturday morning.

All of the canned goods will be donated to the Food Cupboard.

All canned goods should be picked up by 11:30 Saturday morning. If not, call 338-1865. The food donated should not be perishable or in a glass container. Wal-Mart donated the sacks.

Hermleigh students enter solar car race

Students from 36 schools in the Abilene, Brownwood, San Angelo and Wichita Falls areas are riding the sun's rays into the 2000s as part of the TXU Electric & Gas fifth annual competition for solar-powered model cars.

Local schools scheduled to compete in The Race of the Century are Hermleigh, Roscoe, Highland, Colorado City and Sweetwater.

They will be among 36 schools to compete in an area-qualifying race April 8 at Clack Middle School in Abilene.

Contestants are students in grades 6 through 9 who build the model cars using kits supplied by TXU, plus a generous amount of creativity.

Winners of the area competition will receive trophies and prizes of $50 to $300 for their school science departments.

The four top area teams then advance to the championship race in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in April.

There they will compete against winners from five other areas of Texas for additional prizes for their schools.

"The championship race commemorates Earth Week and salutes environmentally clean, renewable energy resources such as solar power," Daryl Thomas, local TXU Electric & Gas manager, said. "The solar cars are an effective way of making renewables real to the students and emphasizing TXU's priority on clean air as we enter a new century."

In designing and building the bodies of the cars, students face the challenge of balancing speed with visual appeal.

In addition to prizes for the fastest cars, awards will be presented for the most overall creativity, most creative car design and best use of recycled materials and best use of school mascot.

Citrus canker is spreading

MIAMI (AP) — A disease that has destroyed lime and other citrus groves in Miami-Dade and Broward counties near Miami is spreading along the Gulf Coast, placing a critical state industry in further peril.

Officials said citrus canker has been found in five orange and grapefruit groves and six residential properties in Collier County along the southwest Florida coast, and Hendry County in south-central Florida.

Nickolas Means on Baylor honor list

WACO — For the 1999 fall session at Baylor University, 1,981 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Nickolas Means of Snyder is included on the list. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Means and a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School.

Agency can help when buying or building a home

The Texas USDA Rural Development Agency has Housing Loan Programs available to assist qualified low and moderate income applicants in the construction or purchase of a home.

These loans require no down payment nor mortgage insurance and can be made up to 100% of the market value of the property, which in some cases allows for financing of the closing costs.

Loan terms are from 30 to 33 years, with fixed interest rates. Payment assistance is available, based on family size and income, which may reduce the interest rate on the loan to as low as one percent.

The agency also administers Home Repair Loans and grants for qualified very low income owner-occupants.

Grant funds are available for homeowners 62 years of age and over who cannot repay a loan and must be used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical and plumbing stations, water and waste disposal, installing screens, windows, insulation and other items to make the home safe. Grant assistance may not exceed $7,500.

Home repair loans may include similar purposes as the grant, but may also be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a room, remodel and make overall improvements to the home. The loan can be up to 20 years, with a fixed one percent interest rate. The loan cannot exceed $20,000.

For more information and qualification requirements for these programs, please contact the Rural Development office at 4400 Buffalo Gap Road, Suite 4150, Abilene, Tex. 79606 or call 915-690-6162, ext. 4.

Microsoft 'adopts' Texas town

COMFORT (AP) — Software giant Microsoft Corp. has "adopted" this small Texas town in hopes of getting the 1,900 or so tax filers to do their taxes electronically.

With a high school band playing and former Gov. Ann Richards lending her support, Microsoft kicked off an effort to make the people of Comfort feel more comfortable — get it? — about filing their taxes online.

Microsoft hopes to get all tax filers in Comfort to use its Microsoft TaxSaver tax-preparation software and at least 25 percent to file electronically.

The company is opening two free tax preparation and filing centers. Free help will be provided by Texas tax preparers.

Last year, only about 15 percent of Comfort's residents filed taxes electronically; estimates weren't available on the number who used software.

Rancher Troy Campeau has already done his taxes the old-fashioned way — by hand. "But I'm going to take a look at this and if I like what I see, I'll give it a try next year," he said.

An estimated 30 million taxpayers filed electronically last year either through the Internet or a professional tax preparer, according to the IRS. That was a 19 percent increase over the previous year.

This year, as many as 34 million tax returns are expected to be electronically filed. Congress has set a goal that 80 percent of all tax returns be electronically filed by 2007.

The population of Comfort, about 45 miles northwest of San Antonio, isn't exactly known because it is an unincorporated community. As many as 8,000 are estimated to live in the vicinity.

Comfort is situated in a cattle ranching region and prides itself on its historic buildings and antiques shops. It is a popular stop for tourists visiting the Texas Hill Country. The town has the state's only Civil War monument honoring Unionists.

"I'm slowly coming to the computer age. I'm not sure that it would work for me," said Jackie Petty, who runs two antiques shops and has her taxes prepared by an accountant.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man having second thoughts about hosting teen-age cousin

DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old man and not very close to my extended family. Out of the blue, my teen-age cousin called and asked if he could come and stay at my house for a week while he looks at colleges in Los Angeles. Of course, I agreed, but now I realize that entertaining and feeding a 17-year-old for a week will be somewhat costly — and I am by no means wealthy.

Should I call and ask his parents to provide expense money, or, by initially accepting my cousin's request, is the responsibility now mine? — **"JOHN" IN SANTA MONICA**

DEAR "JOHN": It was kind of you to agree to host your young cousin, and it will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to become better acquainted with your extended family.

Call ahead and ask what he would like to do while visiting you, and you'll have a better idea of what he "expects." Most teen-agers like hot dogs and hamburgers, and watching videos — none of which should break your budget. If what he wants is expensive, tell him honestly that you can't afford it, and let his parents come up with the extra cash.

Enjoy your time together. It could be the beginning of a rewarding relationship for both of you.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Stacking the Odds in Oregon," who decided not to name her mother as guardian of her children because of her drinking problems. Not knowing "Stacking" and Grandma personally, I don't know whether Grandma really does have a drinking problem (getting drunk and "loud" only when she entertains doesn't sound very serious to me). However, I was moved to write on behalf of all social drinkers who get labeled "alcoholics" by their friends and family who are recovering addicts.

I don't mean to belittle the pain of those who grew up with drunk, abusive, self-destructive parents, but it is possible to drink socially without having a "problem." My own parents did it, my husband and I do it, and I have never noticed any negative impact on our lives.

If someone came to me, like "Stacking" to Grandma, and accused me of having a drinking problem, I would probably be just as "hostile and defensive" as Grandma, and then be labeled "in denial." It's a no-win situation.

Please, all you children of alcoholics, don't perceive all drinking as being a "problem." For some people it is; for some it isn't. — **NO PROBLEM IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR NO PROBLEM: Whether Grandma is or is not a problem drinker may be open to interpretation. The woman's "social drinking" was unpleasant enough to her daughter that she doesn't want to subject her own children to it. And as a parent, that's her choice to make.

While many people can drink socially without becoming problem drinkers, I'm not so sure that the majority of them would react with hostility were they told they had a drinking problem. The normal reaction to a preposterous statement is to laugh, not to become defensive. In fact, when someone becomes defensive, that individual should examine more closely the reason why.

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'Big Brother' series to debut on CBS

NEW YORK (AP) — A house full of strangers will be under the unblinking CBS eye this summer.

Five nights a week, the network will make voyeurs out of viewers with a new show starring a group of volunteers who live for three months in a home equipped with two dozen cameras and 59 microphones.

CBS won a bidding war to adapt a Dutch series, "Big Brother," for American television. The house will start with nine or 10 people who will be whittled down, week by week, in a vote by viewers. At the series' end, viewers decide which character they like best, and the winner gets a cash prize.

It's something like MTV's long-running "Real World" series, only much more intense: Participants cannot go anywhere within the house without being seen or heard, and will be permitted no contact with the outside world.

Although they will be on television constantly, they won't be allowed to watch TV.

When the series is not on the air, fans will be able to follow the housemates any time, day or night, through a Web site.

"Big Brother" was a sensation when it aired in the Netherlands last fall, particularly among young people. Roughly one in 15 Dutch citizens tuned in regularly to watch the housemates brush their teeth, take out the trash or just hang out.

"This type of show appeals to a certain sense of voyeurism in all of us, like listening in on a nearby conversation or walking past a house and glancing in the window," said Paul Romer, executive producer of the Dutch show. "There is something magical about being able to listen to and watch other people."

CBS will conduct a nationwide search for participants and put them through physical and psychological screening. Volunteers can leave whenever they want, but will be immediately replaced and forfeit their chance for a prize. The home's location has not been decided.

Romer, who admitted "Big Brother" is "a little cruel," said participants in the Netherlands were instructed to be themselves. They must work together to survive the experience, but all know there is ultimately only one winner.

The Netherlands Institute of Psychologists called the show "irresponsible and unethical."

Some Dutch critics just found it a little dull.

Nonetheless, CBS paid a reported $20 million to the Dutch production company Endemol Entertainment for rights to the series, outbidding Fox, ABC and the USA cable network.

By airing "Big Brother" so often, CBS hopes to duplicate ABC's success at adapting the British game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." ABC put "Millionaire" on over several nights last August and now has the hit of the TV season.

Also this summer, CBS is airing a similar reality-based show, "Survivor," in which 16 contestants are thrown together on a deserted island off Borneo. The winner of the endurance test gets $1 million.

Long wait makes crash more grueling

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After their car hit a tree along a desolate road, three South Texas teens were stranded for more than 12 hours until rescue crews arrived to find them huddled near one of their dead friends.

Police said the crash happened late Wednesday along a muddy stretch of Bexar County road near San Antonio's Lackland Air Force Base.

Jaime Castoreno, a 17-year-old senior and varsity football player at John Jay High School, died in the accident.

Three of his friends — Melissa Hernandez, 16, the driver; Gabriel A. Escobedo, 17; and Dagoberto "Dell" Rios, 17 — were injured but still conscious when the wreck was discovere.

Revised dietary guidelines prod some to eat healthier

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is trying a more upbeat approach to getting Americans to eat right and watch their weight. Proposed new dietary guidelines call eating "one of life's greatest pleasures" and urge consumers to "be flexible and adventurous" in picking foods.

The guidelines, which were developed by a panel of 11 nutrition experts, don't make any major changes in recommendations from the existing version but include special sections for the first time on whole grains and food safety and expanded advice on weight control.

They also provide more specific choices of foods and ways to prepare them, while advising consumers not to "overdo on fat (especially saturated fat), sugars, salt and alcohol."

The guidelines were first published in 1980 and are revised every five years to reflect the latest developments in scientific research. Federally funded nutrition programs are required to adhere to the recommendations, and they are also widely used by professionals and dietitians in advising clients.

"They've done a really nice job of developing guidelines that are really user-friendly and correspond with what we know from the current literature," said Cyndi Thompson, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association.

The departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services are to take public comment on the revised version before making it final later this year.

The new guidelines include some subtle changes in wording meant to make it easier for consumers to adhere to the maximum recommended fat intake while emphasizing that consumers should cut down on the saturated fats found in meat and dairy products.

The current guidelines on fat recommend that people follow a diet that is low in total fat. The new recommendation is for a diet that is "moderate in total fat," but low in saturated fat and cholesterol.

Research by the food industry indicates consumers are put off by the term low-fat and see a moderate-fat diet as easier to follow, even if the fat content is the same. The recommended maximum fat intake is still 30 percent of total calories, or 65 grams a day in a 2,000 calorie diet.

"What they're trying to do is come up with wording that is positive and has some degree of hope," said Thompson, a nutrition expert at the University of Arizona. "They're trying to say: Be moderate, be sensible, that all foods can fit into a healthy diet, you just can't overconsume."

The meat industry doesn't like the change in wording, fearing that it will put a stigma on beef and pork.

"We believe it's a real unfair implication," said Al Tank, chief executive officer of the National Pork Producers Council. "The implication is that you should avoid all foods of animal origin."

"Food choices should not be just about the amount of fat consumed," said Mary K. Young, executive director, nutrition, at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "Food choices should take into account the important nutrients in foods that are needed for healthy diets." She said beef is a good source of iron, zinc, protein and B vitamins.

Free Speech Movement Cafe now open at UC at Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The speech was free, and so was the coffee.

Business was brisk at Thursday's grand opening of the University of California at Berkeley's Free Speech Movement Cafe. Though some students seemed a bit bemused at the idea of celebrating a landmark with free lattes.

"I don't really see the correlation between a cafe and the Free Speech Movement, but it's a nice cafe," said Jessica Benner, a second-year Cal student.

Freshman Amber Taylor agreed.

"It's kind of odd to be institutionalizing a movement that was basically rebelling against institutionalization," she said.

The campus cafe, which commemorates the historic free speech protests that took place at the university in the 1960s, was paid for by a $3.5 million gift from alumnus Stephen Silberstein.

Though Silberstein graduated a few months before the movement began, he is an admirer of what it accomplished.

"We're better off as a country because of what happened here," Silberstein said in a news release.

The gift also established a Free Speech Movement digitized archive at the Bancroft Library and supplemented the university's humanities collection.

The movement started in fall 1964 when police arrested activist Jack Weinberg for handing out leaflets about civil rights in defiance of a campus ban on political activity.

Police put Weinberg in a squad car, but thousands of students surrounded the vehicle, keeping it immobile for the next 32 hours and making speeches from its roof. A campus sit-in that occurred later is considered a catalyst for ensuing anti-Vietnam War protests.

Diverse fall TV shows planned

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All four major broadcast networks have committed to a more ethnically diverse fall season, months after the NAACP threatened lawsuits and boycotts if more minorities weren't included in programming.

"We feel it's enormously important, it's very good for business, and most of all, it's the right thing to do," said Fox Entertainment President Doug Herzog on Thursday after his network and CBS both announced the upcoming moves.

Both Fox and CBS will add executives in charge of diversity who will implement and monitor network efforts.

"We're not only putting it in writing, we're putting our money where our mouth is," said Leslie Moonves, president of CBS Television. He cited such CBS programs as the upcoming Latino Grammy Awards and the drama series "City of Angels," with many black writers and a largely black cast.

The network's agreements, similar to those signed by NBC and ABC last month, focus on changes in minority representation throughout the companies — both on-screen and off. Minority recruitment will be considered in executive job evaluations.

"This has been a long, arduous process," said Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The agreements, he said, will bring "real, meaningful, lasting change."

CBS promised to increase the number of development deals with minority writers, producers and "other talent for the 2000 fall season and beyond."

Like the Fox agreement, the CBS pact was virtually devoid of numbers that might provide measurements of success. But the network executives said they were committed to the effort — and Mfume said biannual evaluations were planned.

The end result, he said, should be creation of television that consumers could feel good about.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000

In situations where your leadership skills were once happy to play second fiddle, you'll now begin to want to direct the orchestra in the year ahead. The new effects will be music to your ears.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) That which you personally manage or direct today have the best chances for success today. Don't allow inept associates to handle anything you know you can do better. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A new ambition is likely to be awakened in you today. However, no matter how excited you get about it, it might be wise to keep it to yourself until things are better crystallized

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Positive measures can now be taken today to shore up important relationships that haven't been going your way, be they business or social. Get working on them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be afraid to take a well calculated risk where your career is concerned today. You can be rather fortunate now in situations that have competitive elements.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you believe you are a winner, then the results will reflect it today. Your success may be determined by how much faith you have in yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's a chance a side venture with profitable potential could be brought to your attention today. If your source is creditable, it'll be worth it to explore it further.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A stabilizing influence in an arrangement that hasn't been too harmonious lately might be ushered in on a new wind today. The change will be a welcomed by one and all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be a doer, not a dictator today. Focus your attention and efforts on responsibilities you can take care of by yourself, rather than through the need of surrogates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today will offer you a chance to put your affairs in good order. Begin immediately to reorganize slipshod situations so that you can be more effective and productive in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Present conditions are favoring you in matters that need closure. Give top priority to important issues, especially domestic ones that should be put to rest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you haven't produced the types of results you desire, don't hesitate today to revise your plans and start anew. It may only take a few changes to get you back on track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take advantage of today's aspects that are favoring you where your financial interests are concerned. These propitious times offer a bit of the Midas touch.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-04-00
♠ Q J 8
♥ 10 8 7 6
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 7 2

West
♠ 9 6 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 10 9 6 2
♣ 8 6 4

East
♠ A 10 7 4
♥ J 9 4
♦ A 8
♣ 10 9 5 3

South
♠ K 5 3
♥ A K Q 3 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A K

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Teaching bridge is fun

As regular readers know, I teach a lot of bridge classes. I enjoy them immensely, despite the occasional frustrations. Still, I haven't yet had the problem that confronted B.J. Becker some 30 years ago when he was using this deal. How should the play go in four hearts after West leads the diamond king?

North has a very soft hand, with all seven points in quacks. But with four trumps, it would be tactically poor to pass. (Yes, in the modern tournament game, West would make a weak jump overcall of three diamonds. But what would happen after that? North would pass, South would reopen with a takeout double, North would bid three hearts, and South would probably pass. Pre-emptive bidding sometimes backfires, because three hearts is laydown.)

East should overtake the diamond king at trick one, cash the spade ace (not necessary here, but good technique), and return the diamond eight. West will win with the queen and continue with the diamond nine or 10, allowing East to overruff the dummy to defeat the contract.

Becker's beginner sitting East played the diamond eight at trick one, though. Now four hearts couldn't be beaten.

Becker pointed out to East that her partner's opening lead of the king showed either the ace-king or king-queen. And as East could see the ace, she knew West had the king-queen. This drew a blank stare, so Becker asked, "Have you ever seen anyone with, say, K-10-4-2, plunk down the king as the opening lead?"

"The people I play with do it all the time."

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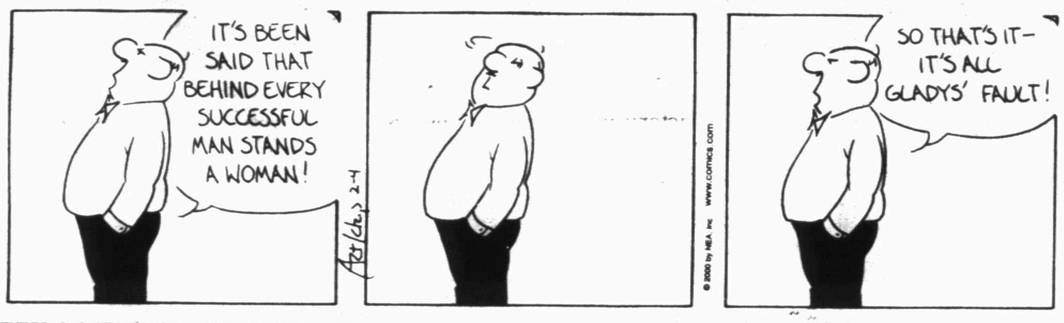
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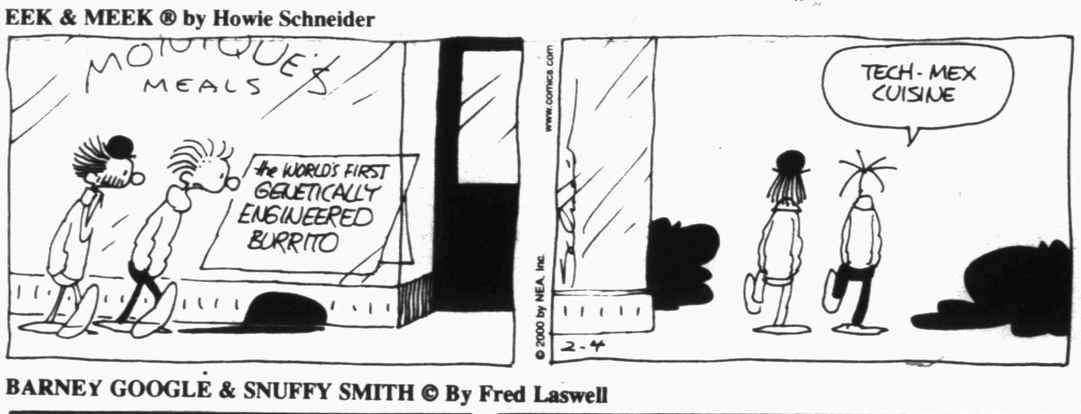
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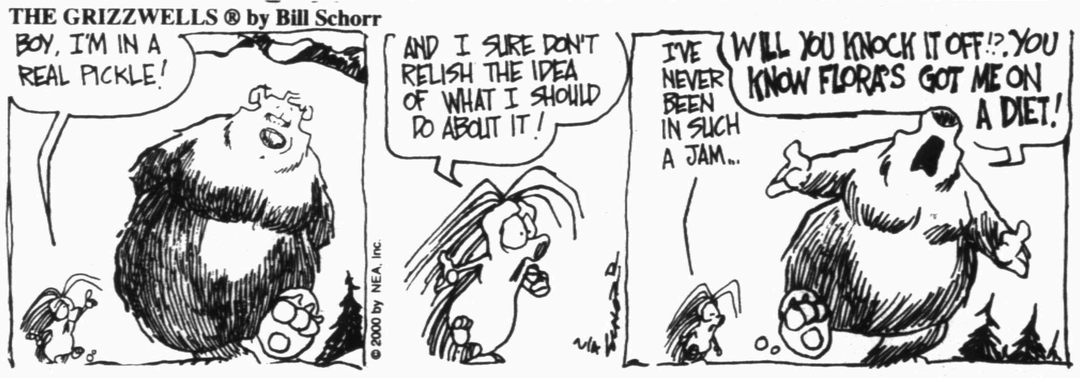
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7 Baby powder
13 Guides
14 Stow cargo
15 Certify
16 Spring holiday
17 Coarse file
18 Away
20 Blue shade
21 Paroxysm
23 Sip noisily
27 Dressed in
32 Healer
33 Fiber plant
34 Ms. Dickinson
35 Hit hard
36 Adolescent
39 German city
40 Noblewomen
42 Greatly excited
46 Ready or —
47 Mellowed
51 Followed closely
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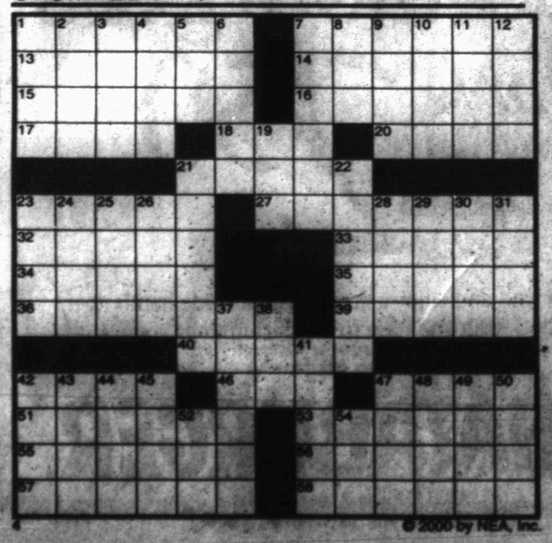
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2 "— boy!"
3 Permits to
4 Maintain
5 Apr. 15 org.
6 Prevent legally
7 Type of fly
8 — — loss
9 In case
10 Order of whales
11 Eye layer
12 European blackbird
19 Car assemblers' assn.
21 Bedcover
22 Clumps
23 "Get outta here!"
24 Crescent shape
25 Impel
26 Bridle part
28 Edges
29 Egyptian goddess
30 Basketball's Archibald
31 Wooded valley
37 Barnyard bird
38 Comedian Philips
41 Short jackets
42 "Take — — from me"
43 Festival
44 Petroleum derivatives
45 Surfeit
47 Concerning (2 wds.)
48 Lass
49 Singer Adams
50 College hotshot
52 Compass pt.
54 Cashew, e.g.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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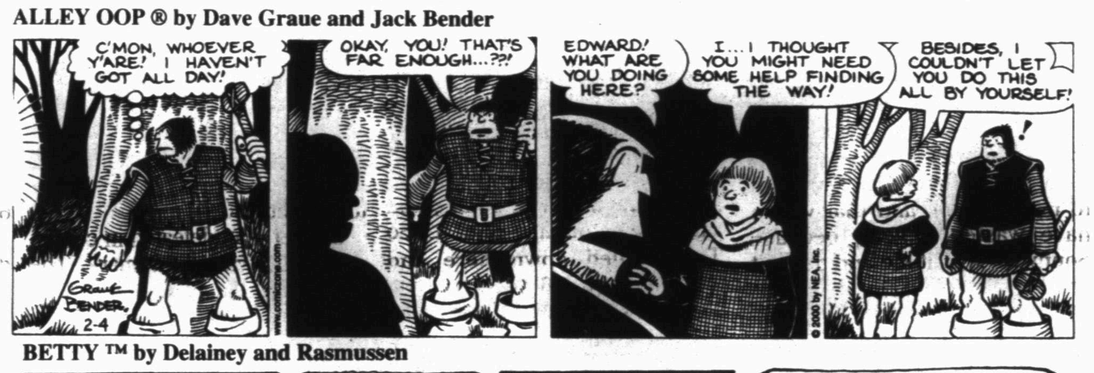


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SPORTS

SHS links season tees off today

Despite weather fit for indoor sports, Snyder High School teed off its spring golf season this morning.

The Snyder boys play host to 17 teams today and Saturday at the Snyder Invitational, while the Lady Tigers take part in the San Angelo Invitational.

Snyder's varsity boys compete at Snyder Country Club today, but will be without top-seeded player Landon Day for the entire tournament.

The junior linkster is still recovering from hand surgery and will compete as a medalist. Day had the middle finger on his right hand reattached, after it was severed last month. Pins were removed from the hand 10 days ago, and Day has been practicing since Tuesday.

"Landon said he wanted to give it a try, so I let him," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "His score won't count for our team, but it will give us an idea of where we're at. Just him being on the course will give our team a lift. He's trying to be a leader, and it shows."

Moved into the No. 1 slot for the Tigers is Levi Mandrell. He'll be joined by Zach Starnes, Clint Calmes, Stafford Gray and Brady Reed on Snyder's Division I squad.

Competing in Division II for Snyder is Vaughn Wiggins, Jason Williams, Tanner Beard, Matt McCormick, Nathan Hines, John Logan and James Mills. Division II teams play at Western Texas College, with squads changing courses for Saturday's final round.

In Division I, the Tigers are up against Sweetwater, Frenship, Andrews, Midland High, Abilene Wylie, Plainview, Lamesa, Fort Stockton and Tahoka.

Joining Snyder in Division II is Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Odessa Permian, Odessa High, Midland Lee, Big Spring, Monahans and Seminole.

"We're expecting good things from our boys' squad this year," Glenn said. "Our top two players have some experience under their belts now, and we have some really good young players who have come in. If we can hold on to the mentality that we can win, and we're going to win, then we'll do well."

While the boys compete at home, the Lady Tigers will try to defend their San Angelo Invitational title today and Saturday. The first round will be played at Bentwood Country Club, with Saturday's action moving to Riverside Golf Club.

Lining up for Snyder will be Randi Reed, Lacey Kidd, Sally Barham, Andra Lancaster and Kara Harrison.

Following this weekend's competition, the SHS boys will take next week off, while the Lady Tigers take part in the Big Spring tournament.

Snyder's girls will host their invitational meet Feb. 25-26, while the boys tee it up at Midland.

Boys' district action begins March 23, with the girls getting underway March 25.

Tiger QB opts to walk on for Red Raiders

Since the gridiron season ended, Snyder quarterback Sonny Cumbie has been looking for a place to play college football.

Cumbie reached a decision on Wednesday, turning down a scholarship offer from Tarleton State so he can walk on at Division I Texas Tech.

Cumbie, who passed for more than 1,400 yards and 16 touchdowns his senior season, had a desire to play at a Division I school and was in contact with the University of Kentucky.

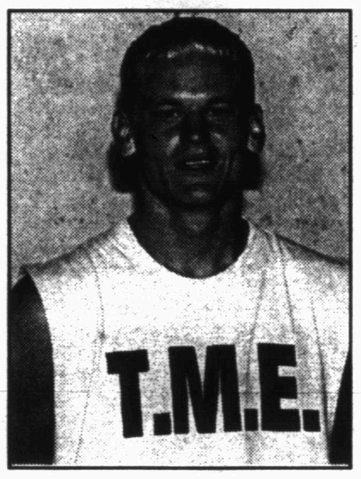
Wildcats' coach Hal Mumme wanted the 6-4, 190-pound Tiger QB, but had only 16 scholarships available. Mumme wanted Cumbie to attend a college preparatory school on the East Coast for a year, then transfer to Kentucky.

Cumbie then received an offer from Tarleton State, but opted to walk on at Tech, after talking again with Mumme.

"Mumme told Sonny that if Kentucky had 25 scholarships instead of 16, then they would have offered Sonny one," said Snyder coach David Baugh. "But then they wanted him to go to prep school, and that would have wasted a year, because Sonny's a bright kid and doesn't need the extra work.

"He thought about Tarleton and liked their ideas, but Mumme told him if he improved his footwork, he could probably play Division I ball. So he decided he'd give it a shot."

Tech didn't recruit Cumbie.



Sonny Cumbie

But after a phone call on Wednesday from a member of the Red Raiders' staff, the reason why was apparent.

"Tech was one of the schools that was sent a recruiting film of Sonny, but they never showed any interest," said Baugh. "Mumme and Leach (new Tech coach Mike Leach) are friends, and Mumme called him to say he had a good quarterback coming to Tech. Leach said that they never saw a film of Sonny, and that they couldn't find it. So Tech called down here and wanted another film."

Cumbie will be unable to earn a scholarship at Texas Tech for the upcoming year. The Red Raiders have already met their 21-scholarship limit, imposed as a condition of their NCAA probation.

SHS boys look to wrap up district title tonight

With four games still on the district schedule, the Snyder Tigers can lock up at least a share of the district title tonight.

Snyder needs only one victory over its final four games to secure their second consecutive 5-4A crown, and the Tigers start their quest with a visit to Sweetwater tonight at 7:30.

Snyder is undefeated in conference play with a 6-0 mark. The Tigers hold a three-game edge over Fort Stockton and Andrews in the standings.

While the Snyder boys eye the league title, the Lady Tigers are battling two other teams for the remaining two playoff spots.

The Snyder girls enter tonight's action in a three-way tie for second place with Big Spring and Lake View. The Maidens and Lady Steers square off today, with Lake View visiting Snyder in Tuesday's district finale. The Lady Tigers tip off this evening at 6 o'clock in Sweetwater.

In area 1A action, Ira and Borden County close out their district schedules on the road.

Ira pays a visit to Borden County, while Hermleigh travels to Trent. Girls' action tips off at both sites at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 o'clock.

Rodman signs deal with Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — In the last 10 months, Dennis Rodman has been arrested three times and added several more tattoos and piercings to his walking collection.

Now he's doing something really wacky — joining the Dallas Mavericks.

Rodman ended a long courtship with his hometown team Thursday by signing a contract that'll pay him about $465,000 for the rest of the season.

The saga will draw out even longer, though, because he's taking another week to get into playing shape. Rodman won't make his Mavericks debut until Wednesday at Reunion Arena against Seattle.

Soon-to-be owner Mark Cuban said he's not sure whether Rodman will travel with the team for road games Saturday against the Los Angeles Clippers and Sunday against the Vancouver Grizzlies.

"I'm not going to try to stop Dennis from being Dennis," Cuban said. "I'm not going to say, 'Ooh, Dennis, don't go out and party. Ooh, Dennis, you're talking to the wrong girls.' No. Dennis, go out and have fun — be Dennis.

"Dennis has managed to be Dennis and be very successful on the court for a long time."

But Cuban is making some special concessions for Rodman, such as allowing him to ride a stationary bike instead of practicing and letting him arrive at games later than his teammates.

Sports Briefs

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Little Dribblers' registration today

Girls' Little Dribblers sign-ups will be held today and Saturday at the First Baptist Family Life Center. Players must bring a parent or guardian, birth certificate, and a registration fee of $25. For more information, call 573-5356.

Softball tryouts approaching

Tryouts for Stars of Texas 18-under traveling softball team will be held Sunday in Abilene. The squad will be coached Perry Young of Brownwood. For more information, contact Young at (915) 784-9609.

Teen activities scheduled

A 4-on-4 volleyball tournament will be held Feb. 25-26 for ages 14 and up. Entry fee is $35 per team, and deadline to register is Feb. 20. Proceeds benefit the Keystone Club.

The Smart Moves Spring Teen Basketball League, for ages 14-19 will be taking entries through March 10. Registration fee is $10 per player, and includes a new mesh jersey. The league will be limited to eight teams.

For more information on either event, call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

WWF to start football league

NEW YORK (AP) — World Wrestling Federation mastermind Vince McMahon took time out from promoting WWF merchandise to unveil his latest creation: the XFL, a new pro football league set to open in February 2001.

The football league, McMahon promised a crowded news conference, will be real. McMahon said the startup costs for the eight-team league will run him "somewhere south of $100 million." There are already teams in New York, Miami, Orlando, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco, with two more teams to be announced.

Ex-Dallas Cowboys star Drew Pearson is on the league's football advisory committee, and 15-time Emmy-winning broadcast executive Michael Weisman is working on its television team.

Jeter agrees to $10 million for one year

NEW YORK (AP) — With Derek Jeter's seven-year, $118.5 million contract on hold, the New York Yankees instead agreed to a one-year, $10 million deal with their star shortstop.

New York and Jeter's agent, Casey Close, have been talking about a long-term deal. Both the total and the average of $16,928,571 would top the current salary records, set by pitcher Kevin Brown and the Los Angeles Dodgers in December 1998, a seven-year $105 million contract that averages $15 million per season.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, sometimes reluctant to set salary marks, is reportedly hoping that Juan Gonzalez and the Detroit Tigers go first with the eight-year, $140 million, eight-year contract they've been negotiating.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	28	16	.636	—
New York	27	17	.614	1
Philadelphia	25	21	.543	4
Orlando	21	26	.447	8½
Boston	20	25	.444	8½
New Jersey	17	28	.378	11½
Washington	15	31	.326	14
Central Division				
Indiana	29	15	.659	—
Milwaukee	26	21	.553	4½
Charlotte	24	20	.545	5
Toronto	24	20	.545	5
Detroit	22	23	.489	7½
Cleveland	19	26	.422	10½
Atlanta	17	26	.395	11½
Chicago	9	34	.209	19½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	30	16	.652	—
Utah	27	17	.614	2
Minnesota	25	18	.581	3½
Denver	21	22	.488	7½
Houston	19	27	.413	11
Dallas	18	27	.400	11½
Vancouver	12	32	.273	17
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	34	11	.756	—
Portland	34	11	.756	—
Sacramento	28	16	.636	5½
Seattle	29	18	.617	6
Phoenix	26	18	.591	7½
Golden State	11	32	.256	22
L.A. Clippers	11	34	.244	23

Thursday's Games
New York 98, Portland 88
Houston 109, Philadelphia 106
San Antonio 112, Toronto 95
Dallas 106, Charlotte 96
Milwaukee 102, Utah 99

Friday's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Miami at New York, 1 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Sacramento at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Portland at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Dance Friday Night
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Howard rolls past Lady Dusters, 85-46

Confidence can boost a team's effort, but there's no substitution for execution.

Western Texas, hoping to build on Tuesday's conference victory, was outgunned by first-place Howard, 85-46, Thursday night at the WTC gym.

The setback leaves the Lady Dusters at 1-7 in WJCAC play and 3-21 overall.

The contest remained tight through the first eight minutes, before Howard's relentless pressure and hot shooting began to take its toll on Western Texas.

The Lady Hawks forced 11 turnovers in an 11-minute span, and Yolanda Grant buried a trio of three-pointers in a stretch of 42 seconds, to fuel a 29-4 Howard run. The outburst put the Lady Dusters on the bottom end of a 49-25 tally at halftime.

"Howard is good. They have so much talent, that you can't make many mistakes against, because they'll make you play," said WTC coach Valery Jackson. "We have to give Howard credit, they played extremely well tonight. Now we just have to get back in the gym and work on getting another win on Monday."

The second half was a mirror image of the first, with Howard employing its full-court press until the final buzzer.

The Lady Dusters continued to struggle with turnovers, and Howard turned them into points. WTC committed 30 turnovers on the night, compared to only 14 for the Lady Hawks.

Howard's shooting touch was on target in the second half, as well. The Lady Hawks connected on 50 percent of their attempts from three-point range, while WTC registered only one bucket from behind the arc.

LaKeisha Ross paced the Lady Dusters with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Howard was led by Koretha Johnson's 17 points.

Next on Western Texas' schedule is a visit to Odessa on Tuesday.

Howard (85)
Grant 4 1-3 13, Ross 4 1-3 9, Nix 2 1-2 7, Lehrman 2 3-4 7, Ashley 1 0-2 2, Johnson 7 2-3 17, Gantt 5 5-6 15, Harris 3 0-0 6, Thomas 2 0-0 5, Jackson 2 0-0 4. **Totals 32 13-23 85.**

Western Texas (46)
Ross 3 4-9 10, Brown 2 5-6 9, Fincher 1 3-4 5, Cavazos 2 1-2 5, Wilson 1 1-2 3, Hubbard 2 2-3 6, Williams 1 1-2 3, Jackson 1 0-0 3, Moon 0 2-3 2. **Totals 13 19-31 46.**

Halftime score: Howard 49, Western Texas 25. Three-point goals: Howard 8 (Grant 4, Nix 2, Thomas, Johnson), Western Texas 1 (Jackson). Rebounds: Howard 37 (Gantt 7, Johnson 7), Western Texas 29 (Ross 10). Total fouls: Howard 24, Western Texas 17. Fouled out — Ross; Waters.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Snyder JV and varsity boys at Sweetwater, 6 and 7:30
Snyder varsity and JV girls at Sweetwater, 6 and 7:30
Ira girls and boys at Borden County, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Hermleigh girls and boys at Trent, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Golf: Snyder varsity boys host Snyder Invitational, first round
Golf: Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo Classic, first round

SATURDAY
Golf: Snyder varsity boys host Snyder Invitational, final round
Golf: Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo Classic, final round

Men's College Basketball Scores

EAST
Cent. Connecticut St. 73, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 61
Fairleigh Dickinson 70, Robert Morris 60
Hartford 84, New Hampshire 71
Long Island U. 72, Sacred Heart 56
Maine 66, Vermont 63
Marist 67, Rider 51
Monmouth, N.J. 41, St. Francis, Pa. 40
Quinnipiac 69, UMBC 55
St. Francis, NY 78, Wagner 71

SOUTH
Austin Peay 70, E. Illinois 69
Campbell 58, Samford 55
Cincinnati 70, N.C. Charlotte 62
Duke 90, North Carolina 86, OT
Georgia St. 91, Jacksonville St. 77
Jacksonville 68, Mercer 65, OT
Louisiana Tech 63, New Orleans 43
Louisiana-Monroe 95, Lamar 58
Marshall 93, Buffalo 61
Middle Tennessee 94, E. Kentucky 71
Northwestern St. 76, McNeese St. 63
South Alabama 69, Louisiana-Lafayette 65
Stetson 88, Troy St. 71
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Burial site unearthed during construction of couple's home

KENDALLVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Jim and Paula Carico thought they'd found the perfect site for their dream home: A 7.2-acre wooded lot with a picturesque view of Lake Tamarack. Not too far into the country for her. Not too close to the city for him.

A crew was nearly finished digging the basement when workers found the partial remains of nine people and a cemetery possibly two centuries old.

"What do you do in a situation like this?" Carico said. "I'm at a loss for words."

Having already tied up most of their life savings in the project, the couple — he's 33, she's 32 — are trying to balance paying the proper respect to the dead with preserving their dream: a 4,400-square-foot home with a loft and three-car garage.

"It would put us in financial ruin (to abandon the project)," Carico said. "We're up to our necks in debt. Our life savings is sitting up there. That piece of land that our house is going on is it."

The project has ground to a halt, reduced to a gaping hole in the ground covered with 6 inches of snow and roped off by yellow police tape.

"It's getting frustrating now because we can't do anything," Mrs. Carico said.

It is not clear whose remains were found in the basement in late December. The nine people ranged in age from an infant or toddler to an older woman, said archaeologist Rick Jones of the state Department of Natural Resources.

They also found outlines of coffins, a brass pin, some shell buttons and coffin nails, suggesting this was more than bodies buried haphazardly in a hillside.

"We know it's at least a small burial plot," Jones said.

The site, about 30 miles north of Fort Wayne and just north of Kendallville, may date to the late 18th century or early 19th century. Noble County records show the property once belonged to O.D. Hunt, and maps from 1874 even show a cross near the lake's south shore marking a cemetery.

But no graveyard is pinpointed in records from 1893 on, and no one is sure the Hunt cemetery and the Caricos' basement are on the same spot.

"There weren't laws requiring records be kept back then and plats to be made of the cemeteries and that kind of thing," Jones said.

Legislation is awaiting final passage in the Indiana House that would allow the Department of Natural Resources to build a statewide database on cemeteries and burial grounds. Under the proposal, the agency would compile cemetery and burial records as a central clearinghouse for researchers.

"We want to build a database to identify them all," said Rep. Markt Lytle, the bill's sponsor. "A lot of counties don't know where they are. With that, we feel there will be less chance of surprise finds if there is development."

Jones said the problem is more prevalent in rural areas, where families used to put down a cemetery wherever they pleased. No one is sure how many rural cemeteries are hidden in the Indiana countryside.

"I just imagine there is a substantial number out there," he said.

The Caricos are weighing their options.

They could dig down another few feet in the basement and — barring the discovery of anymore remains — go ahead and build their home. They also could move the project to another spot on the property. Or they could scrap it altogether, sell the land and look somewhere else.

"We could move it (to another part of the property), but what's the point because you're going to be driving across what may be a cemetery anyway," Carico said.

While the state paid to excavate the nine remains, the couple, who have a 9-year-old daughter Kylie, are responsible for making sure there are no other bodies buried under their house.

Judge moves trial of 1 girl

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge decided to move the trial of one of four girls accused in the "Queens of Armed Robbery" case outside of Harris County because of extensive publicity.

State District Judge Mark Kent Ellis on Thursday granted a change-of-venue motion filed by attorneys for Krystal Dawn Maddox, 16, who will now appear before the court March 27 in Dallas.

The decision came one day after Ellis polled a panel of 60 people about the case, asking them if they've heard about it and whether they could make a judgment based solely on evidence presented in the trial.

The judge also read newspaper clippings and watched video from three television stations in the hours before making his decision Thursday, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Ellis told the attorneys he was persuaded by the fact that more than half of the people on Wednesday's panel already had an opinion on the case — raising the possibility that a jury untainted by media coverage could not be found locally.

Last week, a jury sentenced two of Maddox's teenage friends to spend time in prison for a string of robberies. Malissa "Lisa" Warzeka and Katie Marie Dunn, both 17, had pleaded guilty to two counts each of aggravated robbery, for which each received two seven-year terms, to run concurrently.

Maddox, who was also charged in the crime spree but refused to confess after arrest, has been certified to stand trial as an adult. Another girl, an 18-year-old, will be tried next.

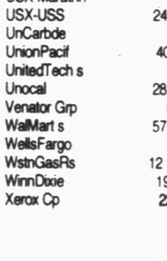
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AT&T Corp s	52	50 15-16	51⅞ +	1⅝
Albertsons	30	29 13-16	30	
Alltel	70¾	69¾	69 15-16—	1⅜
AmerOnline s	60½	58⅛	58½—	1⅜
AndarkPtr	32½	31 13-16	32 +	3-16
AtlRichfld	69½	68⅜	68 11-16—	1 1-16
ATMOS Egy	17¾	17½	17 11-16—	⅛
Aviall	8 1-16	7¾	7¾	
BP Amoco s	50 5-16	49	49 3-16—	3
BakerHughes	24 1-16	22 9-16	22 13-16—	1 1-16
Bank of Amer	47⅛	46⅛	46 5-16—	⅛
BellAtl	59⅝	58 9-16	59⅜ +	1 3-16
BellSouth	45⅞	44½	45⅞ +	1 13-16
Beth Steel	6⅝	6 7-16	6 7-16—	1-16
BurlNoSFe	23 9-16	23	23 5-16 +	¼
CBS Corp	64	62½	63 15-16 +	1 159-256
Caterpillar	42 13-16	41 13-16	41 13-16—	½
CenSoWst	20 3-16	19¾	19 13-16—	⅜
Chevron	81¼	79 13-16	79 15-16—	1½
Citigroup s	57¾	56 7-16	57 1-16 +	13-16
Coastal	40	39⅜	39½—	⅛
CocaCola	57¼	55 1-16	57¼ +	2
ColgatePal s	59 9-16	57 1-16	57¼—	2¾
ComclMetals	32⅜	32⅛	32¼—	1-16
Cooperln	37⅝	37½	37½	
DaimlrChry	66	65 7-16	65 13-16—	1⅜
DallSemicn	73⅝	71¾	72⅜ +	⅞
DeltaAirl	48½	47⅝	48 5-16 +	¼
Dillards Inc	19⅞	19½	19¾	
DowChem	116⅛	114⅛	114¼—	½
DuPont	59½	58 11-16	58 15-16—	½
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EDS Corp	75	73 1-16	74⅛ +	4 3-16
Entergy	25 9-16	24 15-16	24 15-16—	½
ExxonMobil	83½	80 7-16	80 9-16—	1 11-16
Flowers	12⅜	12⅛	12½ +	¾
FordMotor	49	48 1-16	48 3-16—	9-16
GTE Cp	70⅞	69¾	70 9-16 +	11-16
GenDynam	47	46¾	46 13-16 +	9-16
GenlElec	142⅝	140½	142⅜ +	3⅛
GenMills s	30 9-16	30	30⅜—	¼
GenMotors	82½	81 1-16	81 9-16—	5-16
GaPacGP s	40¾	38⅞	39 7-16—	1-16
GlobalMar	18¾	18¼	18 5-16—	1-16
Goodrich	25	24⅜	25 +	5-16
Goodyear s	23	22⅝	22¾	
GtAtlPac	27⅜	26 15-16	27⅛ +	1-16
Halliburtn	37 5-16	36 7-16	36 13-16—	9-16
Hanson ADS	36 3-16	35⅞	35⅞—	7-16
HarteHanks	24 25-32	24 9-16	24 9-16—	3-16
HomeDepot s	61½	60 13-16	61 3-16 +	1 1-16
HoneywellIntl	47 11-16	46¼	46½—	1
IBM s	118 7-16	115⅜	115 15-16—	13-16
IntlPaper	46⅞	45⅜	45 13-16—	7-16
JohnsonJn	83 7-16	82½	83⅜ +	1-16
K mart	9 1-16	8¾	8 13-16—	1-16
Kroger Co s	17 13-16	17 5-16	17 5-16—	11-16
Litton	43⅛	42⅜	42¾—	1-16
LockheedM	18¾	18⅜	18 11-16 +	1-16
Lowes Cos	47 7-16	47 1-16	47⅜ +	¼
Lubys	10 15-16	10⅞	10 15-16—	1-16
LucentTech s	57⅛	56⅞	57½ +	13-16
MayDeptStr s	30 7-16	30	30 —	5-16
MediaOne	79 3-16	78⅜	79 1-16 +	9-16
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Lipscomb quits; supporters rally

DALLAS (AP) — Supporters of longtime civil rights leader Al Lipscomb say they will stick by the convicted felon, who resigned Thursday from the Dallas City Council.

More than 100 of Lipscomb's supporters surrounded him, chanting "We Love Al," as he announced he would leave the public office he had held for all but two of the past 16 years.

An Amarillo jury convicted Lipscomb last week of 65 counts of conspiracy and bribery. Prosecutors said that over a period of several years he accepted monthly payments of $1,000 cash and other gifts from Yellow Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards in exchange for voting in the company's favor on taxi-related issues.

Lipscomb, who maintains his innocence and vows to appeal the verdict to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, was hoping to remain on the council. He stepped down, his attorney said, because, otherwise, he risked being jailed pending his April 10 sentencing.

Lipscomb ally Roy Williams said he believes justice was not served by U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall moving Lipscomb's trial 300 miles away to Amarillo.

"We cannot let a federal judge become God, prosecutor and jury," Williams said. "I don't trust the 5th Circuit, but if it reaches the Supreme Court, we will see a reversal of the outcome we had up in Amarillo."

Kendall has said he changed the venue because of pretrial publicity and Lipscomb's prominence in the Dallas black community.

Lipscomb faces up to 645 years in prison and a maximum fine of $16.2 million.

Even if Lipscomb goes behind bars, his legacy won't end there, said supporter John Fullenwider.

"He's a living legend now, and he deserves to be," Fullenwider said. "The whole tenor of his life should not be overshadowed by this last unfairness in the courtroom."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Uhl said Lipscomb's resignation was proper because public trust in the city would be tainted if a convicted felon remained on the council.

"I am pleased that Lipscomb has decided, apparently after strong urging from his attorneys, to finally put the interest of his constituents and the city before his personal interests," Uhl said. "Clearly it's in the best interest of the city."

Lipscomb's lawyers had urged the 74-year-old to resign, fearing Kendall would jail him before his April 10 sentencing. The judge has set a detention hearing for Tuesday, saying Lipscomb's continued council service could pose a "danger to the community."

Two City Council members, Laura Miller and Donna Blumer, had called for Lipscomb's resignation. Mayor Ron Kirk, who had testified on Lipscomb's behalf, urged him to consider the move.

Some baby clothes recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rose-shaped buttons that can come off and present a possible choking hazard to young children has forced the recall of 9,800 baby garments.

The recalled Peek-A-Babe one-piece coveralls and two-piece, babydoll-style top and legging sets are 100 percent cotton garments sold in sizes 0-3M to 24M. Writing on the collar labels includes, "MADE IN CHINA" and "Peek-A-Babe."

Shopko Stores Inc. of Green Bay, Wis., has received one report of a button found in a child's mouth, but no injuries were reported, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday.

The coverall tops are made of a plush, peach-colored knit fabric and have three cream-colored, rose-shaped buttons attached to the front.

The babydoll tops are made of a plush, cream-colored knit fabric and have three peach- colored, rose-shaped buttons attached to the front.

Shopko stores nationwide sold these garments from June 1999 through October 1999 for between $8 and $15.

The safety commission advises consumers to immediately stop using the baby clothes and return them to Shopko for a refund.

For more information, consumers can call Shopko at 1-800-791-7333 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Anemia should be treated at any age

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has diagnosed me with anemia. He says that at my age (88) nothing really needs to be done. When I asked about vitamin B12 shots, he retorted that they could damage my liver. Nonetheless, I don't feel up to par and wonder if I am running any risks by ignoring the anemia. Should I see a hematologist?

DEAR READER: Anemia (too few red blood cells) has three basic causes. Either the body isn't making enough cells, or blood is being lost from the system, or the body inappropriately destroys the blood cells that it normally manufactures.

In the first instance, there is a problem with the bone marrow. Malnutrition, iron and vitamin deficiency, or a serious side effect of medicine are three common factors leading to anemia.

In the second category, the most common cause of anemia, hidden blood loss, usually from the intestinal tract, is to blame.

In the third situation, the body develops an allergy to its own blood cells, and the immune system destroys normal blood cells.

I do not agree with your doctor. Anemia at any age is abnormal and should be investigated and corrected, if possible. In my opinion, you need further blood tests, a stool blood examination and — perhaps — a bone marrow analysis to diagnose your ailment. Further, your physician is incorrect that B12 shots cause liver damage. These injections can correct a vitamin deficiency. But even if your B12 level is normal, supplemental injections would not harm you.

If your physician is not inclined to take your anemia seriously, I agree that a referral to a hematologist is the next logical step. However, as I mentioned, your own doctor could easily order the basic lab tests that need to be performed. In my experience, seniors with anemia can usually be diagnosed and treated quite easily, leading to a feeling of greater strength and stamina. Discuss this situation with your doctor and see if he won't be willing to take a more aggressive role in defining the cause of your anemia. You deserve to have your ailment corrected, irrespective of your age.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been told that I have optic migraine. What is this disorder? I almost never have headaches.

DEAR READER: No one knows precisely what causes migraine. The current theory is that an instability of blood flow in the brain leads to headaches. However, in some people, this instability causes other, non-headache symptoms, such as spots or flashing lights in the visual field, distortions of sight and other peculiar manifestations of circulatory deficiency.

If your doctors have diagnosed optic migraine, you could be helped by using medicine — such as Imitrex — at the first sign of trouble. Or, better yet, a beta-blocker, such as Inderal, may actually prevent your visual symptoms from developing. Ask your primary care physician about this. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Headaches." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Hackers risk for home computer users

NEW YORK (AP) — Home computer users who believe hacking is a threat only to government and corporate networks need to realize that the Internet puts them at risk of being invaded by computer predators, too, security experts say.

Concern about home security grew Thursday following disclosure that former CIA Director John Deutch stored sensitive national security secrets on a home computer connected to the Internet.

"He certainly should have known better," said Cormac Foster, who monitors security issues for Internet research firm Jupiter Communications. "If your business is protecting the security of the country, one would hope you wouldn't make a mistake like that."

Elias Levy, chief technology officer for SecurityFocus.com, said hackers often target computers randomly, to obtain financial information or play a prank. But sometimes they access home machines from which they launch attacks on companies.

"It comes down to people thinking, I don't have anything important on my computer, so why would somebody want to get me," said

A hacker can gain access to a home computer in many ways.

If a sharing option is turned on, outsiders could take advantage of that to delete or steal files. Through e-mail, hackers could send viruses and other malicious programs that will give them access to sensitive documents.

The risks are greater with high-speed connections such as cable modems — those computers are always connected to the Internet.

But even standard, dial-up users are vulnerable. Hackers have tools that can automatically scan the Web looking for computers with security holes.

"If I'm a burglar, I have to rattle each door in the neighborhood until I find one that's unlocked," said Tom Powledge, senior product manager for Norton Internet Security software. A hacker with the right scanning tools "can rattle hundreds of doors at once."

Injured Aggie looks ahead to full recovery after mishap

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The last Aggie to remain hospitalized from the Nov. 18 bonfire collapse said he's looking forward to a change of scenery.

John Comstock, a freshman at Texas A&M, said he plans to return to classes next fall.

"I'm just looking forward to going to rehab and getting well and being able to have a full recovery," he told the Bryan-College Station Eagle. "This has been a long road already."

Comstock's condition was upgraded last week from critical to serious at College Station Medical Center, where he is being treated.

The 19-year-old Richardson resident, who was the last to be rescued in the collapse, was pinned under a log for almost seven hours when the 59-foot stack tumbled to the ground while he and others worked to construct the pile. Twelve people died and 26 were injured; the incident is under investigation.

Comstock said he was wiring logs together on the stack's fourth tier when the stack fell.

"It was pretty fast," he said. "It just shook once and then I just grabbed a log and rode it down. There's not much else you could do. When you're 55 feet up in the air, you can't really just jump."

Comstock said he felt hot and impatient and suffered searing pain while waiting to be rescued. His body was buried beneath the logs with only his left arm visible to rescuers.

"They were trying to talk to me and I was like murmuring because the log I rode down was actually on my head," he said. "Then, when the emergency people got there and they put a tag on me, I didn't know what it meant. I thought, 'Are they going to sacrifice you to save five other people?'"

When rescue workers found Comstock alive amid the debris, they asked for his blood type, then asked if he knew his phone number. He used the fingers of his left hand to signal his mother's phone number.

Comstock said he's feeling stronger and healthier each day now and beginning to take stock of his good fortune.

So is his mother, Dixie Edwards, whom Comstock credits with helping to guide him through the ordeal.

Edwards said hundreds of cards and letters of support have been sent to her son.

"Everyone has just been wonderful," she said. "People are always asking and I always say just give him a prayer. That's all he needs ..."

Parole violators crowd Harris jail

HOUSTON (AP) — Parole violators forced to do jail time are swamping the Harris County Jail, and an official on Thursday pleaded for state help in dealing with the costly problem.

The number of suspected parole violators temporarily locked up in Houston has been steadily increasing, and officials can't really find a precise reason why.

"We tried to identify why is this number growing," Sheriff's Maj. Mark Kellar told the Houston Chronicle.

More than 550 suspected parole violators are in custody in Harris County awaiting hearings, up from nearly 200 less than a year ago, Kellar said. He estimates that the county spends about $50 a day per inmate.

With the Harris County Jail barely under its capacity of 8,600 inmates, jailers have been nervously watching increases in the number of parole violators since last spring.

To solve the problem, Kellar told the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, which regulates crowding in local lockups, that the state needs to speed up parole revocation hearings and dedicate more prison space to parole violators.

Other causes cited were bureaucratic inefficiencies and delayed impact from the restructuring of the criminal justice system in the 1990s.

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"My friend told me the feng shui in this cave is NOT GOOD."

Date Book

Friday, Feb. 4, 2000

Today is the 35th day of 2000 and the 45th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, George Washington was elected president of the United States.

On this day in 1929, in New York City, John Giola danced the Charleston for 22 hours, 30 minutes.

On this day in 1993, at Boston Garden, the Celtics retired Larry Bird's number, 16.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thaddeus Kosciusko (1746-1817), Polish patriot; Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974), aviator; Rosa Parks (1913-), civil rights leader, is 87; Ida Lupino (1918-1995), actress-director; Betty Friedan (1921-), feminist-writer, is 79; Dan Quayle (1947-), politician, is 53; Alice Cooper (1948-), singer, is 52; Lawrence Taylor (1959-), football player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, Jim Murgie bowled three consecutive perfect games in Philadelphia, Pa.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the wilderness I sense the miracle of life, and behind it our scientific accomplishments fade to trivia." — Charles Lindbergh

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Feb. 5).

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Bauer drops out of GOP race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gary Bauer, who steered GOP debates toward conservative issues but barely registered with voters, dropped out of the Republican presidential race today. He said he left feeling "good about how I've moved the debate."

Stung by his last-place finish in the New Hampshire GOP primary, Bauer became the sixth Republican to quit. He declined to endorse any remaining candidates.

He said he would not support either front-runner George W. Bush or John McCain or their conservative rivals unless they joined his efforts to outlaw abortion and halt U.S. trade with China — the two main issues upon which he campaigned.

"This will stick in our throats until we get it right," he said about his anti-abortion views. "On this issue I will not be moved. On this issue, I will not go away."

Bauer said Republicans should not continue supporting free trade with China until the communist nation stops building up its military and threatening Taiwan, which it considers a province.

"When we put trade with China before anything else, we are betraying who we are," Bauer said. "On this, there are members of my party who are as bad as Bill Clinton."

Bauer's departure leaves four others to battle for the party's nomination. In addition to the Texas governor and Arizona senator, publisher Steve Forbes and former ambassador Alan Keyes also are running for office.

McCain, campaigning in South Carolina, said he was sorry to see Bauer go.

Russia demands tanker's release

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia today demanded the release of a Russian tanker detained by a U.S. Navy ship in the Persian Gulf on suspicion that it was carrying Iraqi oil in violation of a U.N. embargo.

"We imperatively demand the immediate release of the Russian tanker," Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily Sredin told the Tass news agency. "We shall get it back and save both the ship and crew."

Iraq is banned from most international commerce but is allowed to export up to $5.2 billion in oil every six months in order to buy food, medicine and other essentials for its people, and spare parts for its oil industry.

State Department spokesman James Foley said Thursday the Clinton administration has been in contact with Russian officials for almost a month about the smuggling of Iraqi oil.

The seizure of the tanker Wednesday called attention to the recent mushrooming of illicit oil sales by Iraq. Such exports average 100,000 barrels a day, compared with 50,000 barrels in 1998, when oil prices were much lower, Foley said.

The Navy said it planned to divert and retain control of the merchant vessel Volga-Neft-147, pending a decision on whether to seize the oil.

A Pentagon spokesman, Army Col. Vince Ogilvie, said today two officials from the Russian consulate in the United Arab Emirates boarded the ship, which is in international waters off the coast of Oman, as did two American defense attache officers.

Ogilvie, who was traveling with Defense Secretary William Cohen in Germany, said he had no other details, but the boardings by Russian and American officials suggested an intensifying negotiation over how to settle the matter.

The Russians said the oil came from Iran, not Iraq.

Iraq's government-run Al-Thawra newspaper said in an editorial that the American claim that Iraq benefits from illegal trade is "a sheer lie."

"The Americans are making up stories, some backed up with false figures."

Investigators locate key pieces of evidence in crash

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — With startling speed, investigators have located key pieces of evidence in the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261: both "black boxes" and the tail control singled out by the pilots before the jet's plunge into the Pacific.

The flight data recorder was recovered from the ocean floor Thursday, not far from where the cockpit voice recorder was found a day earlier. Also spotted were pieces of the tail, one with the airline's distinctive logo of a smiling Alaskan native.

The parts were in about 650 feet of water 10 miles offshore, where the MD-83 crashed Monday, killing all 88 people aboard.

A Navy submersible sent up video images of a piece of the fuselage with four windows, several pieces up to six feet wide and numerous smaller pieces, said John Hammerschmidt, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Also captured were pictures of the tail's horizontal stabilizer, which has been the focus of the investigation.

NTSB Chairman James Hall said salvagers have seen pieces of the tail section. "Once we have been able to complete mapping of the debris field, those are one of the first pieces of structure we will attempt to bring to the surface," he said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Hammerschmidt declined to say whether searchers had found any bodies, some of which are believed trapped under the debris. Recovery efforts were to resume today.

Friends and relatives of the victims gathered Thursday on a beach facing the Santa Barbara Channel for a private memorial.

A few mourners roamed the shore alone, some clustered in small groups and others waded into the surf. They gathered as a group inside the Point Mugu Naval Air Weapons Station, where they were kept away from reporters.

The cause of the crash has not been determined, but investigators have disclosed much detail about the flight bound from Mexico to San Francisco and Seattle.

Citing the voice recorder, the NTSB said the pilots were discussing a problem with the horizontal stabilizer at least 30 minutes before the crash. The stabilizer, a wing on the tail of an aircraft, is designed to adjust — or trim — the up-or-down angle of an aircraft's nose.

At one point, according to Hall, the pilots did regain control of Flight 261 — and then it was "suddenly lost."

Investigators are looking into the possibility that the pilots put the plane into its fatal dive by following proper procedures.

Obituaries

Vera Weems

1906-2000

ROTAN — Vera Weems, the sister-in-law of Pearl Masters of Snyder, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, in the Rotan Healthcare Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Weems, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel. Jack Bruce will officiate.

Mrs. Weems was the aunt of Boxie Weems, Charles Masters and Willie Masters, all of Snyder.

Octa Combest

1915-2000

ANDREWS — Graveside service for Octa N. Combest of Andrews was set for 3 p.m. today in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. A son, Wallace Combest of Snyder, and a grandson, Kevin Combest of Lubbock, were to officiate.

McNett Funeral Home in Andrews was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Combest, 84, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, in Permian General Hospital in Andrews.

Born on July 30, 1915 in Cooke County, she married William Hill Combest on June 1, 1940 in Memphis, Tex. He died on July 18, 1970.

She was a homemaker and a Baptist. Mrs. Combest had lived in Midland before moving to Andrews seven years ago.

Five brothers and one sister also preceded her in death.

Survivors include another son, William Edwin Combest of Andrews; a daughter, Carol Bains of Andrews; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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Austria's new Cabinet sworn-in despite strong world-wide opposition

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Despite massive international opposition, Austria's president swore in a new government today that includes rightists loyal to a man known for praising aspects of the Nazi era.

In a brief ceremony, members of the new Cabinet — six from Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party and six from the conservative Austrian People's Party — swore their oaths of office to President Thomas Klestil.

Heading the new government as chancellor is Wolfgang Schuessel, head of the People's Party. Freedom Party member Suzanne Riess-Passer is vice chancellor.

The swearing-in triggers unprecedented political sanctions on Austria by the European Union. Angered by the presence of Haider's party, the union is acting to isolate one of its own members to protest a government it says goes against its basic democratic principles. Less than an hour before the swearing in began, Finland officially suspended relations with Vienna.

Israel withdrew its ambassador, Nathan Merom, to protest the inclusion of the Freedom Party.

"Israel cannot remain silent in the face of the rise of extremist right-wing parties, in particular in those countries which played a role in the events that brought about the eradication of a third of the Jewish people in the Holocaust," the ministry said in a statement.

Israel will reassess its relations with Austria, the ministry said.

Austria's new foreign minister, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, said the pressure from Europe has only offended the public.

"Because of the ostracism, the Freedom Party is growing ever stronger," Ferrero-Waldner, a member of the People's Party, told Germany's Deutsche Welle radio today.

Even so, about 5,000 people demonstrated outside the presidential palace against the new government.

Thursday is quiet for peace officers

Thursday was a relatively quiet day for local law enforcement as only a few offense reports were filed.

At 8:56 a.m., an officer was requested at Landes Home Furnishings in reference to several old license plates being found. An offense report for found property was submitted.

Deputies took an offense report for criminal mischief at 3:30 p.m. at 9 Helm Heights. Aurora Rivera reported that someone had possibly poured bleach in her vehicle's fuel tank while it was parked at her residence.

An offense report for Class C theft was filed at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive at 9:28 p.m. in reference to a shoplifter.

Officers were called to the Rip Griffin's parking lot at 7:40 p.m. in reference to a hit and run accident. Involved were a 1988 Mercury Grand Marquis driven by Jassen Paul Russell, 25, of 133 20th Place and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

DPS troopers worked a minor two-vehicle mishap at 7:58 a.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Business 84 and Pleasant Hill Road.

Involved were a 1991 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Elias Ramirez, 22, of 201 35th Street and a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Randall Ray James, 31, of 5492 Pleasant Hill Road.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a grass fire at 12:41 p.m. southeast of the dam at Lake J.B. Thomas. Damage was contained to approximately an acre of grass. A highline wire shortage is believed to have started the fire.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 3-Judy Garza, Obed Wooldridge, Enrique Borrego, Korbyn Chavez, Katrina Keener and Maria Torres.

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ONGOINGS

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor Bill and Anne Overhulser is being held until 5 p.m. today at Snyder Country Club.

Youth dance

There will be a dance this evening at the Latin American Center for junior and senior high school students from 8-11:30 p.m. DJ is Raymond Rodriquez. Cost is $3 per person or $5 per couple. The dance will be chaperoned.

Scout food drive

Scouts collect filled food bags on Saturday. No glass containers or perishables. If you need a bag picked up, call 338-1865.

Valentine dance

Hermleigh High School's senior class will sponsor a Valentine dance Saturday at Towle Park barn from 7 p.m. until midnight with a live DJ. Cost is $5 per couple, or $3 each. Proceeds help finance the class trip.

Church of God fundraiser

The Church of God will sell tamales at $6 per dozen, or serving barbacoa plates or burritos with beans, rice and salad Saturday and Sunday beginning at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 15th and College Ave.

Commissioning service

A commissioning service for ministry in Guatemala for Charlie and Pat Reynolds will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church. A reception will follow.

Relay for Life

Team captain meetings for the American Cancer Society's relay for life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Team packets and other information may be picked up. All team captains need to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Three Gifts We Enjoy in Christ," followed by "How to Function Biblically in Today's Family."

Band boosters

The SHS band boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall. The band banquet will be discussed.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop is a 12-week Bible-based weight loss program. Orientation will be held Monday and the first class will be Feb. 21. All meetings will be at Trinity Methodist Church at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 573-3988, or Dorothy Petersen at 573-7044.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

Open house

An open house of the new district office of State Rep. David Counts will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at 1800 26th Street.

1980 class reunion

A meeting to plan the 1980 SHS class reunion will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information call 573-4750 or 573-1686.

MAWC fish fry

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a fish fry next Friday at the clubhouse from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. Price includes drink, dessert and no gratuity. Tickets will be delivered by calling 573-3427, 573-6443, or 573-6717. Proceeds go toward maintaining the clubhouse.

Enchilada plates

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will be selling enchilada plates on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Guadalupe Center at 1311 Ave. K from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Plates are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children and include three beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert and tea.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 to leave a message.

Pick 3

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

4-9-4

(four, nine, four)

Cash Five

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

4-18-20-23-34

(four, eighteen, twenty, twenty-three, thirty-four)