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FUNDRAISING BOOST — Western Texas College president Dr. Greg Williams, right, accepts a $10,000 check from Texas Finance owners Albert and Darla Deloera this morning. The money will purchase home-game jerseys for the new sports programs and the Deloeras' challenged the college to raise a matching sum to buy away-game jerseys. One of the softball program's first recruits, Heather Patterson of Greenville, attended the award presentation with her parents, Bryan and Cindy Patterson and talked with Dennis Noblett, WTC development officer. (SDN Staff Photos)

WTC trustees to view athletic field drawings

Contract for the college to use both Moffett and Cates Fields are also on the board's agenda tonight

Western Texas College board of trustees is expected to move forward with more plans for the baseball and softball programs when it convenes at 7 tonight.

Two of the agenda items are consideration of an athletic field contract and consideration of a location for practice fields for both teams.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said the contract with the county would allow the baseball and softball teams to use Moffett and Cates fields for $5,000 per year.

Other new business items include a small class report, a school calendar for next year and approval of a statement of assurances for application for Associate Degree in Information Technology Program.

Recommended action before the board includes acceptance of the retirement of Janet Halbert, associate professor of English.

Information on dorm construction is included in the discussion items. The board also will hear a report on enrollment and receive information on ITV and Internet classes as well as a report on the swimming pool.

Dr. Williams said the pool is in need of repairs and will be closed temporarily until they are completed.

An executive session also is planned for a personnel discussion.

The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the administration building.

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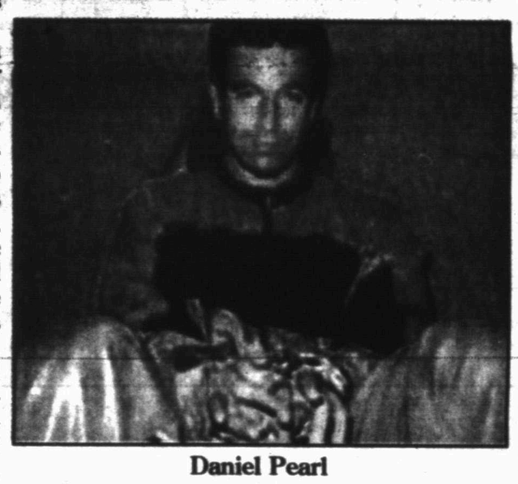
Charges delayed in reporter's slaying

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Three Islamic militants believed to have participated in the abduction and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl appeared in court today and were ordered jailed for two more weeks while prosecutors develop their case.

The accused had been expected to face murder and kidnapping charges. In a closed door hearing, the judge delayed the charges to give police more time to interrogate the suspects and recover Pearl's body, said Raja Quereshi, the chief prosecutor. He said police also wanted more time to find the weapons used to kill Pearl.

Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, the alleged mastermind behind Pearl's abduction and murder, and two of his alleged accomplices arrived at a courthouse in the southern port city of Karachi in two armored personnel carriers that were part of an eight-vehicle convoy. Each suspect wore a hood made of white cloth, his face completely covered.

The U.S. government wanted Saeed extradited from Pakistan at least two months before he was implicated in Pearl's slaying, Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin said today.



Daniel Pearl

Saeed "is a nasty character," Chamberlin, the senior U.S. official in Pakistan, said on CBS' "The Early Show." "He's been involved as a suspect in kidnappings and crimes against American citizens for many years."

The United States and Pakistan do not have an extradition treaty, but Chamberlin said she will raise the issue when she meets Tuesday with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf.

Asked whether Saeed could be extradited without destabilizing Musharraf's government, Chamberlin replied: "I think the Pakistani people and the Pakistani government are equally outraged by the brutality of the murder of Danny Pearl."

Word of the administration's diplomatic moves emerged after Newsweek magazine reported that Saeed was secretly indicted last year by a federal grand jury for a foiled 1994 kidnapping. The charges brought in Washington involved four Western tourists in India, the magazine said. One of the four was an American.

Trial date set for AF sergeant accused of offering secret info

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A former Air Force sergeant who worked at the nation's top secret spy satellite agency will go on trial as early as May 20 on charges that he offered to spy for Iraq, Libya and China.

U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee said today the May 20 date would be pushed back if the government tells the court it will seek the death penalty in the case of retired Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Patrick Regan.

Lee set a deadline of April 22 for the government to decide whether to make this a death penalty case.

Regan, as an Air Force sergeant, was assigned to the National Reconnaissance Office, a Defense Department agency responsible for building and operating the nation's spy satellites.

Regan worked in a section that was responsible for transmitting satellite intelligence to deployed military units.

After leaving the Air Force, Regan went to work for defense contractor TRW and once again was assigned to the satellite agency.

Regan, wearing a prisoner jumpsuit, did not speak during the brief hearing to set a trial date.

When Regan was arraigned for a second time Feb. 15 in an expanded indictment. Defense attorney Nina Ginsberg entered an innocent plea and told reporters afterward: "We believe we had a serious defense before the superseding indictment and we continue to believe in that defense."

Regan, 40, served in the Air Force from August 1980 through August 2000. The last five of those years, he was assigned to the agency responsible for building and operating U.S. spy satellites.

In October 2000, the indictment said, he began working for TRW Inc. as a contract employee to the satellite agency with access to top-secret information.

Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson declined at a news conference this month to say whether Regan actually turned over any secrets.

The indictment charges Regan with three counts of attempted espionage and one of gathering national defense information.

Prosecutors used Regan's own words in the indictment, quoting from letters he allegedly wrote to Iraqi president Saddam Hussein and Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. The indictment mentioned no letter to a Chinese leader but said Regan planned to provide national defense information to China.

It said Regan demanded $13 million from Saddam.

Marines are deployed from Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — More than 60 Marines and two Marine tanker aircraft are scheduled to leave the Fort Worth joint reserve base today to join the war against terrorism.

Base officials would not disclose where the Marines are headed.

The deployment includes two Marine Corps K-C-130 refueler planes and flight crews. The planes can refuel helicopters and other aircraft, as well as transport personnel.

The crews — activated last month — are the first Marines from the Fort Worth base to be recalled in Operation Enduring Freedom.

California looking to lower price paid for electricity

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Back during the peak of the state's power crisis, California officials scrambled to negotiate long-term electricity contracts for customers. Then the crisis passed.

Now two state agencies — the Electricity Oversight Board and Public Utilities Commission — want to ensure that Californians weren't overcharged by roughly $21 billion.

The agencies planned to appeal today to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which oversees wholesale electricity sales. That could give the state leverage in its efforts to renegotiate the contracts with power companies.

It could also lower electric bills, which would boost Gov. Gray Davis' approval ratings as he seeks a second term in November. He has been facing harsh criticism from consumer groups and even his own appointees over the deals.

The federal commission will likely ask for public comment before taking any action on the state's request, FERC spokeswoman Tamara Young said today. She didn't know of any other states that have asked the agency to help adjust contracts.

"I think this is very unique," Young said.

At issue are deals with 22 power sellers, including subsidiaries of Mirant, Dynegy, Williams and Calpine.

The state has pledged more than $40 billion for the contracts, which consumer groups and state utilities commissioners alike have called overpriced and unfair to ratepayers.

Davis has defended the contracts, saying California struck the best deals it could at a time when skyrocketing prices left power sellers holding all the negotiating power.

"We got the best contracts we could at the time. That's not to say, however, that they were the best contracts or the fairest contracts that we could have gotten had FERC been doing its job," said Barry Goode, chief counsel to Davis.

ASK US

Q—How much longer will the kite exhibit be on display at Scurry County Museum?

A—It will be on display through May 3.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 78 degrees; low, 32; high Sunday, 82; low, 35; 7 a.m. Monday, 35; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.48 inches

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, windy, low mid 20s, NE winds 20-30 mph. Tuesday, cloudy, high near 40. Tuesday night, clear, cold, low near 15.



Amanda Daves Colder

Sunset: 6:39 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:14 a.m.
Of 55 days in 2002, the sun has shone 52 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no force so powerful as an idea whose time has come.

—Everett Dirksen

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40 years of orbital flight is celebrated

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — All four surviving Mercury astronauts returned to their launch site Sunday to celebrate 40 years of orbital flight.

John Glenn became the first American to circle the Earth on Feb. 20, 1962, followed by Scott Carpenter, Wally Schirra and Gordon Cooper.

"It's hard to believe that 40 years have gone by," Glenn, 80, told an afternoon crowd at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. "It seems more like 40 days because that event back then was so vividly impressed on me at the time and I guess we've recalled it almost daily, talking to someone almost every day since."

The four astronauts spoke from an outdoor stage surrounded by rockets, including a Mercury Atlas like the one that they rode into orbit.

"We have proven, the four of us, that flying an Atlas is 100 percent safe," said Carpenter, 76.

Glenn, Carpenter, Schirra and Cooper were the only men to fly on a Mercury Atlas. America's first two space shots, by Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom, were on Redstone rockets and just 15-minute suborbital flights.

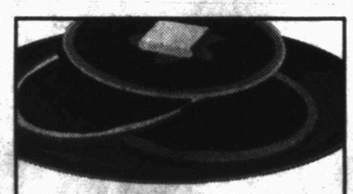
The astronauts paid tribute to their dead Mercury colleagues, Shepard, Grissom and Deke Slayton, who never flew in Project Mercury but finally made it to space on the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz mission.

Schirra said competition among the original Mercury seven was "pretty keen in those days." But he said they supported each other and still do.

Glenn said any of the Mercury astronauts could have been the first American to orbit the Earth.

"This was an interesting combination of seven men that I don't think has ever happened before or since," Schirra, 78, told reporters earlier in the day. "The seven of us have been bonded for life by those early days. It's a great feeling to be together again."

On the Net:
NASA: http://www.nasa.gov/



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Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $6 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 16-17-22-23-25-27.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $9 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-7-2

Program helps Central school, kids and parents



LOVE AND LOGIC — Central Elementary School parents participated in an exercise with oranges at last Tuesday's seminar. Deborah Judah, teacher, used the oranges to emphasize that all children are different. The seven-week seminar began Jan. 29. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Central Elementary parents are learning new ways to deal with their children.

The seven-week "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" class began Jan. 29 and meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the cafeteria.

Pam Hart, principal, is the facilitator. Other staff members assist with the actual training, and also help with childcare.

"Parenting with Love and Logic is about rearing responsible children by using a win-win philosophy," Hart said.

"Children win by learning responsibility through solving their own problems, and they acquire tools for coping with the real world," she added.

Hart said Love and Logic helps parents and children establish a rewarding relationship built upon love and trust. This school year, Central adopted the Love and Logic school-wide-discipline management plan.

She noted that Central's staff received on-site training. Love and Logic in the classroom is an approach to working with students that puts teachers in control, teaches the kids to think for themselves, raises the level of student responsibility, and prepares kids to function effectively in a society filled with temptations, decisions, and consequences.

"It is our hope," Hart continued, "that this parenting seminar will be a bridge to helping parents re-inforce the skills their children practice at school."

"As a principal I have to say that the Love and Logic approach has really put 'enjoyment' into discipline. By employing the philosophies of Love and Logic, the kids do all the work, and we get to enjoy their thinking processes. The 'can do' attitudes learned from Love and Logic are helping our students to be actively engaged in learning and problem solving."

Parents attending the first Love and Logic seminar include Michelle Brasher, Mike Brasher, Diane Brunson, Mary Ezell, Priscilla Garcia, Irma Ramirez, George Ramirez, Ronda Robinson, Margaret Rodriguez, Eva Romero, Rhonda Thomas, Stella Valadez, Licia Valadez, Edward Yruegas and Reta Yruegas.

Due to the interest and participation in the Snyder community, Hart said Central plans to provide training opportunities for parents who missed this seminar.

The parent class is funded through the Accelerated Schools Grant and is free of charge to registered participants. The grant also paid for the on-site training of Central staff.

Family mourns children killed by dad

THROCKMORTON (AP) — The three children found slain in the back of their father's car had been uncomfortable — even fearful — in previous visits with him, their uncle says.

"Those kids did not want to go with him," uncle Clay Gober said Sunday as the family of Corie Smallwood, 10, Casey Smallwood, 4, and Chase Smallwood, 3, mourned their deaths.

Police say James D. Smallwood Jr., of Bedford shot and killed the children before returning them to their mother, Beth, and fatally shooting himself outside the home she and her children were sharing with her parents in Throckmorton.

Beth Smallwood had filed for divorce in November after what she said were years of abuse and threats to kill the family. She said her husband physically and emotionally abused the children and her after the first year of their 11-year marriage. He isolated them from her family and she was beaten, kicked and choked, she said.

In May, she said, James Smallwood held a gun to her head for five hours while their children slept. "I told him I wanted a divorce and that's when he pulled the gun," she said.

She said a judge granted James Smallwood unsupervised visits with the children in January, despite testimony from several witnesses that he had threatened to kill the family.

At one of the hearings, Beth Smallwood asked San Angelo Judge Rae Leifeste to order psychological counseling for her husband, "but he didn't do anything," she said.

"My children's blood is on his hands," the 33-year-old mother said without expression as she fidgeted with her sunglasses during an interview with The Associated Press. "I begged him for his help because I was worried about the kids."

Leifeste said Sunday night that he wanted to respond to the mother's comments, but could not since the Smallwoods' divorce is pending in his court.

"It is a terrible tragedy as it always is," the judge said. "My heart goes out to the family."

James Smallwood was to have returned the children to their mother Sunday night at a pre-arranged spot in Jacksboro.

Instead, police said he killed his children in his car Saturday night, then drove to Throckmorton, where he killed himself.

Beth Smallwood's uncle, Jay Gober, said the murders could have been avoided and the family wanted to share the story of what led up to the deaths.

"Rather than a gruesome tragedy that shouldn't have happened, we wanted to try to share why it shouldn't have," he said.

Beth Smallwood said her mother and brother came to help her and the children leave their home in San Angelo in November, where the family had lived for several years.

"We didn't pack," Beth Smallwood said. "We just got out with the clothes off our backs and the kids."

"This is beyond my most horrible nightmare," Polly Voss, Corie's fourth-grade teacher, said in a story in today's Abilene Reporter-News. "Some people are falling apart and some people are keeping their emotions all inside. Me? I'm falling apart."

Voss left the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in tears. She said Corie, one of 14 students in her class, was a good student who worked hard.

"She was a little blond angel," she said. "I think tomorrow is going to be a difficult day at school."

Firefighters in Chicago honor dead at WTC

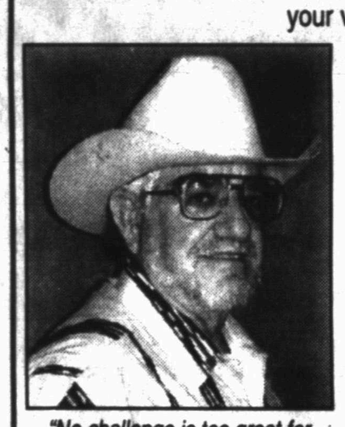
CHICAGO (AP) — Firefighter Mark Seliga rushed to New York after Sept. 11 out of a sense of responsibility, but soon found himself helpless to do anything but dig bodies from the World Trade Center debris.

Wanting to do more, he organized a tribute once home in Illinois. On Sunday he and more than 350 firefighters rushed up Chicago's John Hancock Center skyscraper in full gear in an unusual show of sobriety at the American Lung Association's annual fun run up the 100-floor tower.

"It was amazing," said Seliga, 27. "I saw people crying. I saw firefighters crying."

The brigade was able to do only about half of the climb, because all the slots for the 94 floor run were filled by the 3,500 civilians climbing 1,632 steps.

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New Life Clinics Foundation's grant is paying therapists to administer weight loss and stop smoking, group hypnotic therapy to Snyder and surrounding community residents.

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Funding for this grant came from public and corporate donations. Therefore, any area resident who wants treatment will receive professional hypnotherapy free from charge.

An appointment is not necessary. Simply sign in at the session and immediately receive treatment.

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Fight erupts over religion and Georgia land

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — On its face, it was a zoning dispute — a disagreement between Muslims who wanted to build a cemetery and neighbors worried about their property values.

Gwinnett County planners put it on the calendar for a regular zoning meeting. The date they chose was Sept. 18, 2001.

Then terrorism changed the world — and exposed raw religious differences between Muslims and their neighbors. Now the zoning dispute is a bitter fight, and the county government is torn over which side to take.

"It was already an issue of passion, an issue of opposition, and all that was present even before Sept. 11. It's going to be a tough decision," said Bert Nasuti, the chief county planner.

After a postponement because of the high emotions following the Sept. 11 attacks — and then the planning commission's move not to make a decision — the full county commission is to hear the debate Tuesday night.

Proposing the cemetery is the Georgia Islamic Institute of Religious and Social Sciences, which wants to put a 1,500-plot burial ground on a 5-acre parcel of land in the Grayson Oaks subdivision of this Atlanta suburb.

But property owners say they are disturbed by the observant Muslims' burial ritual, which calls for wrapping the body in a shroud, without a casket or vault, and interring it within 24 hours of death.

Some residents say they worry that pathogens from the decomposing bodies would seep into the soil and poison groundwater, despite preliminary state environmental testing that has shown the cemetery would probably be safe.

The Muslims once even suggested burying the bodies in coffins, but the offer has not satisfied the homeowners' concern.

"I don't want my child to grow up in three years and have some disease from the water," homeowner Heather Stonecypher told the planning commission Feb. 5. "We don't want to be somebody's guinea pigs."

Jane Smith, a professor of Islamic studies at Hartford Seminary and the author of "Islam in America," said she could not recall a similar environmental dispute over a Muslim cemetery in the United States.

But she said opposition to Muslim cemeteries is common, both in America and in Europe, by people unfamiliar with the religion who see it as an intrusion.

"The issues that are being raised here are not surprising at all," she said. "There are four or five issues of major concern to Muslims, and one of them clearly is space to be able to appropriately dispose of their dead."

Sayyid M. Syeed, secretary-general of the Islamic Society of North America, said the dispute over environmental concerns is unique.

"The Muslim population has increased so much during the last 25 years. We have these Muslim graveyards in almost every city. But this has not come up," he said.

Islamic institute attorney Dennis Still said the Grayson Oaks neighbors were attacking the Muslims as they might some bizarre cult.

"This is a major world religion," he said at the planning commission meeting. "They value their dead no less than you or I. They are a part of this county. They are not some outside force."

Proposed cemetery site neighbor Virginia McIntosh directly addressed Hafiz Ghaffar Khan, the president of the Islamic institute, at the meeting and told him the cemetery would violate "the values of America."

Khan reminded her of the support Pakistan has provided the United States in its war on terror. In the Middle East, he said, "we have separate Christian cemeteries everywhere."

The Grayson Oaks residents plan to raise their health concerns again at the county commission.

"I take a bath every day," said Stonecypher, who suggested the Muslims seal the corpses in airtight bodybags. "I wash my body. I'm sure I wash away a lot of organisms. This will cause a significant problem for us."

For Muslims, the question is clear.

"One of the first guarantees we have under the Constitution is freedom of religion," said Still, the attorney. "That's all this group wishes to have — free exercise of their religion."

On the Net:
Georgia Islamic Institute of Religious and Social Sciences:
http://islam-usa.com/girss.html
Gwinnett County, Ga.:
http://www.co.gwinnett.ga.us

Two soldiers shot by mistake; one dies

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A rural roadway became the scene of a deadly confrontation when a deputy sheriff mistakenly opened fire on two plain-clothed Army soldiers out on a training exercise, officials said.

Deputy Sheriff Randall Butler killed one soldier and wounded another during a traffic stop when the soldiers apparently tried to disarm him after assuming he was taking part in their exercise, officials said.

A release from the Army said the shooting "resulted from an unfortunate case of mistaken identity and a breakdown of communications between the individuals involved."

The soldiers were taking part Saturday in a role-playing exercise that is part of the Army's Special Forces Qualification Course.

While the Moore County Sheriff's Office was told a training exercise was under way, Special Operations spokesman Maj. Gary Kolb said the Army did not coordinate specifically with the sheriff's office and Butler was likely unaware of it.

"In this instance, they were not informed about this, because the scenario itself was not intended to draw attention of the local authorities," Kolb said.

No charges had been filed Sunday. Butler was placed on administrative leave with pay.

Kolb said the soldier's identities would not be released until relatives were notified. The wounded soldier was listed in serious condition at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Kolb said the soldiers were carrying a disassembled M-4 carbine rifle in a bag when their vehicle was pulled over by Butler. It was unclear why the deputy pulled over their car.

"Both of the soldiers were dressed in civilian clothes and riding in a civilian vehicle with no indication of being in the military," a statement from the Moore County Sheriff's Office said. "At the time of the incident the deputy believed that the two individuals intended on killing him."

Messages left at the sheriff's department were not returned Sunday. In its release, the department said Butler was "totally unaware" of the exercise.

"One of the soldiers attempted to disarm the officer as the other was attempting to get a military weapon that the soldiers had in their possession," the sheriff's release said.

The two soldiers were participating in a reconnaissance mission in which they were to locate a target to be used in a future mission, Kolb said. Butler stopped the vehicle on a rural road near Robbins, about 25 miles from Fort Bragg.

They were in a vehicle driven by a civilian who was playing the role of a resident of a fictitious country, Kolb said. He wouldn't discuss further details of the incident because it was being investigated by the State Bureau of Investigation and the Army.

The training exercise, known as "Robin Sage," is the 19-day final exam of the Special Forces Qualification Course. It tests skills in survival, tactics and dealing with people, as well as judgment, decision-making and ethics.

Robin Sage has been conducted in central North Carolina since the mid-1950s without incident, according to a release from the Army's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

The Tampa Tribune identified the injured soldier as Sgt. Stephen Phelps, a former resident of Clearwater, Fla. His family learned about the shooting Saturday night when the sergeant's wife, Suzanne, called his mother.

"It's upset me bad," Phelps' grandmother Ann Wells told the newspaper on Sunday. "I've just about stopped crying now. He's my angel."

On the Net:
Special Operations:
http://www.soc.mil
Moore County:
http://www.co.moore.nc.us

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mom's husband isn't 'grandpa' in pregnant daughter's eyes

DEAR ABBY: I am 28 years old and pregnant with my first child. My beloved father passed away a few years ago, and my mother has since remarried. Mom keeps calling her new husband "Grandpa."

I'm having a hard time with this. Even though this man will become a part of my child's life, he is not Grandpa. Both grandfathers have passed away, and it's going to be tough enough making sure they are properly remembered.

Maybe I'm being overly protective of this "grandfather" thing, because my sweet dad can't be here to share the joy of our baby. I need advice on how to go about telling my mother that I'd prefer she didn't call her husband "Grandpa." I know this should be the least of my problems, but it's been nagging at me. — **KATIE IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR KATIE: Please rethink your stance on this. Although you loved your dad and keep his memory in your heart, your mother's flesh-and-blood husband will be the only grandpa your child will ever know. If you tell your mother that you don't want her husband to be called "Grandpa," you run the risk of driving a wedge between you, her and him. Grief counseling may help you deal with your dear father's death. Accept the love your mother's husband has to offer and move on.

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DEAR ABBY: In July 2001, my husband's cousin, "Jake," asked if he could move into our game room. He was going through a divorce, up to his ears in child support payments, and his funds were limited.

This living arrangement was supposed to be temporary, but now Jake is telling us he intends to continue living here for five years!

Jake does nothing to help around the house. He gives me a small sum of money each month, but that pittance isn't nearly enough to buy the food he consumes.

I want to ask Jake to move, but my husband is afraid it would damage their friendship. I say we need our own life; we've got two small children to consider. Please help, Abby. — **FED UP IN PITTSBURGH**

DEAR FED UP: Somebody has to be direct with this man. If your husband can't find the strength to tell his cousin, "Enough is enough already!" — then you must. And please don't feel guilty about it. Jake will be a lot happier, too, once he's on his own two feet.

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DEAR ABBY: I am an animal lover. When I was younger, I raised three kittens from birth. I fed them every four hours from a bottle. My husband doesn't like animals, but before we were married, he agreed I could have a pet. Well, it's been seven years, and he refuses to let me have a cat.

Abby, I love my husband dearly; however, I don't feel like a complete person without a cat. If I lived alone I'd have a houseful of them, but now I would be happy with just one. My heart breaks every time I visit a friend who has a cat or see one roaming on the street. Sometimes I even cry myself to sleep.

My husband knows I love cats. He even buys me calendars with pictures of cats, yet he denies me the one thing I love most besides him. I respect his feelings, but it hurts. What do you think I should do? — **CAT LOVER IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR CAT LOVER: Unless your husband has a medical condition that prevents you from having a cat, go get yourself one. You don't need his permission. He's your partner — not your parent.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002

The right associations can produce some very pleasant results for you in the year ahead. Those who behave responsibly and are nice to everybody are the friendships you should cultivate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't let that green-eyed monster of jealousy take over your behavior toward someone you really like, just because s/he might have shown some attention to another. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Keep depression or negative thinking under control, and do not allow it to usurp your affairs. Lady Luck wants to break through to you, but she can't under opposing conditions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's OK to set some lofty objectives. But, if you get too bossy or demanding in carrying them out, it would put a damper on things for everybody.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There could be ambivalence in the way you handle your goals. In some instances, you're apt to be shrewd and effective, but sadly, with others, you could be neglectful or careless.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your reputation could be on the line if you allow yourself to get involved with individuals whose behavior can leave a lot to be desired. They'll reflect poorly on you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — How you handle being the recipient of a beneficial development can bring you either cooperation or disruptions. Don't come off as a "gimme" artist; welcome favors graciously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Keep your dealings with others on a purely light and sociable basis . Introducing heavy subjects or complicated affairs will turn the get-together into a doomsday gathering.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even though you might not receive the full cooperation of others as you may have expected, if you don't get in a dither over it, you'll luck out, and achieve what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You might be forced to alter an arrangement , because the plans may not be too pleasing to a few others. Be willing to make some concessions, and you'll come out the winner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you are too exacting in your dealings , people won't live up to your expectations. Lighten up, and others will be able to bring about what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — No matter how unpleasant the tasks, get needed assignments out of the way first . They'll be harder to do later in the day, when you'll be tired on top of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Having some type of profit to shoot for will keep you motivated, and get you past whatever it takes to achieve your goal. The day could end on a happy note.

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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

Canadians end 50-year gold medal drought in hockey...

U.S. caps games with silver medal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Silver to start, silver to finish.

The U.S. men's hockey team settled for a silver medal to close out America's most successful Winter Games, with Canada ending a 50-year gold medal drought in its national sport with a 5-2 victory over its southern neighbors.

The Sunday loss provided the U.S. Winter Olympians with silver bookends: two silvers on the first day of competition, one on the last. There was plenty of gold in between, along with more silver and bronze, as the United States finished with a record 34 medals.

While the two U.S. medals back on Feb. 9 were cause for celebration, the hockey medal was cause for mixed emotions. Even the return of coach Herb Brooks, head of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" team, couldn't produce a gold medal for the home team.

It was the first Olympic loss ever with Brooks behind the bench, ending a 12-game unbeaten string. And it was the first U.S. Olympic loss on home ice in 70 years.

While the Americans and Canadians were winning medals, the biggest doping scandal of the games saw cross-country skiers Johann Muehlegg of Spain and Larissa Lazutina of Russia stripped of their most recent gold medals after drug positives.

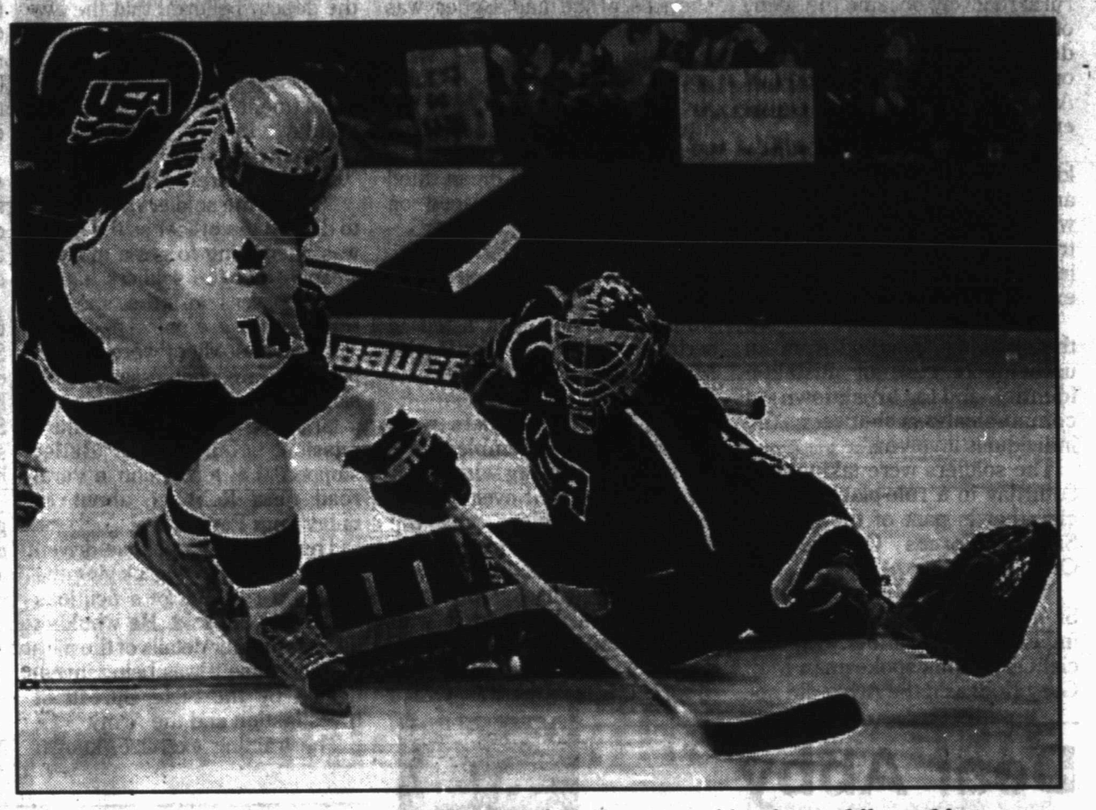
Both gold medalists, along with a third cross-country skier, were thrown out of the games — more a symbolic gesture than anything just hours before the closing ceremony. Between them, Lazutina and Muehlegg had won a half-dozen Salt Lake City medals.

In the much-hyped hockey final, Joe Sakic and Jarome Ignila scored twice each for the Canadians, who fell behind 1-0 before bouncing back to dominate play. Canadian goalie Martin Brodeur now has an Olympic gold medal to go with his two Stanley Cup titles.

Brodeur's New Jersey Devils teammate, Brian Rafalski, had one of the two U.S. goals; Tony Amonte had the other.



HANDING OVER THE REINS — Mayor of Torino, Italy Sergio Chiamparino waves the Olympic flag during Sunday night's closing ceremonies. Looking on is International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge. Torino will host the 2006 winter games. (AP Photo)



BARE HANDED — American goaltender Mike Richter loses his glove while making a save against Canadian Theo Fleury in Sunday's gold medal game. Canada won the game, 5-2. (AP Photo)

On Feb. 9, speedskater Derek Parra and freestyle moguls skier Shannon Bahrke took two silvers to give the Americans a fast start in the first U.S. Winter Games since 1980.

Over the next 16 days, the United States excelled like never before, collecting a remarkable 34 medals — 23 more than ever before in a Winter Games, just three less than it won in the last three Winter Games combined.

Their second place finish on the overall medals table was the best for the United States since 1960 in Squaw Valley, when their 10 medals trailed the Soviet Union's 21.

While the U.S. team's breakthrough performance commanded much of the media attention, they still were only second on the medals chart. No. 1, with an all-time Winter Games high of 35, was Germany — 12 golds, 16 silver, and seven bronze.

In third was Norway with 22 medals (11-7-4). Germany's 12 golds were the most of any team, while Norway's 11 were next high. The United States finished with 10 gold, 13 silver and 11 bronze medals.

The two biggest drug cases of the games involved two of the biggest winners — and that made them two of the biggest losers.

Cross-country skiers Larissa Lazutina of Russia and Johann Meuhlegg of Spain were both stripped of one gold medal apiece after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug, the International Olympic Committee announced Sunday.

Lazutina, 36, was stripped of a medal she had won just hours earlier — a gold in the women's 30-kilomter cross-country race, a victory that gave her a record-tying 10th career medal.

On Thursday, she was disqualified before the women's relay for having high levels of performance-boosting hemoglobin, a blood molecule that helps carry oxygen to muscles.

She was permitted to race Sunday morning, but the medal was taken back after she tested positive for darbepoetin, which is used to treat anemia by boosting the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to muscles.

Meuhlegg, a triple gold medalist, tested positive for the same drug, as did cross-country skier Olga Danilova of Russia. Meuhlegg must surrender his gold in the 50K race, but can keep his medals in the 30K freestyle and the 10K pursuit events.

A random urine test Thursday found traces of darbepoetin in the German-born skier, said Toni Noetzli, an International Ski Federation press coordinator.

Lazutina will be allowed to keep two medals she won earlier in these Olympics.

Final Medal Count

By The Associated Press
At Salt Lake City
Final
(78 total medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	12	16	7	35
USA	10	13	11	34
Norway	11	7	6	24
Canada	6	3	8	17
Russia	6	6	4	16
Austria	2	4	10	16
Italy	4	4	4	12
France	4	5	2	11
Switzerland	3	2	6	11
Netherlands	3	5	0	8
China	2	2	4	8
Finland	4	2	1	7
Sweden	0	2	4	6
Croatia	3	1	0	4
Korea	2	2	0	4
Estonia	1	1	1	3
Britain	1	0	2	3
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3
Australia	2	0	0	2
Spain	2	0	0	2
Czech Rep.	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1



THE REDHEADED STRANGER — Willie Nelson performs during the closing ceremonies Sunday night at Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium. (AP Photo)

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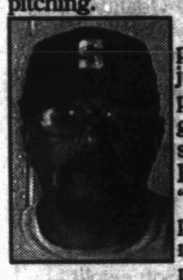
SPORTS

Tigers run out of gas in title game

SAN ANGELO — In their chase for the Best of the West title, the Snyder Tigers were victims of the tournament schedule.

Snyder won two games Saturday to earn the right to play for the championship, where the Tigers ran out of gas against El Paso Socorro. The Bulldogs toppled the Tigers, 10-2, to secure the tournament crown.

Snyder had already knocked off Lake View, 4-2, and outlasted San Angelo Central, 9-4, in a three-hour, nine-inning marathon. By the time the title game rolled around, the Tigers were out of pitching.



Herrera

"Our kids played hard. It's just difficult to play that many games in a row," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "We hit the ball pretty well, and made some good plays in the field in all three games. That Central game took a lot out of us. We didn't have much left in the tank for the Socorro game."

Snyder began the day with its 4-2 win over the Chiefs. Logan Hill and Brandon McGuire teamed up on the mound to limit Lake View to only three hits.

Tito Alaniz went the distance in the extra-inning affair against the Bobcats.

After Central took a 4-1 lead after two innings, the Tigers knotted the tally with three runs in the sixth. It stayed locked at 4-4 until Snyder pushed across five runs in the top of the ninth to earn the win.

Alaniz belted a triple, and McGuire blasted a double to pace the Tigers at the plate.

In the championship game, Socorro took control from the opening pitch.

The Bulldogs plated three runs in the opening frame, before adding four in the second and two more in the third. Shay Franks, Tyler Trout and Michael Pendleton all saw time on the mound for the Tigers.

Brooks Nunley produced Snyder's only extra-base hit with a double.

The Tigers, now 5-2 on the season, host their home opener at 5 today against San Angelo Central.

SHS tracksters fare well at first meet

WOLFFORTH — All in all, Snyder High School's track and field debut can be considered a success.

The Snyder boys earned third place, and the SHS girls improved in every event at Frenship's ABC Relays.

The Tigers finished with 80 points, while Abilene Wylie won the meet with 133. Estacado was second with 129 points.

"We're pleased with how we competed," said SHS boys coach Roger White. "For the first meet of the year, we learned a lot. We know what we need to improve on to become even better by the time the next meet rolls around."

The Lady Tigers officially finished 12th with eight points, and Coach Todd Pollard liked the individual efforts his athletes produced.

"We're ahead of where we were at this time last year," Pollard said. "Our times and distances in every event were better than they were last season, and that's what I was most pleased with."

Loryn Brown anchored the Lady Tigers' effort. The senior earned fifth-place finishes in the 100m and 300m hurdles, and secured fourth place in the triple jump.

Also, the Lady Tigers' 400m and 800m relays qualified for the finals. Sharday McKinney, Nicki Traylor and October Wells run on both relays. Janie Garcia is on the 400m squad, and Tamara Norman runs on the 800m team.

"We're still looking to see who is going to work best on the relays," said Pollard. "But the girls are really coming along, so I like how things are going right now."

On the boys side, Wade Pinson picked up where he left off last year. Pinson, who's advanced to the regional meet each of the past three years, won the 110m hurdles in a time of 14.61 seconds. The senior also earned second place in the high jump.

Fellow senior Corey Clay finished second behind Wylie's John Lampert in both the long jump and triple jump.

Rudy Martinez, the Tigers' distance specialist the last two seasons, raced to a second-place finish in the mile.

Both Snyder squads are in competition again Saturday at the Wylie Catclaw Meet in Abilene.

Vargas, Dunham pace Snyder tennis squad

ODESSA — Snyder High School netters continued their strong play Saturday at the Odessa High Invitational.

Pat Vargas and Andra Dunham teamed up to capture third place in girls doubles, while Curt Phillips and Adam Rodgers combined to earned sixth place on the boys side.



Vargas



Dunham

The tandem of Jackie Beccue and Afton Sutter finished 11th, and Alex Best and Charlie Gorman were 12th.

In girls singles competition, Stephanie Williams secured 12th place, with Cozy Jones coming in 13th.

Horacio DePaz played his way to a 10th place finish in boys singles, while Tanner Reed was 14th.

Also competing in the event were players from Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Big Spring, Dumas, El Paso Bowie, Midland Lee and San Angelo Central.

Garza, Gonzales team up to win Groundhog crown

Adolph Garza and Mark Gonzales used consistent play to win the Groundhog Golf Tournament over the weekend at Snyder Country Club.

Garza and Gonzales fired a 64 both days to edge David Sharrock and Alton Patterson by a stroke. Billy Brock and Mike Strickland teamed up to earn third place in the Championship Flight.

In the First Flight, the Rick Beard-Jeral Beard tandem secured top honors with rounds of 68 and 65. Shawn and Kelly Ragland were two shots back in second place, followed by Randy Glasscock and Ricky Williams.

Mike Levens and Jim Petty won the Second Flight with two rounds of 67, three shots ahead of runners-up James Barnhill and Steve Ogle. Russell Fisk and Wade Lee were third.

In the Third Flight, Robert Reyes and Joe Medrano carded a 63 on Saturday to pull away for a six-stroke victory over Jene Steakley and Rod Waller. Ruben Olvera and Joe Salinas secured third place.

Chris Palacios and Eddie Benitez ran away for a nine-stroke victory in the Third Flight. Their closest competition came from runners-up Dink Foree and Pinky Ferguson. Bobby and Jimmy Velasquez finished third.

Groundhog Golf Tournament at Snyder Country Club

Championship Flight: Adolph Garza-Mark Gonzales, 64-64—128; David Sharrock-Alton Patterson, 66-63—129; Billy Brock-Mike Strickland, 64-67—131; Larry Anderson-Tommy Lay—66-65—131; Randy Hogan-Rick Hopper, 66-66—132.

First Flight: Rick Beard-Jeral Beard, 68-65—133; Shawn Ragland-Kelly Ragland, 64-71—135; Randy Glasscock-Ricky Williams, 70-68—138; Joe LaRoux-Johnny Powell, 71-68—139; Rick Billingsley-John Lacik, 71-70—141; Mike Rodriguez-R.T. Henderson, 67-75—142; Tommy Baker-Troy Baker, 72-71—143; David Holt-John Reed, 74-70—144; Wally Hazelwood-Todd Smith, 77-69—146.

Second Flight: Mike Levens-Jim Petty, 67-67—134; James Barnhill-Steve Ogle, 67-70—137; Russell Fisk-Wade Lee, 71-70—141; Pete Greene-Glenn Patterson, 71-70—141; Eicke Perry-Brent Beck, 75-69—144; James Caldwell-Paul Goebel, 71-73—144; Levi Mandrell-Cory Mandrell, 71-74—145.

Third Flight: Robert Reyes-Joe Medrano, 73-63—136; Jene Steakley-Rod Waller, 73-69—142; Ruben Olvera-Joe Salinas, 77-68—145; Max Hildebrand-Bob Hart, 69-77—146; Kim Robertson-Richard Trout, 71-75—146; Don Chandler-Steve Wilson, 73-75—148; Mackey Mandrell-Rick Langley, 79-71—150; Buddy Powell-Kenny Miller, 72-80—152; Clayton Riley-John Bloom, 79-80—159.

Fourth Flight: Chris Palacios-Eddie Benitez, 72-74—146; Dink Foree-Pinky Ferguson, 78-77—155; Bobby Velasquez-Jimmy Velasquez, 76-81—157; Don Sealy-Reese Grimmett, 78-83—161; Rex Robinson-Wortham Lloyd, 79-83—162; Les Rinehart-John Clinkinbeard, 83-91—174; David Garcia-John Velasquez, 89-93—182.

Sports Briefs

Coliseum to host regional quarterfinal

Wall and Sundown square off at 7 p.m. Tuesday in a Class 2A boys regional quarterfinal game at Scurry County Coliseum.

Wall sports a record of 22-6, while Sundown is 24-6 on the year. The winner advances to the regional tournament to face the Olney-Hamlin winner.

National Basketball Association

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All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	38	17	.691	—
Boston	31	25	.554	7½
Orlando	29	26	.527	9
Philadelphia	27	27	.500	10½
Washington	27	28	.491	11
Miami	23	31	.426	14½
New York	20	34	.370	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	22	.593	—
Detroit	31	23	.574	1
Toronto	29	29	.500	5
Charlotte	27	28	.491	5½
Indiana	27	28	.491	5½
Cleveland	20	35	.364	12½
Atlanta	20	36	.357	13
Chicago	15	40	.273	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	39	17	.696	—
Minnesota	37	18	.673	1½
San Antonio	35	20	.636	3½
Utah	31	24	.564	7½
Houston	20	35	.364	18½
Denver	16	37	.302	21½
Memphis	15	39	.278	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	40	15	.727	—
L.A. Lakers	38	16	.704	1½
Portland	31	24	.564	9
Seattle	30	26	.536	10½
Phoenix	27	29	.482	13½
L.A. Clippers	27	30	.474	14
Golden State	15	38	.283	24

Saturday's Games

Dallas 111, Sacramento 97
Orlando 105, Philadelphia 87
Miami 97, Washington 95
Indiana 106, L.A. Clippers 88
Houston 99, Boston 89
Chicago 105, Golden State 91
Minnesota 112, San Antonio 88
Portland 101, Denver 90

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers 107, New York 91
Milwaukee 89, Detroit 82
New Jersey 95, Charlotte 93
Seattle 101, Toronto 92
Cleveland 111, Orlando 96
Miami 92, Washington 80
Phoenix 92, San Antonio 83
Atlanta 89, Denver 84

Monday's Games

Minnesota at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Seattle at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Big 12 Basketball

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	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Kansas	14	0	1.000	25	2	.926
Oklahoma	11	3	.786	22	4	.846
Texas Tech	9	5	.643	20	6	.769
Oklahoma St.	9	5	.643	22	6	.786
Texas	8	6	.571	17	10	.630
Missouri	8	6	.571	19	10	.655
Nebraska	5	9	.357	12	13	.480
Kansas St.	5	9	.357	11	14	.440
Baylor	5	9	.357	15	12	.556
Colorado	4	10	.286	13	12	.520
Iowa St.	4	10	.286	12	16	.429
Texas A&M	3	11	.214	9	19	.321

Saturday's results

Texas Tech 74, Texas A&M 53
Oklahoma 96, Texas 78
Oklahoma State 77, Baylor 64
Missouri 96, Colorado 63
Iowa State 73, Kansas State 71

Sunday's result

Kansas 88, Nebraska 67

Monday's game

Oklahoma State at Missouri

WOMEN

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	13	2	.867	23	3	.885
Baylor	11	4	.733	23	4	.852
Kansas St.	10	5	.667	22	6	.786
Colorado	10	5	.667	20	8	.714
Texas	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Iowa St.	9	6	.600	21	6	.778
Texas Tech	8	7	.533	17	9	.654
Oklahoma St.	6	9	.400	14	14	.500
Missouri	5	10	.333	14	12	.538
Texas A&M	5	10	.333	13	14	.481
Nebraska	4	11	.267	14	13	.519
Kansas	0	15	.000	5	23	.179

Saturday's results

Texas Tech 99, Nebraska 57
Colorado 79, Kansas State 58
Oklahoma 90, Missouri 70
Texas 91, Texas A&M 63
Iowa State 77, Kansas 59

Sunday's result

Baylor 62, Oklahoma State 61

Tuesday's games

Texas at Kansas
Colorado at Nebraska

Boys Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I Quarterfinals

Midland Lee (26-5) vs. Lubbock Monterey (20-13)
Cedar Hill (31-1) vs. The Colony (28-2)
Amarillo (24-8) vs. EP Franklin (28-5)
Duncanville (22-9) vs. Coppell (27-8)

Region I Quarterfinals

Lubbock Estacado (29-6) vs. Canyon Randall (22-11)
North Crowley (30-3) vs. FW Polytechnic (26-5)
Canyon (26-5) vs. EP Parkland (23-7)
FW Dunbar (29-2) vs. FW Eastern Hills (21-10)

CLASS 3A
Region I Quarterfinals

Sanford Fritch (27-3) vs. Dimmitt (26-
Abilene Wylie (22-8) vs. Decatur (26-6)
Shallowater (22-8) vs. Perryton (16-11)
Sweetwater (18-10) vs. Merkel (27-4)

CLASS 2A
Region I Quarterfinals

Sundown (24-6) vs. Wall (22-6)
Olney (25-5) vs. Hamlin (16-8)
Eldorado (23-12) vs. Reagan County (22-8)
West Texas (19-15) vs. Abernathy (25-4)

CLASS A—DIVISION I
Region I Semifinals

Stratford (17-8) vs. Iraan
White Deer (21-5) vs. Irion County

CLASS A—DIVISION II
Region II Semifinals

Balmorhea (22-1) vs. Utopia (28-1)
Grady (21-10) vs. D'Hanis

Girls Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
Final

Mansfield 48, Weatherford 43

Region II
Final

Spring Westfield 68, Plano 53

Region III
Final

FB Dulles 59, Pasadena South Houston 52

Region IV
Final

SA Taft 45, Buda Hays 33

CLASS 4A
Region I
Final

Plainview 64, Canyon 47

Region II
Final

Dallas Lincoln 58, Waxahachie 46

Region III
Final

Angleton 61, Beaumont Ozen 52

Region IV
Final

Dripping Springs 53, Del Valle 48

CLASS 3A
Region I
Final

Perryton 66, Shallowater 56

Region II
Final

Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 77, Brownsboro 64

Region III
Final

Kountze 54, Mt. Belvieu Barber's Hill 35

Region IV
Final

Llano 55, Smithville 25

CLASS 2A
Region I
Final

Abernathy 41, Seagraves 37

Region II
Final

Pilot Point 51, Gunter 45

Region III
Final

Buffalo 62, Kerens 51

Region IV
Final

Somerville 57, SA Cole 46

CLASS A—DIVISION I
Region I-II
State Semifinals

Brock 37, Sudan 31

Region III-IV
State Semifinals

La Poyner 46, Moulton 41

CLASS A—Division II
Region I-II
State Semifinals

Nazareth 56, Borden County 35

Region III-IV
State Semifinals

Dodd City 44, Round Top Carmine 40

STATE TOURNAMENT
Erwin Center, Austin
CLASS 5A

Spring Westfield (33-1) vs. Mansfield (33-3)
SA Taft (34-3) vs. FB Dulles (29-7)

CLASS 4A

Angleton (31-4) vs. Dallas Lincoln (23-5)
Plainview (33-1) vs. Dripping Springs (31-5)

CLASS 3A

Perryton (33-2) vs. Llano (30-6)
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (28-5) vs. Kountze (27-9)

CLASS 2A

Somerville (28-3) vs. Abernathy (24-8)
Buffalo (29-8) vs. Pilot Point (26-9)

CLASS A—DIVISION I

Brock (35-2) vs. La Poyner (32-2)

CLASS A—DIVISION II

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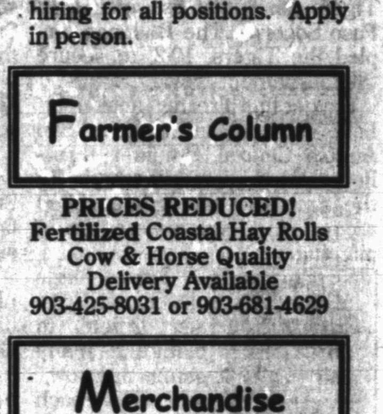
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Winter Wonderland Carnival

Stanfield Elementary School's Winter Wonderland Carnival held Jan. 26 was a success, thanks to faculty and staff members, parents and businesses who contributed time, food and money, according to Diane Arnold, Stanfield Parent Council co-president.

The carnival was for Stanfield students and their families.

Monetary donations were made by West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank, Texas Savings Bank and American State Bank.

Items for the concession booth were donated by businesses in the community including McDonald's, Lota' Burger, Sonic Drive-In, College Avenue Dairy Queen, Coliseum Drive Dairy Queen, Taco John's, Taco Bell, Davidson's IGA and Walmart. The Coca Cola Bottling Company of Abilene also donated 50-2-liter bottles to the carnival.

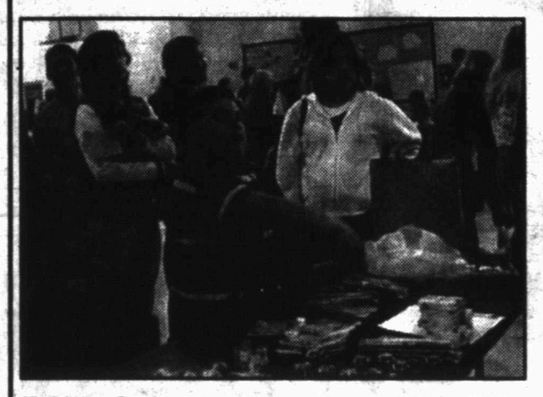
Family Dollar, Debra Dennis, NAPA Tool, Dennis Quick Auto, Linda Cozart, Tiger Health & Fitness and Spanish Inn donated items for the silent auction.



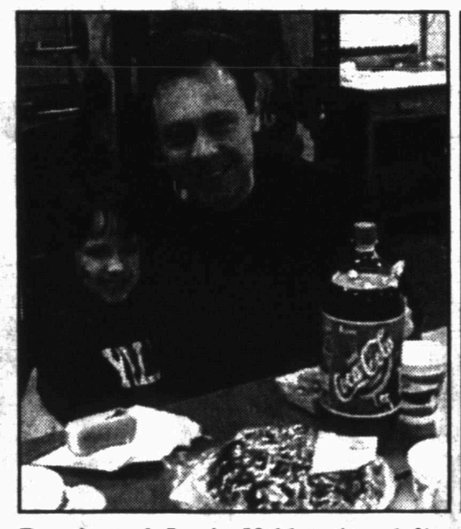
Mrs. Aplin helps a child pin the snowman.

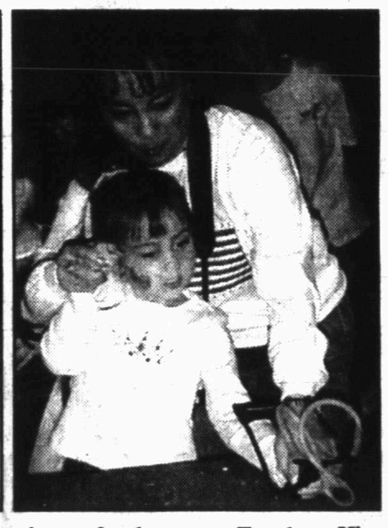


Teacher Liza Hartzog paints Sarah Pyburn's face.



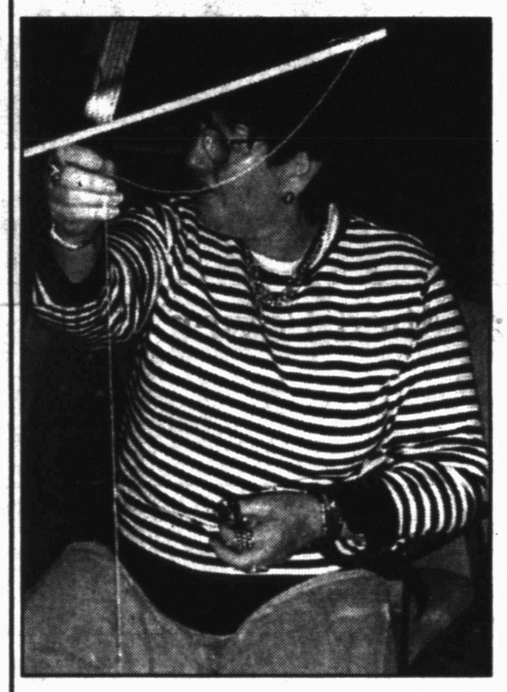
Fabian Gutierrez plays a game while sister Crystal (on right) looks on.





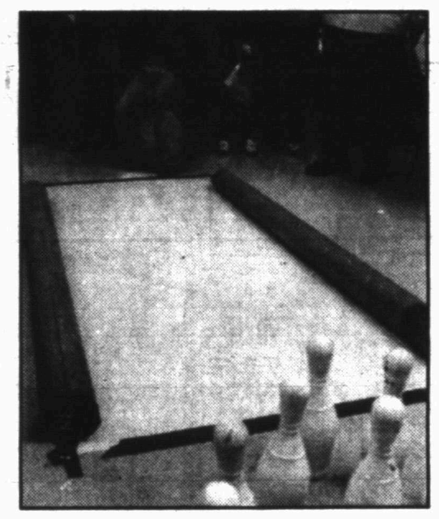
Dennis and Jessie Noblett (top left) enjoy refreshments. Teacher Kim Krueger (top right) helps daughter Kristen line up the sling shot.

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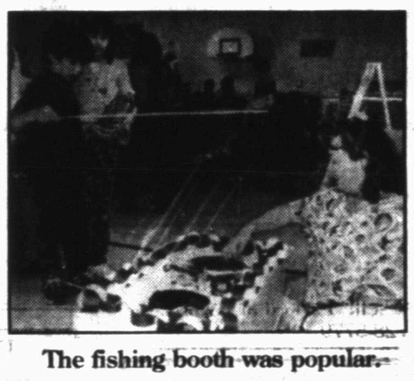


Teacher Neoma Harlin helped operate the fishing booth.

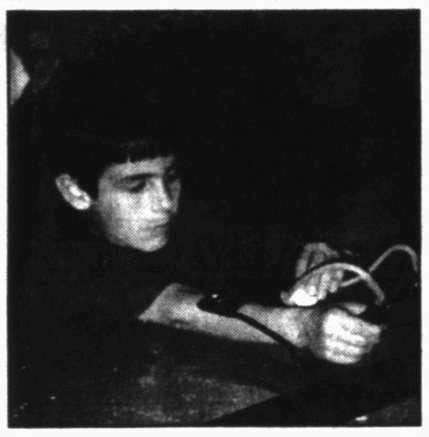
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Bowling was lots of fun.



The fishing booth was popular.



Chase Price gets ready to shoot the sling shot.

Texas escapee awaits hearing in N. Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — An escaped Texas murderer spent Sunday in the Wake County Jail while he awaited a North Carolina court hearing.

John William Roland III, 33, was scheduled for a hearing at 2 p.m. EST today, according to the county sheriff's office.

Roland was arrested about 5 p.m. Saturday after police negotiated with him for about an hour, said Lt. Tom Earnhardt of the Raleigh Police Department.

Police evacuated the fourth floor of the Red Roof Inn where Roland was staying and made contact by phone. There were no weapons found in the room and Roland was alone.

He had been tracked to the motel through a stolen credit card he was believed to be using, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said.

Todd said the state of Texas planned to file felony charges.

Roland was serving a life term at the Robertson Unit, near Abilene, for gunning down former roommate Thomas Columbus Barrett.

Roland, in prison since 1993, escaped after he beat a correctional officer with a rubber mallet, donned his clothes and drove off in the officer's pickup truck on Feb. 21.

Leif Garrett on the comeback trail

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Former teen heartthrob Leif Garrett is on the comeback trail — slowly and gratefully.

Garrett, 40, has begun singing and touring with F8, a hard rock quartet that also features Chuck Billings, Joe Gaines and Darrel D'Arnold. A debut CD is in the works.

A pinup in the '70s, Garrett is starting small with his newest career after his drug addiction troubles, and that suits him fine.

"I've toured arenas first and now I'm doing clubs. I've always done things backward in my life," he told The Star-Ledger of Newark in Friday's editions.

"I feel like I've got all this knowledge and experience under my belt from the past but at the same time, it's like starting up and I'm brand new to it," Garrett said. "I'm really digging it."

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AmEl Pw	42.38	42.00	42.19	+ .25
AndarkPtr	51.65	50.25	51.27	+ .66
ATMOS Egy	21.95	21.75	21.89	+ .19
Aviall	6.98	6.95	6.97	— .02
BP PLC	49.20	48.39	49.19	+ .80
BakerHughes	36.06	35.30	35.93	+ .78
Bank of Amer	62.76	61.45	62.52	+ 1.20
BellSouth	38.70	38.25	38.50	+ .30
vjBeth Steel	.42	.40	.41	
BurlNoSFe	28.00	27.63	28.00	+ .45
Caterpillar	56.00	53.50	55.69	+ 3.01
ChevronTex	84.10	83.01	83.52	— .18
Citigroup	43.60	42.73	43.18	+ .78
CocaCola	47.55	47.02	47.43	+ .13
ColgatePal	57.20	56.60	56.83	+ .13
ComclMetals	35.42	35.05	35.19	— .13
CooperIn	34.25	34.02	34.04	— .01
DaimlrChry	39.39	38.96	39.31	+ 1.43
DeltaAirl	33.85	33.02	33.43	+ .66
Dillards Inc	18.89	18.29	18.78	+ .08
DowChem	30.79	30.44	30.61	+ .22
DuPont	47.92	46.96	47.27	— .04
EastmanChem	41.00	40.66	40.70	+ .20
EstKodak	31.24	30.60	31.11	+ .75
EDS Corp	58.06	57.70	57.96	— .04
Entergy	40.99	40.61	40.83	+ .03
ExxonMobil s	41.00	40.62	40.83	+ .11
FstBksAm	33.15	32.90	33.15	+ .40
FootLocker	16.60	16.35	16.41	+ .16
GenDynam	88.90	87.51	88.30	+ .60
GenElec	38.75	38.00	38.62	+ .53
GenMills	47.66	47.16	47.41	+ .14
GenMotors	55.15	52.90	55.00	+ 1.89
GaPacific	24.10	23.80	24.02	+ .14
Goodrich	29.23	28.87	29.15	+ .28
Goodyear s	26.05	25.30	25.76	+ .62
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HarteHanks	29.55	29.17	29.33	+ .06
HomeDepot	51.98	51.25	51.84	+ .84
HoneywellIntl	36.40	35.41	36.04	+ .95
IBM	99.25	97.25	97.32	— 1.13
IntlPaper	43.44	43.02	43.28	+ .29
JohnsonJn s	60.03	59.40	59.40	
vjK mart	1.21	1.07	1.15	+ .03
KinderMorg	49.55	49.20	49.33	— .22
Kroger Co	21.38	21.20	21.36	+ .20
LockheedM	55.61	54.20	55.35	+ 1.13
Lowes Cos s	47.78	46.99	47.44	+ 1.39
Lubys	6.25	6.12	6.15	— .12
LucentTech	5.54	5.31	5.34	— .15
MarathonOil	28.01	27.70	27.84	+ .08
MayDeptStr	36.45	35.69	36.35	+ .91
Medtronic	46.21	45.70	46.03	+ .11
Motorola	12.38	11.92	12.34	+ .54
NCR Corp	39.50	38.70	39.50	+ .40
Navistar	40.15	38.50	40.00	+ 1.14
PNM Rescs	26.21	25.83	25.83	— .35
Penney JC	20.68	20.10	20.53	+ .25
PepBoys	14.72	14.40	14.72	+ .17
PepsiCo	50.70	49.96	50.50	+ .30
Pharmacia	40.40	39.54	39.64	— .76
PhelpDodge	37.52	36.95	37.23	+ .37
PhilipPet	58.63	58.13	58.44	+ .38
PilgrmPrd B	12.95	12.70	12.70	— .25
Praxair	57.99	57.30	57.96	+ .41
ProctGamb	86.58	85.30	86.25	+ .65
RadioShack	28.00	27.15	27.82	+ .71
ReliantEngy	20.74	20.37	20.37	— .11
RoyalDut	50.93	50.70	50.79	— .16
SBC Comm	37.47	36.80	37.22	+ .41
SaraLee	22.00	21.69	21.91	+ .36
Scripps EW	74.65	74.10	74.40	— .25
SearsRoeb	53.60	53.25	53.34	+ .09
SherwinW	26.01	25.52	25.65	— .15
SouthernCo s	25.28	25.00	25.18	+ .05
SwstAirl	21.29	20.66	21.15	+ .57
SprintFON	13.33	12.66	12.80	— .29
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TXU Corp	50.59	50.15	50.21	— .10
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Texind	37.95	37.70	37.74	+ .08
TexasInst	30.50	29.87	30.14	+ .63
Textron	47.48	46.30	47.38	+ .98
TriconGlbR	57.90	57.01	57.80	+ 1.19
TrinityInds	22.46	22.21	22.26	
TylerTech	3.91	3.85	3.90	
UnionPacif	60.62	60.20	60.60	+ .25
USSteel	18.17	17.97	18.06	+ .09
UnitedTech	70.30	69.50	70.00	+ .30
Unocal	36.04	35.50	35.88	+ .35
VerizonComm	46.20	45.60	46.01	+ .71
WalMart	60.73	60.06	60.53	+ .58
WellsFargo	46.66	45.99	46.41	+ .35
WstnGasRs	33.00	31.78	32.14	— .30
WinnDixie	14.79	14.47	14.51	— .09
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13 Naturalness
14 Prone to
15 Only
16 Cracker spread
17 Thousand
18 Grown-ups
20 Charged particles
21 52, to Livy
22 Boise hrs.
24 Office machines
27 Daily
30 Nasty look
31 Fronts of overalls
32 — de plume
34 Subject of an ode
35 — fair in love . . .
36 Pocket change
37 Deadeye Annie
39 UPS rival
40 — de cologne
41 Use a microwave
42 Ladder part
45 Sign up
49 Crude metal
50 Moves quickly
53 Muffin spread
54 Informal parent
55 Prepare for publication
56 Subscription length
57 Loop trains
58 Catch a glimpse
59 9-digit ID

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2 Frosted
3 Pantyhose shade
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5 Drivers' org.
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8 "Othello" heavy
9 Store sign
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38 Beer barrel
39 Strike out
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47 Oceans
48 Pulled apart
50 Alphabet ender
51 What bartenders check
52 Apple seed

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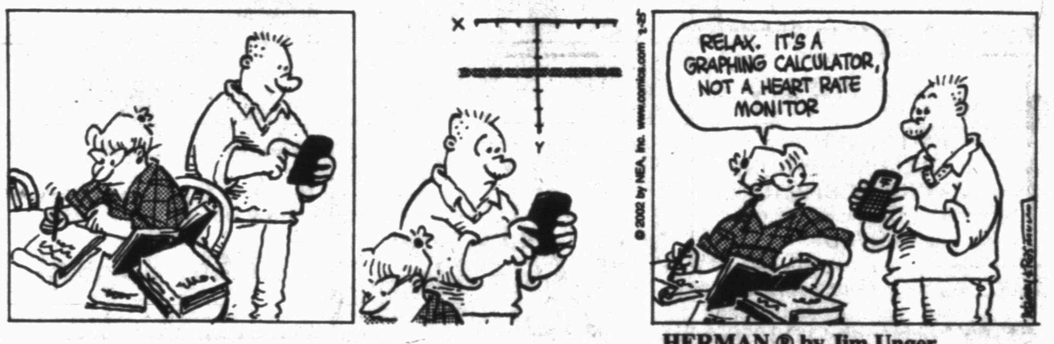
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Major restructuring of Internet recommended

NEW YORK (AP) — The president of the Internet's oversight body recommended a major restructuring Sunday, saying the goal of leaving the Net in private hands has proven unworkable.

The new structure calls for governments to nominate one-third of the board of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the private organization chosen in 1998 to take over the Net's management responsibilities from the U.S. government.

"I am now convinced that the original desire to avoid a totally governmental takeover ... led to an overreaction — the choice of a totally private model," said Stuart Lynn, ICANN's president.

But he said the private model is unworkable "because it leaves ICANN isolated from the real-world institutions — governments — whose backing and support are essential."

ICANN is in charge of coordinating the Internet's addressing policies, including those for domain names.

It has faced questions about its legitimacy from the beginning. Longtime Internet users accuse ICANN of being beholden to corporate interests, while administrators of domain names around the world have refused to recognize ICANN's authority and pay dues.

The proposal, which came during a weekend closed-door retreat, is likely to face significant opposition from public-interest groups, particularly for eliminating direct participation by Internet users.

Michael Froomkin, a University of Miami law professor who runs an ICANN watchdog site, called the proposal misguided and said it would reduce "to even greater impotence the people who ask troubling questions."

Currently, five of the 19 board members are elected by the general Internet community.

Under the new plan, the board would consist of 15 members: one third nominated by governments, one-third through a committee process and the rest consisting of ICANN's president and appointments by four policy and technical groups.

ICANN's next public meetings are scheduled for March 10-14 in Accra, Ghana.

Date Book

Monday, Feb, 25, 2002

Today is the 56th day of 2002, and the 67th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1793, the first Cabinet meeting took place in the home of George Washington.

On this day in 1862, Abraham Lincoln introduced paper currency, often referred to as "greenbacks."

On this day in 1868, Andrew Johnson became the first President that Congress attempted to impeach. The effort was unsuccessful, and Johnson would go on to serve out his term.

On this day in 1987, the Supreme Court voted 5-4 to uphold the constitutionality of affirmative action.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Pierre Renoir (1841 - 1919), impressionist painter; Herbert "Zeppo" Marx (1901 -1979), actor/comedian; Bobby Riggs (1918 - 1995), tennis star; George Harrison (1943 - 2002), former Beatle; Ric Flair (1950 -), wrestling champion, is 52; Paul O'Neill (1963 -), baseball star, is 39; Scott "Carrot Top" Thompson (1965 -), comedian, is 37; Tea Leoni (1966 -), actress, is 36; Sean Astin (1971 -), actor, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, Cassius Clay defeated Sonny Liston in the 7th round by TKO to win the heavyweight championship. He was a 7-to-1 underdog before the fight.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting. Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear. Here comes the sun, here comes the sun, and I say, it's all right." — George Harrison, "Here Comes the Sun".

TODAY'S MOON: Between the first quarter (Feb. 20) and the full snow moon (Feb. 27).

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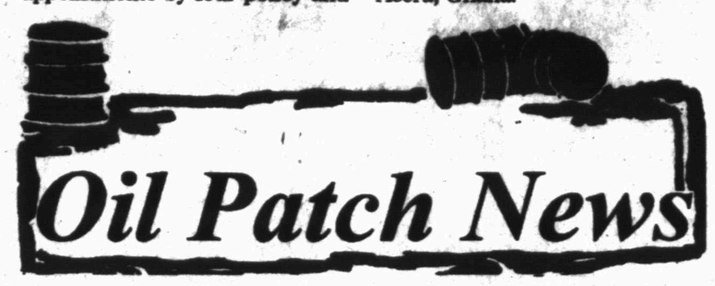
Prefers older men

BOSTON (AP) — If you're male and still in your twenties, don't even think about flirting with Kathleen Turner.

"I shouldn't make blanket generalizations, but I will," she told the Boston Globe in Sunday's editions. "I can appreciate a nicely formed bod as much as anyone. But men, until about the age of 29, lack conversation."

Turner, the star of such films as "Body Heat," "Prizzi's Honor," and "Romancing the Stone," has returned to the stage for an adaptation of "The Graduate."

At 47, Turner is 11 years older than Anne Bancroft when she played Mrs. Robinson, the woman who seduces Benjamin Braddock in the story. This time, Jason Biggs plays the role made famous by Dustin Hoffman in the 1967 film.



Scurry County

Sham-Jam Operating Corp. will drill the No. 329-R Fuller, a 7,500-foot wildcat re-entry project located 14 miles northeast of Snyder. Location is in Section 562, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Fasken Oil and Ranch has completed the No. 1 Eicke Ranch in the Hood field, 14 miles north of Gail. The venture was finaled to produce 142 barrels of oil and 44 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,252-316 feet, and location is in Section 24, Block 30, T6N, T&P survey.

Garza County

McCabe Energy Inc. will drill the No. 1 Koonsman, a 5,000-foot re-entry wildcat located seven miles southwest of Justiceburg. Location is in Section 743, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Hawkins Oil will drill the No. 3-D Nolan Fee in the Hylton northwest field, five miles southwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,120 feet, location is in Section 15, Block Z, T&P survey.

Sham-Jam Operating Corp. will drill the No. 1 Amanda, a 4,500-foot wildcat located one mile north of Blackwell. Location is in Section 205, Block 1A, H&TC survey.

Clear Fork Inc. will drill the No. 4044-T C.E. Boyd in the EVB field, four miles northwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,700 feet, location is in Section 44, Block X, T&P survey.

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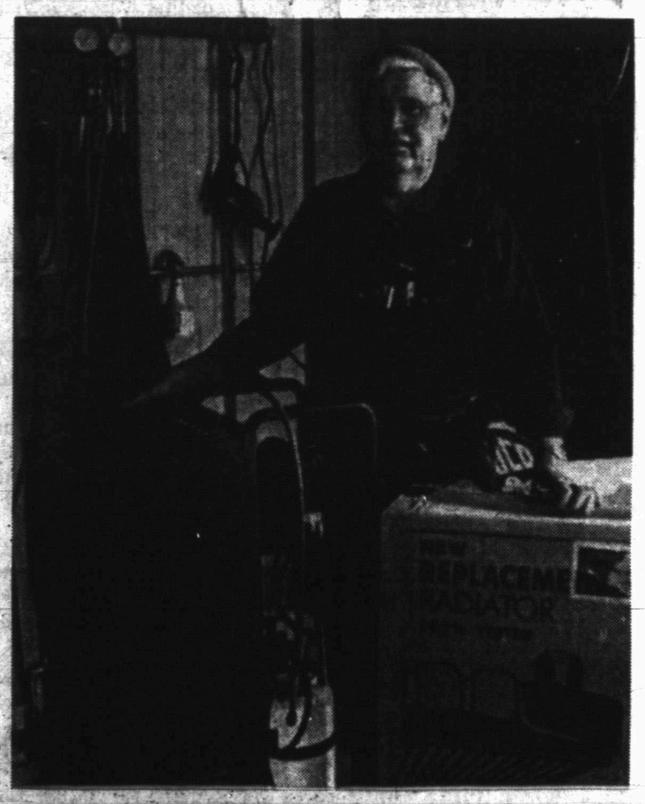
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U.S. advisers may be sent to Afghan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The United States may use military advisers to deter rival Afghan warlords from plunging the country back into civil war, a U.S. special envoy said.

Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad said maintaining order is Afghanistan's main challenge since the power of Afghanistan's interim administration is limited and the establishment of a well-trained national army is months away.

"There is a danger of multiple armies going to war," Khalilzad said.

The United States could send military advisers into conflict areas or use U.S. special forces already in place to act as advisers, Khalilzad said.

The goal is to keep militias apart until a viable Afghan army can be established, Khalilzad said. That is a difficult task because warlords who hold sway across much of the countryside outside Kabul may be reluctant to turn over their armed men to a single command.

In the deadliest factional fighting since the defeat of the ruling Taliban last fall, scores of Afghans were killed in January when rival militias battled for control of Gardez, the capital of Paktia province in eastern Afghanistan. U.S. troops were not involved.

Rival factions struggling for control over Mazar-e-Sharif, the largest city in the north, have withdrawn their forces outside city limits under a tentative agreement reached this month, but they remain armed and the situation is unsettled.

Some international officials have discussed expanding the international peacekeeping force as a way to improve security.

While the United States has offered to help Afghanistan build a national army, it is not participating in the peacekeeping force and Khalilzad said it would not pledge soldiers to an enlarged one.

Israel pulls back tanks around Arafat

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel today pulled back the tanks surrounding Yasser Arafat's compound in the West Bank, but angry Palestinian officials said the move was meaningless because of the continued restrictions on the movements of the Palestinian leader.

Violence broke out in the West Bank, with two Palestinians shot dead by Israeli troops in separate confrontations at military checkpoints, and two Israelis killed in a gunfire attack.

A Palestinian man was killed while taking his pregnant wife to the hospital in Nablus. The woman, who was slightly injured, gave birth to a girl shortly after her husband died.

It was the second day in a row a pregnant Palestinian woman heading to the hospital was wounded by Israeli gunfire at the same checkpoint in Nablus.

In the West Bank, two Israelis were killed in a shooting attack, military sources and rescue service officials said. In another attack, near Hebron, a 16-year-old Israeli boy was seriously wounded, the military and Jewish settlers said.

The two Israeli civilians died when Palestinians opened fire on their car at a roadblock near the isolated Jewish settlement of Nokdim south of Bethlehem. Two others were wounded, one seriously, rescue workers said.

In a telephone call to The Associated Press, the Al Aqsa brigade, linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility. Israeli media reported that the seriously wounded Israeli was a pregnant woman.

Responding to the fatal attack, Israeli Foreign Ministry official Gideon Meir said, "Every terror attack just pushes away any peace initiative."

Israel, which has kept Arafat confined to Ramallah for nearly three months, withdrew tanks early today that had been about 100 yards outside his government compound.

Israeli troops will remain posted around the city's perimeter, the army said, and Arafat will not be allowed to leave the city, the Israeli government said.

The Palestinians had hoped last week's arrests of three top suspects in the October killing of Israeli Cabinet minister Rehavam Zeevi might end Arafat's confinement. But Israel on Sunday demanded again that they be handed over to Israel and that other suspects be arrested as well.

Arafat has been restricted to Ramallah since early December, shortly after a wave of suicide bombings in Israel.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said the withdrawal of the tanks "changes nothing" because Arafat had been able to get around Ramallah already. In recent days he prayed at a mosque about a mile away from his compound and attended the opening of a play.

Tug boat collides with ship and sinks today

CHESAPEAKE CITY, Md. (AP) — A tugboat collided with a cargo ship and sank in foggy conditions early today, forcing authorities to close a portion of the waterway. Four crew members were rescued and four others were missing.

The tug was one of two that had been towing a barge when it was struck just before 7 a.m. by the larger, 550-foot ship, said Richard Chlan, a spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers.

The tugs were heading east on the river and the ship, the A.V. Kastner, was westbound with a load of gypsum wallboard when the crash occurred about a half-mile offshore between two buoys at the mouth of Bohemia River, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Mark Hammond.

An oil slick spread out over the water. It was not clear which of the vessels was leaking. The barge partially capsized.

One person was flown to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center and listed in serious but stable condition, said hospital spokeswoman Cindy Rivers. Two other victims were taken to another hospital and treated for minor injuries. A fourth person was also rescued but details were not immediately available.

The Army Corps of Engineers closed the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to all traffic. The Elk River, about 40 miles north of Baltimore, leads to the canal, which connects the Chesapeake and Delaware bays.

The Kastner is a carrier operated by Gypsum Transportation Ltd., a subsidiary of USG Corp., the world's largest manufacturer of gypsum wallboard.

The ship was carrying a load of gypsum from Nova Scotia to Baltimore, where USG has a wallboard manufacturing plant.

M & M Electronics burglarized Saturday

Thefts

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday Leroy Thrower reported a burglary at M&M Electronics Sales and Service, 1910 27th Street. Officers were dispatched and advised an offense report for burglary would be submitted.

Police Sgt. Terry Luecke said electronic equipment and some cash were taken and that the case remains under investigation.

A list of items missing and value of the goods was still being compiled this morning, Luecke said. The burglars entered the building by breaking a window.

Carol Spencer reported the theft of some clothing and jewelry from her residence Saturday afternoon. A report for Class A theft was filed.

Arrests

A DPS trooper arrested a 17-year-old man in the 1600 block of Voss Lane early Sunday for driving with a suspended license.

A 46-year-old woman was taken into custody in the 100 block of Coliseum Dr. at 1:30 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. She was transported to jail and her vehicle was towed.

At 2:40 a.m. Sunday a 21-year-old woman was arrested from Ave. E and 36th Place for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 27-year-old woman on 28th Street just after noon Sunday for Class B public intoxication.

A 44-year-old man was taken into custody on Ave. E Sunday evening for Class A assault and family violence.

At 9:40 p.m., troopers arrested a 22-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Disturbances

A woman called the police at 10:20 a.m. Saturday reporting she was assaulted Friday and the subject was back at her residence. Officers were dispatched and an offense report for family violence was submitted.

9-1-1 operators received a call from a man reporting his mother and stepfather were involved in a disturbance. Officers were dispatched and the stepfather was taken into custody.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence on Irving Ave. Saturday afternoon after hearing noises in the area.

Officers initiated a close patrol on Ave. U Saturday night after a woman reported a prowler jumping her back fence.

Racing

Doyle Rice reported several vehicles racing on Blockline Rd. south of the Sun Pipeline yard just before midnight Saturday. DPS troopers and sheriff's deputies were dispatched, but the vehicles had already left the scene.

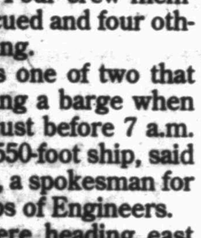
Obituaries

Clovis Robinson

1907-2002

Clovis Agnes Robinson of Snyder died Monday, Feb. 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Robinson, 94, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. F.R. "Bear" Williams will officiate and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Mrs. Robinson

Born Aug. 12, 1907 in Tishomingo, Okla., she married Hugh Robinson on Sept. 1, 1928 in Sweetwater. He died Aug. 21, 1971.

A homemaker and Snyder resident since 1928, Mrs. Robinson was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kim Robison in 1997, and two grandsons.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean Taylor of Snyder and LaJuana Robison of Vinita, Okla.; three sons, Rex Robinson, Robby Robinson and Jim Robinson, all of Snyder; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arnold Lee

1918-2002

COLORADO CITY – Graveside service for Arnold Lee, 83, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Colorado City Cemetery with Dr. Bently Gwyn officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 20, 1918 in Seagraves, he married Artie Cherry on April 24, 1947 in Westbrook.

A U.S. Navy Seabees veteran of World War II, Mr. Lee had lived in Mitchell County most of his life and was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Artie Lee of Colorado City; a son, Henry Lee of Colorado City; two daughters, Mary Farmer and Ivy Carrigan, both of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Lupe Morin Sr.

1922-2002

KARNES CITY — Lupe Morin Sr., the father of Lupe Morin Jr. and Simon Morin of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 24, at his home in Karnes City.

Services for Mr. Morin, 79, are pending at Rhodes Funeral Home.

He was born on March 23, 1922 in Robstown. He married Dominga Barrentiez Nov. 16, 1939.

Survivors include his wife, Dominga of Karnes City; two other sons, David Morin of Karnes City and Moises Morin of Victoria; five daughters, Hortensia Estrada of Brownfield, Ninfa Sanchez of Karnes City, Nelda Galvan and Mary Nunez of San Antonio and Lupita Nunez of Edinburg; 70 grandchildren; 47 grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Stanfield family reading night

Family reading night will begin at 6:30 this evening at Stanfield Elementary. Babysitting will be provided and there are new sessions for ages four and five. Snacks will be served.

SHS parents meeting

There will be a meeting at 7 tonight in the student center for parents of seniors to discuss the annual steak supper and graduation party.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Day Jerusalem Was Destroyed" followed by "The Prince of Peace."

Historical commission

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday at The Shack.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a directors meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Caregivers dinner

There will be a dinner for Community Care Hospice's caregivers at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Harold and Zola Kornegay will furnish the fish for the meal.

Genealogical Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Members will bring heirlooms for show and tell. Visitors are invited to ask questions about family research. Membership dues are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple.

Free income tax help

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

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Junior high musical

Snyder Junior High will present the musical, "Grease," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and next Monday and Tuesday in the auditorium. Tickets are $5 and are available at the school office or by calling Gloria Ball at 573-6356.

Kiwanis pancake day

Kiwanis pancake day will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at West Elementary cafeteria. A color TV will be given as a door prize.

Benefit dance

There will be a benefit dance for Joe Villa Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the American Legion. Villa is in a Houston hospital. Mi Gusto will play and admission is $8 per person or $15 per couple.

Medicare choices seminar

A free Medicare choices seminar will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in the Senior Citizens Center.

Community choir class

A community choir class will begin Monday, March 18, in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

FBC support groups

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

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

American Legion spring convention

The American Legion's spring convention will be March 16-17. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. on March 16. For more information call 574-6805.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

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

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Discovery School

Discovery School will be providing summer childcare from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for children ages birth to 10 years. For more information call 573-4770.