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MR. AND MISS SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL — Wade Pinson was announced as Mr. SHS and Vanessa Freeman was honored as Miss SHS during the annual coronation event held this morning at Snyder High School. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mr. and Miss SHS...

Pinson, Freeman named SHS royalty

Wade Pinson and Vanessa Freeman were crowned Mr. and Miss SHS this morning at the Snyder High School Coronation. Class favorites and sweethearts were also recognized.

Other nominees for Miss SHS were Loryn Brown, Stormy Clark, Ashley Owen and Kate Wright, and Mr. SHS nominees were Nick Landes, Jay Scott, Tate Thompson and Jason Williams.

Musical entertainment included *From This Moment On*, by R.J. Sanders and Shannon Chambers, and *I Will Remember You*, by Haley Holmes.

Class favorites included, senior–Cody Beaver and Stormy Clark, junior–Josh Montoya and Ira Gonzales, sophomore–Sterling Millhollon and Misha Wofford, and freshman–Israel Torrez and Marisa Munoz.

Sweethearts recognized were: band, Anna Williams, escorted by Dustin Whitson; boys' basketball, Miranda Eckert, escorted by Corey Clay; cheerleader, Jeff Scott, escorted by Bailey Stoker; choir, Krisi Early and Cole McLeod; cross country sweethearts, Jessie Keller and Arthur Hernandez; Fellowship of Christian Students, Amber Alexander and National Honor Society, Charlie Gorman.

Others were football, Laci Hackfeld, escorted by Justin Pechacek; Family Career Community Leaders of America, Joey Torres, escorted by Stacey Garcia; foreign exchange student from Japan, Yuni Hong escorted by Shay Franks.

And Sosland Jusoyev, foreign exchange student from Ossetia, escorted by Joanna Burk; German foreign exchange student Verena Von Dressler, escorted by Zach Rollins; Forensics sweethearts, Paula Fritz and Austin McCormack; FFA, Shannon Chambers, escorted by Zach Billingsley.

Others include boys golf, Andra Lancaster, escorted by Zach Starnes; KTXS sweetheart, Jaci Smith, escorted by Josh Kemp; powerlifting, Vanessa Hernandez, escorted by Anthony Vasquez; softball, T.J. Jones, escorted by Boogie Martinez; student council, Laura Billingsley, escorted by Craig Bowen; tennis team sweethearts, Afton Sutter and Tyson Kubena; Technology Students Association sweethearts, Monique Salinas and Matthew Stokes.

Tiger's Lair sweethearts, Stefani Beck and Britt Sharrock; Tiger's Tale, Haley Elkins, escorted by Chad Martin; and volleyball, Jeff Neal, escorted by Cindy Sanchez.

Revocation results in prison

A 30-year-old Snyder man, serving a five-year probated sentence for credit card abuse, will now serve two years in prison following a probation revocation hearing Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Christopher Ruben Casas was originally assessed a two-year sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the 1997 offense.

Because of failure to abstain from habit-forming drugs, failure to report for probation supervision and failure to pay probation fees, the probation was revoked.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered Casas to serve two years in a state jail facility and participate in a therapeutic community treatment program.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "We liked the Valentine advice from a fourth grader: 'Never kiss a girl unless you have enough bucks to buy her a big ring and her own VCR, 'cause she'll want to have videos of the wedding.'"

Dear Valentine:

It was part of our resolution for the New Year. We intend to do Valentine's Day to perfection this year.

We've been doing research just to make sure. Valentine's Day, we learned, is the one day that can make or break a relationship.

We learned that the gals sit at their offices and wait anxiously on this day for the delivery man to bring them a dozen roses, a box of candy or singing telegram. We thought about a diamond, but that would make co-workers envious.

We guys, on the other hand, year after year sit at the office and fret and sweat over the perfect gift. We read that flowers are too trite, candy too fattening and jewelry too expensive.

So, what did the experts advise?

"Romance is intimacy of the souls. Without romance, relationships tend to become routine."

This advice came from a woman whose first name is Devereaux. It sounds like a French perfume to us, so she must know something about romance.

She wrote the book on "100 Ways to Say I Love You, 100 Ways to Romance, and 100 Ways to Passion." Three hundred ways could wear a fellow out.

One suggestion was to read love poems to each other while sipping champagne by candlelight in a bed full of rose petals. At our age, we need more than candlelight to read and we're afraid those thorns on the roses might hurt.

The relationship expert stresses that her books are more about love than anything else, stressing that her training is in the "school of life."

One suggestion was to send your sweetie a letter or give her a heart-shaped box with a key to your heart in it. That would likely prompt a question about which new car does the key fit.

But finally, we hit on something that makes perfectly good sense, and fits our budget.

The expert suggested: "What's important is letting the person know how you feel about them, and you can do that without spending any money at all."

All right! We'll have the no-cost chit chat over a takeout from the Sonic.

Happy Valentines!

Farmers hear report on weevil eradication

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

More than 60 Scurry County cotton producers learned Wednesday the Central Rolling Plains zone, of which the county is included, is functionally eradicated of boll weevils.

The meeting, sponsored by Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Inc. and held in the coliseum, highlighted the progress of the eradication program around the state.

Dr. Charles Allen, director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF), told the group the Central Rolling Plains is almost entirely rid of weevils.

"Our trap data shows that for every 10,000 traps we have, only five weevils are being caught per week," Allen said. "That is well under the limit, which means this zone is functionally eradicated."

Allen said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs would make it official next week at a meeting in Abilene, declaring this zone functionally eradicated.

Allen said another positive sign is there has been no evidence of weevil reproduction in this zone. But he pointed out that this isn't the end of the program and warned that re-infestation remains a threat.

"We have to be careful moving any equipment," Allen said. "The cost of eliminating re-infestation, if that were to occur, could total more than $5 million."

TBWEF Executive Director Lindy Patton addressed the group about the organization's financial standing.

"We are beginning to reduce our costs dramatically as the eradication program begins to succeed," he said. "We currently have $16.9 million in debt with annual assessments of $6.5 million. Our payout will be three years, which is ahead of schedule. The best part is our growers are paying less per acre than we originally thought they would."

The group also discussed an upcoming election for board members and retention of the eradication program.

The election is mandatory every four years.

"The important thing to remember when you vote whether or not to continue with the eradication program is that our debt has to be paid no matter if the program is going or not," he said. "You might as well be getting the benefits of the program while you are paying for the debt."

Patton also said federal cost-share money is available to help service the debt if the program is operational, but the money won't be there if the eradication program is voted down.

He added that the debt will most likely be paid down faster if the program is retained.

Mitchell County producer Woody Anderson is the only candidate on the ballot, but write-ins also will be considered for the board position.

Ballots will be mailed to all farmers and landlords next Thursday and must be returned or postmarked by March 11.

Ira students to get out early

Ira schools will dismiss at noon Friday for a teacher work session.

Snyder and Hermleigh schools will have normal hours, but Hermleigh will have next Friday off as a regularly scheduled holiday.

President's Day will be observed Monday by local financial institutions, as well as the U.S. Postal Service.

Mail will not be delivered, but it will be placed in boxes.

The Scurry County courthouse will be closed, but city hall will be open.



THIS HEART'S FOR YOU — East Elementary fourth grader Dana Vanwinkle worked to perfect a paper heart this morning in Tammy Hosemann's class for a Valentine's Day party this afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—When does Daylight Saving Time begin?
A—April 7.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 51 degrees; low, 27; 7 a.m. Thursday, 28; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low 35-40; SW winds 10-20 mph. Friday, windy early, partly cloudy, high near 50; NE winds 20-30 mph, then 10-20 mph by evening.



Sunset:
6:30 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:25 a.m.
Of 44 days in 2002, the sun has shone 41 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Man accused of six slayings hangs himself in jail cell

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Three separate psychologists said Nikolay Soltys wasn't a suicide risk. He had a surveillance camera and hidden microphone monitoring his jail cell around the clock, and three guards checked on him hourly.

Yet the Ukrainian immigrant accused in the slayings of six family members last summer was found hanged Wednesday in his cell at the Sacramento County Jail.

"I can't put 2,200 officers over there to hold the hand of every inmate," said Sheriff Lou Blanas, who oversees the jail and its 2,200 detainees. He said a preliminary investigation indicates officers followed procedures.

But Soltys' attorney, Tommy Clinkenbeard, said he was not convinced Soltys took his own life, and Blanas ordered a more extensive investigation.

Soltys, 27, had been undergoing mental evaluations after allegedly using a knife to kill his pregnant wife, 3-year-old son and four other relatives in August. He was under 24-hour camera surveillance after what jail officials called two suspected suicide attempts.

Soltys used a rope braided out of cloth — possibly from his bed sheet or a cast he was wearing on his leg — and a plastic bag, Blanas said. The rope was attached to a light fixture 5 feet off the ground.

Blanas said the 6-foot Soltys apparently leaned against the rope until he lost consciousness.

"This was not an instant death," said Clinkenbeard. "He was essentially choking to death."

Soltys' body was in a corner of the cell out of view of the surveillance camera, Blanas said, and the microphone picked up no unusual noises. No suicide note was immediately found.

Blanas said he was "satisfied this is a suicide. Nobody went in his cell, nobody put him up there. His hands weren't tied."

But Clinkenbeard is skeptical.

"I'm not buying it," he said. "There's something wrong here."

Clinkenbeard said it would have taken Soltys at least several hours to make the rope, and jail officials should have seen or heard something.

Lt. Glenn Powell, the jail's watch commander, said Soltys had smeared the inside of the small glass window in his door with soap to obscure the view. That caught the guard's attention and prompted a check on the inmate.

The sheriff said an autopsy would be performed, and the death would be investigated.

events

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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $9 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 40-47-42-41-21-18

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $13 million.

Pick 3

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

5-0-5

SHS garners UIL awards

Nine Snyder High School students fared well at Saturday's UIL Academic Practice Meet Hub of the Plains in Lubbock, and one student had a perfect paper.

Jeremee Lester, who placed first in the computer applications, turned in a perfect paper. Also in that category, Anna Williams placed second and Crystal Garcia earne fifth.

The accounting team of Kate Wright, Tyler Kerr and Jacinda Judah garnered first place. Individually, Wright earned first place, Kerr came in second and Judah placed fourth.

The current issues and events team brought home second place. Members include Dustin Whitson, who earned fifth place individually, and Erika Estrada and Glenn Burns.

Sponsors include Phyllis Smith, accounting; Lynda Patterson, computer applications; and Shad Nachlinger, current issues and events.

Upcoming events include Abilene's Practice Meet on Feb. 23 and the UIL Academic District contest on March 28.



UIL WINNERS — Snyder High School students won UIL academic awards at Saturday's practice meet in Lubbock. Front row, from left, Jeremee Lester, Kate Wright, Anna Williams, Jacinda Judah; back row, Erika Estrada, Dustin Whitson, Crystal Garcia and Tyler Kerr. Glenn Burns is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Tax Facts

Taxes: Dozens of Changes

By Curt Anderson
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lower income taxes, a bigger child tax credit, new breaks for education and enhanced retirement savings are only a few of the dozens of changes awaiting taxpayers in 2002 as a result of the sweeping tax law enacted last year.

In all, the 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut passed by Congress and signed by President Bush last June made 441 tax law changes, according to H&R Block Inc. Most will be gradually phased in over the decade, but some important ones are already in effect.

"The changes are some of the most significant shifts in the tax code we've seen in many years," said Mark A. Ernst, H&R Block president and chief executive officer.

Even with the changes, the Internal Revenue Service is promising a smooth tax filing season through this year's deadline of midnight April 15. The IRS expects to get about 132 million individual tax returns this year, including a projected 45 million that will be filed electronically.

Due to extra mailroom precautions resulting from last year's anthrax scare, IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti says taxpayers should give computer e-filing a fresh look to reduce the chance for paperwork delays and to cut the agency's costs.

"The less paper we get, the better off we're going to be," Rossotti said.

Millions of taxpayers already received some benefit of the big tax cut in the form of rebate checks of up to $600 that were mailed out over the summer and fall. The checks represented only a sampling of what's to come.

Key changes affecting 2001 returns:

- The child tax credit for eligible families rises from $500 to $600.

- Taxpayers who did not receive a rebate check or got less than the full amount may be able to claim a credit for the money that will either reduce their tax bills or increase their refunds.

- Alternative minimum tax exemptions rise by $4,000 for married couple filing jointly, $2,000 for individuals and heads of households.

- Income tax rates, except the 15 percent rate, were reduced by one percentage point on July 1, 2001.

More is on tap for 2002. For starters, a new 10 percent income tax rate will apply to the first $6,000 earned by single taxpayers, $10,000 for heads of households and $12,000 for married couples filing jointly.

For 2001, the rebate checks were chosen by Congress to deliver the benefit of this lower tax bracket. The upper income tax rate cuts remain the same until 2004, when they fall by another percentage point.

People saving for retirement gain a number of important benefits in 2002, beginning with a $1,000 increase in the maximum annual contribution to an individual retirement account and a $500 increase in limits for 401(k)-type plans. These limits will continue to rise through the decade.

Those age 50 and up get special, higher "catch-up" limits permitting additional contributions in 2002 of $500 to an IRA and $1,000 to a 401(k).

Besides boosting a taxpayer's savings, contributing to retirement plans on a pre-tax basis lowers taxable income in 2002, said John W. Roth, an attorney with CCH Inc., a leading tax publishing firm. By adjusting W-4 forms now, he said, a taxpayer can take advantage of those lower taxes right away and boost take-home pay.

"You can start receiving your 2002 refund in January instead of waiting until 2003," Roth said.

Other changes taking effect in 2002 include:

- Increased annual contribution limits for tax-favored Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and tax-free distributions from Section 529 education plans if the money is used for qualified expenses. A $3,000 higher education deduction for qualified taxpayers also will apply to 2002 expenses, even for taxpayers who do not itemize deductions.

- The child adoption tax credit rises to $10,000 and the income limits for taxpayers become more generous.

- The top estate tax rate drops from 55 percent to 50 percent and the per-person exemption rises from $675,000 to $1 million. The annual gift tax limit rises by $1,000, to $11,000.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 15, 2002

Being more ambitious and persistent in the year ahead will emphasize qualities that will contribute to your success to achieve objectives you establish for yourself. Good for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — When socializing today someone might show some soiled tendencies, but if you put blinders on and let it be, nothing will come of it and everyone will have a good time. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Treat with respect those things that deserve to be taken seriously today. This is especially true in involvements or endeavors where frivolity might hurt another.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Try not to be an "I told you so" today if something you warned another against bears out as you predicted. This person doesn't need a lecture; she or he needs understanding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Maintain control of your financial affairs, and don't let others direct you otherwise. They may mean well, but chances are they'll be wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be fair, but firm today when negotiating or working with others on a deal. If anyone is allowed to get selfish, there could be a financial loss for all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Shut your mouth today concerning anything that has to do with your business affairs, be it what you're doing or what your firm is enacting. Leaks on your behalf may be detrimental.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Usually you're a very levelheaded person, but today you could bring emotions into the picture, which would distort the picture for you and cloud your judgment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The only way another can believe in you today is if you first believe in yourself. Any doubts on your part will be picked up by others and cause mistrust of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be alert today, because an acquaintance of yours may seek your help for purely selfish reasons. You can find a way to say "no" and still remain associated with the person if you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your way of doing something at work today could be far superior to the ideas of others with whom you work. It may take a lot of guts on your part to prove you're right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's important today that you treat an important issue with judgment and conduct that is right and proper instead of making unsuitable concessions to appease some friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When contracting work or service for another today, put your terms in writing and get the other to affix his or her signature to it. Don't just make a verbal agreement.

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King Louis XVI was born in 1754 at Versailles.

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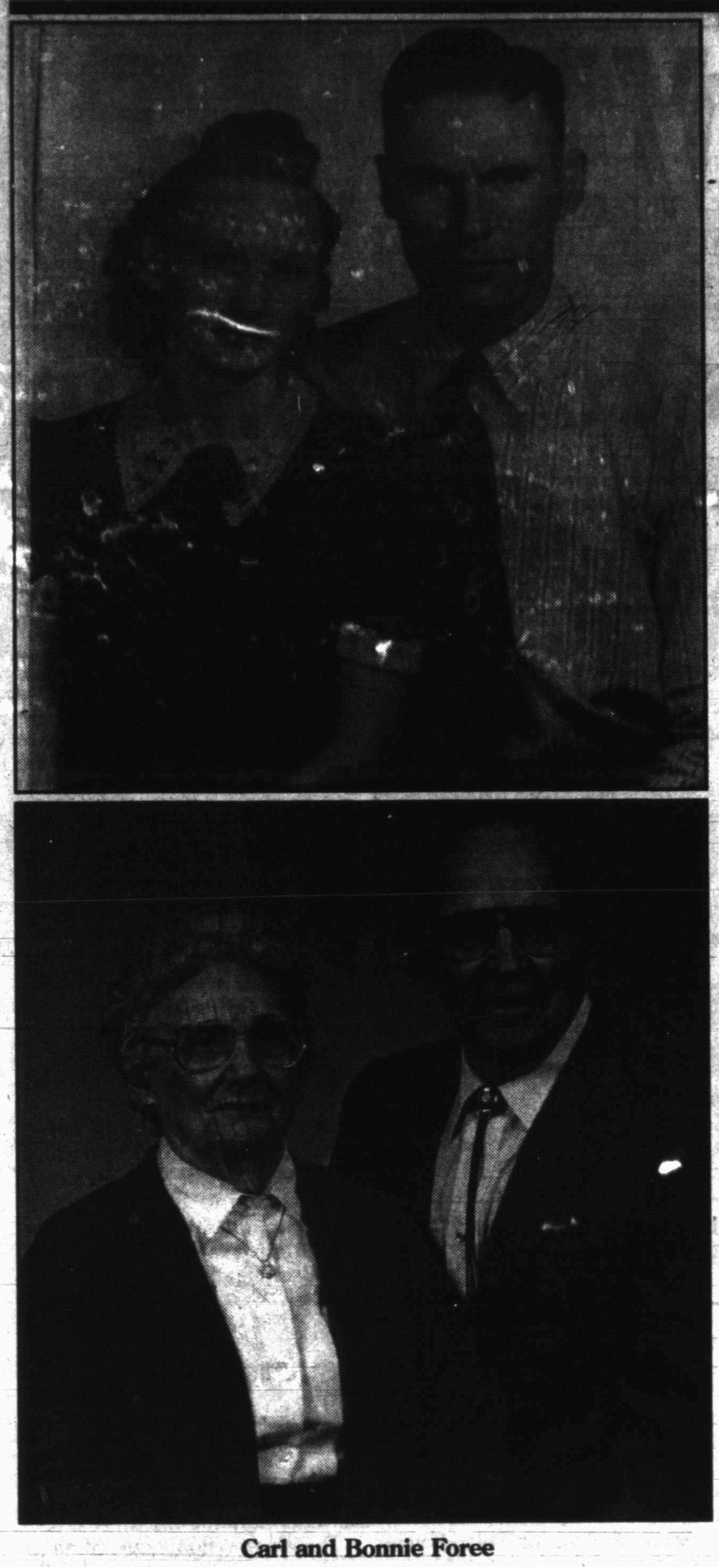
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Carl and Bonnie Foree

Forees will celebrate 60 years of marriage

Carl and Bonnie Foree met in Snyder in 1941 and married in a Methodist Church in Big Spring on Feb. 14, 1942. Their 60th anniversary will be honored by a reception at their home in Snyder by family and friends from 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

Carl was born July 4, 1916 in Williamson County and Bonnie Campbell was born July 10, 1919 in Leroy, Kan.

The Forees have lived in Snyder since their marriage.

Bonnie was employed with the State Department of Human Resources for 25 years. Carl served in the U.S. Navy for three years during World War II, owned Zenith Cleaners and Black & Foree Construction. They are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. Carl is a member of the Masonic Lodge and VFW and Bonnie is a member of Rebekah Lodge.

Hosting the event will be their children, Patsy and E.J. Gifford of Bertram, Robert and Carolyn Foree of Midland; Kenneth and Judy Foree of Lewisville; and Betty Morgan of Snyder.

They have eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-14-02
♠ J 10 4
♥ K 8
♦ Q J 7 5 4
♣ A 7 2

West
♠ 8 5 3
♥ A 9 6 5 2
♦ 9 8 2
♣ 10 6

East
♠ A 9 2
♥ Q 7 3
♦ 10 6
♣ Q J 9 8 3

South
♠ K Q 7 6
♥ J 10 4
♦ A K 3
♣ K 5 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002

A wedding of defensive minds

By Phillip Alder

When Lady Elizabeth and Count Palatine married on this day in 1613, John Donne wrote:

Hail, Bishop Valentine, whose day this is,
All the air is thy Diocese.

Good defenders are like a married couple, with minds working in tandem to find a way to defeat the contract — as in this deal. How did the play go?

The auction was simple and straightforward. And West led fourth-highest from her longest and strongest: the heart five. Declarer tried the eight from the dummy, but East produced his queen to win the trick. Back came the heart seven, South playing a smooth, deceptive jack. However, West wasn't fooled. She knew that if her husband had started with Q-10-7-3 of hearts, he would have returned the heart three, his original fourth-highest, not the seven. That card was consistent with an original two- or three-card holding. So, in the hope it was the latter and to maintain communication with her partner, West dropped the heart two, announcing an initial five-card heart holding.

After winning with dummy's king, declarer immediately called for the spade jack, feigning someone who was about to take a finesse. South knew that he needed a misdefense — and the quicker one tries for that, the better the chance of success. However, East wasn't fooled. He knew how to defeat the contract. He rushed to win with the spade ace and to return his remaining heart: one down.

Note that if East ducks the first spade, South runs for home with one spade, one heart, five diamonds and two clubs.

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Put your best face forward with honey

After a hectic day, why not pamper yourself with a facial or silky bath sweetened with honey?

Honey is a humectant that traps and seals in moisture, leaving skin soft and supple. It also contains minute amounts of antioxidants that may protect and rejuvenate skin.

Consider trying one of the following beauty treatments tested by the National Honey Board. Ingredients for each recipe are readily available at supermarkets and health food stores.

Honey Facial Mask — Mix 2 tablespoons of honey, 2 tablespoons of sweet almond oil and 5 drops of essential oil of rose. After cleaning your face and neck, massage the mixture with your fingertips onto skin. The light, easily absorbed almond oil will soften and nourish your skin, while the honey's natural moisturizer will leave it smooth. Sit back and relax for a tranquil 15 minutes before rinsing with lukewarm water. Pat dry gently.

Rosemary-Honey Hair Conditioner — The extremes of heat and cold endured throughout winter can make even the greatest head of hair look and feel dry. This nourishing conditioner blends honey, olive oil and essential oil of rosemary for moisture and shine. You'll need 1/2 cup honey, 1/4 cup warmed olive oil (or 2 tablespoons for normal to oily hair), 4 drops essential oil of rosemary and 1 teaspoon of xanthan gum, available in health food stores.

Place the ingredients in a small bowl and mix thoroughly. Pour into a clean plastic bottle with a tight-fitting stopper or lid. Apply a small amount at a time to slightly dampened hair, massaging the scalp and thoroughly working the mixture through the hair. Cover hair with a shower cap or a warm towel heated in a microwave or clothes dryer and wait 30 minutes. Remove shower cap or towel, shampoo lightly and rinse with cool water.

Foaming Vanilla Honey Bath — Banish the blahs and dissolve the day's cares by relaxing in this soothing bath. Gather 1 cup of either sweet almond oil, light olive or sesame oil, 1/2 cup honey, 1/2 cup plain or flower-scented liquid soap and 1 tablespoon vanilla extract. Measure the oil into a medium bowl and carefully stir in the remaining ingredients until the mixture is fully blended. Pour into a clean plastic bottle with a tight-fitting stopper or lid. The mixture will be enough for four baths. Shake gently before using. Swirl the desired amount into the bathtub under running water and step into a warm, silky escape.

Honey-Apple Facial Toner – In a blender, puree 1 tablespoon honey with a peeled, cored apple. Smooth over face; leave on 15 minutes. Rinse with cool water.

Honey-Lemon Skin Smoother — Mix 1 teaspoon honey with 1 teaspoon vegetable oil and 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice. Rub into hands, elbows, heels and anywhere that feels dry. Leave on 10 minutes. Rinse off with water.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Births

Sallie and Dwayne Robertson of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Sadie Love Robertson at 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 10 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Sadie weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Donny and Debbie Robertson and maternal grandmother is Dianne Eime. All are of Snyder.

Happy 14th Birthday Valerie

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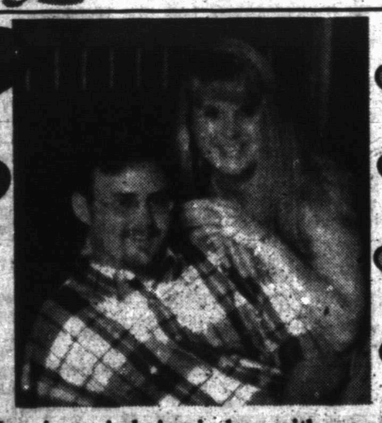
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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

Controversy overshadows competition

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Five days into the Winter Games, it's impossible to keep the Americans off the medal stand — or to avoid the growing controversy over the pairs figure skating decision.

On Wednesday night, the head of the French Olympic team, Didier Gailhaguet, said that a French figure skating judge was pressured to "act in a certain way" before she voted Monday to award the pairs skating gold to a Russian team.

However, Gailhaguet denied any wrongdoing on the part of the French skating federation in what has become the biggest story of the Winter Games.

He described the judge, Marie-Reine Le Gougne, as "honest and upright, but emotionally fragile." And he said she "has been put under pressure, which pushed her to act in a certain way."

But he denied that there was any "collusion with the East European nations" to ensure that Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze took the gold medal over Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier.

Questions of improper judging have centered on Le Gougne, one of five judges who favored the Russians despite the couple's obvious technical error. The head of the International Skating Union has said he was "embarrassed" by the ensuing furor.

In a highly unusual move, the International Olympic Committee ordered the figure skating union to quickly settle the judging dispute that has consumed the Winter Games for two days — or else the IOC might settle things itself.

Back on the slopes, American Bode Miller — whose first two runs in the combined offered faint hope of success — roared through his final slalom trip to grab a silver medal — the 10th medal in five days of competition for the U.S. team.

"I had a lot of mistakes out there," Miller told the crowd after his medal. "I felt like I kind of let you guys down. I just wanted to prove something on that last run."

Miller is an ex-snowboarder — and while the U.S. team in his former sport has taken four medals, his ski silver was the first medal by an American male in Alpine since Tommy Moe won a pair in the 1994 Olympics.

The out of competition news was — typically — another flap over figure skating.

Miller's come-from-behind run came on a day dominated early by a Norwegian biathlete and a Swiss ski jumper, who became the first double gold-medal winners of the games.

Simon Ammann of Switzerland took the 120-meter gold, becoming only the only the second ski jumper in history to win gold medals on both hills in the same Olympics.

And Ole Einar Bjoerndalen won gold in the 10-kilometer biathlon sprint, making him the first biathlete to win three Olympic golds.

On the slopes, Miller struggled in the downhill and first slalom run. The left side of his body scraped against the snow following a fall in the downhill, and he slipped at a pair of turns in the slalom.

He was 15th after the downhill and fifth overall heading into his last trip down the course. At the end, his go-for-broke run bested everyone but Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt, who took the gold. The bronze went to Benjamin Raich of Austria.

Aamodt's sterling Olympic career now includes two gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

Miller's silver extended the U.S. medal-winning string to five straight days, but Germany climbed to the top of the medals chart with 12 (4 gold, 6 silver, 2 bronze). The Americans were second with 10 (3-5-2), while Austria was third with 9 (1-1-7).



CUTTING THE CORNER — American Bode Miller slams through a gate Wednesday on his way to the silver medal in the men's combined skiing competition. Miller had a total time of 3 minutes, 17.84 seconds. (AP Photo)

Ammann — a ski jumper with a striking resemblance to Harry Potter — again came out of nowhere to grab a gold medal in the 120-meter jump. Three days earlier, he claimed gold in the 90-meter.

The 20-year Ammann had never even won a World Cup event before his sudden Salt Lake City success. He became only the second ski jumper in history to win gold medals on both hills in the same Olympics, joining Matti Nykanen of Finland.

Afterward, Ammann admitted that his nerves nearly got the best of him.

"I am trembling," Ammann said. "I was so nervous. After takeoff, I was flying away. I felt this jump was really, really good. I can't believe it. I am the champion."

Adam Malysz of Poland won the silver medal, and Matti Hautamaeki of Finland took the bronze.

Bjoerndalen hit all 10 targets to take the gold in the 10-kilometer biathlon sprint, just two days after his victory in the 20K biathlon.

Bjoerndalen feared his late starting position would wipe out his shot at back-to-back golds.

"I never thought I would win today," Bjoerndalen said. "I started so late. I don't like starting this late."

Bjoerndalen, an Olympic veteran, became the first biathlete to capture three gold medals in a career; his resume also includes two silvers. Germany's Sven Fischer was second in the 10K, while Austria's Wolfgang Perner won the bronze.

On the women's side, there was one more double medalist — but this one settled for bronze.

Magdalena Forsberg of Sweden finished third in the women's biathlon 7.5-kilometer sprint, giving her two Salt Lake City bronze medals. Kati Wilhelm won the gold medal, while Uschi Disl of Germany won the silver and won the bronze.

American short track speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno, perhaps the most hyped athlete of the Winter Games, stepped on the ice for the fist time in Salt Lake City and quickly advanced toward a gold medal — one of four he could possibly win.

Ohno began his quest by finishing second in his 1,000-meter heat Wednesday night, good enough to push him to Saturday's quarterfinals. The 19-year-old later anchored the winning U.S. team in the semifinals of the 5,000 relay.

Becky Wilczak's Olympic story didn't end with a medal, although it still had a happy ending. While the American luger finished fifth in singles, she received a hug and a smile at the bottom of the run from her father, Tom.

The elder Wilczak, 55, came to Utah from River Forest, Ill., despite a debilitating liver disease that left him in need of a transplant.

Germany swept all three luge medals, as Sylke Otto took the gold, with Barbara Niedernhuber getting silver and Silke Kraushaar winning bronze.

For speed skater Chris Witty, a two-time U.S. medalist in Nagano, her best wasn't good enough in the 500 meters. Despite a time just .01 off her personal fastest, Witty wound up 17th out of 31 skaters in the race, leaving her with no shot at a medal.

Canada's defending gold medalist, Catriona Le May Doan, was the fastest, setting a new Olympic record. There will be another 500 meters Thursday, with a combination of the two times deciding the winner.

The Canadian women's hockey team, the silver medalist in Nagano, beat Russia 7-0 for its second straight Olympic victory and a spot in the medals round. The loss dropped the Russians to 0-2, ending their medal hopes.

Sweden moved into the next round as well with a 7-0 victory over Kazakstan, ending their hopes of a Salt Lake City medal.

The American men's curling team fell to 1-2 after a 9-8 loss to undefeated Germany (3-0). The U.S. team was leading until a late German comeback forced them into extra time.

Television Schedule

THURSDAY

MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Men's 10km combined pursuit classical and freestyle. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Snowboarding: Women's parallel giant slalom qualification.

CNBC, 5-11 p.m.
Women's hockey: China vs. USA. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

NBC, 7-11 p.m.
Skiing: Women's combined. **Figure skating:** Men's free program. **Speed skating:** Women's 500m finals. **Snowboarding:** Men's parallel giant slalom qualification. **Nordic combined:** Team K90.

NBC, 11:05 p.m.-1:05 a.m.
Highlights.

Events not televised
Men's hockey: Classification round, three games TBA. **Women's hockey:** Finland vs. Germany.

FRIDAY

MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Russia vs. Qualifier 1. **Cross-country skiing:** Women's 5km combined pursuit classical and freestyle. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Snowboarding: Men's and women's parallel giant slalom.

CNBC, 5 p.m.-midnight
Men's hockey: Finland vs. USA; Canada vs. Sweden; Czech Republic vs. Qualifier 2.

NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Figure skating: Dance compulsory. **Snowboarding:** Men's and women's parallel giant slalom. **Men's hockey:** Finland vs. USA. **Luge:** Doubles. **Nordic combined:** Team 4x5km relay.

NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Men's hockey: Finland vs. USA

Events not televised
Women's hockey: Kazakhstan vs. Russia.

SATURDAY

MSNBC, 8-10 a.m.
First week review.

NBC, noon-5 p.m.
Bobsled: Two-man, initial runs. **Women's hockey:** USA vs. Finland. **Biathlon:** Men's 12.5km pursuit; Women's 10km pursuit. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

CNBC, 5:30-11 p.m.
Men's hockey: Finland vs. Qualifier 1. **Women's hockey:** Canada vs. Sweden. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

NBC, 7-10 p.m.
Skiing: Men's Super-G. **Short track speed skating:** Men's 1000m finals; Women's 500m finals. **Freestyle skiing:** Men's and women's aerials qualification. **Speed skating:** Men's 1000m.

NBC, 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
Men's hockey: USA vs. Russia.

Events not televised
Women's hockey: Germany vs. China. **Short track speed skating:** Women's 3000m relay preliminaries.

SUNDAY

MSNBC, 8-10 a.m.
First week review.

CNBC, 5-11 p.m.
Men's hockey: Sweden vs. Czech Republic; Canada vs. Qualifier 2. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

NBC, 6-10 p.m.
Figure skating: Dance original. **Skiing:** Women's Super-G. **Speed skating:** Women's 1000m. **Bobsled:** Two-man, final runs. **Cross-country skiing:** Men's 4x10km relay.

NBC, 10:35-11:05 p.m.
Highlights.

Events not televised
Women's hockey: Classification round, two games TBA.

MONDAY

NBC, noon-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Qualifier 1 vs. USA; Russia vs. Finland.

CNBC, 5-11 p.m.
Men's hockey: Czech Republic vs. Canada; Qualifier 2 vs. Sweden. **Curling:** Preliminaries.

NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Figure skating: Dance free. **Ski jumping:** Team K120 finals. **Freestyle skiing:** Women's aerials finals. **Biathlon:** Women's 4x7.5km relay.

NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.

TUESDAY

MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Women's hockey: Semifinals.

NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Men's and women's 1.5km sprint.

CNBC, 5-8 p.m.
Women's hockey: Semifinals.

NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Bobsled: Two-woman. **Figure skating:** Ladies' short program. **Speed skating:** Men's 1500m. **Freestyle skiing:** Men's aerials finals.

NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.

WEDNESDAY

MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Quarterfinals.

NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Biathlon: Men's 4x7.5km relay.

CNBC, 5-11:30 p.m.
Men's hockey: Quarterfinals.

NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Women's slalom. **Skeleton:** Men's and women's finals. **Short track speed skating:** Men's 1500m finals; Women's 3000m relay finals. **Men's hockey:** Quarterfinals. **Speed skating:** Women's 1500m.

Medal Count

By The Associated Press
(Through Wednesday, Feb. 13)
(25 total medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	4	6	2	12
United States	3	5	2	10
Austria	1	1	7	9
Norway	5	3	0	8
Russia	1	2	2	5
Finland	2	1	1	4
Italy	2	1	0	3
Switzerland	2	0	1	3
France	1	1	1	3
Netherlands	1	1	0	2
South Korea	1	1	0	2
Estonia	1	0	1	2
Canada	0	1	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
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SPORTS

SHS girls ready for golf event

The Snyder Lady Tigers won their first golf tournament of the spring season, and are hoping to make it two in a row when they tee off Friday in the Snyder Girls Invitational.

Snyder hosts 18 teams for the two-day event to be competed at Snyder Country Club and Western Texas College.

The Lady Tigers held off defending state runner-up Andrews for the San Angelo tourney title two weeks ago. The Lady Mustangs along with San Angelo Central figure to be Snyder's toughest competition.

"Central and Andrews are tough," said SHS coach Matt Glenn. "A team is going to have to play pretty well to win this thing."

Teams will be divided into two flights. Division I plays at the country club Friday, while Division II competes at the college. Sites will switch for Saturday's final round.

In Division I, the Lady Tigers are joined by Andrews, San Angelo Central, Abilene High, Brownfield, Abilene Cooper, Lubbock Coronado, Lamesa and Plainview.

Competing in Division II are Snyder II, Abilene High II, Big Spring, Abilene Cooper II, Lake View, Levelland, Lubbock Monterey and Abilene Wylie.

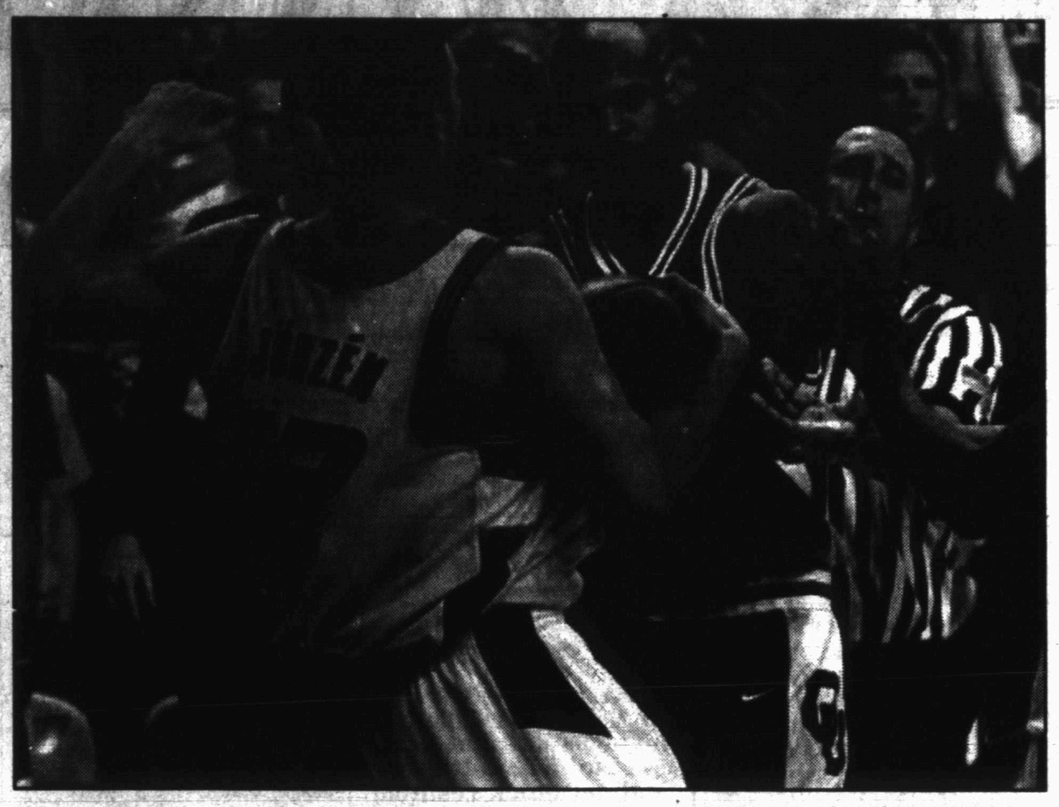
While the girls host their own event, the SHS boys take part in the Abilene Invitational.

The Tigers are coming off a sixth-place performance last weekend at the Jimmy Walkup Invitational in Horseshoe Bay.

Snyder fired a 346-321—667, with only five Class 5A teams topping their effort. Finishing ahead of the Tigers were Austin Lake Travis, Austin Westlake, Carrolton Creekview, San Antonio Reagan and Round Rock Westwood.

Senior Clinton Calmes paced Snyder with rounds of 84 and 77 for a 161. Fellow senior Britt Sharrock fired an 89-74—163. Zach Starnes tallied an 85-84—169. Stafford Gray posted an 88-86—174, and Matt McCormick finished with a 94-88—182.

At this weekend's Abilene event, the Tigers will play at Diamondback Golf Club on Friday, before finishing up at Maxwell Municipal.



FRUSTRATION — Oklahoma State's Fredrik Jonzen (12) and Oklahoma's Aaron McGhee get into a shoving match near the end of overtime during Wednesday's Big 12 contest in Stillwater, Okla. OSU won the game, 79-72. (AP Photo)

Texans pass on players over 30

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans won't say which players they plan to select in Monday's NFL expansion draft. They are going to bypass at least one group, however.

"Any player over 30, we've eliminated from our thinking," general manager Charley Casserly said Wednesday. "We are assuming contracts in the draft, so that's where age comes in.

"You look at players you think can play out their contracts and if they can, we put them on a list to take."

That would eliminate 43 of the 155 players in the pool of players unprotected by the existing 31 NFL teams.

The Texans also expect to go for quality over quantity — Casserly said they probably will draft 15-to-25 players instead of the 30-to-42 they're allowed to take.

Under expansion rules, the Texans must take at least 30 players from the pool, or a smaller group if the salaries of the players it takes add up to 38 percent of the league's salary cap of nearly $72 million — about $27.3 million.

But the age limit seems arbitrary — restricted to players who are 30 or over on Monday, when the draft takes place. Jacksonville offensive tackle Tony Boselli, who could be the Texans' first pick, will be two months' short of the mark — he turns 30 on April 17.

Neither Casserly nor coach Dom Capers would discuss specific players Wednesday, although there is really little intrigue with one team drafting. Many of the existing teams hope Houston accepts the large salaries they're trying to dump.

"We won't comment on players we'll take or not take, but it's part of the equation to know what type of player he is when healthy," Capers said when asked about Boselli, who missed almost all of this season with a shoulder injury. "He's had a physical and we'll put that together with his ability and what he can offer the Texans not only on the field but off the field."

But Capers added that the team was looking for leadership on the field and would like to make the first pick an example of hard work and team play. Boselli, an All-Pro in three of his seven NFL seasons, fits that category

Quarterbacks Jeff Blake of New Orleans and Chris Chandler of Atlanta didn't make the 30-year-old cut, nor did New York Giants linebacker Jesse Armstead, who has been in five straight Pro Bowls.

But the Texans could be interested in New York Jets cornerback Aaron Glenn, a former Texas A&M player who turns 30 in July.

The Texans decided to go against the strategy of the last three expansion teams — Cleveland, Jacksonville and Carolina. Each decided to take their full expansion quota of 30-to-42 players.

The Texans expect to reach the salary-cap quota that allows them to take fewer players in the expansion draft and then sign other free agents to help fill their roster.

After the expansion draft, the Texans' next chance at signing players will come in the April 20-21 collegiate draft.

Blazers topple Mavs, 114-103

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Rasheed Wallace scored 24 points, and Bonzi Wells added 22 and a career-high nine assists as Portland ended Dallas' franchise-record eight-game road winning streak with a 114-103 victory Wednesday night.

Dale Davis had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Blazers, who outrebounded Dallas 45-27. Wallace had nine rebounds and Wells eight.

"We're not a strong rebounding team," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "We didn't pursue the ball very well. They did, and that's probably why they won the game."

The Blazers came into the All-Star break having lost three of four, all on the road.

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points for the Mavericks. Tim Hardaway and Juwan Howard scored 19 apiece.

Portland came out with a strong defensive effort, forcing 15 turnovers leading to 20 points.

"Defense wins games, and you saw that tonight," Cheeks said. "We maintained defensive pressure, contested shots and contained their big three shooters."

Portland went ahead in the second quarter with a 10-0 run. After that, the Mavericks were never closer than four points.

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	32	16	.667	—
Boston	29	22	.569	4½
Washington	26	22	.542	6
Philadelphia	25	24	.510	7½
Orlando	26	25	.510	7½
New York	20	29	.408	12½
Miami	19	29	.396	13
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	28	20	.583	—
Toronto	29	23	.558	1
Detroit	26	22	.542	2
Indiana	25	26	.490	4½
Charlotte	24	25	.490	4½
Atlanta	17	33	.340	12
Cleveland	17	33	.340	12
Chicago	12	37	.245	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	36	15	.706	—
Minnesota	34	16	.680	1½
San Antonio	31	18	.633	4
Utah	26	24	.520	9½
Houston	17	33	.340	18½
Denver	14	32	.304	19½
Memphis	14	36	.280	21½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	38	12	.760	—
L.A. Lakers	34	13	.723	2½
Portland	26	23	.531	11½
Seattle	25	24	.510	12½
Phoenix	25	25	.500	13
L.A. Clippers	25	26	.490	13½
Golden State	15	32	.319	21½

Wednesday's Games
Charlotte 113, Chicago 91
Miami 112, Orlando 95
New York 89, Toronto 82
Minnesota 107, Phoenix 92
Cleveland 115, Milwaukee 107
Portland 114, Dallas 103
Golden State 92, Boston 75

Thursday's Games
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Groundhog golf tournament set

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

Florida teams were contraction candidates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Devils Rays were among the original candidates for elimination this year, baseball's top lawyer told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday.

Bob DuPuy, chief legal officer of major league baseball, said as many as 18 teams were at first on the list considered for folding. The Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos later were picked as the two target teams.

The 21/2-hour hearing was far less contentious and far more informative than a similar session held Dec. 6 by the House Judiciary Committee, which also is considering legislation to further restrict baseball's antitrust exemption.

Henderson signs deal with Red Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — Rickey Henderson and the Boston Red Sox reached agreement on a minor league contract.

If Henderson makes the Red Sox — it would be his eighth big league team in 24 seasons — the 43-year-old outfielder is expected to back up Manny Ramirez in left and be a part-time DH. If Henderson is not on the major league roster by March 28, he could become a free agent.

Seat belt manufacturer sues NASCAR

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Safety equipment manufacturer Bill Simpson sued NASCAR, claiming it wrongly blamed Dale Earnhardt's death on his company's seat belt.

Simpson, the former owner of Simpson Performance Products, Inc., filed the defamation of character suit in Marion County Superior Court four days before NASCAR's biggest event, the Daytona 500.

He is seeking $8.5 million in actual damages plus an unspecified amount for damage to his reputation, attorney Robert Horn said.

Fiedler re-signs with Dolphins

MIAMI (AP) — Quarterback Jay Fiedler, who has played for four teams in six seasons, decided against testing the free-agent market and instead signed a five-year, $24.5 million contract to remain with the Miami Dolphins.

Coach Dave Wannstedt signed a one-year contract extension through 2004.

Saban gets new deal at LSU

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU football coach Nick Saban, coming off a Southeastern Conference title and Sugar Bowl victory, signed a new contract subject to university board approval March 8.

In Big 12 skirmish...

Sooners fall in OT to Oklahoma State

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Perhaps a victory over No. 4 Oklahoma will be enough to show Oklahoma State it can win without leading scorer Maurice Baker.

The 16th-ranked Cowboys, who struggled in a loss at Fresno State on Sunday with Baker out due to a sprained ankle, beat Oklahoma 79-72 in overtime Wednesday night.

"We've been having a hard time convincing those guys that Mo's not out there and that you've got to go out there and take care of the basketball, have good shot selection, play excellent defense and play your butt off," Cowboys coach Eddie Sutton said.

With Baker watching in street clothes, the Cowboys got big nights from Ivan McFarlin and Melvin Sanders, committed just eight turnovers and shot 46 percent compared with 33 percent for Oklahoma.

McFarlin, a sophomore, scored eight of his career-high 22 points in overtime. Sanders, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds, helped hold Oklahoma guard Hollis Price to 10 points, seven below his average.

"It's always a big win over Oklahoma," Sutton said. "But when you're playing the fourth-best team in the country and you're staggering like we've been staggering, then it's extra special."

The Cowboys (19-6, 6-5 Big 12) lost five of eight coming into the game. Oklahoma (19-4, 8-3) had won four in a row, but coach Kelvin Sampson said he fully expected Oklahoma State to play well without Baker.

"Basketball is a game of today," he said. "That was last Sunday. Today, they were good and that was a tough team out there tonight."

Oklahoma got 27 points and 11 rebounds from Aaron McGhee, and 15 points from reserve Jason Detrick. The Sooners also had a 50-39 edge in rebounding, but Sampson wasn't happy with his team's effort.

"When you go on the road, you better have tough kids," he said. "I didn't like our toughness."

Oklahoma State scored the first nine points of the second half to take a 33-31 lead. Sanders started the run with a 3-pointer and a dunk off a steal.

The teams traded the lead seven times after that before the Cowboys scored eight points, including fast-break baskets by Victor Williams and Sanders, to take a 56-51 lead with 3:37 remaining.

Price then made four free throws in a 6-2 run that closed the Sooners to 58-57 with 2:32 left. A free throw by Williams and a basket by McFarlin pushed the lead back to four with 1:27 left, but McGhee and Detrick each made two free throws in the final minute to tie it at 61.

A turnover gave Oklahoma a chance to win the game in regulation, but Quannas White's jumper missed.

In overtime, McFarlin scored consecutive inside baskets on assists from Williams to give Oklahoma State a 69-67 lead with 2:18 left. McFarlin then stole a pass and took it the other way for a dunk and a four-point lead at the 1:57 mark.

After McGhee scored on a follow shot with 1:39 remaining, Williams scored on a leaner in the lane. Then the Cowboys, who were just 4-of-12 from the foul line in the first half, made six straight from the line to seal the victory.

Fredrik Jonzen, who made four of those free throws, had 19 points for the Cowboys. Williams had 13 points and six assists.

"We needed to win it bad," Sanders said. "We had our backs against the ropes, to tell the truth — 18-6, we didn't have our star player. Probably nobody thought we could win, but this is going to help us out a lot."

Big 12 Basketball

MEN

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Kansas	11	0	1.000	22	2	.917
Oklahoma	8	3	.727	19	4	.826
Texas	7	4	.636	16	8	.667
Missouri	7	4	.636	18	8	.692
Texas Tech	6	5	.545	17	6	.739
Oklahoma St.	6	5	.545	19	6	.760
Colorado	4	7	.364	13	9	.591
Nebraska	4	7	.364	11	11	.500
Baylor	4	7	.364	14	10	.583
Kansas St.	4	7	.364	10	12	.455
Texas A&M	3	8	.273	9	16	.360
Iowa St.	2	9	.182	10	15	.400

Wednesday's results
Oklahoma State 79, Oklahoma 72 (OT)
Missouri 87, Nebraska 71
Iowa State 89, Colorado 63

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

Sunday's game
Texas at Missouri

WOMEN

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	11	1	.917	21	2	.913
Kansas St.	9	4	.692	21	5	.808
Colorado	9	4	.692	19	7	.731
Baylor	8	4	.667	20	4	.833
Texas	7	4	.636	16	6	.727
Iowa St.	7	5	.583	19	5	.792
Texas Tech	6	6	.500	14	8	.636
Missouri	5	6	.455	14	8	.636
Texas A&M	4	7	.364	12	11	.522
Nebraska	4	8	.333	14	10	.583
Oklahoma St.	3	8	.273	11	13	.458
Kansas	0	12	.000	5	20	.200

Wednesday's results
Oklahoma 76, Kansas State 68
Baylor 81, Texas A&M 68
Colorado 78, Missouri 47
Nebraska 77, Kansas 70

Thursday's game
Texas Tech at Oklahoma State

Saturday's games
Nebraska at Oklahoma
Texas at Baylor
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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

What's wrong with the meat?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I went to the local food store the other day, and got hungry looking at the filet mignons, so I bought a package of three. They looked really good in the store — a fresh, bright red. The date on the package said that it was fresh, but when I got home and opened it up, the middle of the steaks (sides) were brown. Only the outside top and bottom surfaces were red and fresh looking. I even cut one in half, and it was brown all the way through the middle. The steak didn't smell bad, but it didn't smell fresh, either. I have never seen anything like it before. Was the meat stressed? What caused the problem? I returned the steaks and got my money back. Was it treated somehow to look fresh? — W., Sacramento, Calif.

Dear W.: Color is a key factor in how appealing a meat product looks in the retail case. Meat is muscle, and it is normally dark red to purple. When exposed to oxygen, a chemical reaction takes place that causes the meat to turn bright red. This phenomenon is referred to as "bloom." Below the surface, or even on the bottom of the package, the color can be darker.

If a cut of meat that has bloomed is allowed to sit in the air, a second reaction can occur, causing the meat to turn brown. This is not necessarily a sign that the meat is of poor quality, but in time the flavor will begin to deteriorate. Interestingly enough, once meat has bloomed, the length of time it stays red depends on the antioxidant status of the meat. Studies have found that upping the vitamin E content of the animal's diet can increase the time the meat spends in bloom.

In general, butchers cut enough to satisfy turnover. They can also use an overwrap film to limit exposure, and some may even flush the package with a mixture of oxygen and carbon dioxide. These "treatments" cause the meat to bloom more slowly, and the process is coordinated with the time it takes to get the meat into the display case and sold.

Products that turn brown on the surface can be trimmed, allowing a new layer to bloom. In your case, the meat was red on the surface, but dark all the way through. The fact that it did not bloom once cut indicates that something went awry. It could very well have been due to stress, as you suggest, but there might have been other factors as well. In any event, it made perfect sense to take it back.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Does tuna packed in water still have high levels of omega-3 essential fatty acids? If it has less than tuna packed in oil, how much less? — M.M., Logan, Utah

Dear M.M.: With few exceptions, the oil used for canned tuna is either soybean or canola oil, not fish oil. As a result, the oil pack contains extra fat, but little in the way of extra amounts of the healthful omega-3 fats. A 3.5-ounce serving of light tuna in water (drained) contains 0.8 grams of fat, and 0.3 grams of omega-3 fats. Contrast that with light tuna in oil (drained), which contains 8.2 grams of fat, and 0.2 milligrams of omega-3 fats.

For higher levels of omega-3 fats, use the albacore (white) tuna. A 3.5-ounce serving of the water-packed albacore (drained) contains about 3 grams of fat, of which 1 gram is omega-3 fats. The difference is because of the fact that light tuna is made from the yellow fin and skipjack varieties, which contain less of the omega-3 fatty acids than albacore.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I know one should try to avoid hydrogenated oils, but what about "fractionated vegetable oils?" What does "fractionated" mean? I've come across the ingredient several times, most recently in Dr. Soy Chocolate Peanut Soy Protein Bar. Thanks for your attention and your clearly written column. - L.S., San Diego, Calif.

Dear LS: Thanks for your kind comments. Fractionation is a process by which fats and oils are separated into various fractions, often based on melting characteristics. It is a preferable alternative to partial hydrogenation, because it does not lead to the formation of trans fatty acids. One example of the use of fractionated vegetable oil is as an ingredient in a coating or frosting. In this case, manufacturers might choose the "fraction" of the oil that would be solid at room temperature.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Two California fires contained

FALLBROOK, Calif. (AP) — A fire that destroyed at least 36 homes and consumed 5,700 acres in the town known as the "Avocado Capital of America" has been fully contained.

Many of the firefighters were released from duty late Wednesday after the blaze was contained. More than 260 firefighters stayed to extinguish hot spots.

The cost of fighting the fire has reached $2.1 million, most of which will be covered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, officials said. The cause of the blaze had not been determined.

Slaying of two Columbine High students still unsolved

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The last time Kelly Grizzell saw her daughter, she was wearing her pajamas and poring over her algebra homework.

Grizzell said good night, thinking daughter Stephanie Hart, 16, wouldn't be far behind. The Columbine High School student instead left home to see her boyfriend, 15-year-old Nicholas Kunselman, who was closing a sandwich shop blocks from their school.

The high school sweethearts were found dead behind the counter of the store early on Valentine's Day two years ago. Their slayings rocked the Columbine community, still grieving from the shooting attack less than a year earlier that left 15 dead.

After chasing leads as far away as Florida and conducting 20 polygraph tests, Jefferson County sheriff's investigators have no suspect in the case.

There was no evidence of a robbery at the Subway sandwich shop. Investigators said they are looking into a possible link to drug dealing because there were indications that Hart and Kunselman used drugs.

"I know I knew my daughter very well, and I don't know what happened to her," Grizzell said.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Jacki Tallman said tips still come in periodically and some witnesses have been re-interviewed based on new information.

"We have not lost hope in this case at all," she said.

Kunselman worked at the sandwich shop for about a month before he was killed. He had won the manager's confidence and often was asked to close the restaurant.

Friends said Hart was quiet and didn't go out much except to stop by the shop to see Kunselman.

Another Subway employee driving past the store noticed a light inside the store at about 1 a.m. Since the business was supposed to be closed, the woman stopped, went inside and discovered the bodies.

The woman noticed someone running away. A sketch of the person aired on "America's Most Wanted" last year, but none of the tips produced a solid lead.

Sheriff's investigator Mike Felsoci said the investigation spawned a separate drug probe that resulted in the prosecution of 35 people.

Dan Moore of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's Denver office, which assisted in the investigation, said most of the defendants were accused of selling cocaine and methamphetamine to people in their teens or early 20s.

He believes investigating the drug dealers also helped rule out some possible suspects in the Subway shootings.

The store was sold in October and remodeled. None of the employees at the time of the shooting remain.

Hart's mother sued the store's former owner, alleging he ignored illegal drug use and let drug dealers and their customers enter the store through an unlocked back door.

A district judge dismissed Grizzell's lawsuit, ruling she did not have a claim since Hart did not work for the store. Her appeal is pending at the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Kunselman's family has not taken any legal action because Kunselman was covered by workmen's compensation as an employee, lawyer Walter Gerash said.

Owner Joseph H. Hartman Jr. was fined $19,000 by the Labor Department because Kunselman was working alone in the shop, a violation of federal child-labor laws. Hartman did not return a telephone call and his lawyer declined to comment.

Valentine business booming for florists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cynics can take it as more proof that marriage kills the romance and tightens the pocket book.

A florist research group says husbands are likeliest to buy their Valentine's Day flowers at the supermarket — generally, the cheapest outlet.

Fortunately for retailers this Valentine's Day, young love seems to be in bloom.

"I've been speaking to retailers, and we're expecting a strong Valentine's Day," said Jennifer Sparks of the Society of American Florists, the industry's representative to government. "Even in a recession, flowers are known as a great communicator."

Actual numbers won't be available until after the holiday, because men — who buy 70 percent of flowers on the day — are notorious last-minute purchasers.

Florists are excited that the day falls midweek, which traditionally causes deliveries to spike.

"There's the surprise impact of delivery to the office," Sparks said. "She gets attention, and he's a hero."

"She" should enjoy the grandstanding while she can, because it often comes to a grinding halt once the ceremony is over, according to NPD Group, a market research firm that tracks the industry.

Husbands make 46 percent of their purchases at the supermarket.

In contrast, just over 11 percent of overall flower purchases are made at the supermarket, with most people preferring the Internet and traditional florists.

"Valentine's Day skews younger, to those people trying harder to impress their girlfriend," said Barrie Rappaport of NPD. "After you get married, you're done."

Census Bureau figures for 2000 show the median ages for first marriages are 25 for women and just shy of 27 for men, up about four years from the 1970 census.

The figures show 115 single men in their 20s for every 100 women the same age and 109 men for 100 single women in the 30-44 range.

Census bureau misses a lonely heart

CORAZON, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. Census Bureau has missed a lonely heart in northeastern New Mexico.

The bureau reported in February that there were only four communities in the nation with the word "heart" in their names.

Corazon wasn't on the list.

Corazon — Spanish for "heart" — is in San Miguel County, about 40 miles southeast of Las Vegas.

But there isn't much left of the community — mostly rubble and old wooden rafters.

A book called "The Place Names of New Mexico" says Corazon had a post office from 1903 to 1909.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Treatment for venous insufficiency

DEAR DR. GOTT: For years I have suffered from venous insufficiency in my legs. I can usually put up with this by elevating my legs and using elastic support hose.

About a month ago, the situation changed. My left leg and foot have become so swollen and uncomfortable that I have difficulty standing or walking. Moreover, my calf is very tender.

Recently, I have read on the Internet of new surgical procedures to cure my condition. What would you advise?

DEAR READER: My answer comes in two parts.

First, the acute problem.

A sudden change in symptoms is always a red flag for physicians. While I acknowledge your difficulty with chronic vein problems in your legs, the swelling (edema) and discomfort - especially in conjunction with calf tenderness - suggests that a new affliction has arisen: deep venous thrombosis. DVT means that blood clots may have formed in the deep leg veins. Unless aggressively treated, parts of these clots could break off and be carried to the lungs, causing respiratory distress, even death. Therefore, my priority is to investigate this possibility with a Doppler ultrasound examination of your leg. The test is painless, safe and inexpensive. In my view, your doctor should order one ASAP. To that end, I have personally replied to you and am writing this column for other readers who may suffer from this common, yet serious, condition. If the testing reveals clots in the deep venous system, you should immediately be hospitalized for intravenous anticoagulant therapy.

Second, the chronic problem. Chronic venous insufficiency means that the (superficial) veins in your legs have ceased to function normally. Instead of the blood being returned to your heart, it is pooling in your legs. This can result in edema, uncomfortable pressure and skin ulcerations. In such instances, leg elevation and support hose may keep the affliction under control for years; it is not a health hazard.

Varicose veins are the most apparent manifestation of this disorder.

Various operations have been devised to treat this disorder: venous stripping or injection, banding, valvuloplasty and valve autotransplantation, to mention the major resources. Which (if any) of these surgical procedures would be appropriate for you depends on many factors: your general state of health, the extent of the venous abnormalities, their location and the amount of discomfort you experience. For obvious reasons, you will want to avoid surgery unless it is absolutely needed. On the other hand, one of the procedures I mentioned could well turn your life around.

I recommend that you ask your doctor to refer you to a vascular specialist - after he has ordered the leg ultrasound. Following further testing and analysis, the specialist should be able to advise you about the advisability of surgery. Meanwhile, have the Doppler/ultrasound as a first step.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am convinced that soy-based, natural plant hormones have helped me get through a difficult menopause. Are there any risks to this solution?

DEAR READER: Many women prefer plant-based hormone therapy to the standard pharmaceutical brands of supplemental hormones. However, this practice has its drawbacks: It can cause kidney stones.

In a recent issue of the Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry (vol. 49, 2001), researchers reported that soy-based foods are rich in oxalates. Once consumed, these oxalates enter the body and cannot be metabolized. Instead, they bind to calcium, forming an insoluble salt that is excreted in the urine. In people prone to kidney stones, the calcium/oxalate may precipitate out in the kidneys to form stones. While this is not a common problem, it is prevalent enough to cause concern. For this reason, specialists urge women (who tend to form kidney stones) to avoid taking phytoestrogens. In addition, these products have not been proven to have significant health benefits.

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Albertsons		28.74	28.45	28.67 + .17
Alltel		56.75	56.05	56.70 + .52
AmEl Pwr		42.05	41.80	41.96—.02
AndarkPtr		49.70	48.45	48.90 + .40
ATMOS Egy		21.77	21.69	21.76 + .04
Aviall		7.41	7.33	7.41 + .08
BP PLC		48.88	48.40	48.73 + .93
BakerHughes		34.99	34.25	34.50 + .52
Bank of Amer		62.75	61.30	62.55 + .43
BellSouth		39.74	39.22	39.64 + .17
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BurlNoSFe		27.80	27.27	27.45—.07
Caterpillar		51.40	50.67	51.34 + .57
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Kroger Co		21.00	20.53	20.99 + .44
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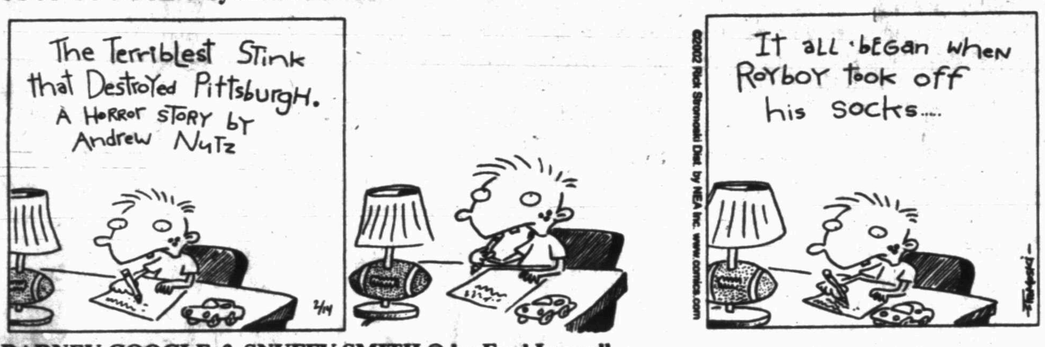
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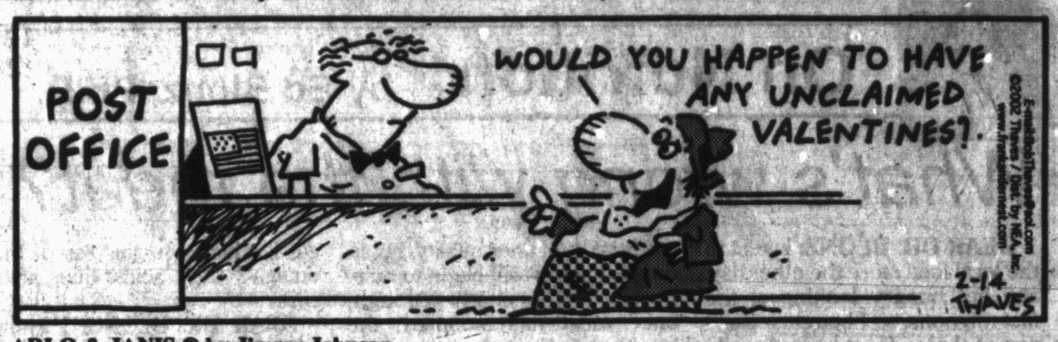
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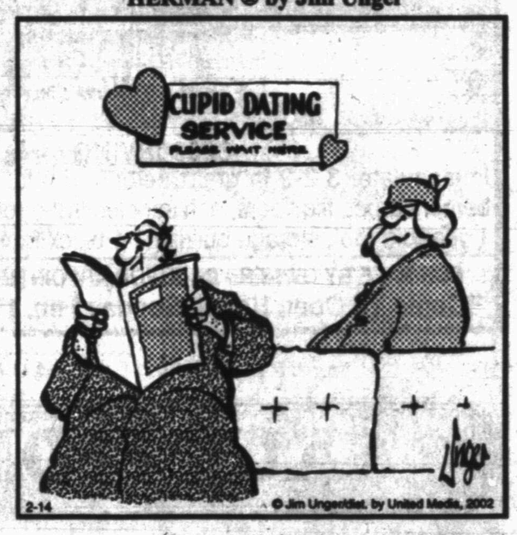
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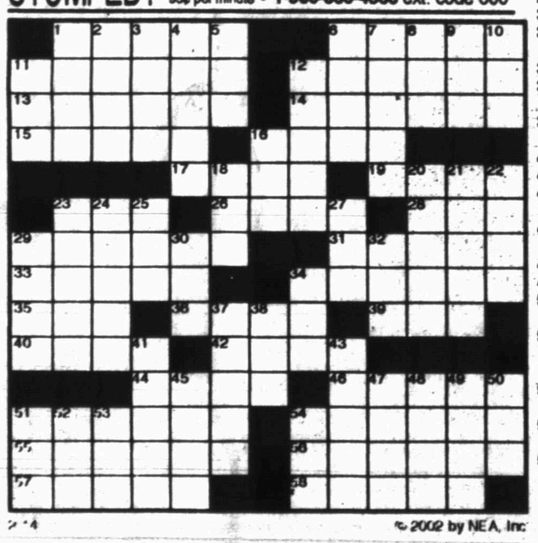
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Country star Waylon Jennings is dead

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Despite the black cowboy hat and bad-guy image, country star Waylon Jennings was known as a stand-up guy. But when it came to his songs, it was a different story.

"You start messin' with my music, and I get mean," he told The Associated Press in 1992. "As long as you are honest and upfront with me, I will be the same with you. But I still do things my way."

Jennings died peacefully Wednesday at his Arizona home after a long battle with diabetes-related health problems, said spokeswoman Schatzie Hageman. He was 64.

"Waylon Jennings was an American archetype, the bad guy with a big heart," said Kris Kristofferson, who sang with Jennings in the Highwaymen along with Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson.

Jennings' list of hits spans four decades and includes country music standards like "Good-Hearted Woman" and "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys," both duets with Nelson.

He made 60 albums and had 16 country singles that reached No. 1. His "Greatest Hits" album in 1979 sold 4 million — a rare accomplishment in country music for that era.

Jennings won two Grammy awards and four Country Music Association awards. Other hits include "I'm a Ramblin' Man," "Amanda," "Lucille," "I've Always Been Crazy" and "Rose in Paradise."

Singer George Jones called it a "great loss for country music."

Jennings' deep, sonorous voice was unmistakable. He narrated the popular TV show "The Dukes of Hazzard" and sang its theme song, which was a million seller.

Jennings "had a voice and a way with a song like no one else," said country star Emmylou Harris, adding "He was also a class act as an artist and a man."

Jennings had been plagued with health problems in recent years that made it difficult for him to walk. In December, his left foot was amputated.

He traditionally wore a black cowboy hat and ebony attire that accented his black beard and mustache. Often reclusive when not on stage, he played earthy music with a spirited, hard edge.

Some of Jennings' album titles nourished his brash persona: "Lonesome, On'ry and Mean," "I've Always Been Crazy," "Nashville Rebel," "Ladies Love Outlaws" and "Wanted: The Outlaws."



Waylon Jennings

He often refused to attend music awards shows on the grounds that performers shouldn't compete against each other. He didn't show up at his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame last year.

"Whenever country music got a little too impressed with itself, Waylon was there to let them know what the music's roots were. He was very uncompromising about that," said Lenny Kaye, a guitarist with the Patti Smith Group who helped Jennings write his 1996 autobiography.

In 1992, Jennings told the AP: "I've never compromised, and people respect that."

He made occasional forays into TV movies, including "Stagecoach" and "Oklahoma City Dolls," plus the Sesame Street movie "Follow That Bird" and the B-movie "Nashville Rebel."

Born in Littlefield, Jennings became a radio disc jockey at 14 and formed his own band not long afterward. His hit records began in the mid-1960s and his heyday was the mid-1970s.

In 1959, Jennings' career was nearly cut short by tragedy soon after it began.

He was scheduled to fly on the light plane that crashed and killed Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson. Jennings gave up his seat on the plane to Richardson, who was ill and wanted to fly rather than travel by bus with those left behind.

When a plane crash killed seven members of singer Reba McEntire's band in 1991, Jennings was one of the first to call her.

"I told her there's one thing you're going to have to deal with. And that's thinking it was your fault," he told the AP in 1992. "As a young man at that time, I thought it was my fault. I felt guilty and I couldn't get it out of my mind for years."

For musician Rodney Crowell, that was typical Jennings.

"For all of Waylon's tough stuff, he had such a tender heart. He was such a sweet soul," Crowell said.

Man sought by FBI

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — A man who purchased several small propane canisters, Valentine's Day teddy bears and BB gun pellets from a Wal-Mart store in this Los Angeles suburb is now being sought by the FBI.

Although the purchase made last month could be harmless, the FBI said Wednesday, the items could be assembled into small bombs.

The agency received an anonymous tip last week that a man between the ages of 22 and 35 and possibly of Arab descent paid cash for the items on Jan. 15 and left the store in a delivery truck.

Correction...

In Wednesday's SDN, the correct name of the sixth grade girl who helped make valentines for the veterans at Big Spring's VA Hospital is Brandy Stansell.

Date Book

Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002

Today is the 45th day of 2002, and the 56th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY:

On this day in 278 AD, St. Valentine is beheaded, contributing in part to the origins of the Valentine's Day holiday.

On this day in 1778, the Stars and Stripes of the United States is seen abroad for the first time, flying on a U.S. vessel in a French port.

On this day in 1929, disguised as Chicago police officers and detectives, Al Capone's mobsters take out six of George "Bugs" Moran's gang in a warehouse. The infamous event became known as the St. Valentine's Day massacre.

On this day in 1936, more than 800 delegates representing more than 500 organizations elect Asa Philip Randolph, of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, as president of the newly formed National Negro Congress.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Robert Malthus (1766-1834), British economist; Carl Bernstein, reporter (1944-), is 58; Gregory Hines (1946-), actor, dancer, entertainer, is 56; Molly Ringwald (1968-), actress, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Bobby and Davey Allison become the first father and son first and second at the Daytona 500 race.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are in the process of creating what deserves to be called the idiot culture." — Carl Bernstein

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 12) and first quarter (Feb. 20).

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Memorial held for Marines killed in training accident

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — Three Marines who were killed during a training exercise when their 5-ton truck overturned were remembered as committed individuals who were preparing themselves for war.

A memorial service was held Wednesday for two 21-year-old corporals, Daniel Hudson of Bolingbrook, Ill., and Benjamin Worchel of San Antonio, and 20-year-old Cpl. Aaron Pinnetti of Bristol, Maine.

Worchel's wife, Amanda, attended the service holding the couple's 5-month old son, Aleksander. She wore her husband's dog tags and wedding ring around her neck.

Three M-16 rifles were placed with their muzzles stuck in the ground and combat helmets placed on top as a silent tribute to the fallen officers.

"Their contributions, their sacrifices and their subsequent loss ... carries deep meaning for each of us," Lt. Col. Gerald Smith said.

Base officials said that the canvas-topped truck rolled over during a Feb. 6 exercise in which an artillery unit was practicing firing and moving from one location to another. Four other Marines and a Navy corpsman were injured in the accident. All of the injured have been treated and released from area hospitals.

The accident is under investigation.

The Marines bodies will be sent to their home states for burial.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mom sees couple's honeymoon as good time for family trip

DEAR ABBY: I have a huge problem. My fiance and I have been together for three years and are being married in October. The problem is my soon-to-be mother-in-law. She is a great lady and we get along very well; however, she insists on accompanying us on our honeymoon! She keeps pushing the idea of making it a family trip.

My fiance told her the honeymoon is going to be just for us. He tried to tell her we all could go someplace together another time, but she got upset. She abruptly got off the phone with him, saying she was "only joking," but she'd work on me.

This is a nightmare. She's normally a pleasant and reasonable person whom I like a lot. That's why I don't understand why she can't see this is a huge intrusion.

Please help. I don't want to have to change my honeymoon destination to someplace she may not want to go. — **BRIDE-TO-BE IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: It's not a matter of finding a destination where your future mother-in-law doesn't want to go. This "great lady" seems to have control issues or a serious case of separation anxiety. She's dead set on going wherever her son goes. She could benefit from counseling.

Although I have printed letters in the past from couples who included extended family on their honeymoon — and a good time was had by all — unless all parties are equally enthusiastic, it is extremely presumptuous for an in-law to continue to harp on it once the suggestion has been rejected.

Unless you want your marriage to turn into a family affair, you and your fiance must stand your ground.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is expecting a child soon and plans to use our surname because her husband's name is foreign and could be interpreted to mean something naughty in English. She wants to spare her child the embarrassment of being teased when she gets to school.

There is an uproar over this among the grandparents. Our son-in-law says it's OK with him. Is this now an accepted practice, or is it something new? — **DESPERATE GRANDMA**

DEAR GRANDMA: It's something relatively new. It started when women began hyphenating their names and adding them to their husband's. Some husbands also began hyphenating their names to coincide with the wife's.

As your letter proves, there is more than one answer to the question, "What's in a name?" — pride, tradition, social standing, money or misery, depending on what the name is.

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DEAR ABBY: Recently a reader asked if a fifth anniversary was too soon to renew wedding vows. You told her to go for it. I agree with you.

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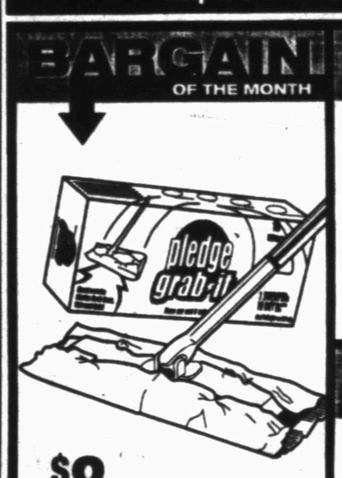
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Chief suspect thinks reporter is dead

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — A British-born Muslim militant admitted today to kidnapping Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl and said he believed the journalist is dead. Officials dismissed the militant's claim, and the Journal said it remained confident Pearl is alive.

"As far as I understand, he's dead," Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh said in a courthouse in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi, where Pearl disappeared on Jan. 23 while investigating a story on Islamic militants. Saeed said he carried out the kidnapping of "my own free will," adding: "I don't want to defend this case. I did this."

The 27-year-old Saeed has a history of kidnapping Westerners. He appeared in court today sullen, bespectacled and surrounded by police with machine guns, helmets and bulletproof vests.

He was formally charged with kidnapping and ordered jailed for two more weeks.

Police and other officials quickly cast doubt on Saeed's statement about Pearl's death. He gave no details on where or when the 38-year-old journalist was allegedly killed, and just a day earlier, police said, he had told them Pearl was still alive.

"Until the body is found we cannot believe what Omar is saying," Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider told The Associated Press by telephone. "We need proof or evidence. We will continue to work on him, grind him, ask him 'where was Pearl kept? Where is his body?' Omar himself admitted he masterminded and planned this crime."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammed Aziz Khan also denied Saeed's claims.

"This gentleman has been making several statements and changing these statements," he told reporters today. "We cannot give any credence to any of these statements that he gives."

Milosevic tries to justify his actions

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Launching his defense against war crimes charges, Slobodan Milosevic today sought to justify his actions in the Balkans as a "struggle against terrorism," and said he was a victim of twisted facts and "terrible fabrication."

Pointing his finger and thumping his desk, Milosevic, the first head of state brought to trial before an international tribunal, accused Western nations of acting to break up Yugoslavia and making up atrocities blamed on him.

He also denied having known about prison camps in Bosnia where thousands of Muslims and Croats were tortured and killed and said he tried to stop Bosnian Serbs from targeting civilians.

It was the former Yugoslav leader's first response after the prosecution opened its case before the U.N. war crimes tribunal with an exhaustive two-day recital of horrors in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo. Milosevic stands accused of masterminding a ruthless campaign of murder and expulsion during a decade of wars in the Balkans in his quest to create a "Greater Serbia."

Milosevic, 60, faces 66 counts of genocide and other war crimes. Each count carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. His is the most prominent war crimes trial since military tribunals tried the leaders of Nazi Germany and Japan after World War II.

He spoke in Serbian and with animation in an address that appeared directed as much toward the television audience in Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic, as toward the three international judges trying him.

Spokesman noncommittal whether Bush will sign bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the morning after House passage of the most significant campaign spending bill in a generation, President Bush's spokesman was noncommittal today about whether he will sign the legislation.

"I think the president has made clear that he would like to sign something that will improve the system. He will have something declarative to say at the end of the process," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

The House, voting into the wee hours this morning, passed legislation to ban millions of unregulated dollars flowing into national party coffers.

"Soft money just received a death sentence," Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., said shortly after the 2:30 a.m. vote that culminated a 16-hour debate.

Meehan and his co-sponsor, Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., succeeded in defeating a dozen attempts to kill their bill or sidetrack it with damaging amendments.

The measure, passed 240-189, now goes back to the Senate, which passed a nearly identical bill last April. Forty-one Republicans and one independent joined 198 Democrats in voting for the House bill, while 12 Democrats, 176 Republicans and one independent were opposed.

Senate backers, led by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., need 60 votes to stop a likely filibuster and win approval for sending the bill directly to Bush for his signature. The Senate vote last year was 59-41.

If the Senate does not accept the House version, a conference committee would be needed reconcile the differences between the two measures.

Bush has stayed away from the congressional battle over campaign spendi.. and, despite some reservations about the Shays-Meehan bill, is expected to sign the measure if it reaches his desk.

Fleischer would not say as much on today.

"Many aspects of the bill improve the system. There's some other things that don't improve it to the degree the president would seek.

SISD board meeting to discuss personnel

Personnel matters will highlight this evening's meeting of the Snyder Independent School District board of trustees.

The board will act on Supt. Gayle Lomax's recommendation to extend administrator's contracts one year.

Contracts to be considered include those of assistant superintendents Melissa Jones and Karen Waller, SHS principal Larry Scott and assistant principals Thomas Fogleman and Al Phillips, and Snyder Junior High principal Kellye Starnes and her assistant, Nancy Schaap.

Others are elementary principals Ed McAnally, West; Lee Presswood, Northeast; Jim Rosson, East; Pam Hart, Central; and Jean McMillon, Stanfield.

Also up for renewal are the contracts of Dixie Haggard, director of special programs and Chad Rogers, athletic director and head football coach.

The employment agreement with Mike Carter, director of maintenance and transportation will also be considered.

The administrator's contracts will now expire June 30, 2004, while Carter's term of employment will be extended until June 30, 2003.

The board also will also act on the contract of Stephanie McKnight to teach and coach at the junior high.

Other agenda items for the 5:30 meeting includes calling the school board election for May 4.

The terms of Janet Stribling and Glenn Clarady are expiring.

Early voting in this election will begin April 17 and end on April 30. The first day for candidates to file will be Feb. 18, and the last day is March 20.

The board will also act on the administration's recommendation to use May 10 as a bad weather make-up day for Nov. 28, and for the staff to pursue TIFTB grants in the amount of $50,000 for the junior high and $75,000 for the high school.

The board will also hear an update on the district's budget.

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

Man arrested on parole warrant

Arrests

Officers arrested Wesley Allen Peters, 43, of 3101 Ave. W at noon Wednesday on outstanding warrants for parole violation.

DPS troopers arrested a 30-year-old man on U.S. Hwy 180 Wednesday morning for failure to identify himself and for driving with an expired license.

Fire

Firefighters were dispatched at 8 a.m. Wednesday to a structure fire at 1211 17th Street. The home is owned and occupied by John Montez.

Snyder Fire Marshal Cy Posey said Montez had extinguished the fire before firefighters arrived, but fire department fans were used to clear smoke from the residence.

The fire, which was electrical in nature, was confined to a furnace closet and damage was minor.

Nine firefighters responded to the call with two fire trucks.

Theft

A woman reported a subject had stolen her grandson's backpack Wednesday afternoon with a portable CD player inside. She did not wish to file a report, but requested the officers locate the subject and retrieve the property.

Criminal trespass

Officers issued a man with a criminal trespass warning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday ordering him to stay away from the Family Dollar store.

Obituaries

Petra DeLao

1915-2002

Petra DeLao of Snyder died Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Service for Mrs. DeLao, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jack Gonzales will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1915 in Texas. She married Jim DeLao and he died in 1980. A homemaker, Mrs. DeLao was a Catholic.

Survivors include seven daughters, Arcilia Torres, Maria Vallario, Gloria Torres and Petra Martinez, all of Snyder, Andrea Martinez of Edinburg, Consuelo Bernal of O'Donnell and Alicha Bernal of Bryan; five sons, Clyde DeLao and Ruben DeLao, both of Snyder, Chon DeLao and Antonio DeLao, both of Chicago; and 240 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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Darla Chance

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SWEETWATER — Darla Chance, the mother of Leslea Chance of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Chance, 61, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Travis Monday officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories.

Born Jan. 1, 1941 in Sweetwater, she was self-employed in a housecleaning service and worked as a correctional officer in Colorado City.

She was preceded in death by her father, B.F. Gee on March 9, 1975; and her mother, Marguerite Leslie Gee on Feb. 9, 1996.

Survivors include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Barry and Shelly Chance of Levelland, Kerry Chance of Stephenville and Jason Chance of Lubbock; another daughter, Paige Chance of Stephenville; a sister and brother-in-law, Gaylon and Tom Neatherlin of Abilene; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Jerrie Gee of Sweetwater; two grandsons, Spencer Chance and Cameron Chance, both of Levelland.

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GED math testing

The GED math segment test will begin at 8 a.m. Friday in Building 7B on the WTC campus. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

St. Elizabeth fish fry

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

Valentine dance

Towle Park barn will be the site of a Valentine dance for high school age and up from 8 p.m. until midnight Friday. Cost is $3 per person or $5 per couple.

Rep. Stenholm in Snyder

Congressman Charles Stenholm will be in Snyder from 11-11:45 a.m. Monday at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus. The public is invited.

Missionaries return for visit

Pat and Charlie Reynolds, missionaries to Guatemala, will be at the Word is Life Deliverance Church at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The public is invited. Reynolds is a former deputy sheriff and peace justice in Snyder.

Technology students booster meeting

The Technology Student Association booster meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday in the SHS shop building. Parents and business representatives are invited. A fundraiser and the banquet will be discussed.

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.

Vocational nurses graduation

The vocational nursing program at Western Texas College will hold a graduation and pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. next Thursday at First United Methodist Church. The public is invited.

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-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.

ESL, GED classes

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

Ira school's 58th reunion

The class of 1944 of Ira High School will have its 58th reunion Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Ira Baptist Church fellowship hall. Visitors are welcome. Call 573-6655 or 573-0604 for more information.

Kiwanis pancake day

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

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.

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.

Relay for Life

Team captains and team members are needed for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be held April 19-20 at Tiger Stadium. Contact Ann Everett, 573-3270; or Gabby Scott, 573-3230.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Authorities in four states on lookout for possible hijackers

ATLANTA (AP) — Authorities in four states were on the lookout for two men after the driver of a fuel tanker reported they tried to run him off the road and may have intended to hijack the truck.

The FBI and North Carolina Highway Patrol issued an alert for the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia after the driver told police the men tried to force him off a highway about 30 miles east of Raleigh early Wednesday, Georgia State Patrol spokesman Jim Shuler said.

Investigators said it may have been a case of road rage, but the North Carolina patrol still broadcast a radio message to local police to be on the lookout for a Dodge Neon with New Jersey plates driven by two men who appeared to be Arabs and warning that the men could be armed.

Shuler said the FBI asked the patrol to pass along a statewide lookout for the men saying they were wanted for questioning "in what would appear to be an attempted hijacking of a tractor-trailer."

"It sounded serious to us," Shuler said, noting the FBI's terrorism alert issued Tuesday. "In times like this, we decided that we have to do something about it."