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Home of Joe & Bella Nesmith



GONE FISHIN' — Clint Elder, 13, and Cade Allbright, 6, brave the high winds to try their luck at Towle Park Pond this morning. The two are taking advantage of the spring break week for the outdoor activity. (SDN Staff Photo)

Friday is deadline for submitting resumes for WTC presidency

Friday is the deadline to submit applications for the position of president at Western Texas College.

The campus is closed this week for spring break, but applications postmarked through tomorrow are being accepted.

As of last Friday, only four applicants had been received. College accountant Marjann Morrow, who is handling the applications, said that mail is not being picked up this week at the college, so it will be Monday before it is known whether any other applicants have been received.

Once the application period is closed, each board member will be provided with a set of resumes to study, board president Lee Presswood said.

Applicants will then be screened by a three-trustee committee consisting of Presswood, Carolyn Barbee and Scott Richburg. Background and reference checks will be performed, and the applicants will then be narrowed down to those eligible for interviewing.

Required applicant criteria states that the person must have an earned doctorate from an accredited college or university, as well as administrative experience at the dean's level or above at a community college. Teaching experience also is preferred.

"Once they are eligible for interviewing, the names will be released to the public of who we are going to interview," Presswood said.

The actual interviews will be performed in executive session by the entire board.

He said that he expects interviews to begin at the end of April or early May.

"Then, we will come to a conclusion. We hope to have someone named soon after the interviews."

Dr. Harry Krenek, college president the past 14 years, will retire effective Aug. 31.

Shuttle crew readying for its return to Earth

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The crews of the international space station and shuttle Discovery finished unloading supplies from a module early today then began packing it for its return to Earth.

The first replacement crew of space station Alpha also spent time getting their new home in shape.

The 21-foot-long Italian-made module named Leonardo had been filled with 5 tons of supplies including electronics, communications gear and emergency medical equipment. It had been brought up by Discovery and attached to the station early Monday.

"Beautiful work so far," Mission Control said after being informed the module had been emptied.

On its trip back to Earth aboard the space shuttle, the module will carry a load of trash and used equipment, as well as the personal belongings of the first station crew.

The first experiments for the U.S. science lab Destiny lab were also brought up in Leonardo. They will study the effects of weightlessness on the human body.

Inside Destiny, replacement station crew members Jim Voss and Susan Helms began to check out and activate the work station for Alpha's robotic arm, scheduled to be delivered in April.

Voss and Helms, along with their commander, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev, have moved into Alpha for a four-month stay.

They are relieving station commander Bill Shepherd and his two Russian shipmates, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev, who have spent more than four months ab :d Alpha.

The two station crews will work together, comparing notes, until Shepherd, Gidzenko and Krikalev leave Alpha aboard Discovery late Saturday. The shuttle, which launched last Thursday, is to return to Earth on Tuesday.

Shuttle pilot James Kelly had nothing but praise for Alpha's first crew members as they got nearer to ending their time in space.

"It's been great watching (the) crew work together," Kelly said. "They almost don't talk to each other. They communicate through mindwaves or something cause you can see them working as an orchestrated team and really getting the job done in a quick fashion."

Astronauts completed two spacewalks during the shuttle's mission, continuing to outfit the growing space station.

Initial reports that a piece of space junk could have passed about 200 feet below the space station early Wednesday proved to be incorrect, NASA flight director John Shannon said Thursday.

The object, a 10- to 15-pound viselike tool lost during the first spacewalk, was still about eight to 10 miles away from Alpha when Discovery's thrusters were fired Wednesday morning to move the joined spacecraft to a higher orbit and away from it. The object is now about 20 miles away and getting farther. Eventually it will fall toward Earth and burn up in the atmosphere.

Public safety career fair set here in April

Western Texas College and the West Central Texas Tech Prep are hosting a public safety career fair on April 4.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the college's gymnasium.

Participating public safety agencies will include local and area law enforcement, fire departments and emergency medical services, AeroCare, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Border Patrol, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Customs.

High school juniors and seniors from the region are invited to attend and will tour the many booths and exhibits on display.

John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction, said he is anticipating helicopters from U.S. Customs and AeroCare, as well as several field emergency vehicles to include ambulances, police cruisers and fire trucks from the participating agencies.

"The career fair will be an excellent opportunity for students to be exposed to career options and information regarding educational requirements for careers in public safety."

In addition to participating in the career fair, students will be treated to lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m., compliments of West Central Texas Tech Prep.

Tours of the Western Texas College campus will also be available throughout the morning and early afternoon.

For more information, call the vocational division office at 573-8511 ext. 250.

Senate to look at TxDOT proposals

AUSTIN (AP) — The hard feelings still lingering after a recent dispute between Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and the Texas Department of Transportation are bound to surface as the Senate Finance Committee reviews proposals to reform the department.

The dispute caused the committee to put the department's budget proposal on hold until members weighed the arguments of both sides. The full transportation budget is expected to be approved at the meeting today.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, who had accused the department of violating state rules that prohibit agencies from lobbying lawmakers, said he would let that issue go for now.

"I'm not after anyone," Lucio said. "I don't want to discredit anyone at this point. I want to get road construction done for Texas."

Friction mounted between Rylander and the department several months ago when she released a performance review blaming the department's poor business practices for much of Texas' traffic congestion problems.

To fix what she called an "antiquated" style for running an agency, Rylander recommended that the department cut hundreds of positions, work harder to win federal road dollars and jump-start construction projects through Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds, or GARVEEs, which use projected federal highway funds now. She said her reforms would provide $1.1 billion for road projects.

Last week, an e-mail sent to a senator by the department's manager of state legislative affairs, Jefferson Grimes, called the comptroller's recommendations "poor public policy" and said they should not be implemented.

Lucio, D-Brownsville, whose office received the e-mail, originally called for a hearing of the budget-writing committee on whether the department broke rules by lobbying.

Department spokesman Randall Dillard had said the e-mail reflected an honest effort to quickly answer questions posed to the department by Lucio's aide.

"TxDot, through the years has had it much their way. It's hard to change sometimes. It's hard to take constructive criticism, especially ones that will bring about operational changes that would change the pace of how the department does its work.

"I can understand them taking a defensive position but I don't accept it."

Lucio said the e-mail from the department employee is a sign of deeper problems at the agency that will have to be addressed.

"My problem right now is not with the commission itself," he said. "This is a result of people who have been with the department for many years. This is a classic example: when you don't have continuity in boards or commissions or elected officials, then the employees take over."

Son says atheist body identified

AUSTIN (AP) — Federal authorities have positively identified the remains of missing atheist activist Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two of her family members, O'Hair's estranged son, William Murray, said today.

William Murray said investigators told him they had a positive identity on the bodies: O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray, and her granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair, who she had adopted as her daughter.

O'Hair hit the national landscape when she was involved in court battles to ban school-sponsored prayer.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Vacations – like living – are expensive. However, it does include a free trip around the sun every 24 hours."

Nope, we didn't go to the beach on spring break.

Growing up in West Texas, we didn't even know there was a beach. Besides, spring break hadn't been invented back then.

We read an article where a Senior Citizens group is going to Padre Island on spring break – "to take the beaches back."

However, the senior citizens' trek is actually a week later. And the article added the footnote: hopefully all the college kids will be gone by then.

We liked the story about the elderly couple who were walking along the moonlit beach when a bottle washed ashore.

The man, 60, removed a cork and a genie popped out to announce, "I will give you each one wish."

The woman said that they had been poor most of their life, and therefore she wished for great riches.

Poof! She was rich.

Now the genie turned to the husband.

"I wish I had a wife 30 years younger than I am," said the man.

And poof...the husband was 90 years old.

The moral, of course, is to be careful for what you wish.

And one of our Baptist friends told us about a pastor who told his congregation that the church needed some extra money to meet unexpected expenses.

The minister urged people to consider donating a little more than usual when the Sunday offering plate passed.

As an incentive, the pastor further explained that whoever gave the most would get to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plate was passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a $10,000 check.

The preacher was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with the congregation. He continued that he'd like to personally thank the individual who placed that money in the plate, and he called her by name.

A very quiet, elderly and saintly-looking lady near the back shyly raised her hand.

As she slowly made her way to the front, the pastor told her how wonderful it was that she was so generous. He then asked her to select three hymns.

Her eyes sparkled as she looked over the assembly. She then pointed to the three most handsome men in the audience and said, "I'll take him, him and him."

ASK US

Q—I continue to receive "pre-approved" credit card applications in the mail. Is there a way to stop them?

A—You can have your name removed from the "pre-approved" lists by calling 1-888-567-8688.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 73 degrees; low, 44; 7 a.m. Thursday, 44; no precipitation; total for 2001, 4.13 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low around 30, light wind. Friday partly cloudy, high near 60, SE wind 10-20 mph, gusty. Friday night, party cloudy, low around 40.



Jessica West
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:53 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:53 a.m.
Of 73 days in 2001, the sun has shone 64 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The first basic of successful living is self-acceptance.
—Art Linkletter

MAR 15 2001

Dogs, inspectors greet travelers as U.S. fights foot-and-mouth disease

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) — Anthony Davidowitz, a British university student, knows firsthand the havoc foot-and-mouth disease can wreak on a country's farmers. His parents live in England within four miles of an outbreak of the livestock disease.

So Davidowitz didn't mind waiting several minutes as federal inspectors disinfected two pairs of his shoes after he arrived Wednesday on a flight from London.

"It's absolutely fine. I know farmers who are seriously suffering," he said.

The Agriculture Department has increased its scrutiny of travelers arriving from Britain and other European points to keep out foot-and-mouth disease, which was eradicated from the United States in 1929.

In addition to disinfecting the shoes of passengers who have been on European farms, the department also is devoting more of its inspectors and food-sniffing dogs to checking luggage from incoming European flights for contraband meat products.

Foot-and-mouth disease, which spread this week from Britain to France, is harmless to humans but could be devastating to the huge U.S. livestock industry. Unchecked, an epidemic would cause billions of dollars in damage, federal officials say.

And people can easily transport the virus on shoes.

In addition to reinforcing inspections at airports, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman told a congressional committee Wednesday, "We are increasing our public awareness about this: It's a risk to livestock and not a risk to human health."

A U.S. ban on meat and livestock imports was expanded from Britain to the European Union after a case was confirmed in France on Tuesday, and the Agriculture Department heightened its alerts at international airports and seaports.

Any travelers who say on their U.S. Customs declarations that they have recently been on a farm — as Davidowitz did Wednesday — are pulled aside for special questioning. If their shoes or boots are dirty, inspectors take the footwear and disinfect it in a mild solution of bleach and water.

USDA is adding 100 inspectors to its nationwide force of 1,800 to focus on flights arriving from Britain and Europe.

The fight against foot-and-mouth disease depends largely on the honesty of travelers to admit when completing customs forms that they've been on a farm or are carrying meat or other food that could harbor the disease. The department's trained dog teams, known as Beagle Brigades, are supposed to root out scofflaws, but they get to only a portion of any flight's baggage.

At Dulles, travelers from Britain have been noticeably more forthright recently, probably due to the publicity about the disease at home, inspectors said.

Quincy, an Agriculture Department beagle that met Virgin Atlantic Flight 21 from London on Wednesday, sniffed out a couple of apples and a package of jerky from among the 248 passengers.

"They're very wise to take precautions," said Pauline Frankel, a Virgin Atlantic passenger sent to the special inspection area after she declared a bottle of homemade chutney. She was allowed to keep it.

Foot-and-mouth is found on every continent except North America, Australia and Antarctica. It's in every South American country except Chile and Uruguay. Argentina suspended its beef exports Tuesday after confirming a new case.

The virus spreads so quickly, through the air or on motor vehicles or people, that entire herds and flocks must be incinerated to contain an outbreak. The disease can kill young animals and limits the growth of older ones.

The virus causes blister-like sores in the hooves and mouths of animals, hence the name.

The Agriculture Department has 280 veterinarians who can reach any farm or ranch in the country eight to 10 hours after a possible case is reported. If a case were to be confirmed, the farm would come under quarantine immediately and the livestock destroyed, department officials said.

Should foot-and-mouth reach the United States, "What you have seen in the UK is the same thing you will see happening here," said Alfonso Torres, deputy administrator of veterinary services for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

U.S. import restrictions on the European Union cover fresh and frozen meat as well as unpasteurized milk products.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization warned Wednesday that no country is safe from the disease because of increased international trade and tourism.

"Our society is based on freedom of movement and it is extremely difficult to control all and every risky passenger or immigrant or traveler or truck," said Yves Chaneau, head of the U.N. agency.

On the Net: USDA foot-and-mouth page:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/fmd/index.html

British Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food foot-and-mouth page:
http://www.maff.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/fmd/default.htm

events

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 $8 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 7-21-33-46-50-53.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $11 million.

Pick 3

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

6-7-8

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband happy in farmhouse couldn't move to townhouse

DEAR ABBY: I just finished the letter from "Living Single in Des Moines," the bride of three months who still lives apart from her husband because he refused to get rid of the "filth and clutter" so she could move in.

My husband was also a farmer. I was a city gal. For the first five years of our marriage he lived in the farmhouse, and I lived in town 50 miles away. We finally built a house in a town near him. He had a difficult time deciding to go ahead with the construction. During the construction, he wanted to quit and leave the house unfinished. My college-age son and I completed the inside of the house.

My husband delayed moving in as long as possible. He was never happy there and constantly harped on selling it, which we finally did. I moved back to the city. He returned to his old farmhouse, which is filthy and filled with clutter, rodents and bugs. He has a space heater in one room for the entire house and the water is contaminated, but this is where he wants to be.

I spent countless hours trying to clean up the farmhouse, but he didn't like it that way.

If I had been smart, I would have gotten an annulment right away as you suggested to the bride, because this type of man does not change. That poor woman is setting herself up for years of heartache. — **KNOWS BETTER NOW (ALSO FROM IOWA)**

DEAR KNOWS BETTER NOW: When I advised the disillusioned bride to talk to an attorney about an annulment, I thought I might catch some flak from readers. Interestingly, not one of the many people who commented on that letter disagreed with my answer. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Good for you! You told "Living Single" to get an annulment after marrying a man who reneged on his promise to clean up his cluttered, dirty home so they could live together. You are so right. She should run to the nearest lawyer.

I am on my second marriage — now 10 years in duration — to a junkaholic. My first husband encouraged me to take a job in a distant city, but when he saw that the apartment I found was large enough for our family but not for his broken lawn furniture, flat-tired bicycles and rusting tools, he made a U-turn on the next plane home and divorced me.

The man who became my second husband seemed much more intelligent and reasonable (he is much more successful than my first). I thought he'd surely see that the relocations involved in getting promoted in his field would be much more work if we hauled around every piece of paper, every warped record, every broken chair he had in college. I was wrong.

If "Des Moines" finds the clutter jarring now, wait till it has a few years to marinate. A guy who does nothing about the mess now never will. And time ensures it will only get worse.

I probably should get counseling to find out why I keep marrying men who would be happier living in a Dumpster, but I won't. I'm too tired to remarry. I hope that poor woman takes your advice. — **BURIED IN WEST PALM BEACH**

DEAR BURIED: So do I. While help is available for obsessive-compulsive disorders, the first and most obvious step in resolving a problem is admitting there is one and seeking help. Since living with his bride of three months isn't incentive enough for the man, I see little, if any, happiness ahead for her with him.

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Woman wakes from coma; sees her baby for first time

DALLAS (AP) — When Shannon Kranzberg came out of a two-month long coma induced by a car accident, her one-week-old daughter — who was born during the coma — was there to greet her.

There was a time when Michael Kranzberg thought his daughter, Alexis, would never be born and his wife might never regain consciousness.

But, the 18-year-old Garland woman gave birth to the healthy baby girl while comatose, after a Staph infection apparently triggered labor.

Shannon Kranzberg plans to go home Thursday from the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation so she can join 2-month-old Alexis, who went home from Methodist Medical Center shortly after she was born Jan. 14.

"I just woke up and the baby was there," Shannon Kranzberg said in Thursday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

It took 10 hours of labor for Kranzberg, who had miscarried twice, to give birth to Alexis, Because the baby was about two months premature, she weighed only 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

Doctors say that although it's rare for a woman in a coma to give birth, natural delivery is even rarer.

Though mom and daughter came through the high-risk delivery fine, dad fainted in the delivery room.

"She's my hero," Michael Kranzberg said of his wife. "She's just awesome."

Shannon Kranzberg will continue treatment on an outpatient basis as she continues to gain strength, her doctor, Mary Carlisle said. For now, Shannon Kranzberg still has some weakness on her left side that makes it hard to hold Alexis.

Michael Kranzberg hopes their story will inspire others.

"I just want to say to people who are in our position that you've just got to keep the faith," he said. "You can't get beat down."

Date Book

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Today is the 74th day of 2001 and the 85th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1892, the legislature of New York State became the first in the Union to approve the use of voting machines in local elections.

On this day in 1960, President Dwight David Eisenhower created the Key Largo Coral Reef Preserve.

On this day in 1964, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were wed in Montreal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Jackson (1767-1845), U.S. president; Harry James (1916-1983), musician-bandleader; Norm Van Brocklin (1926-1983), football star-coach; Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1934-), Supreme Court justice, is 67; Judd Hirsch (1935-), actor, is 66; Harold Baines (1959-), baseball player, is 42; Terence Trent D'Arby (1962-), musician, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored his 4,000th point of the season, having scored an average of more than 50 points per game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Honest conviction is my courage; the Constitution is my guide." — Andrew Jackson

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (March 16).

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RELAY PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY — Citizens interested in participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life recently held a kick-off rally. Pictured from left are Karen Kittles, member of the ACS board of directors; Becky Phillips, and Leah Phillips, captain of her Northside Baptist Church youth group team. The relay will be held April 20-21 at Tiger Stadium. In the photo at left Mary Higdon, left, was presented a plaque of appreciation from chairman Carole Haines, representing the Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society. (Contributed Photo)





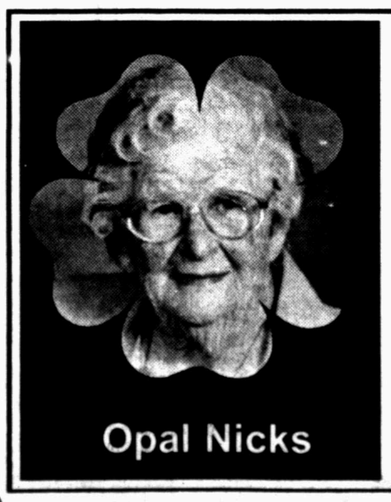
LIONS AID SCOUTS — Lions Club president Mike Hartman presented a $300 check Tuesday to Peggy Vernon, Girl Scout service unit chairman and Lions member. The funds will go toward learning projects for local Girl Scouts. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Law enforcement risky work

More than 150 law enforcement officers across the nation were killed in the line of duty during 2000. This represents more than a 10 percent rise in police fatalities over the previous year.

There were 151 federal, state and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty during the past year, according to preliminary figures recently released by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). That is 13 percent higher than the 134 officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in 1999.

Of the 151 officers who were killed during the past year, 51 were shot to death; 47 died in automobile accidents; 20 were struck by automobiles while outside of their own vehicles; eight died in motorcycle accidents; seven were killed in aircraft accidents; six succumbed to job-related illnesses; three drowned; three died in falls; two were stabbed; one died in a bicycle accident; one officer was killed in an accident involving a horse; one was beaten to death; and one officer died in a bomb-related incident. Texas was the deadliest state in the nation over the past year for police officers with 14 fatalities; followed by California with 11; and Georgia and Tennessee with 10 each. Six of the officers killed during the past year were women.



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Saturday, March 17

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

East Side Church of Christ Multi-Purpose Building

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-15-01
♠ Q 9 3
♥ J
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ A 7 6 4 3

West
♠ 10
♥ 8 7 5 2
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South
♠ A 8 7 5 4 2
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♣ —

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Thursday, March 15, 2001

The principle works for once

By Phillip Alder

Let's go straight into the deal today. You, South, and your partner have powered into six spades. West leads the club king. What would be your line of play?

There are numerous ways to bid these hands, depending upon your levels of science and sophistication. Here, two clubs is strong, artificial and forcing. Three clubs promises eight-plus points and five or more clubs.

One low heart will disappear on dummy's club ace; the other will be ruffed in the dummy. Yet because you need that ruff, starting with the ace and another spade would not be right. West might go in with the king and return a third spade, killing the ruff. South did better, ruffing in hand at trick one and leading a low spade toward dummy: 10, queen, king. Back came the heart queen, so South won with his ace, ruffed a heart in the dummy with the spade nine (to unblock), pitched the other low heart on the club ace, and called for the spade three. When East played the six, should South have gone up with the ace, playing West for an original J-10 doubleton, or finessed his seven, playing West for a singleton 10?

There is an aid called the Principle of Restricted Choice (PRC). Basically, PRC says that if an opponent plays a particular card when there are two touching equivalent cards, his partner is likely to hold the other one. So, here, because West played the spade 10, his partner probably holds the jack. Knowing this, South finessed his seven. Bingo!

You have to handle with some care, but PRC can be a useful assistant.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 14- William Foreman, Tysen Hatter, Clyde Brown, Kim Hager, Sonny Hataway, Rea Jordan, Sarisa Patel and H.A. Smith Jr.

DISMISSALS: Wanda Cody, Tysen Hatter was transferred, Theressa Mabry and baby and Clovis Robinson.

CENSUS: 41 (Med./Surg.-17 and Long-term Care-24)

Add potato flakes to soups and stews as a flavorful thickener.

In 1801, the North African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.





ABWA MEETING — Lyn Lancaster, co-owner of Classic Interiors, presented the program for members of American Business Women's Association, top photo. In the photo at left is the local chapter's ABWA Woman of the Year, Vivian Cochran. (Contributed Photo)

From Classic Interior...

Lancaster presents program to ABWA on decorating services

Lyn Lancaster, co-owner of Classic Interiors, presented a program to Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women at the Martha Ann Woman's Club on Feb. 22.

Located on the east side of the square, Lancaster explained services offered at Classic Interiors that include floor coverings of wood, tile, stained and scored concrete and carpet.

Lancaster said that popular colors for spring are greens, gold, coral, bright blue and orchid. Chenille, she added, is the popular fabric for upholstering and draperies.

Classic Interiors does residential and commercial decorating.

They carry a full line of home and garden decorating items and they also have bridal selections.

Vivian Cochran was chosen ABWA Woman of the Year. She serves on the ways and means committee that has a primary goal of raising funds for a scholarship for a local student to attend Western Texas College.

Leona Wiggins, treasurer, also directed the business session and gave the invocation.

The benediction was by Betty Boyd and Cochran was hostess.

THANK YOU
An Angel (Brenda Martin)

I would like to thank you on behalf of all the women you have helped get through the hardest times of their lives. You've shown us the way to a better life. We couldn't have done it without you. You have given us the strength to be strong.

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Maria C. Torres

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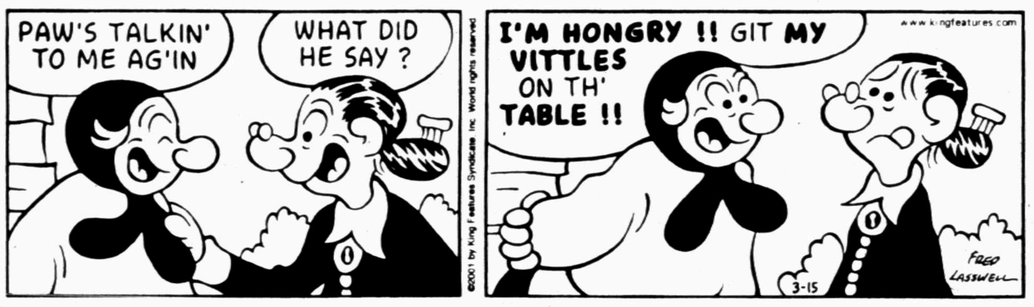
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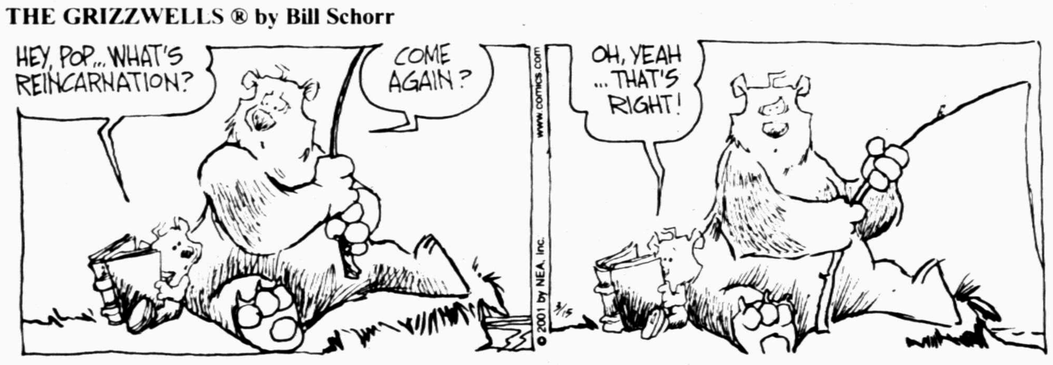
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1 Forceful one
7 Mottled marking (on a horse)
13 Destined to an unhappy end
14 El Al destination
15 Rodent
16 Waltz city
17 Gab
18 Ear (comb. form)
20 Vast age
21 Discouraged
25 Emily Dickinson's birthplace
28 Raged
32 Actress Davis
33 Plants, collectively
34 Improvise
35 Actor Delon
36 Drive back
37 Motorist's need
39 Withdraws from the Union
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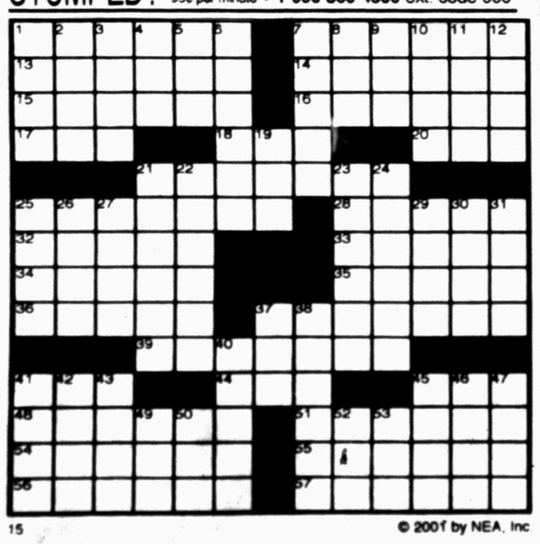
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4 Unit of mass
5 Encountered
6 Abominable
7 Lump of earth on the fairway
8 "— — was saying"
9 "School" start
10 Sheet of glass
11 Letterman's rival
12 Spirit
19 Explosive abbr.
21 Disavows
22 Capable of cultivation
23 Erase
24 Washington airport
25 Lab substance
26 Ancient Persian's neighbor
27 Lend a hand
29 — and groan
30 Goddess of discord
31 Native of Copenhagen
37 Film villain, — Luthor
38 Conceive
40 Slyly spiteful
41 Domino spots
42 Clutch at
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50 Stroke
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53 Kennel sound

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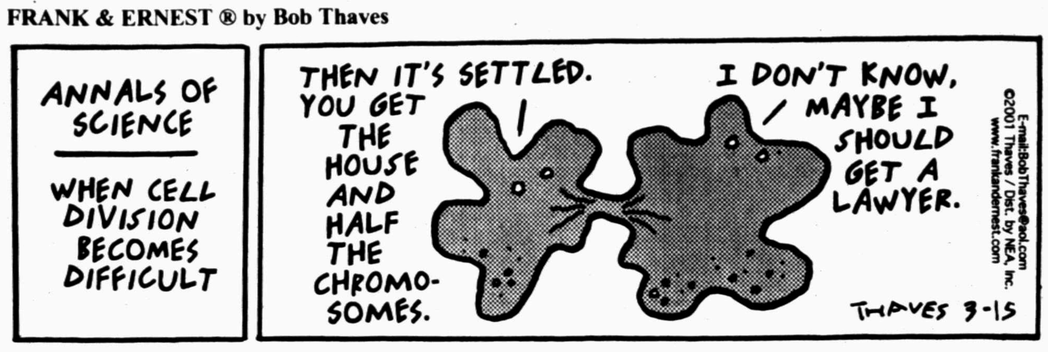
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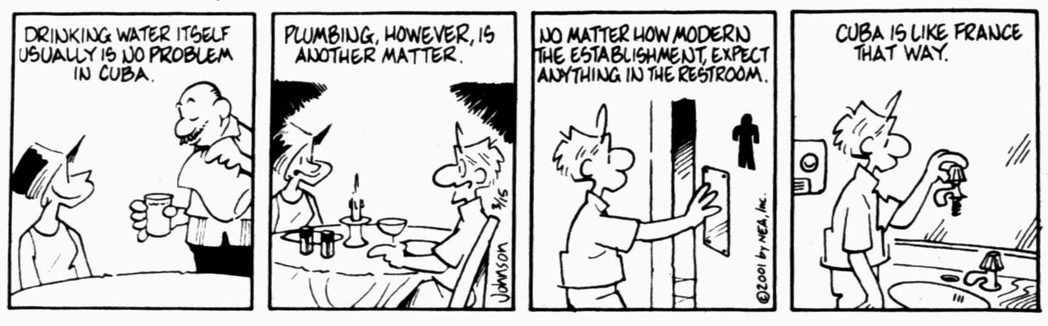


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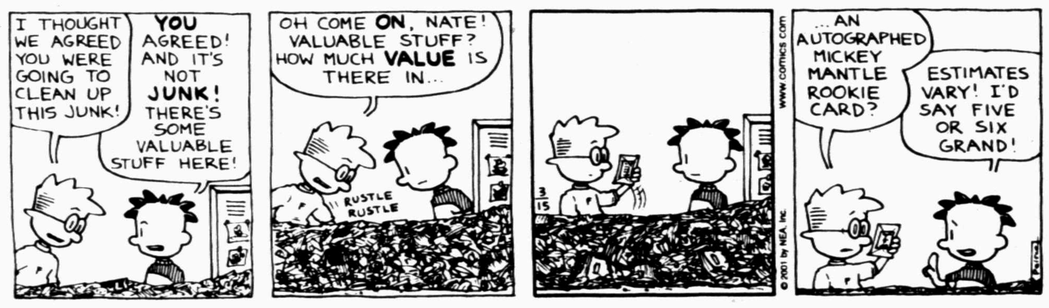
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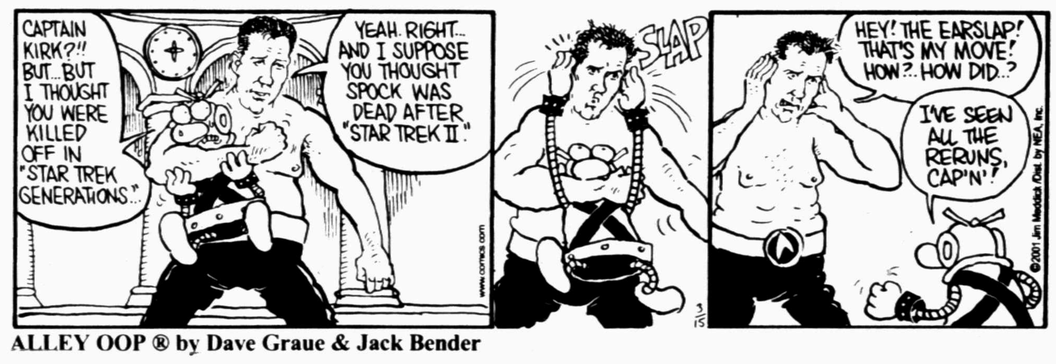
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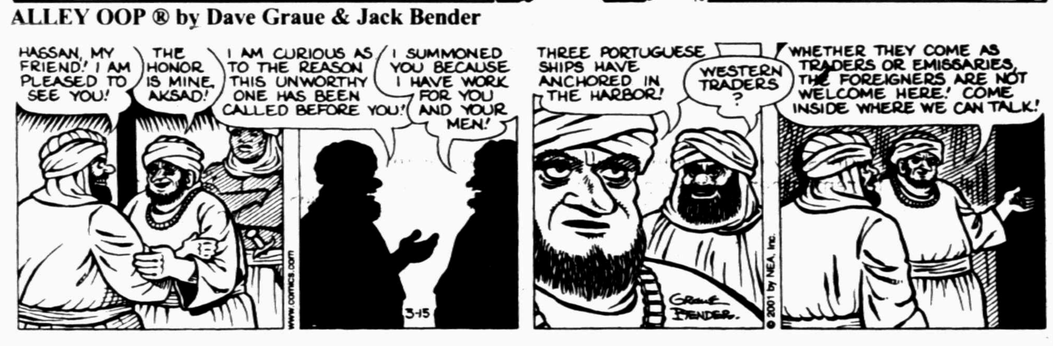
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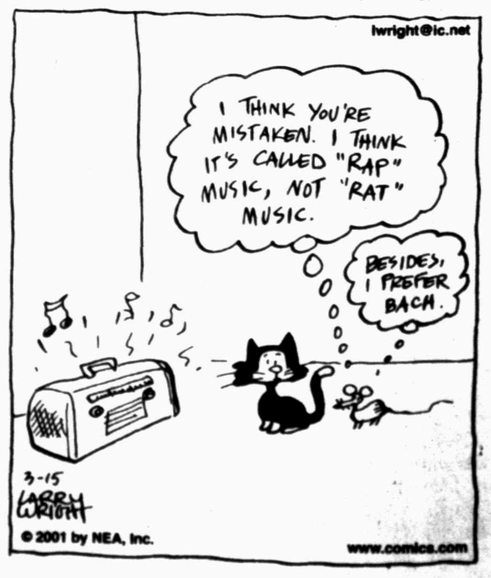
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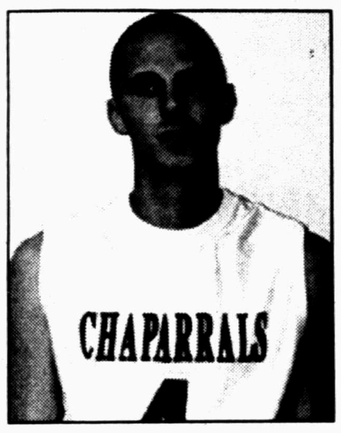
By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Former teammates on one of Snyder High School's most successful basketball teams, are now adversaries on the Little Dribblers sidelines.

Mark Preston and Kris Seale, members of the 1980 Tiger team that advanced to the state basketball tournament, now reside in Abilene where they squared off as coaches of their sons' Little Dribblers teams.

Mark is now head of the pharmaceutical department at Hendrick Hospital, while Kris is president of Directors Investment Group.

Their sons, Matt Preston and Drew Seale, hope to compete as teammates someday at Wylie High School, and help lead their squad to Austin, just as their fathers did.



Rick Henderson

In other hoops news, former Snyder High School standout Rick Henderson, continues to shine for Lubbock Christian University.

In last week's Sooner Conference tournament championship, Henderson poured in 32 points to lead the Chaparrals to an NAIA tournament berth.

In Wednesday night's opening-round contest against St. Xavier, the ex-Tiger drained a three-pointer with 27 seconds left to lift LCU to a 63-62 victory. Henderson finished the with a team-high 23 points.

The Chaparrals' second-round contest will be Friday against Georgetown, Ky. The NAIA tournament is being held in Tulsa, Okla.

Staying on the hardwood, there aren't many rumors pertaining to who might take Sam Tipton's position as head girls' basketball coach and girls' athletic coordinator at Snyder High School. Remember, Tipton is the new executive director of Texas Girls Coaches Association.

The only rumor that surfaced briefly was that Nan Cook was the leading candidate. Cook led the Abilene Wylie girls to the 3A state title game this past season.

The rumor was false, as SISD officials confirmed that Cook had not applied for the position.

Too bad, because Cook's a good coach.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON — Former SHS hoopsters Mark Preston and Kris Seale, back row from left, now square off as coaches in the Little Dribblers ranks in Abilene. Matt Preston and Drew Seale play for their fathers, who helped the Tigers' 1980 team reach the state tournament. (Contributed Photo)

Tech set for today's visit by Bob Knight

LUBBOCK (AP) — Before Texas Tech officials decide whether to make an offer to Bob Knight, dozens of faculty members want to make their opinions known.

At least 58 faculty members have added their names to a petition against hiring the fired Indiana coach in advance of his three-day visit to the campus, beginning this afternoon.

Asked about the petition Wednesday night on Bob Costas' "On the Record" show on HBO, Knight said it was the first he'd heard of it.

"I'm not sure I know a single person or have ever met a single person on the Texas Tech faculty," he said. "And I would certainly, if I coached there, reserve judgment about the faculty until I meet them."

A few hours earlier, associate professor of philosophy Walter Schaller turned in the petition at Tech president David Schmidly's office. University spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Schmidly was out of town on Wednesday and had not seen the petition.

However, she said, "he has emphasized that faculty opinion certainly would be taken into consideration."

In the 2,000-plus-word e-mail, Schaller argues that Knight's ability to build a clean and winning program should not outweigh his repeated misconduct.

"Having Mr. Knight as the basketball coach at Texas Tech would bring much negative publicity and damage our reputation in ways that are completely unnecessary," Schaller wrote. "At a minimum, the announcement of his hiring would be accompanied by the film clip in which he throws a chair across the basketball court, except this time the name of Texas Tech would be attached to such antics."

Earlier in the day, athletic director Gerald Myers said he was not aware of the petition.

Knight, a Hall of Fame coach who led Indiana to three national championships, was invited to visit the campus by Myers, a longtime friend. He planned to address the media at an early evening news conference, but will not take questions.

"I obviously think there are some things that are necessary in the building of a basketball program that can be successful," he said. "If they think and I think that those are the same things, then we'll just see what happens."

Private schools continue UIL push

AUSTIN (AP) — Private schools came a step closer to being able to compete in University Interscholastic League activities Wednesday when the Senate tentatively approved a bill directing the UIL to develop rules for the schools' participation.

The bill was criticized by lawmakers who said that such a measure could drain talent from public schools and that private schools would be able to recruit athletes.

"I believe that the way this bill is drafted, it's going to allow a private school to basically seek out students from all over the school district to attend their particular schools," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

The bill, by Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, still needs final approval before moving to the House. A similar bill failed last legislative session.

The UIL is the governing body over public school athletic competition and championships.

The bill would allow participation by private schools with an enrollment of 500 students or more that meet certain accreditation and academic standards.

Undre Armbrister's original bill, single-sex private schools could participate. But, Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, added an amendment that opened up the eligibility to coed schools as well.

Dallas Jesuit, Strake Jesuit College Prep, St. Thomas and St. Agnes Academy in Houston, Cathedral in El Paso and Ursuline Academy in Dallas would be eligible under Armbrister's original bill.

Armbrister said that he did not know how many schools might be affected with the amendment. UIL director Bill Farney said about 240 schools could be affected.

Senators arguing against the bill said that if parents made a conscious decision to send their children to private schools, those children should participate in private school activities. They also said the bill puts public schools at a severe disadvantage.

"Public schools don't have the resources of a Dallas Jesuit or a Strake Jesuit or a Ursuline," West said.

Armbrister disagreed and said that the private schools would have to abide by the same regulations that public schools do.

Baylor drops NIT opener

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Dave Bliss won plenty of memorable games in The Pit as New Mexico's coach for 11 seasons.

The loss he took Wednesday is one he's also likely to remember for a long time.

The second-year Baylor coach returned Wednesday to Albuquerque, and New Mexico fans gave him a rousing welcome. The Lobos were less hospitable and beat the Bears 83-73 in a first round game of the NIT.

Ruben Douglas scored 27 points and Wayland White had 14 points and 10 rebounds as New Mexico (20-12) used an 11-2 run over the final 2:43 to pull away. White's back-to-back baskets sparked the late run.

New Mexico will play Pepperdine (22-8) in a second round game Tuesday in Albuquerque.

Bliss, who holds the school's record for career wins, recruited Douglas and White while still at New Mexico.

"There's a reason why New Mexico recruited Ruben and Wayland," Bliss said. "Ruben hit some major league shots and Wayland's tip-in tipped the scale. Sometimes you don't have a defense for good ability."

Douglas initially signed with Arizona, then transferred last year to New Mexico. White, a junior college transfer, opted to join the Lobos when coach Fran Fraschilla succeeded Bliss.

"I didn't get caught up in all the hype and emotion," Douglas said of Bliss' return to The Pit. "He's one of the few coaches in the nation who really knows my game. It was probably a shame for me that I didn't come here out of high school."

White's two baskets gave New Mexico a 76-71 lead with 2:05 left and moments later Marlon Parmer hit a bank shot. Baylor's only points after that were a pair of free throws from Terry Black.

"The roar is still there," Bliss said of the atmosphere in which his teams thrived for more than a decade. "Games are important, but coming back and seeing friends and what made it great was special."

Local Schedule

TODAY
Baseball
Snyder JV Black at Sweetwater tourney
Snyder JV Gold at Grape Creek tourney

FRIDAY
Baseball
Snyder at Levelland, 4:30
Snyder JV Black at Sweetwater tourney
Snyder JV Gold at Grape Creek tourney

Softball
Frenship at Snyder, 7 p.m.

NIT Glance

All Times EST
First Round
Tuesday, March 13
Alabama 85, Seton Hall 79
Memphis 71, Utah 62
Wednesday, March 14
Connecticut 72, South Carolina 65
Dayton 68, NC-Wilmington 59
Pittsburgh 84, St. Bonaventure 75
Purdue 90, Illinois State 79
Mississippi St. 75, Southern Miss. 68
Detroit 68, Bradley 49
Auburn 60, Miami 58
Tulsa 75, UC Irvine 71
Pepperdine 72, Wyoming 69
Texas-El Paso 84, McNeese State 74
Minnesota 87, Villanova 78
New Mexico 83, Baylor 73
Thursday, March 15
South Alabama (22-10) at Toledo (21-10), 7 p.m.
Friday, March 16
West Virginia (17-11) at Richmond (21-6), 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Basketball Tournament

All Times EST
OPENING ROUND
Tuesday, March 13
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Northwestern State 71, Winthrop 67
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Kentucky (22-9) vs. Holy Cross (22-7), 12:20 p.m.
Iowa (22-11) vs. Creighton (24-7), 30 minutes after previous game
Boston College (26-4) vs. Southern Utah (25-5), 7:40 p.m.
Southern California (21-9) vs. Oklahoma State (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Ohio State (20-10) vs. Utah State (27-5), 12:25 p.m.
UCLA (21-8) vs. Hofstra (26-4), 30 minutes after previous game
Duke (29-4) vs. Monmouth, N.J. (21-9), 7:40 p.m.
Georgia (16-14) vs. Missouri (19-12), 30 minutes after previous game
SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Virginia (20-8) vs. Gonzaga (24-6), 12:25 p.m.
Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Indiana State (21-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Michigan State (24-4) vs. Alabama State (22-8), 7:40 p.m.
California (20-10) vs. Fresno State (25-6), 30 minutes after previous game
At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans
Texas (25-8) vs. Temple (21-12), 12:30 p.m.
Florida (23-6) vs. Western Kentucky (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game
Penn State (19-11) vs. Providence (21-9), 7:50 p.m.
North Carolina (25-6) vs. Princeton (16-10), 30 minutes after previous game
MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Illinois (24-7) vs. Northwestern State, 12:15 p.m.
Tennessee (22-10) vs. Charlotte (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game
Kansas (24-6) vs. Cal State Northridge (22-9), 7:40 p.m.
Syracuse (24-8) vs. Hawaii (17-13), 30 minutes after previous game
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Wake Forest (19-10) vs. Butler (23-7), 12:30 p.m.
Arizona (23-7) vs. Eastern Illinois (21-9), 30 minutes after previous game
Mississippi (25-7) vs. Iona (22-10), 7:55 p.m.
Notre Dame (19-9) vs. Xavier (21-7), 30 minutes after previous game
WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl
San Diego
Georgia Tech (17-12) vs. St. Joseph's (25-6), 2:42 p.m.
Stanford (28-2) vs. North Carolina-Greensboro (19-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Indiana (21-12) vs. Kent State (23-9), 7:55 p.m.
Cincinnati (23-9) vs. Brigham Young (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Wisconsin (18-10) vs. Georgia State (28-4), 12:40 p.m.
Maryland (21-10) vs. George Mason (18-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Arkansas (20-10) vs. Georgetown (23-7), 7:50 p.m.
Iowa State (25-5) vs. Hampton (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

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x-Philadelphia	48	16	.750	—
New York	38	26	.594	10
Miami	39	27	.591	10
Orlando	35	29	.547	13
Boston	27	37	.422	21
New Jersey	22	44	.333	27
Washington	16	48	.250	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	24	.619	—
Charlotte	38	27	.585	2
Toronto	35	30	.538	5
Indiana	27	36	.429	12
Detroit	24	40	.375	15½
Cleveland	23	41	.359	16½
Atlanta	20	45	.308	20
Chicago	11	52	.175	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	45	19	.703	—
Utah	44	19	.698	½
Dallas	41	23	.641	4
Minnesota	38	27	.585	7½
Houston	36	29	.554	9½
Denver	32	34	.485	14
Vancouver	20	46	.303	26

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	43	20	.683	—
L.A. Lakers	42	21	.667	1
Portland	42	23	.646	2
Phoenix	38	25	.603	5
Seattle	33	33	.500	11½
L.A. Clippers	22	44	.333	22½
Golden State	16	49	.246	28

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games
Washington 103, Detroit 96
Orlando 97, Cleveland 87
Miami 114, Sacramento 104
Charlotte 100, Vancouver 95
San Antonio 106, Minnesota 100, OT
Philadelphia 85, Chicago 67
Denver 95, Indiana 83
Phoenix 84, Portland 79
Utah 102, Golden State 83

Thursday's Games
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Bass club meeting

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 6:30 Tuesday evening at the TXU warehouse on Ave. M. All participants should bring their weigh-in slips.

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player, and includes green fee, golf cart and a hamburger lunch. Teams must have a combined handicap over 50.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes will be a $5,000 CD and a 2001 Ford Focus. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

Barkley considers return

ATLANTA (AP) — Charles Barkley says he is considering making a comeback next season, perhaps with the Washington Wizards.

Barkley, an 11-time All-Star, retired last year after playing 16 seasons. He currently works as an analyst for Turner Sports.

Bucks coach fined for comments

NEW YORK (AP) — Milwaukee Bucks coach George Karl, fired by Seattle after the 1997-98 season, was fined $50,000 by the NBA for his criticism of the SuperSonics and general manager Wally Walker.

Pitino visits Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Rick Pitino wants his next coaching job to be his last, and Louisville is the only job he's looking at.

The former Kentucky and Boston Celtics coach visited with retired Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum and toured the Louisville campus with his 18-year-old son, Richard.

Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich, who met with Pitino in Miami last weekend, has said Pitino is the only candidate for the job.

NBA players suspended for fight

CLEVELAND (AP) — Orlando's Tracy McGrady was suspended for two games without pay and fined $10,000 for hitting Sacramento's Bobby Jackson in the face with a ball and fighting with the Kings guard.

Jackson was also suspended for one game and fined $7,500 for shoving McGrady and fighting in the final seconds of Orlando's 114-108 overtime loss Tuesday night.

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District: Abilene
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SUAN PHUNG, Thailand (AP) — The young twins who led the God's Army rebel group in Thailand have been reunited with their mother, more than a year after the family was split up during fighting with Myanmar troops, officials said today.

The mother arrived Tuesday at the border patrol force base where Johnny and Luther Htoo have been held since their surrender to Thai authorities on Jan. 16. The twins are believed to be 15 years old, though they look much younger.

Their father is expected to join them soon and the family will stay at the camp until the government makes a decision on whether to give them refugee status, said police Lt. Col. Somchai Visutsuwan.

"We will continue to confine them here until further notice from higher authorities," Somchai, the chief of the border patrol base, told The Associated Press.

The twins' parents already have refugee status and have been living in the Ban Ton Yang refugee shelter nearby. The area is about 100 miles west of the Thai capital, Bangkok.

God's Army, which at its peak had about 150 fighters, had provided minor resistance in a wider guerrilla war by ethnic Karen rebels fighting for autonomy in Myanmar, also known as Burma.

They acquired near-legendary status around 1997, when Myanmar troops came to their village during a sweep of Karen areas. The mainstream guerrillas group, the Karen National Union, reportedly fled while the twins rallied some local men and directed a successful counterattack.

After that, the twins' followers said the boys — who are Christians — had powers from God. Their followers believed bullets couldn't hit them and mines wouldn't explode under their feet.

God's Army stopped fighting after they lost their base at Ka Mar Pa Law, just inside Myanmar, in early 2000. During the fighting, they became separated from their parents, who trekked to Thailand.

Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

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When the prostate enlarges — as it does in most men as they age — the bladder outlet may become partially blocked, leading to urinary retention and stretching of the bladder wall. In such instances, medication (such as Proscar, to shrink the prostate) or surgery (to remove part of the gland itself) can often relieve the symptoms of prostate obstruction. I believe that either of these options might suit you.

However, I am not an urologist and, without the results of further testing, would not presume to offer you specific advice. Therefore, I urge you to be examined by an appropriate specialist. Regardless of what therapeutic choices you make, I am certain that more specific treatment would improve the quality of your life and help you to avoid the complications of repeated catheterization.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Following a wisdom-tooth extraction, my 21-year-old brother required hospitalization for a condition called Ludwig's angina, which caused head, neck and chest swelling. What is this ailment?

DEAR READER: Ludwig's angina — not to be confused with heart pains called angina pectoris — is a rapidly spreading infection in the neck. It can follow otherwise uneventful dental extractions, which allow bacteria from the mouth access to tissues under the jawbone. As the infection spreads, it causes severe pain and swelling, difficulty swallowing, drooling and trouble breathing. If respiration is critically impaired, asphyxiation and death can result.

Before the advent of antibiotics, Ludwig's angina was a life-threatening and dreaded consequence of dental extractions. Fortunately, with modern intravenous antibiotics, the infection is easily treated. However, during the treatment phase, patients must be closely monitored for respiratory distress, a complication that can appear suddenly and **without warning.**

DEAR DR. GOTT: I regularly participate in pretty rough forms of basketball, yet I've never had a bruise. Have you ever heard of this?

DEAR READER: Yes. I assume that you are a young adult and, therefore, do not bruise to the extent older adults do. Such easy bruising probably occurs because capillary blood vessels within the skin become more fragile with age. Consequently, even minor injuries produce bruises in older people. In fact, many senior citizens experience spontaneous bruising when, without significant trauma, capillaries and veins burst. This is known by the unfortunate sobriquet "senile purpura."

Also, young people bruise less easily because they have more subcutaneous tissue, which helps cushion injuries. Finally, older people have thinner skin; thus, bruising may be more noticeable and extensive.

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Caterpillar		45.15	44.40	44.79
Chevron		89.76	87.65	87.72 — 1.81
Citigroup s		46.59	45.90	46.11 + 1.21
CocaCola		47.67	46.42	46.43 — 1.24
ColgatePal		55.47	53.96	54.00 — 1.47
ComclMetals		26.40	26.10	26.10 — .15
CooperIn		42.70	42.51	42.56 + .06
DaimlrChry		46.83	46.42	46.55 + .53
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DeltaAirl		40.24	39.20	40.21 + .34
Dillards Inc		18.37	17.94	17.96 — .08
DowChem s		32.36	31.52	31.63 — .22
DuPont		44.80	43.35	43.45 — .26
EastmanChem		49.81	48.49	48.59 — 1.44
EstKodak		42.50	42.05	42.35 + .27
EDS Corp		58.49	57.60	57.75 + 1.00
Entergy		38.58	37.65	38.40 + .45
ExxonMobil		83.75	82.07	82.07 — .57
Flowers		17.00	16.62	16.84 — .11
GenDynam		70.05	68.80	68.80 — .60
GenElec s		41.85	40.80	40.80 — .23
GenMills		43.30	42.90	42.96 — .34
GenMotors		55.75	55.10	55.12 + .12
GaPacGP		29.11	28.41	28.50 — .48
GlobalMar		29.50	28.05	28.21 — 1.01
Goodrich		39.60	38.60	38.60 — 1.19
Goodyear s		25.60	25.05	25.17 — .08
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HoneywellIntl		41.14	40.54	40.54 — .11
IBM		97.87	94.96	95.71 + .75
IntlPaper		35.85	34.70	34.71 — .74
JohnsonJn		93.25	92.01	92.18 — 1.07
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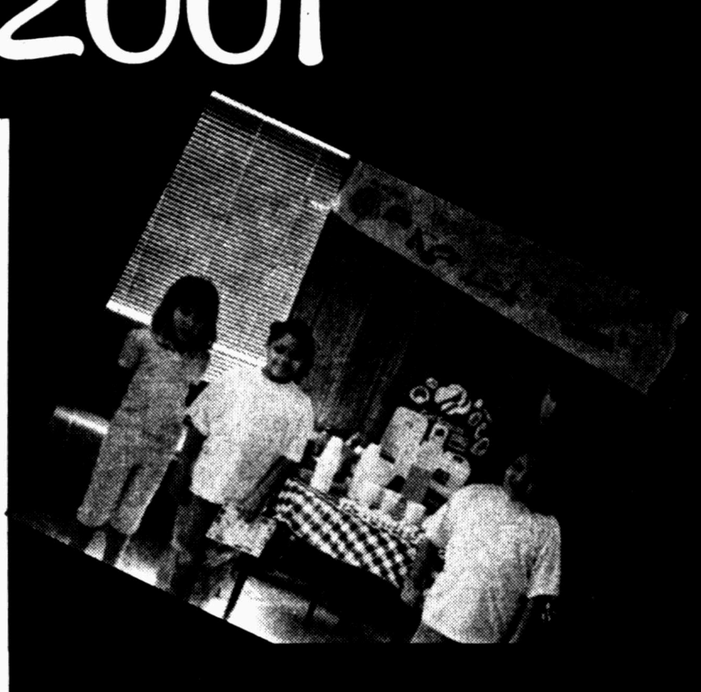






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Ex-nurse could get death sentence for killing four patients

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Kristen Gilbert was hired as a caretaker, but the accusations that followed painted a gruesome picture: The nurse allegedly killed four patients at a veterans hospital with drug injections to impress her boyfriend.

Gilbert now faces the death penalty after a federal jury convicted her Wednesday of three first-degree murder charges and one second-degree murder count. She also was convicted of trying to kill two other patients who did not die.

The same jury that spent nearly 12 days deliberating after the three-month trial is to reconvene Monday to consider if the 33-year-old mother of two should be executed or sentenced to life in prison.

"Now, I can go to the cemetery and feel good that vengeance has been done," said Julia Hudon, the 67-year-old mother of one of the victims, Henry Hudon.

Massachusetts banned capital punishment in 1984. But the case was tried in federal court, where murder can be punishable by death because the crimes took place on federal property, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northampton, Mass.

Gilbert bent her head and wept quietly as the verdict was read. Her parents, Richard and Claudia Strickland, of Setauket, N.Y., sat behind her in the courtroom. Richard Strickland covered his face with his hand as the verdict was announced.

The victims' families cried and let out gasps of relief, but they are split on what Gilbert's punishment should be.

Christine Duquette, the sister of Hudon, says Gilbert should die.

"She is a serial murderer. Nothing is going to stop these people," she said.

Julia Hudon says life in prison may be a harsher sentence.

"She is a young person, and every day she would have to relive what she did," Hudon said. "She was e-mailing her lover while my son was dying."

Prosecutors said Gilbert injected patients with overdoses of epinephrine, or adrenaline, sending their hearts racing out of control. They said she wanted to attract attention, especially from her lover, a hospital security guard.

The boyfriend, James Perrault, said she once told him, "I did it! I did it! I injected those guys with a certain drug." But later, Gilbert told him she was only trying to make him angry, Perrault said. They were breaking up at the time.

Prosecutors said she once climbed atop a patient and straddled him, apparently so Perrault could see her garter belt.

Gilbert's lawyers blamed the emergencies and deaths on natural causes, saying the patients were already seriously ill. They argued she was falsely accused by co-workers who were upset she was having an extramarital affair.

"Every single one of these people had a coronary disease, were at risk for a coronary disease or at risk for sudden cardiac death," defense attorney David Hoose said in closing arguments. "If you start out looking at these cases with a suspicious eye, then you'll find suspicion."

The deaths occurred in 1995 and 1996, as the government began investigating the unusually high rate of deaths from cardiac arrests that occurred on Gilbert's shift at the hospital.

Fed tech fund in jeopardy under budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal technology fund critics call "corporate welfare" would lose money under President Bush's 2001 budget, something scientists say would leave a gap in cash for technology.

The fund, which received more than $145 million this year, has helped advances in gene identification, digital television and fiberglass bridges.

Bush wants the program, run by the Commerce Department, stopped so it can be reviewed. Although it already has a separate oversight office that has given it glowing reports, the administration thinks that isn't enough.

Commerce spokeswoman Mary Crawford said several reports have generated questions about the program.

"This is a new administration. Secretary (Donald) Evans is an engineer by background, he is very seriously committed to making sure that the Commerce Department is doing top-quality research," Crawford said.

Nevertheless, she said, cutting the program completely is "not on the table."

But cutting ATP has been on the table in Congress for years. The Clinton administration vigorously defended it, citing studies that said many companies would not have pursued such research without federal help.

Henry Kelly, president of the Federation of American Scientists, said that defending ATP has been difficult because the program only funds emerging technologies, and doesn't pay for a specific product.

"Once you've got the basic idea in play, then people can run off and make proprietary products," he said. "There's a huge (funding) gap that's left in places where the public has an interest in moving technology forward. ATP filled that brilliantly."

The program funded the development of cheap transmitters for use in digital and high definition television, considered essential in encouraging broadcasters and customers to use HDTV.

"We probably wouldn't have been able to develop these kinds of techniques and capabilities without the ATP program," said Terry Smith, a director at New Jersey-based Sarnoff Corp., which took part in the collaboration.

For Sarnoff and its partner companies, finding investors was difficult in the current economic climate and companies didn't want to take the economic risk for a technology that might not bring revenue-producing products for many years. ATP provided about $28.4 million.

"This is technology that has huge potential for returns," Smith said, "but it's also a real stretch among the companies that are doing it."

The government gave more than $31.4 million to Affymetrix of Santa Clara, Calif., to develop keychain-sized DNA chips for use in a handheld device that can analyze genetic material.

"The near term benefits that have flowed out of it are improved tools to do basic life science discovery," said Rob Lipshutz, the company's vice president for business development.

Other ATP-funded research had led to the development of fiberglass rustproof beams for bridges and towers, cloning technology and a cornmeal-based polyester cloth.

Kelly said one reason for the political opposition to ATP is that it first appeared as a heavily funded government program just as a budget-minded Republican Congress took over in 1994.

"It's probably the most investigated start-up fund in the history of the government," he said. "Its timing was such that it was the new kid on the block at the wrong moment in history."

Dr. Spock's widow to scatter his ashes

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — The widow of Dr. Benjamin Spock plans to scatter some of his ashes off the Santa Cruz coast in a ceremony involving leis, surfers and an outrigger canoe.

Mary Morgan plans to ride in the canoe, circled by surfers off Cowell Beach, to scatter the author's ashes Thursday.

Although Spock, author of "Baby and Child Care," had no real connection to the coastal town, Morgan, 58, lives there part time.

Spock died three years ago at age 94, after suffering a stroke and battling several bouts of pneumonia. Morgan said this week's ceremony seems more real to her than the one at the time of his death, when she was in shock.

A portion of Spock's ashes remain buried in Maine.

Morgan and Spock met in 1974, when she was 30 and he was 70.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, March 16, 2001

You can look for some major redirections in how you think and where you want to go in the year ahead. Your new stance will prove to be a most successful one, especially financially.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The path of least resistance will prove to be the wrong course to follow today. Change your direction, no matter if it is a bit hard or inconvenient, because that's where the pot of gold is. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although everyone seems to be so involved in their own affairs today that they'll not have time for you, someone will generously lay down his or her tools and come to your rescue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone you've been neglecting lately hasn't been too happy about it. Make up for lost time, and give of yourself in ways today that will compensate for past inattentiveness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You, better than anyone else, know what your top priorities should be today. Don't let a strong-willed friend schedule your time or establish your agenda. Nip him or her in the bud early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Sometimes it's difficult to admit we need information or help on a project, and today could be one of those days for you. Fess up on anything you're unable to do alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Although you may not be able to get everything you want in a commercial involvement today, if you hold firm and don't give up, you will come out better than you think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) No matter how unpleasant, discern early on what the liabilities are in an agreement into which you're entering. Once you know the pitfalls, you can work on the benefits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Yes, there are a lot of possibilities for material rewards staring you in the face today, but you will have to earn every dime you make. If you're prepared to do so, you'll be a winner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your greatest asset today will be your willingness to cooperate with others. If you're a loyal team player and forego self-serving interests, you stand to benefit substantially.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Doing equally for those with whom you'll be involved today as you would be for yourself will be the key to your success and fulfillment. You'll gain through giving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When it comes to something that is sorely in need of some constructive reorganization, you already know what should be done. Today is the day to do so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Serving as a middle person today in a matter that would generate profit for someone else will end up benefiting you in the process. Your hard work will pay off handsomely.

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Chechens hijack Russian plane

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Two men wielding knives and identifying themselves as Chechens hijacked a Russian plane carrying 174 people from Istanbul's airport today, sending the aircraft on a terrifying plunge before pilots stabilized it, Turkey's transport minister said.

Anatolia news agency quoted an unnamed Saudi official at an airport in Medina, in western Saudi Arabia, as saying the plane had landed there.

It was impossible to immediately confirm the report, but Ali Osman Dilek, a Turkish tourism official at the Medina airport, told Turkey's private NTV television that buses packed with soldiers and ambulances had surrounded a plane on the tarmac.

Turkish Transport Minister Enis Oksuz said the hijackers were armed with knives and claimed to have a bomb. He said the plane plunged 1,300 feet during a fight between the hijackers and a passenger at the entrance to the cockpit and that the passenger was injured.

The hijacked aircraft passed through Egyptian airspace and was heading to Medina, Saudi Arabia, according to civil aviation authorities at Cairo Airport.

The plane, a TU-154 from Vnukovo Airlines, took off at 1:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. EST) from Istanbul's Ataturk International airport. The two hijackers took over the plane 30 minutes later, Anatolia reported.

There were 162 passengers and 12 crew on board the plane, which had been on a scheduled flight to Moscow.

The hijackers identified themselves asChechen rebels.

Man who directed attack focus of probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A central focus of the Pentagon's investigation of the fatal bombing accident in Kuwait will be the actions of an Air Force enlisted man who was responsible for directing a Navy pilot to his target and who survived the still-unexplained attack.

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Michael P. DeLong, deputy commander of U.S. Central Command, arrived in Kuwait today to begin the investigation, the U.S. Embassy announced. Central Command, which is responsible for all U.S. military operations in the Persian Gulf, said DeLong will complete his probe by April 16.

DeLong met with the Kuwaiti chief of staff, Gen. Ali al-Momen, and the two agreed that the investigation should be conducted jointly by the two countries, according to a Kuwaiti military official.

The remains of the five American servicemen and one New Zealand military officer killed in the accident arrived at Ramstein Air Base in Germany today. They received military honors in a brief ceremony in the rain. Autopsies will be conducted at nearby Landstuhl Medical Center.

DeLong's investigative team will visit the scene of the bombing in northern Kuwait and also go aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, the aircraft carrier in the gulf from which the Navy F/A-18 Hornet was launched to conduct the practice bombing at Kuwait's Udairi range.

The investigators also are expected to interview the three U.S. servicemen who were injured in Monday's accident and who are recovering at Landstuhl.

One of the three was removed from intensive care and is close to being well enough to travel home after recovering from surgery for multiple facial injuries and a shrapnel wound to a leg. "He is now alert, communicative and expected to be able to travel home in the next couple of days," said hospital spokeswoman Marie Shaw.

The other two, who underwent surgery in Kuwait, are in intensive care with serious injuries. Shaw, without identifying them, said it is not clear whether more surgery will be required but that both should be ready to travel in six to eight days.

Among the three hospitalized is Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Crusing, who was the "ground forward air controller" at Udairi responsible for directing the Navy pilot to his target. On Wednesday, officials said the target was a little more than one mile from the observation post.

The Air Force said Crusing is a tactical air controller with the 19th Air Support Operations Squadron based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Officials have said it is unclear whether the bombing accident resulted from mistakes by the Navy pilot or the air controller, or both.

Central Command officials, based at Tampa, Fla., said Wednesday they would not comment on Crusing's specific role in the accident. "The specific details of those actions have not been established and will be a focus of the investigation," a command statement said.

Special envoy established to coordinate N. Ireland policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just days after Secretary of State Colin Powell abolished 23 of 55 special envoy positions he inherited, the administration is creating a new one to coordinate policy for Northern Ireland, a senior official said today.

The official said the White House is expected to name Richard Haass, director of policy planning at the State Department, to take on Northern Ireland as part of a much broader portfolio.

The White House traditionally has taken the lead on Northern Ireland but the appointment of the former Brookings Institution scholar signals a shift in authority to the State Department.

The appointment of Haass was first reported by the Los Angeles Times. A White House announcement was expected later in the day, a senior official said.

As part of a "streamlining" effort, Powell eliminated special envoys for the Middle East, the Balkans, the Americas and other regions. Regional bureaus of the State Department are taking over responsibility for the eliminated jobs.

Because of St. Patrick's Day, mid-March often features a flurry of Ireland-related activities here, and this year is no exception.

On Wednesday, President Bush nominated Massachusetts high-tech mogul Richard J. Egan to be ambassador to Ireland.

Today, he was greeting leaders from Ireland, Northern Ireland and Britain during the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Capitol Hill.

On Friday, he will present Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern a bowl of shamrocks before a meeting to discuss the 1998 power-sharing deal that has brought tenuous peace in Northern Ireland.

Among the VIPs from the region who are here this week, besides Ahern, are John Reid, Northern Ireland secretary in the British government; John Hume, leader of the political party that represents Northern Ireland's Catholic minority; Hume's deputy, Seamus Mallon; and Gerry Adams, head of the IRA-affiliated Sinn Fein party.

A senior official said earlier this week that Bush wants to put to rest doubts about his commitment to helping the parties involved implement the 1998 accord.

That agreement proposed a joint Catholic-Protestant government for Northern Ireland. The deal is at risk partly because of the mainly Catholic Irish Republican Army's reluctance to carry out its commitment to disarmament.

Meeting with a group of reporters at the British Embassy Thursday morning, Reed welcomed a resumption of direct contacts between the IRA and an independent disarmament commission after a break of more than a year.

Reed said he is hopeful those contacts will lead to substantive discussions not only on whether but how IRA arms will be put beyond use.

"I'm neither euphoric nor despairing. I'm realistic. I think we are moving forward slowly," he said.

While welcoming Bush's promises of involvement in the Northern Ireland peace process, Reed said, "ultimately, a solution has to lie in the hands of the people of Northern Ireland themselves."

Police investigate business burglary

• ***Burglary***

Snyder Police are investigating a break-in at Stephen's Office Supply that occurred sometime Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. Entry was gained by force through the back door.

• ***Theft***

At 11:46 a.m. Wednesday, an offense report for Class A theft was filed at United in reference to someone renting a carpet cleaning machine and not returning it.

• ***Adult tapes taken***

A man called police at 9:35 p.m. Wednesday to report that some juveniles had taken seven adult tapes from his residence.

• ***Possible gunshots***

At 1:02 a.m. today, a woman in the 1000 block of 29th Street contacted the Law Enforcement Center in reference to hearing several gunshots fired. Officers checked the area and were unable to locate anyone discharging a firearm but did notice the wind blowing some doors, possibly creating the noise.

• ***Accidents***

Officers were called to an accident scene in the 3700 block of College at 8:14 a.m. Wednesday. Involved in the mishap were a 1995 Chevrolet Silverado Suburban, a 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis and a 2000 Chevrolet pickup.

Milton Monroe Mapes, 79, of 4502 Denison was driving the Suburban; Laura Freeman Hall, 53, of 5836 CR 4156 was driving the Mercury; and Alden Craig Carthel, 55, of 10850 FM 1609 was driving the Chevrolet pickup.

Immediately after that accident, the Suburban backed into a 1995 Ford Escort driven by Joyce May, 23, of 4503 College, Apt. 12. Two separate accident reports were filed.

At 6:46 p.m. Wednesday, a minor accident occurred in the 2800 block of 23rd Street. Involved were a 1978 Chevrolet Caprice driven by Pamela Jo Jewett, 42, of 2808 23rd Street and a 1989 Buick Electra driven by Shirley Guynes Slaughter, 57, of 2011 KSNY Drive.

Obituaries

Robert Sharp

1946-2001

Funeral service for Robert "Bob" Edward Sharp is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Mickey O'Briant, a cousin who is a minister in Sweetwater, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery.

Mr. Sharp, 54, died Wednesday, March 14, at his home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 7, 1946 in Rotan, Mr. Sharp was a retired welder and a Baptist.

Survivors include two sisters, Rose Mary Jones of Snyder and Gloria Jean Sain of Freeport; three nieces; a nephew; and several aunts and uncles.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Olan Tomlinson

1926-2001

BOWIE – Olan Ray Tomlinson, the father of a Snyder resident, died Tuesday, March 13, at his home in Bowie.

Funeral service for Mr. Tomlinson, 74, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bowie First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dick Henning officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery in Bowie.

Born Nov. 12, 1926 in Montague County, he married Faye Nell Wheeler on April 6, 1947 in Bowie. Mr. Tomlinson served as a Merchant Marine during World War II.

Mr. Tomlinson was the owner of Tomlinson's Gift Store in Bowie, was a member of the chamber of commerce, First Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club and was president of the Booster Club and was active in Little League baseball.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norvel Younger and Opal Wood Tomlinson.

Survivors include his wife, Fay Nell Tomlinson of Bowie; three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and the Rev. Mike Henson of Snyder, Susan and Joe Griffin of Henrietta and Pat and Robert Leopold of Wichita Falls; a son and daughter-in-law, Tommy Ray and Dena Tomlinson of Bowie; a brother Norvel Tomlinson of Seven Points; a sister, Patsy Henry of Bowie; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Hermleigh one-act

Hermleigh High School will present its one-act entry, *Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)* at 6 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium. Ice cream will also be sold. The zone one-act play contest will be Monday at Westbrook.

Ira sophomore fundraiser

Ira sophomore class will hold a fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday at Western Golf Land. Miniature golf and batting cages will be $3 for kids and $3.50 for adults. The class will also conduct a car wash with donations accepted.

Enchilada dinner

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will host an enchilada dinner fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. Cost is $5 per plate.

8th grade party planning

All parents of 8th graders are invited to a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at Tiger Health and Fitness to plan the 8th grade party. For more information, call 573-7205.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Messengers of Doom," followed by "Why Be Baptized?"

Community coalition meeting

A community coalition meeting, sponsored by the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The substance abuse problem in Scurry County will be discussed.

Financial aid workshop

A financial aid workshop for area high school students planning to attend college and with questions about financial aid will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder High School. If you have questions, or plan to attend, call Janell Jones at 574-6049.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

C.H.I.P. signup

Children's Health Insurance Program signup will be held from 2-6 p.m. next Thursday at Central Elementary. Another registration will be held from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Northeast Elementary.

Parents meeting

Parents of all eighth grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. next Thursday at the junior high auditorium. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs.

Stress workshop

A stress survival skills workshop will be presented March 23-24 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Cost is $10 and includes lunch Saturday plus all conference material. Friday's sessions are from 7-10 p.m. and Saturday's sessions are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 573-8596 for reservations. Deadline is Wednesday.

Weigh Down Workshop

An orientation for a Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, at the Word is Life Church. For more information, call Donna Nehring at 573-7471

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

1961 SHS class reunion

The class of 1961 is seeking current e-mail and mailing addresses of class members for a summer reunion. To submit information call Ginny Sims Griffith, 573-0212, or e-mail griffdg@bigcountry.net, or Gilbert Merritt, 573-1921, or e-mail gmerritt@snydertex.com.

1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

SHS '91 class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 reunion is set for July 20-21. Addresses are being sought for classmates. Send information to Robbie Braziel at 2303 Ave. H, or 573-6632, or Melissa Jones at 1045 CR 132 or call 574-8005.

Class of '56 seeks addresses

The SHS Class of 1956 is seeking addresses of class members for a June 30 reunion. Also, classes of 1954, 1955, 1957 and 1958 are invited. To submit names and addresses call Gay (Birdsall) Kimmel at 573-5021, or Anniece (Hardy) Trujillo at 573-8987 or 573-7455. Information needed by May 1.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.