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To head Snyder ISD...

Jacksboro superintendent selected

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Pegged by Snyder school board members as "the right man at the right time," current Jacksboro school chief Dr. James (Ronny) Collins Thursday night was named the lone finalist for the SISD superintendent's post.

Dr. Ronny Collins

The action came in a called meeting of the Snyder school board that was also attended by administrators from all the district campuses.

Dr. Collins, 48, has been superintendent at Class 2A Jacksboro since 1997.

"I'm proud to be here," Collins told the board after the unanimous vote naming him the finalist.

The length of Collins' contract and salary will be set when the board officially votes on his contract in January. State law requires a 21-day waiting period between the time a board names a finalist and the final vote.

Snyder trustees individually commented favorably on the selection, who was the first of six to be interviewed

Mike Levens said, "All the other candidates had to top Ronny because he was pretty much my choice from the beginning."

"He's a man of integrity and honesty," said board president Mark McCormick. "He led the Jacksboro district from recognized ratings (by the Texas Education Agency) to exemplary."

All Jacksboro campuses were rated exemplary in the 2001-2002 school year.

Prior to moving to the top spot in Jacksboro in 1997, Collins was superintendent at Wellington for seven years after serving that district for one year as elementary principal.

A 1972 graduate of Joshua High School, Collins earned his bachelor of science degree from Tarleton State University in 1977, and his master's degree from Tarleton in 1978.

He received his doctorate in education from Oklahoma State University in 1982.

Collins has also served as the director of vocational education for the San Marcos schools, and as an ag teacher at Rio Vista High School and Grandview High School.

He was also a graduate teaching assistant at Oklahoma State University, and an instructor at Weatherford College. He was also an assistant professor at Southwest Texas State University.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for three years, and in the Army National Guard for 11 years.

He and his wife, Terri, who serves as a secretary and aide at Jacksboro Elementary, have two children.

Brad attends Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, and Todd attends Howard Payne University.

Collins will replace interim Supt. Jim Kirkland who has been serving as interim superintendent since early August following Gayle Lomax's resignation.

FINALIST NAMED — Dr. Ronny Collins, left, visits with two members of the Snyder High School staff following the announcement Thursday night that he had been named the lone finalist for the local superintendent's spot. Shown with Dr. Collins are Debbie and Al Phillips. Mrs. Phillips is a counselor and Mr. Phillips is vice principal. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
MY TURN
by Wade Warren

A couple of school boards are probably taking a long sigh of relief following the naming of superintendents at Snyder and Ira.

And another local district is just fixing to start the process.

Both boards spent untold hours in meetings, and probably an equal amount of time wrestling with themselves as they decided on their choices to lead their schools.

Twice during Snyder's process of selecting a new superintendent, we heard board president Mark McCormick comment that picking a superintendent is one of the most, if not the most important, decision a school board can make.

McCormick said the trustees vote on all staff hirings, of course, but the votes normally come on the recommendation of administrators.

In hiring a superintendent, the trustees do the interviewing and so the buck stops with them with their choice of a school leader.

We've only had the opportunity to visit with Snyder's finalist, Ronny Collins, very briefly, but we feel he will be good for both the district and the community.

In his comments to the board last night, Collins reiterated McCormick's comment about a school board choosing the right applicant for the post.

The board feels strongly it has chosen the right person and so do we.

The fact that he commented that his hobby is photography and he takes photos of Jacksboro and Howard Payne football games and provides them to the respective newspapers has nothing to do with it. Neither is the fact that we both have sons attending Parker Chiropractic College.

It was interesting to see how the Snyder and Ira school districts took different routes in selecting superintendent finalists.

Snyder's board contracted with the Texas Association of School Boards superintendent search division, while Ira's board relied on interim Supt. James Bible to help find candidates.

Both approaches apparently worked.

Another interesting fact is how well other school staff members reported they liked working with Bible, and Snyder's interim, Jim Kirkland.

We've had excellent working relations with both of them and wish them well once the permanent superintendents take over their desks.

And now we can add Hermleigh ISD to those schools who will have new superintendents in Scurry County next year.

Supt. Jerry Church reportedly has told members of his staff that enough is enough and he will be leaving the Hermleigh district on Dec. 31.

Church has been at Hermleigh for almost two dozen years and in education for 37 years.

The Hermleigh school board chose not to renew Church's contract that was to expire in June 2003, and his relationship with some members of the school board since last year's election has been rocky.

Church's resignation is expected to be on Hermleigh's agenda that won't be posted until next week.

We wish the Hermleigh board well in their search to replace Church, as today there are 57 superintendent vacancies in Texas.

Lighted Christmas parade is Saturday

The holiday spirit gets a kickstart Saturday as the chamber of commerce hosts the annual lighted Christmas parade.

The parade gets underway at 6:30 p.m.

Donna Fowler, chamber manager, said organizations that decide to participate as late as the day of the parade are welcome to "just show up" as the parade begins lining up around 6 p.m.

Entering the annual parade will be worthwhile as the chamber is offering a $100 first prize for the top-rated float.

Floats coming in second place and third place will get $75 and $50, respectively.

About a dozen floats are expected to participate. The route begins at Snyder Shopping Center and continues north to the square.

Fowler said Snyder Goldcoats will again sponsor their Christmas home decorating and lighting contest.

Top prize for the best decorated home will receive $75, while second place will be worth $50 and third place will win $25.

Also in the Christmas spirit, Christmas for Kids 2002 is now accepting applications. A form is included in on Page 3B of today's edition.

Texas crews working on Oklahoma utilities

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Texas utility workers lent a hand this week when crews restored power to 60,000 homes and businesses that lost electrical service in an Oklahoma ice storm.

Only 960 homes served by Oklahoma electric cooperatives were without power today, emergency officials said.

Some of the Texas crews first came to Oklahoma after an ice storm nearly a year ago.

"We have out-of-state crews who have been with us since the January ice storm," said Dennis Krueger, executive director of Kiwash Electric Cooperative in the southwestern Oklahoma town of Cordell. "Those crews were on hand to help us immediately."

Six crews from a Sherman-based company have been working with Kiwash Electric since Jan. 30, when they came to Oklahoma to help local electrical cooperatives to restore power.

Those crews remained in the field for 39 straight days.

"We won't leave the field until the power is restored," said Kirby Carter, Texas Electric's manager of construction services. "A lot of times, we work 18-hour days, and our people take great satisfaction in restoring people's power."

Some of the out-of-state workers stayed in Oklahoma to do permanent restoration work.

Texas Electric crews have been working around Binger in Caddo County and as far north as Ponca City on contracts for electrical cooperatives.

In October, Texas Electric won a bid to do permanent restoration on 225 miles of Kiwash Electric lines from damage caused in January. That job, expected to be completed in the spring, has now been interrupted by yet another ice storm.

"Most of our crews work on the road," said Cord Rolen, a business development supervisor for Texas Electric. "That's just the nature of what we do, and it takes a special breed. I've come up on guys whose socks were drenched and whose faces are wind-chapped, and they're just grinning from ear to ear."

The job is often a lonely one for those who have families back in Texas or along the Red River in Oklahoma. They pass the time in a tiny Cordell motel, or in the field with fellow linemen.

Lineman Robert Savage admits the time away from his family is tough. He has a wife and two children waiting for him at home in Marietta.

"We go home on the weekends, but I don't figure we'll be going home this weekend," said Savage, peering out from two layers of hoods. "That's why we're so close to our crew. When we're away from our families, they are our families."

Troubleshooting is what these crews are trained to do.

"We're called out on emergencies all the time," Rolen said. "We just recently assisted Louisiana in the aftermath of two hurricanes."

Crews are still waiting to see what damage — if any — will occur as the ice melts from the wires and poles in Oklahoma. Those lines and poles can snap in a heavy wind.

"We're talking about 14,400 volts of electricity in one of these lines," Krueger said. "One wrong move can take a life, especially when fatigue sets in."

SHS drama presents four productions

Snyder High School drama department will have a "theatrefest" tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium.

"Over 100 students will participate and we will have students from various departments such as ag, band, choir and athletes on stage," said SHS drama instructor Brad Vincent.

Vincent said four students who were actors in the drama department production of Julius Caesar will direct plays.

"They'll have a chance to be on the other side," said Vincent.

Tanner Beard will direct a play he wrote titled, "Wouldn't It Be Great if Things Worked Out," while Clark Reed will direct "This is a Test".

Bobby Reed will direct "Voices," while Malorye Miller will direct "Up the Down Staircase."

Admission is $2.

White House wants aggressive inspectors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House pressured U.N. officials and weapons inspectors today to more aggressively court Iraqi weapons scientists with promises of safety and asylum in exchange for evidence against Saddam Hussein.

"We take the issue very seriously and attach great importance to it. We hope the international community would also attach the same importance to the issue," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer told reporters.

Fleischer emphasized that the U.N. Security Council resolution demanding Iraq's disarmament and dispatching a weapons-inspections team to Baghdad "makes perfectly plain in black and white" that the inspectors are authorized to squire scientists and their families to safety outside Iraq for debriefing.

"Given Iraq's history of brutal witness intimidation — including imprisonment, torture and murder — this is a key tool for inspectors to make certain that Saddam Hussein disarms. By providing for such interviews in its resolution, the Security Council expects inspectors to take advantage of it," Fleischer said.

ASK US

Q—When is the deadline for submitting letters to Santa for the newspaper to forward to the North Pole?
A—Dec. 18.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Ronda White...

....is office manager of Texas Department of Transportation in Scurry County. Her husband, Justin, is a maintenance tech at the TxDOT maintenance office. They have a daughter, Riley, who is almost 2 years old. They have lived in Snyder five years and her hobbies include cooking, crafts, decorating cakes and scrapbooking.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The foundations of character are built not by lecture, but by bricks of good example, laid day by day.
—Leo B. Blessing

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Angel project

The angel project done for Carole Haynes is a continuing effort and anyone who has a decorated angel may drop it off at Stanfield Elementary.

Community Services raffle

Scurry County Community Services is holding a drawing for a $75 gift certificate to United and $75 to Wal-Mart. Tickets are $1 and all proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for children.

Santa's workshop at Dermott School

The Dermott School on the coliseum grounds will be open to the public from 2-4 p.m. Saturday with student artwork on display as well as student-made Christmas decorations. Santa's sleigh will be available for families to take pictures.

AARP banquet slated

The AARP banquet is set for 5.30 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Bring an unwrapped toy for Christmas for Kids 2002.

SISD choir concerts

The high school Christmas choir concert will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium. The junior high Christmas concert is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium.

Ham dinner

Hermleigh High Beta Club will host a ham dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the school cafeteria. Cost is $6 for adults and $3 for children 8 and under.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Child welfare board

A meeting of the Scurry County child welfare board will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Texas Department of Human Services conference room at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Nicodemus: How a Man Comes to Jesus," followed by "Christians Use of the Old Testament."

Scurry County 4-H horse club

Scurry County 4-H horse club raffle tickets must be turned in at Tuesday's meeting. For more information, call Laura King at 574-1378.

Canned food drive

Snyder Oaks Care Center is having a canned food drive for Gateway Family Services that ends Tuesday. Bring canned goods to the care center.

Ira School picture retakes

Ira School picture retakes will be Tuesday for anyone absent on the first picture day, new students or those wanting to get a new picture made. Also to be taken will be high school and junior high basketball teams and individuals. Envelopes for retakes and basketball will be passed out on Monday. Other pictures to be taken include high school class favorites, FFA, junior FFA, FCA, FCCLA, student council, NHS and the Combo.

FBC support groups

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

Hospice open house

Odyssey Healthcare Hospice staff and volunteers will have an open house from 4-6 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church garden room. Everyone is invited.

ARC garage sale

ARC will have a pre-Christmas garage sale from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Thursday at 2504 Ave. W.

Cookie dough delivery

Cookie dough ordered from SHS student publications will arrive Thursday and will be then be delivered as quickly as possible.

Madrigal dinners

Christmas Madrigal dinners are set for 7 p.m. next Friday and Saturday at the high school student center. Tickets are $15 each. Call 573-6301 to make reservations.

Choir trip planned

SHS choirs are also planning a trip to Boston on Easter weekend, April 17-21. There are six available positions for anyone who wants to make the trip. For more information, call Ronda Haire, choir director, at 573-6301.

Trinity Bible study

A 10-week study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," begins Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Melissa Petty will lead the study and all women are invited to attend. To order a book or for more information call 573-3988.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool, gym hours

The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Pioneering ABC TV executive dies at 71

NEW YORK (AP) — Roone Arledge, the groundbreaking ABC television executive whose legacy includes everything from "Monday Night Football" and "Nightline" to the slow-motion instant replay, has died at the age of 71.

Arledge died Thursday at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York of complications from cancer, according to ABC News.

Arledge is widely viewed as one of the most influential figures in the history of television. He helped usher in the era of primetime sports by launching "Monday Night Football," and also is responsible for the long-running ABC news programs "Nightline" and "20/20."

He was a mentor to several prominent ABC broadcasters, including Ted Koppel, Peter Jennings and Sam Donaldson.

"He was a leader. You wanted to march off a cliff for Roone Arledge if he asked you to," said Donaldson. "And if you produced for him, nothing was too good for you. I was fortunate to be among those he smiled on occasionally."

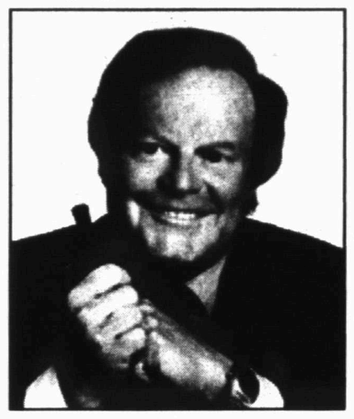
Jennings called Arledge "the complete television character — producer, editor, director and reporter, when he needed to be. Without Roone it would be difficult to imagine how my career or that of Ted Koppel, Barbara Walters or David Brinkley would have turned out."

He was single-handedly credited with bringing modern production techniques to sports coverage, then building ABC News into a power during the 1980s. For a decade, he was president of the sports and news divisions at ABC.

The 36-time Emmy winner was cited as one of the 100 most important Americans of the 20th century by Life magazine in 1990.

"Roone Arledge invented television sports and then reinvented television news," said one of his proteges, Dick Ebersol, who now heads NBC Sports. "He alone moved American sports from daytime to primetime, from small time to big time."

Roone Pinckney Arledge was born July 8, 1931, and raised on Long Island. The Columbia University graduate joined ABC



Roone Arledge

Sports as a producer in 1960 after a five-year stint at NBC.

Appealing to his bosses to bring showbiz to sports, the 29-year-old was given control of ABC's NCAA football broadcasts. Through the 1960s, he introduced innovations taken for granted today: replays, hand-held cameras and the placement of microphones to bring the sound of sports into living rooms.

In 1961, he created "ABC's Wide World of Sports," one of the most popular sports series ever, and coined its tag line — "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

Arledge, who became president of ABC Sports in 1968, supervised coverage of 10 Olympic Games from 1964 to 1988, including the 1972 games in Munich that were disrupted by a terrorist attack. He expanded Olympic broadcasts beyond the competition by including personal profiles of athletes, a style echoed today.

Arledge was the first to demand that networks, not sports leagues, approve announcers — a philosophy that led to his hire of Howard Cosell, the abrasive New Yorker who was probably the most famous sportscaster ever.

"Monday Night Football," still a staple on ABC's primetime schedule, was brought to the air by Arledge in 1970.

Marc Gunther, author of a book called "The House That Roone Built," said that before Arledge, sports was covered by TV in a "very dull, routine, respectful way.

"The leagues would say the telecast must never be bigger than the game itself. And Roone would say, it's not about the game, it's not about the news event, it's about the television show," Gunther said.

When Sports Illustrated in 1994 selected 40 individuals with the greatest impact on sports over the previous 40 years, Arledge was third behind Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan.

But the reaction was harsh when Arledge was selected in 1977 to resuscitate ABC's struggling news division — while still running sports.

"People in news were outraged that I hadn't been a reporter or worked my way up. The newspaper articles were brutal," he later recalled.

After disastrous starts, ABC created the newsmagazines "20/20" and "Prime Time Live" under his watch. He lured David Brinkley to ABC and installed him on "This Week," reviving the Sunday political talk genre.

When terrorists seized Americans hostages in Iran in 1979, Arledge seized an 11:30 p.m. time slot from ABC's affiliates for young correspondent Koppel to deliver nightly updates. He never gave it back, and the updates evolved into "Nightline," which is still on the air.

Koppel was broadcasting from Baghdad on Thursday night, and "Nightline" focused on the man Koppel called "my friend and my mentor."

"Roone Arledge was a man who relished sending us off to far-flung places and changing programs at the last moment," Koppel said. "Well, here I am in Baghdad, and we've been up all night, changing the broadcast."

Arledge wooed correspondents like Diane Sawyer to ABC and was largely credited — or blamed — for making newscasters rich stars on a par with Hollywood royalty.

Arledge is survived by his wife, Gigi Shaw Arledge, and four children from a previous marriage. An ABC spokesman said a memorial service was being planned.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002

In order to advance your personal interests you may be making a couple of important changes in the year ahead. Each will have splendid possibilities of unfolding satisfactorily if you give them adequate time to work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — People in general tend to be a bit careless today. When running around on errands, keep one eye on your own speedometer and the other on motorists who are sharing the roads with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you call a friend to join you in some social activity today, make certain this person understands in advance that you're going Dutch if that's what you intend. If not, you may be expected to pick up the tab.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Proper self-esteem is important today in dealing with associates. Thinking that you can't live up to what is expected or thinking that you're better than the other guy will affect your behavior.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you have to deal with an annoying individual today, don't bring up any previous ill behavior on this person's part and embarrass him/her in public. It won't be worth it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's best not to get into another friend's business today, because chances are your pal doesn't want anyone to know what s/he is up to. Help if asked, but go no further.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Should you have a disagreement with anybody today, try to resolve it privately. If it is aired in public, it could make everyone present feel uneasy and make you look bad.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you start out anticipating negative results in your operation today, you will act in ways that will fulfill your prophesies. Strive to be a positive thinker throughout the entire day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A gossipy friend might attempt to probe into your business today just to have something with which to make trouble. S/he is a skillful investigator, so don't get caught off guard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It may not be any one major issue that gets you and your mate going at each other today, but rather small, trivial ones that catch you off guard. Keep your cool and stay calm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You are usually a cautious, detailed person, but today you could be both impatient and careless. Such behavior does not mix well with jobs that call for focus and concentration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Strong desires for some form of personal, financial gains could cause you to gamble and take chances on things you normally wouldn't. Don't bet your bundle on any long shots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Nobody can be all things to all people, so don't exhaust yourself trying. Chances are those you try to please the most may appreciate it the least because they simply don't want to be pleased.

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Today's chuckle

Kayaker completes 1,750 mile trip

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — A kayaker who began paddling last May from her Florida home to her high school reunion in Nashua has finished her 1,750-mile journey.

Along the way, 48-year-old Karen Ellis Richardson got five marriage proposals, seven nights of free lodging from hotels and lots of new friends. She camped on deserted islands when the weather forced her off course.

She thought she'd arrive before winter did.

"Snow. I never expected snow," she said.

Richardson left her home in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., on May 24 in a 17-foot sea kayak with 100 pounds of gear, planning to paddle up the Intracoastal Waterway in time for her Oct. 30 reunion.

Delayed by bad weather, she ended up docking the kayak near New York City and driving to the reunion, then returning to complete her trip. She finished with a 15-mile trip down the Merrimack River from Manchester to Nashua on Monday.

"It feels good to stand up," Richardson said.

Richardson missed only one stretch, from Sunderland, Mass., to Manchester. After spending Thanksgiving with friends, she left South Hadley, Mass., and began paddling upstream, even though she was ill.

"Here I was with a fever, but it was really fun paddling in the snow. I was thinking about how I started out in the tropics and now it's snowing," she said.

Back in her hometown, friends said they weren't surprised that she completed the trip.

"I knew she could do it," said Dan Jacocks, owner of Beach Bicycle & Kayak in New Smyrna Beach. "I know her strength, her persistence and her good luck on these trips."

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teen tries to distance herself from friend she can't avoid

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl in the eighth grade. My problem is a girl in my class. "Angie" thinks she's my best friend. We met in fourth grade, and I felt sorry for her because she didn't have any friends, so I let her hang out with me.

It didn't take long to learn why no one liked her. Angie is insulting, rude, lies, and can't have a conversation without saying something negative about someone else. Avoiding her isn't an option. We live within walking distance of each other, ride the same bus and are involved in many of the same after-school activities.

I have come right out and told Angie to leave me alone, but she thought I was kidding, and I couldn't convince her I was serious. She knows other kids, so I don't see why she can't leave me alone. My friends think it would be a good idea to get her to stop following me around, but no one knows how to tell her to buzz off without being mean.

Please help me, Abby. I want to make the rest of my school year a good one. — **SUPER-ANNOYED EIGHTH GRADER**

DEAR SUPER-ANNOYED: Talk to Angie privately. She lacks good judgment. You will be doing her a favor to tell her exactly what you have written me. First list the characteristics you LIKE about her, then list the ones that have made you withdraw. Angie needs to understand so she can modify her behavior. You seem to be a nice young lady. Remember that we all have our faults, and give her room — and time — to mature.

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DEAR ABBY: A long time ago I promised myself I would wait until I found the right girl before having sex. The "right girl" for me is one who will love me as much as I love her, is easy to talk to, shares similar interests and has respect for herself.

As I get older, I'm finding out that not many girls fill those requirements. I don't date much because every girl I think about going out with, I come to find out has slept with a bunch of guys.

It upsets me that in today's world, sex is no longer viewed as something to be shared between two people in love, but as something that just goes along with casual relationships. When I look at the relationships of my friends, I find they are not happy. Most of them don't trust their partners — and for good reason. After the first few dates, if I make no moves beyond some heavy kissing, the relationship seems to grow distant. I am now 23 and worried I won't ever find the right girl for me.

Are my expectations too high? — **LOSING HOPE IN SARDIS, OHIO**

DEAR LOSING HOPE: Certainly not. It appears you're looking for love in all the wrong places. You won't catch a trout if you're fishing in a herring barrel.

To find a girl whose values mirror your own, an excellent place to look would be a faith-based singles group. Your spiritual adviser can tell you how to find one. I'm sure many young women will appreciate you for who you are once you find them.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY MUSLIM READERS: Happy Id al-Fitr.

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CEO: Situation grim for American Airlines

DALLAS (AP) — Amid turbulence in the airline industry, employees of the world's largest carrier are getting a firsthand account of economic woes from their chief executive, who says he needs their help to stay financially viable.

American Airlines Inc. chief executive Don Carty is meeting with employees this week and next week to discuss the company's financial status.

The meetings come as the carrier's biggest competitor, United Airlines, tries to stave off bankruptcy.

Carty wants to cut $4 billion in annual costs, and American's management team has found about half that total. The carrier hopes to persuade its labor unions that concessions are critical to American's long-term survival.

American is in mediated contract talks with its pilots, but it hasn't yet started formal discussions with any of its unions about concessions.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based airline lost almost $3 billion from January through September, and some analysts project it will lose $588 million in the current quarter.

But American's situation isn't as dire as United's. American has cash and assets on hand worth more than $2 billion.

By late Thursday, United hadn't filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Analysts, however, say it is inevitable that the nation's No. 2 carrier will seek protection after failing to secure a $1.8 billion federal loan guarantee.

Carty has said American doesn't plan to head down that road, a statement he repeated in two meetings with employees Wednesday at Hyatt DFW hotel. Similar sessions are scheduled next week at the airline's headquarters in Fort Worth, at its hub in St. Louis and in New York.

The two-hour meetings feature a presentation showing American's weakened finances followed by questions and answers. Some of the questions have been tough, but the tone hasn't been adversarial, said American spokeswoman Andrea Rader.

Small aircraft crashes into building

MIAMI (AP) — A small plane crashed into the Federal Reserve Bank Building during a holiday party on Thursday night, killing the pilot, authorities said. No one inside the building was injured.

"It appears to be an accident," said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown in Washington.

More than 100 people including the bank's directors were in the one-story building when the experimental aircraft slammed into the northeast side, and burst into flames. The Miami bureau of The Associated Press is also in the building.

Brown said the FAA believes the plane was coming from Marathon in the Florida Keys and traveling to New Smyrna Beach on Florida's central east coast.

The plane crashed about three miles west of Miami International Airport, and the pilot contacted air traffic controllers there, airport spokeswoman Tere Estorino said. Airport officials previously reported they were not contacted.

The aircraft, a Four Winds 192 made in July, was flying north before making a sharp turn southeast and crashing, said Alan Yurman, spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board. Witnesses did not report seeing smoke from the engine, he said.

"One of the witnesses said they saw it at about 500 feet and it was wobbly," said Yurman.

The pilot, who was the only one aboard, has not been identified, Yurman said.

The FBI was keeping in close contact with investigators, said FBI Miami spokeswoman Judy Orihuela.

When the plane hit, Jay Curry, vice president and branch manager, was attending a holiday party along with current and former directors of the bank, a branch of the Federal Reserve in Atlanta.

"When we first came out of and walked around the side, it was really hard to determine that it was a plane," Curry said.

Some windows were broken but there appeared to be no structural damage to the building.

DROP OFF PLACE — Donations for the Kiwanis Goodfellows Food Drive and Christmas Toys 2002 can be dropped off at Joe LaRoux's State Farm Insurance Agency. Employees include from left, Kara Wood, Christi Babbs, Marilyn Chauncy and Sandy Ward. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Firefighter dies

DALLAS (AP) — A 30-year-veteran firefighter died after collapsing while helping to battle a two-alarm house fire in northern Dallas, officials said.

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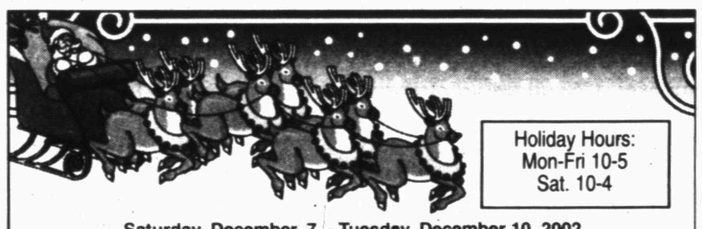

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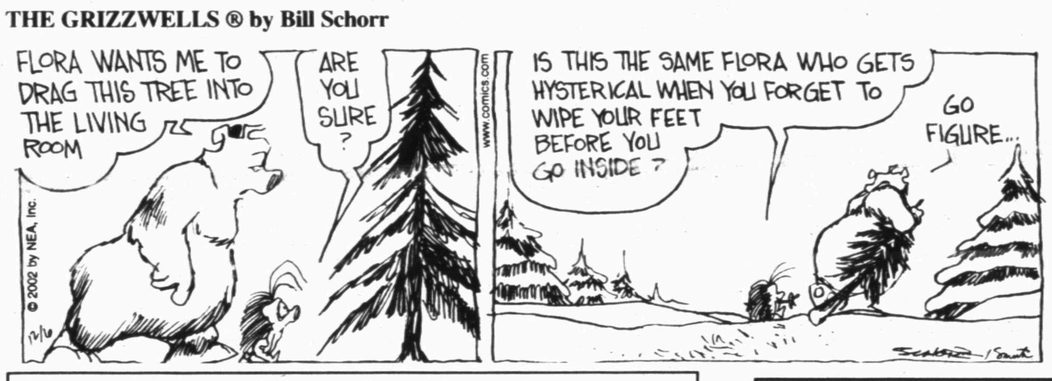

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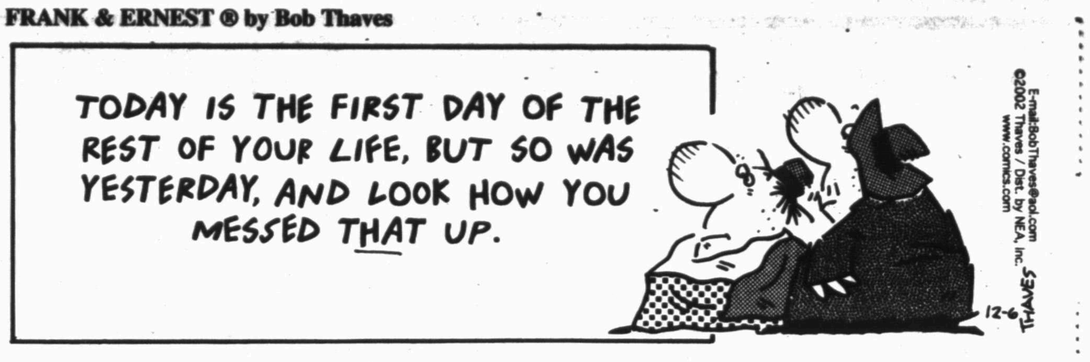

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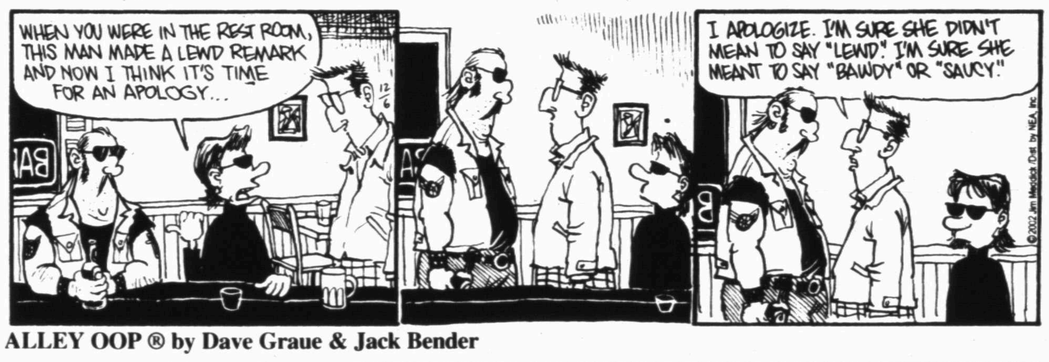

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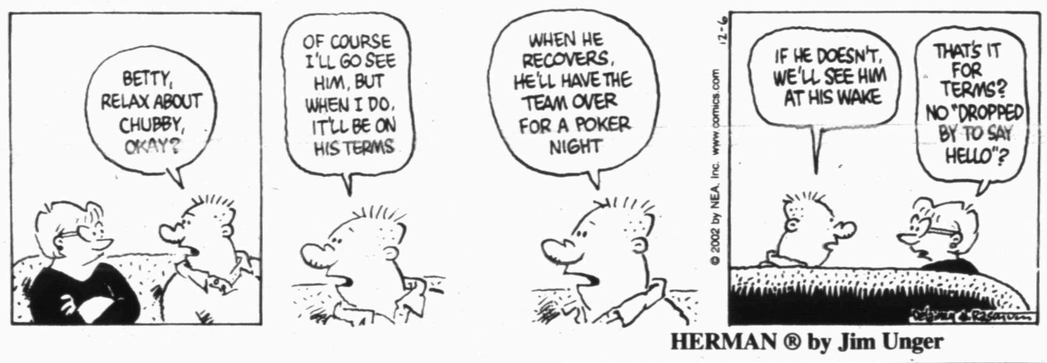

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7 Domestic animal
10 Tender pod
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13 Upscale sport
14 Common abbr.
15 Additional
16 MP's prey
17 What Macbeth did
19 Advance, as money
20 Hoedown honey
21 Exam score
23 Dinner beverage
26 Vote in
28 Bullfight yell
29 2001 in old Rome
30 Restaurant offerings
34 Shieh —
36 Clairvoyance
38 Mont. neighbor
39 Fuzzy
41 Bulrush or cattail
42 Della or Pee Wee
44 Also
46 Chili ingredient
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51 Neutral color
52 Potting need
53 Mdse. bars
55 Red-tag event
56 Ocean flier
57 Grassy field
58 Mata Hari
59 Exec
60 Went first

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1 Primate
2 Shea team
3 Treaty
4 Deadly snake
5 Snag
6 "Runaway Bride" co-star
7 Bullied
8 Without help
9 Didn't keep a secret
12 Papyrus plant
13 Roof of the mouth
18 Birthday number
22 Can. law enforcers
23 Stir-fry pan
24 Notre Dame sight
25 Omaha's st.
27 Place
29 Business degs.
31 Wonder
32 Soap ingredient
33 Instant lawn
35 Street crosser
37 Hardening
40 Migratory flocks
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42 Quick summary
43 In good time
45 Nashville gridder
46 Mrs. Truman
48 Standard
49 Breathing spell
50 "En garde" weapon
54 Scoundrel

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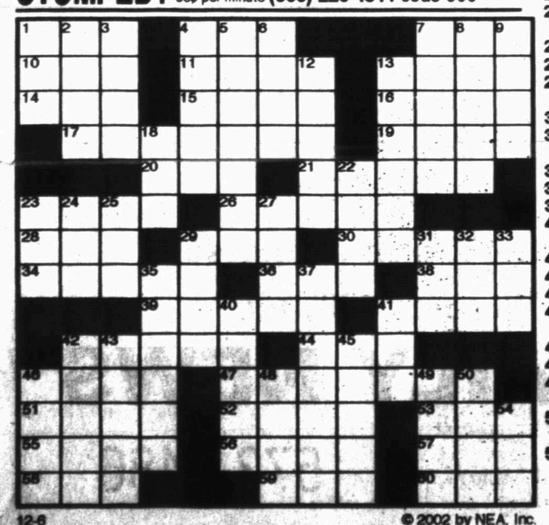

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SPORTS

Bulldogs crush Water Valley; ladies capture fourth straight

The Ira boys got 25 points from Jake Barnes on their way to a 73-52 dismantling of Water Valley Thursday at the Blackwell tournament.

The Bulldogs jumped on the Wildcats early, leading 39-21 at the end of the first half.

"Water Valley shot well, but they couldn't stop us," Head Coach Randy Jones said.

Eric Dickerhoff and Jess Wall complemented Barnes' inside game, shooting well from the perimeter in scoring 19 and 15, respectively.

Water Valley scored 31 second half points in an effort to rally, but Jones said he switched strategies late to help seals the win.

"In the fourth quarter we pulled back and made them play us man-to-man, and we ran down some clock," he said. "We got dead legs late. We aren't quite in shape yet."

After going deep into the playoffs, the Bulldogs got a late start on the season, but Jones said he is pleased with the rapid progression his squad has made thus far.

"We still have a way to go for them to learn my system and the way I like to do things," he said. "But the intensity is good, and these are good kids who are easy to coach."

Ira takes on Rotan today at 5, and Jones said the game would be a stiffer test for the Bulldogs.

"They are a little tougher than Water Valley," he said.

The Lady Bulldogs made quick work of the Ballinger freshman Thursday, crushing the young Lady Bearcats, 47-23.

Ira held Ballinger to one second-quarter point and four third-quarter points to runaway with its fourth straight victory.

Lindsey Wilson and Celeigh Sterling each knocked in 12 points, as the Lady Bulldogs have shrugged off the 0-3 start to the year.

"We came out slow, but really picked it up in the second quarter," Head Coach Brent Parr said. "It was good for us that everybody got to play."

Not only did everyone play, everyone scored.

Amanda Calley had nine points, Shea Allen and Brittany Dickerhoff had four, and Kali Clements, Alana Pulis and Whitney Payne all got into the stat book.

"The girls have really responded well to what we do," Parr said. "We need to keep the momentum going into district play."

Parr said all aspects of the teams' game has improved over the first seven games.

"Our defense continues to improve, we've done a good job on the boards, and we have executed the offense well."

The Lady Bulldogs take on the Lady Yellowhammers of Rotan at 3:30 today.

Ropes JV squeaks by Cardinals, 35-33

WILSON — The Hermleigh Cardinals rallied from an eight-point third quarter deficit against Ropes JV, only to fall, 35-33, in a hotly contested game.

Hermleigh got off to a cold start, hitting just two field goals in a first quarter in which it was outscored 12-4.

The Cardinal defense stiffened as the game wore on, limiting the junior Eagles to five second quarter points.

Terrel Culp scored eight of his 12 points in the fourth quarter, draining two three-pointers.

Dustin Williamson also hit a big three to help Hermleigh close the gap in the first game at the Wilson Tournament.

David Duck scored eight, while Joe Yruegas added six to the Cardinals' total.

Jonathan McClure hit two field goals to round out the scoring for Hermleigh.

Franchione named Slocum's successor

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Alabama coach Dennis Franchione said today he jumped at the chance to take the coaching job at Texas A&M left vacant when R.C. Slocum was fired because of his roots in the state.

"I've always had a keen feeling and interest in this university at Texas A&M and the way they handle themselves, the type of people and program and university that they have," Franchione told Dallas-Fort Worth radio station WBAP. "It just worked out, and I felt it was a good fit for me, so here it is."

The former TCU coach told the station that it was exciting to return to a state where football is so important and "there are so many exciting prospects to recruit."

Reversing the path that Bear Bryant took more than four decades ago, Franchione bolted Tuscaloosa for Texas A&M on Thursday.

Franchione agreed to a five-year deal with A&M worth nearly $10 million, the San Antonio Express-News reported today. An A&M source told The Dallas Morning News that the deal was worth $1.75 million a year for five years, making him the third-highest paid college football coach.

Full contract details were expected to be disclosed during a news conference this morning when Franchione was officially hired.

After completing contract talks in Dallas on Thursday afternoon, Franchione flew to College Station, where he emerged from a private jet onto a maroon carpet.

The 51-year-old coach then brushed aside questions as he rushed to a waiting vehicle bound for the A&M campus, saying he would talk on Friday.

A&M board of regents chairman Erle Nye said he celebrated with school president Robert Gates and other regents Thursday when they learned that Franchione would join the Aggies.

"We think he's special," Nye said. "We think he brings some new perspective to add to a really strong program. I think (change) is healthy. Testing new ideas and having new perspectives is good."

Franchione's arrival ends a busy week at A&M that started Monday with Slocum's dismissal. The Aggies finished a 6-6 season last week with a 50-20 loss to Texas.

Tuesday, A&M hired former Nebraska athletic director Bill Byrne to replace outgoing athletic director Wally Groff. Groff was asked to resign by Gates and will complete his tenure Dec. 31.

Nye praised Slocum for handing his successor a clean, well-run program.

"We made great strides under coach Slocum," Nye said. "R.C. brought us all this and I think Coach Fran will do the same and we will go forward."

Earlier in the week there were signs that Franchione was on his way out of Alabama. He canceled speaking engagements Wednesday night in Columbus, Ga., and Thursday in Montgomery, Ala.

Franchione returns to Texas after leading the Crimson Tide to a 10-3 finish this season.

Before Alabama, Franchione coached at TCU in Fort Worth from 1998 until 2000, amassing a 25-11 record with the Horned Frogs.

Franchione leaves a contract at Alabama that ran through 2007 and was worth $1.1 million per season plus incentives.

Sports Briefs

JV falls at Lamesa

The junior varsity Lady Tigers fell to Permian, 43-31, Thursday at the Lamesa tournament.

The varsity Lady Tigers were scheduled to play El Paso Austin at 10 this morning, then will play Midland Christian at 6 tonight.

I-Rod likely gone from Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez would part ways with the Texas Rangers on Saturday, unless a new contract is signed or the team offers salary arbitration for the 10-time All-Star catcher.

Nevin nixes deal for Griffey, Jr.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds and San Diego Padres agreed to trade Ken Griffey Jr. for Phil Nevin last weekend but the deal died when Nevin wouldn't waive his no-trade clause.

Broncos' guard fined for cheap shot

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos guard Steve Herndon was fined one game's pay, $17,647, by the NFL for an illegal block on San Diego Chargers defensive tackle Jamal Williams last Sunday.

Forbes lists Red Wings as most valuable

NEW YORK (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings are the most valuable NHL franchise at $266 million, and the Toronto Maple Leafs the most profitable, according to Forbes magazine.

Furyk leads Target World Challenge

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Jim Furyk picked his spots at Sherwood Country Club and avoided costly mistakes on his way to an 8-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead in the Target World Challenge.

Nick Price and Padraig Harrington were at 65 after playing without a bogey, but Tiger Woods (68) and Davis Love III (66) went eight consecutive holes without a par.

Group wants IOC to expel Iraq

GENEVA (AP) — A human rights group formally demanded that the IOC expel Iraq's national Olympic committee because its chief — Saddam Hussein's eldest son Uday — tortured and jailed athletes who failed to please him.

Tigers shorten power alley at Comerica

DETROIT (AP) — Comerica Park will not be quite so cavernous next season.

The Detroit Tigers are reducing the distance from home plate to the left-center field wall from 395 to 370 feet, where it had been in the ballpark's first three seasons.

Glavine leaves Braves for Big Apple

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Glavine, the most sought-after pitcher on the free-agent market, reached agreement with the New York Mets on a three-year contract, his agent said Thursday night.

Glavine, 36, had spent his whole career with the Atlanta Braves, winning two Cy Young Awards and posting five 20-win seasons.

But the Braves' NL East rivals, the Mets and Philadelphia Phillies, showed much more interest in the left-hander than his old team. Atlanta has won 11 straight division titles.

"It was one of the toughest decisions he's ever had to make," said his agent, Gregg Clifton. "There wasn't really one thing that decided it. He just made a decision."

Glavine was believed to have gotten a $35 million contract with a vesting option that could make the deal worth $42.5 million.

"We have reached an understanding with Tom Glavine on the structure of a multiyear contract," Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said. "The completion of an agreement is subject to Tom passing a physical examination on Monday, Dec. 9."

Braves president Stan Kasten, who was attending an Atlanta Hawks game at Philips Arena, declined comment. He said the team probably would hold a news conference today.

Glavine did not return a telephone message left at his home.

Fellow Cy Young winners Roger Clemens and Greg Maddux also are free agents, but have hardly generated interest so far in the offseason.

Glavine visited New York and Philadelphia last month. When the pitcher and his wife, Christine, came to New York, he had lunch at the Four Seasons restaurant with general manager Steve Phillips, Mets owner Fred Wilpon, chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon, new manager Art Howe, and pitchers John Franco and Al Leiter.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg also stopped by to help recruit Glavine, as did New York Rangers goaltender Mike Richter and hockey Hall of Famer Rod Gilbert. Glavine was a hockey star in high school and was drafted by the NHL's Los Angeles Kings.

Glavine was 18-11 with a 2.96 ERA this year. He is 242-143 since making his major league debut with the Braves in 1987.

Glavine had been with the Braves longer than any active player, joining them a year before John Smoltz. Along with Maddux, they had formed a rotation that brought them unparalleled success in division play.

When Atlanta won its only World Series championship in 1995, Glavine pitched the clinching game.

Men's League Basketball

The Snyder men's basketball league continued action Thursday evening, with West Texas State Bank topping Big Country Autoland, 112-63. West Texas' Ryan Braziel led all scorers with 42 points, while Andy Luna was the high scorer for Big Country with 15.

Snyder National Bank improved to 9-1 with a 56-54 win over American State Bank. ASB's Mark King scored 17, and Matt Fambro paced SNB with 15.

Rotan was idle.

Snyder National Bank	9-1
American State Bank	7-3
West Texas State Bank	6-4
Rotan	2-7
Big Country Autoland	0-9

Jr. High Gold girls capture openers at Slaton tourney

The junior high girls' Gold teams got off to a good start at the Slaton tournament.

Candace Chandler had 14 rebounds and 14 points as the eighth-grade squad crushed Lorenzo, 59-20, and Audrey Jones had 19 points and 13 boards as the seventh-graders squeaked past Lubbock Cooper, 28-25.

The eighth-grade cagers jumped out to an 18-4 lead in the first quarter, and went into half time with a secure 30-6 advantage.

They also ruled the boards, hauling in 40 rebounds over an out-gunned Lorenzo team.

Brianna Bernal scored 10 points and grabbed five boards, and Terann Ragland had seven steals, seven assists and 12 points.

Jordan Stansell hit four field goals for eight points and also contributed to the jr. Lady Tigers' dominance on the glass with 10 rebounds.

Cheyenne Roemisch scored five points and added two steals and two assists, and Katy Crenwelge and Kaitlyn Greenlee contributed with a combined nine points and 10 boards.

The seventh graders trailed, 15-14, at the end of the first half, but got the win by virtue of an 8-3 third quarter.

Jones' dominating performance was aided by four assists from Allison Sharrock, who also had four points and two steals, and Cayelea Rhodes recorded two points, two steals, two assists and two rebounds.

Amanda Martinez's three points were the difference in the contest.

Both teams will play Sundown today in the second round of the tourney.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	14	6	1	2	31	60	50
Philadelphia	12	6	6	1	31	61	56
N.Y. Rangers	12	12	4	1	29	78	92
Pittsburgh	11	7	3	3	28	76	68
N.Y. Islanders	9	13	3	0	21	64	82

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	17	4	3	1	38	86	56
Ottawa	13	7	4	0	30	69	55
Toronto	12	11	2	0	26	76	67
Montreal	10	10	4	1	25	65	80
Buffalo	5	14	4	1	15	52	67

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	13	8	3	2	31	83	72
Carolina	12	8	4	3	31	68	66
Florida	8	8	6	4	26	67	81
Washington	11	13	2	0	24	67	76
Atlanta	7	14	1	2	17	68	92

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	15	7	3	1	34	81	63
St. Louis	14	7	3	1	32	86	64
Chicago	11	11	3	0	25	56	57
Columbus	9	12	2	2	22	73	78
Nashville	5	12	4	4	18	53	71

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	16	6	4	0	36	80	62
Minnesota	13	7	6	1	33	69	58
Edmonton	12	9	4	1	29	67	65
Colorado	8	7	8	3	27	66	64
Calgary	7	13	4	3	21	55	80

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	16	6	5	1	38	91	57
Los Angeles	10	8	4	3	27	68	67
Anaheim	9	9	6	3	27	62	71
San Jose	9	12	2	2	22	70	79
Phoenix	8	13	4	2	22	65	86

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Boston 4, Atlanta 3, OT
Tampa Bay 3, Edmonton 2
Ottawa 2, St. Louis 2, tie
Detroit 5, Phoenix 3
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Minnesota 1, Calgary 1, tie
Nashville 3, Los Angeles 2

Friday's Games

Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Montreal at Colorado, 9 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	15	4	.789	—
Boston	12	6	.667	2½
New Jersey	12	7	.632	3
Orlando	11	8	.579	4
Washington	8	10	.444	6½
New York	5	11	.313	8½
Miami	5	13	.278	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	15	3	.833	—
New Orleans	13	6	.684	2½
Detroit	12	6	.667	3
Atlanta	9	10	.474	6½
Milwaukee	8	10	.444	7
Toronto	6	12	.333	9
Chicago	4	14	.222	11
Cleveland	3	17	.150	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	17	1	.944	—
Houston	10	7	.588	6½
San Antonio	11	8	.579	6½
Utah	11	8	.579	6½
Minnesota	11	9	.550	7
Denver	5	13	.278	12
Memphis	2	17	.105	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	16	5	.762	—
Phoenix	9	8	.529	5
Seattle	10	9	.526	5
Portland	7	9	.438	6½
Golden State	7	12	.368	8
L.A. Clippers	7	12	.368	8
L.A. Lakers	7	13	.350	8½

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 98, Milwaukee 80
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In presenting the award Wednesday, Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell said Trevor — a prolific writer of novels and short stories — "has produced an enormous body of work over nearly 40 years and won many of the most prestigious literary awards."

Trevor's novels include "The Old Boys," winner of the Hawthornden Prize; "The Children of Dynmouth" and "Fools of Fortune," which both won the Whitbread Fiction Award; and "Felicia's Journey," named Whitbread Book of the Year.

His most recent collection of short stories, "The Hill Bachelors," won both the Macmillan Silver Pen Award and the Irish Times Literature prize.

In 1977, Trevor was made an honorary Commander of the British Empire, or CBE, and in 1999, he received the prestigious David Cohen British Literature Prize in recognition of a lifetime's literary achievement.

Although he's lived in Britain since the 1950s, he remains an Irish citizen and therefore takes an honorary knighthood.

Markets

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AT&T Corp rs	27.88	27.55	27.69	—.26
Albertsons	22.60	22.00	22.16	—.60
Alltel	51.21	50.25	50.80	—.10
AmEl Pw	27.15	26.35	26.65	—.54
AndarkPtr	48.97	48.34	48.66	
ATMOS Egy	22.75	22.51	22.52	—.33
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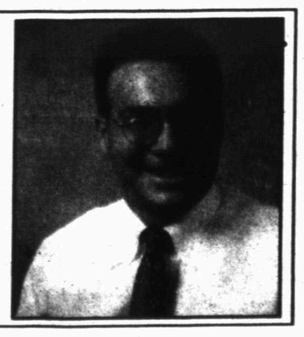

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Iraqi declaration triggers decision time

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Saddam Hussein maintains a strategy of denial and declares this weekend he has no weapons of mass destruction, the pressure shifts to President Bush and his deeply divided foreign policy team.

Do they respond quickly with force, the route preferred by Vice President Dick Cheney and his Pentagon allies? Or do they, at least for now, stay the more patient path of diplomacy favored by the likes of Secretary of State Colin Powell?

Either way, the White House says that by maintaining his innocence, Saddam would be courting war.

"It's his choice to make," Bush told reporters Thursday. Asked whether war was coming, the president tersely replied, "That's a question you should ask to Saddam Hussein."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said "a nice outcome" would be for Saddam to leave Iraq.

Bush has struggled this week to keep pressure on the Iraqi regime as Saddam's lieutenants curry favor with world leaders by cooperating with United Nations weapons inspectors. Mixed messages from Bush's foreign policy team haven't helped the president's cause.

While Powell praised weapons inspectors for getting "off to a good start," Bush himself declared "the signs are not encouraging" from Baghdad. The president also said Saddam "is not somebody who looks like he's interested in complying."

Cheney warned Monday that "deception will not be tolerated" when Iraq declares what weapons of mass destruction it has in its arsenal. The declaration is due Sunday. Iraq has said it has no such weapons.

The vice president's tone, which suggested to some that Iraq's declaration could be a trigger for war, forced the White House to lower expectations for an immediate response.

The shifting rhetoric could be part of a strategy to keep Saddam guessing. More likely, it simply reflects that Bush has yet to determine how to negotiate this latest pivot point in the long-simmering U.S.-Iraq showdown.

One option would be to secretly give inspectors U.S. intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, and prod the investigators to confirm Saddam's deceit. The White House insists it has the proof and is willing to share it with U.N. inspectors — though without saying when or how.

"The president of the United States and the secretary of defense would not assert as plainly and bluntly as they have that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction if it was not true, and if they did not have a solid basis for saying it," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Thursday.

Under this scenario, inspectors would report their findings of Iraqi weapons to the U.N. Security Council, with which Bush is required to consult because of a compromise he made to secure the new Iraqi resolution.

Administration officials favoring this approach say it would mollify even the most skeptical U.S. allies, and would help build support for war against Iraq. Proof sanctioned by the United Nations might help persuade Turkey to open its military bases or Saudi Arabia to guarantee use of its airbase for a U.S.-led attack on Iraq, officials said.

But there is widespread skepticism at the White House about the inspections process.

Jobless rate surges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate unexpectedly shot up to 6.0 percent in November, the highest level since a peak almost nine years ago when the country was struggling to emerge from the last recession.

The report, released today by the Labor Department, portrayed a bleak snapshot of the U.S. economy at a time when many analysts had thought that rock bottom days for job seekers were behind them. Analysts were expecting a slight increase from the 5.7 percent posted in October.

U.S. companies also slashed 40,000 jobs in November, the most since nine months ago, when 165,000 jobs were cut. Economists had forecast modest job growth for last month.

November's jobless rate was matched back in April, and it was the highest since July 1994, when the rate topped 6.1 percent.

Today's report surprised analysts, who thought the unemployment rate might tick up to 5.8 percent for November with stabilizing layoffs and fewer workers seeking unemployment benefits in recent weeks.

Two arrests occupy police

•Arrests

At 10:24 a.m. Thursday, DPS troopers arrested a 31-year-old man on U.S. 180 on outstanding warrants from Victoria County.

A 32-year-old man was taken into custody from the Coleman Apartments Thursday night for public intoxication. Officers responded to the location on a report of a disturbance, but no assault had occurred.

•Accidents

Snyder officers responded to a one-car accident on College Ave. Thursday.

Just before 8 p.m. Connie Romero reported her son being in an accident. Involved was a 1997 Ford Mustang driven by Randy Romero, 19, of 907 30th Street. The one-vehicle report said Romero lost control on loose gravel and struck a utility pole.

Also reported Thursday was a hit-and-run accident involving a 1992 Ford Ranger pickup owned by David Turner of 3726 Avondale.

•Forgery

Betty Clarady reported a possible forgery Wednesday of a check from Western Texas College. The check was a rebate to a student, but was intercepted in the mail and cashed by a third party. An offense report for forgery was submitted.

•Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence on Ave. O Thursday after seeing two unknown men nearby.

•Harassment

A woman reported that she is being harassed by three female subjects and requested officers advise them of the complaint.

At 6:25 p.m. Thursday, a woman spoke with officers about obtaining a restraining order against a man who reportedly is threatening her. She was advised of the proper steps to take.

Obituaries

Modine Johnston

1917-2002

Modine Johnston, 85, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, at her home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Johnston is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnston

Born March 4, 1917 in Robert Lee, she married Marcus D. Johnston in April, 1943 in Corpus Christi. He died June 4, 1987.

Mrs. Johnston was a homemaker and a longtime Dunn area resident before moving to Snyder in April, 1993. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Norm Trepke on Aug. 2, 2002; two grandsons, David Trepke in 1975 and Ted Trepke in 1997; and a grandson-in-law, Roy B. Davis on June 18, 2002.

Survivors include two daughters, Rita Staton and husband Bobby of Dunn and Charlene Trepke of Boulder, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Jo Ashley of Snyder; a brother-in-law, Tom Machen of Snyder; two other sisters-in-law, Pauline Ashley of Dunn and Lillian Ashley of Snyder; three grandchildren, Tammy Davis and Mark Staton of Weatherford and Terri Boroviak of Westminister, Colo.; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mildred Carpenter

1914-2002

Mildred Carpenter, longtime Snyder resident, died Thursday, Dec. 5, in the Windcrest Alzheimer facility in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Carpenter, 88, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the 37th Street Church of Christ with Dale Huff, minister, officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 22, 1914 in Cleburne, she married Edgar F. Carpenter on Jan. 21, 1942 in Fort Worth. He died in 1983. She also was preceded in death by a brother, Earl Williams.

Mrs. Carpenter was a homemaker and a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ and she was active in the prison ministry.

Survivors include a daughter, Sylvia Ann Carpenter of Snyder; a sister, Elois Davis of Snyder; and a brother, Jack Williams of Arcadia, Calif.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Faye Tomlinson

1923-2002

LAMESA — Faye Zell Tomlinson, the mother of Zelma Irons of Snyder, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Tomlinson, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Second Baptist Church with the Rev. Clifton Igo officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 28, 1923 in Bennington, Okla., she graduated from Bennington High School in 1941 and married Roy K. Tomlinson on May 10, 1941 in Tulsa. He died April 26, 2001.

After graduation Mrs. Tomlinson worked in an airplane factory in Tulsa and moved to Lamesa in 1951.

She was a member of the Second Baptist Church for 50 years and worked as a day care provider in her home and then for Sugar and Spice Day Care until her retirement. She moved to Snyder last February.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Velma Brown; and a brother, George Brown.

Survivors include another daughter, Jeanette Hollmann of Odessa; two sons, Wayne Tomlinson of Colleyville and Kenneth Tomlinson of Brownwood; a sister, Anna Jo Carter of Breckenridge; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

C.H. Ford

1924-2002

STEPHENVILLE – Carlos "C.H." Ford, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Harris Methodist Erath County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Ford, 78, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with Ralph Starling and Roy Newsom officiating. Burial will follow in the Smith Springs Cemetery under the direction of Stephenville Funeral Home.

Born April 9, 1924 in Polar, was married to Nora Hoyle Ford who preceded him in death. He married Loree Derrick on April 9, 1981 in Stephenville.

Mr. Ford ranched in West Texas several years and for more than 30 years was a mail carrier and served with the postal union for several years.

He also was preceded in death by his father, E.E. Ford; three brothers; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Loree Ford of Stephenville; his mother, Willie Ford of Snyder; three sons and daughters-in-law, Carl Wayne and Linda Ford of Hurst, Ronnie and Susan Ford of Keller and Rocky and Cheryl Ford of Midland; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Charlotte and Ed Kennemer of Luther, Carolyn and Bruce Witthuhn of Roseville, Minn., and Ronda Ford of Williamsburg, Va.; two stepsons, Ronald Derrick and wife Carole and Mark Derrick, all of Stephenville; two stepdaughters, Rhonda Derrick and Linda Derrick, both of Stephenville; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Lawson Payne

1967-2002

LEVELLAND — Lawson Payne, the brother of the Rev. Buddy Payne of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 1.

Funeral service for Mr. Payne, 35, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Levelland with the Rev. Jesse Hodge officiating. Burial will follow in the Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Born April 2, 1967 in Levelland, he graduated from Levelland High School in 1985 and from South Plains College and the University of Texas.

He married Bonnie R. Rogers on Nov. 9, 1996 in Austin. A resident of Rosenburg, he worked as a consultant for Kane Environmental Engineering and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors also include his wife, Bonnie Payne of Rosenburg; his parents, E.C. and Jimmie Lea Payne of Levelland; and two sisters, Sheri Belyeu of Lubbock and Susan Bradley of Crosbyton.

The family suggests memorials to the Texas Exes Scholarship Fund, Box 7278 in Austin, 78713.

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55/33	39/26	50/29
A fair amount of sunshine. High near 55F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.	Occasional showers. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.
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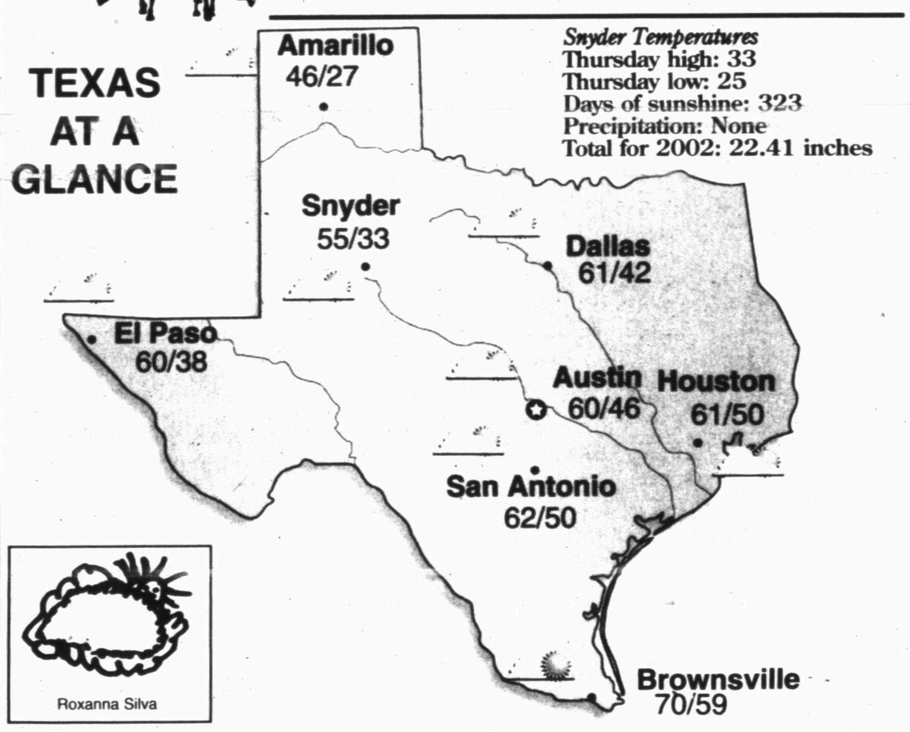

Snyder Temperatures
Thursday high: 33
Thursday low: 25
Days of sunshine: 323
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 22.41 inches

Roxanna Silva

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	57	39	mst sunny	El Paso	60	38	pt sunny	Midland	59	36	mst sunny
Amarillo	46	27	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	62	39	mst sunny	Raymondville	69	54	cloudy
Austin	60	46	pt sunny	Gainesville	58	36	pt sunny	Rosenberg	61	51	pt sunny
Beaumont	59	47	pt sunny	Greenville	56	40	pt sunny	San Antonio	62	50	pt sunny
Brownsville	70	59	cloudy	Houston	61	50	pt sunny	San Marcos	61	47	pt sunny
Brownwood	61	39	pt sunny	Kingsville	68	53	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	57	40	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	66	55	cloudy	Livingston	58	44	pt sunny	Sweetwater	58	36	pt sunny
Corsicana	60	44	pt sunny	Longview	57	40	mst sunny	Tyler	59	45	pt sunny
Dallas	61	42	pt sunny	Lubbock	52	32	mst sunny	Weatherford	60	36	pt sunny
Del Rio	63	48	pt sunny	Lufkin	59	45	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	56	37	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	25	sunny	Houston	61	50	pt sunny	Phoenix	68	48	pt sunny
Boston	39	29	pt sunny	Los Angeles	66	53	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	47	mst sunny
Chicago	40	21	flurries	Miami	77	66	pt sunny	Seattle	49	41	cloudy
Dallas	61	42	pt sunny	Minneapolis	29	11	sn shower	St. Louis	49	36	pt sunny
Denver	49	22	pt sunny	New York	38	29	windy	Washington, DC	40	27	mst sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 19	Dec 27

UV Index

Sat 12/7	Sun 12/8	Mon 12/9
Low	Low	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

VapoRub for nail fungus

DEAR DR. GOTT: How about a follow-up on Vicks VapoRub as a cure for toenail fungus?

DEAR READER: With pleasure. Since I first reported on this inexpensive and provocative therapy, I have received dozens of letters from readers who have enjoyed substantial benefits. So, I tried it myself and can now report that the technique works. Here are my suggestions:

First, the infected toenail (or fingernail) has to be trimmed as short as possible and the chalky or brown fungus under the nail must be removed in order to reduce the bio-mass and speed healing. If a person cannot perform this duty by himself or herself, a podiatrist may have to be consulted, especially if the affected nail is very hard and thick. Once as much of the nail as possible is removed, cover the area with a thin film of VapoRub twice daily and rub it into the nail, the nail bed and the surrounding tissue. After a month or two of this application, the new nail should begin to grow normally. I don't know how long to use the VapoRub, but I suggest that it be employed until the fungus has disappeared. No one knows why this is effective therapy, but it is. I'm sold on it.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are there diseases other than amyotrophic lateral sclerosis that can cause fasciculations? My father has been diagnosed with ALS, yet we question this conclusion because as long as he takes antibiotics, he continues to grow stronger. All his testing was performed during a bout of flu and pneumonia, and we are wondering if a second opinion is in order.

DEAR READER: Fasciculations are brief, visible, random, irregular muscle twitches. They can occasionally occur in healthy adults, especially seniors. Fasciculations are also a common consequence of lower motor neuron diseases; that is, any disorder or disruption of the spinal nerves that govern movement.

Such diseases include multiple sclerosis, syringomyelia, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease) and others. These disorders are serious and are always associated with obvious neurological signs (in addition to fasciculations), including weakness and difficulty with movement.

To my knowledge antibiotics do not affect ALS. If your father has been diagnosed with this affliction and is improving on antibiotic therapy, somebody may have goofed.

By all means obtain a second opinion from a neurologist as soon as possible, at a time when your father is not suffering from an infection, such as pneumonia, that could throw off the testing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered from repeated attacks of torticollis for years and have unsuccessfully tried just about everything for pain control . What would you suggest?

DEAR READER: Torticollis (stiff neck) is an unpleasant condition of unknown cause, marked by painfully severe spasms of the neck muscles, making motion of the head difficult or impossible. In my experience, the affliction usually responds to a combination of treatments, including analgesics, muscle relaxants and intensive physical therapy with hot packs, massage, ultrasound and gentle manipulation.

In extremely resistant cases, acupuncture or hypnosis may help. Recent studies have confirmed that injections of botulinum toxin (Botox) may be useful, but I'd try the other options first.

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Date Book

Friday, Dec. 6, 2002

Today is the 340th day of 2002 and the 76th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1907, an explosion in a mine in Monongah, W.Va., killed 361 coal miners.

On this day in 1921, the Irish Free State, which made up four-fifths of Ireland, was declared as part of a peace agreement with Great Britain.

On this day in 1941, the Manhattan Project was formed with the goal of developing an atomic bomb.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918), poet; Ira Gershwin (1896-1983), lyricist; Dave Brubeck (1920-), jazz musician, is 82; Wally Cox (1924-1973), actor.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, in college football, an unbeaten Arkansas defeated Texas 15-14.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I think that I shall never see / A poem lovely as a tree." — Joyce Kilmer

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 4) and first quarter (Dec. 11).

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The U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated in 1955 at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

War with Iraq could cost U.S. nearly $2 trillion over a decade

WASHINGTON (AP) — War with Iraq could cost the United States anywhere from $99 billion to more than $1.9 trillion over a decade, researchers concluded in a study released Thursday.

In the worst case, a war could consume the equivalent of an entire federal budget for one year or close to that, according to the projections. The government spent $2 trillion in the last budget year, which ended Sept. 30.

The lower figure assumes a successful military, diplomatic and nation-building campaign and the higher figure a prolonged war with a disruption of oil markets and a U.S. recession, the authors say in a study by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Both figures assume a U.S. involvement in the country for 10 years.

White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said it was too premature to comment on cost estimates. "War is the last resort," he said. "We're hoping for a peaceful solution."

Direct military spending could be $50 billion in a short campaign to $140 billion in a prolonged war, according to the study, "War With Iraq: Costs, Consequences and Alternatives."

Occupation and peacekeeping costs could be $75 billion in the best case to $500 billion in the worst. Reconstruction and nation-building costs are estimated at $30 billion to $105 billion, and humanitarian aid at $1 billion to $10 billion.

Economic ripples of war with Iraq are likely to spread beyond the budgetary costs, with the prospect of raising the cost of imported oil, slowing productivity growth and possibly triggering a recession, the report said.

A prolonged disruption of world oil markets could cost the U.S. economy up to $778 billion, the researchers estimated. On the other hand, Iraq's huge oil resources could satisfy U.S. needs for imported oil at current levels for almost a century and otherwise benefit the economy by $40 billion.

The macroeconomic impact, which includes employment, could benefit the United States by $17 billion, or in an unfavorable situation, cost $391 billion.

The report, by the academy's Committee on International Security Studies, said that besides the estimates of direct military costs, all of the numbers should be "regarded as informed conjecture." The costs are limited to the United States.

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, founded in 1780 and based in Cambridge, Mass., is an international society of scientists, scholars, artists, business people and political leaders.

Ex-Enron employees remember anniversary of company's crash

HOUSTON (AP) — A year after receiving pink slips from Enron Corp., former employees of the fallen energy giant gathered to commemorate days gone by.

"It's changed my whole perspective on employers," former Enron worker Jacqueline Muhammad said. "I know they are not in it for me."

This time last year, Enron had filed what was then-considered the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history and turned thousands of its employees into the streets.

For some, the betrayal of executives they once trusted won't be soon forgotten.

For others, Enron remains a utopia they don't think they will ever again find.

Top of the line computers, fabulous Christmas parties, stock options, a workout facility and training for anything imaginable were a few of the many perks that came with working for Enron.

"There is no place like Enron used to be before the bankruptcy," said Dian Chu, who worked for Enron for four years and now works with Phillips Resources. "When I started at Phillips, I said, 'I miss my flat screen monitor.'"

Tracey Kozadinos missed the company so much that after being laid off last December, she jumped at the chance to return to Enron and now works for Enron's accounting group.

"I wanted to play a small part in helping to bring it out of bankruptcy," she said. "I have no hard feelings against the company. I have hard feelings against the small handful of executives who caused the demise."

Muhammad and others said one of the biggest struggles has been adjusting to new employers where the pace isn't as fast as Enron's and the corporate culture is different.

"Where we are now is the norm and Enron was different," Muhammad said. "It's a hard adjustment."

Janet Haynes, who now works in human resources for a Pasadena company, said she had to take a large pay cut to go back to work.

She still is bothered by former chief executive officer Ken Lay's wife's pleas on national television that they were financially harmed as well.

"They don't have a thing to complain about," she said. "What happened to the Enron Code of Ethics book that we all had to read?"

Kozadinos said while she is glad to be back with Enron, she isn't as quick as she once was to tell people where she works.

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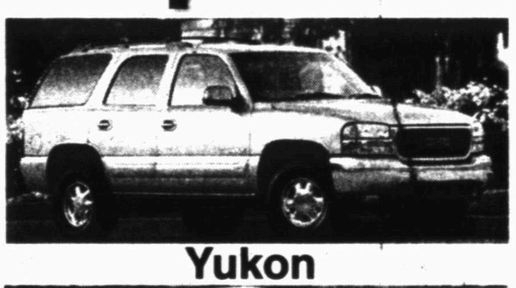
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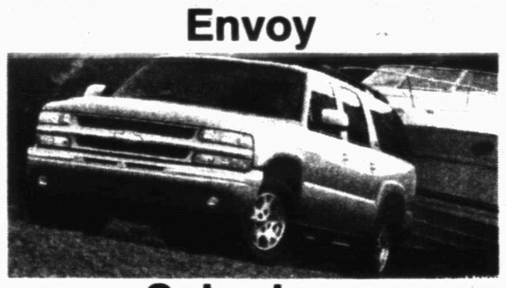
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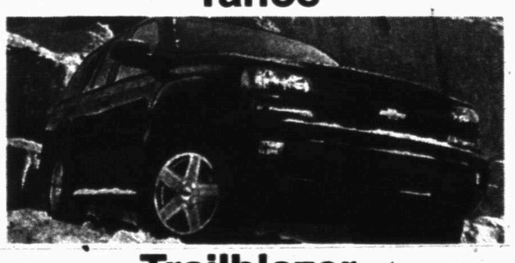
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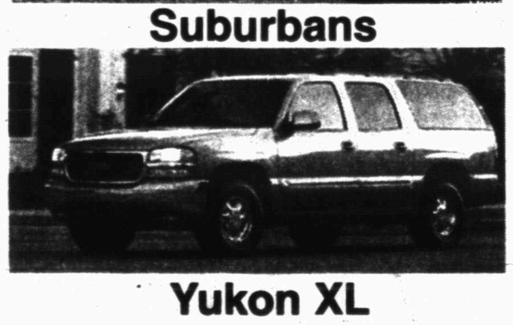
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