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Home of Bill Love

By commissioners...

Maintenance staff subject of closed session

The Scurry County commissioners' court met in executive session this morning for the third time concerning the courthouse maintenance staff. The court recessed for lunch at noon and was to reconvene at 1:30 today to continue the closed-door meeting.

Before entering into executive session, the court discussed at length, concerns from Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd about reserving the county courtroom for justice court.

Boyd told the court she needed a courtroom she can depend on and one that "won't be pulled out from under me at the last minute," as has happened twice, she said.

"It is very disturbing when I have to rearrange everything at the last minute," she said. "I don't think it's fair for the people summoned to JP court."

Boyd asked that she be allowed to reserve the courtroom exclusively one day a week and that the action be added to the court's minutes to make it official.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom said he saw no sense in putting such a decision in the minutes.

"I'm not going to vote on it," he said. "The other courts have been bumped in the past and they are not in here trying to be put in the minutes."

Boyd reiterated that she wants a place that she can count on being open to hold truancy hearings.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer said he sees the problem simply as scheduling conflicts that do not warrant a vote by the court.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey made a motion to designate each Friday for JP court, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Boyd told the court that truancy hearings would be moved to Friday and also requested that she be notified if the courtroom would not be available.

No other action was taken by the court.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided and commissioners Idom, Limmer and Trevey were present. Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey was absent.



PUDDING PAINTING — Early Head Start class painted an American Flag on a paper plate using pudding. Jacob Bohannon and Ysabel Soliz hold the model painting. Others shown around the table are Crystal Porter, teacher, Abraham Alvarado and Jasmine Solis. This project was under the direction of WIC. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "No one is ever old enough to know better."

A little publicity often comes in strange and unexpected ways. It may not be on par with the mileage that Dairy Queen got out of Mark Cuban's remarks.

Cuban said the NBA commissioner, who fines him frequently for being an outspoken critic of refs, couldn't manage a Dairy Queen. Cuban then worked an eight-hour shift at a DQ in Coppell, northwest of Dallas, drawing in huge crowds wanting a DQ Dude.

Snyder has been getting some unexpected publicity, every since Barry Tubb and company started to film the movie *Grand Champion* here last summer.

Jamie Brown, daughter of James and Keitha Brown, works in the corporate accounting office of TXU. There she met a co-worker from Snyder, Max Underwood, son of Polly and Ned Underwood.

The two Snyder natives ride a commuter train to the office building downtown. Riders get to know one another, and other riders soon learned that the two shared the same hometown, but few knew anything about Snyder and West Texas.

Jamie told them that a movie was being filmed in Snyder and that Julia Roberts was in town and causing lots of excitement.

Jamie could tell by the expressions that there was some disbelief about her story, despite confirmations by Underwood.

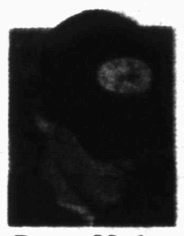
They did, however, gain credibility on July 17 when the Dallas Morning News ran a picture of George Strait doing "The Hokey Pokey" for the movie inside the Scurry County Coliseum. The item further noted that Julia Roberts' nice, Emma Roberts, had a starring role.



George Strait

Now more unexpected publicity has shown up for "folks with inquiring minds."

We were tipped off about the item by William Chapman, a former Snyder resident now living in Hobbs, N.M.



Danny Moder

Chapman said while glancing through the Nov. 22 edition of The National Enquirer he saw a photo of Julia Roberts accompanying an article about her.

Chapman said he took a closer look at the man in the picture with Julia Roberts and took an even closer look at the hat he was wearing.

Ms. Roberts' boyfriend, Danny Moder, was sporting a green Key Bros. Implement of Snyder, Texas cap.

About Enron...

Auditor's memo expressed concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some officials at Arthur Andersen were worried about a "heightened risk" of fraud in Enron's books a week before the energy company shocked stockholders with huge losses, an auditor's memo from last October shows.

The e-mail by Andersen auditor Mark Zajac warned that a computer analysis of Enron's financial activities in the third quarter of last year indicated "a red alert: a heightened risk of financial statement fraud," according to investigators.

The document, released by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., added to mounting evidence that Enron's outside accounting firm had strong misgivings about Enron business practices.

"We have considerable rascality," Dingell, ranking Democrat on the House Commerce Committee, summed up today on CBS's "The Early Show." "We have to find out who is at fault for what."

But a House hearing Thursday into the Enron Corp. collapse left lawmakers still certain of only one thing: Thousands of documents were destroyed by Enron's blue-ribbon accounting firm.

Questions about who ordered the shredding, and whether it was intended to stifle government investigations, were left unresolved after a Commerce subcommittee concluded its first public hearing into the largest and perhaps most devastating bankruptcy in history.

A week after the "red alert" memo, Enron reported a $638 million third-quarter loss and disclosed a $1.2 billion reduction in shareholder equity, partly because of hidden debt built up by a complex web of partnerships.

On the same day that Zajac wrote his memo to the head of the Enron auditing team, Andersen also hired a law firm in anticipation of possible lawsuits involving Enron, the Houston-based energy giant that spiraled into bankruptcy Dec. 2.

Andersen played down the significance of the computer analysis. And Zajac in the memo acknowledged the system produces "false alarms."

With 11 congressional committees and subcommittees eager to probe elements of the Enron debacle and its far-reaching fallout, this is only the beginning.

"We should consider this a practice session," Rep. Jim Greenwood, R-Pa., quipped after his panel grilled three witnesses from Andersen.

Punitive actions against Arafat eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and his foreign policy advisers, convinced that Yasser Arafat's organization tried to buy weapons from Iran, met today to consider punitive actions that could include severing ties with the Palestinian Authority.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and other State Department officials were counseling a different approach. According to a well-placed U.S. official, it would demand Yasser Arafat guarantee tough action against terrorism and then the administration would resume its peacemaking efforts.

Arrayed against this view, and pushing for a cutoff, were Vice President Dick Cheney's office and Pentagon staffers, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In the private White House session, Bush and his national security team discussed various options, which also include closing Palestinian Authority offices in Washington, sending U.S. Middle East envoy Anthony Zinni to suspend his peacemaking mission and placing Arafat's personal security force on the State Department's list of terrorist groups, according to several government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Zinni was expected to resume his attempt to rebuild a cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinians in a third trip to the region last week. The mission was sidetracked by the violence, and there is no word on when he might go back — despite reports that Arafat asked Powell to send him back.

Cutting ties with Arafat could greatly complicate Bush's fragile war coalition by angering Muslims and driving a wedge between the United States and its Arab allies. It also would make it tougher for U.S. diplomats, dealing with only one party in the dispute, to ease Middle East tensions.

For those reasons, severing ties was the least likely option to be accepted by Bush, said a senior administration official involved in the discussions.

Former Enron executive commits suicide in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Enron Corp. executive who challenged the company's questionable financial practices and resigned last May was found shot to death in a car today, an apparent suicide, authorities said.

Police in the suburb, Sugar Land, confirmed the death of 43-year-old J. Clifford Baxter, a former Enron vice chairman. He was shot in the head.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of our friend and colleague, Cliff Baxter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends," the company said in a statement.

Spokesman Mark Palmer had no additional comment.

Baxter was vice chairman of Enron when he resigned in May 2001, several months before the energy company's collapse.

Baxter was identified by name in the explosive warning that Enron executive Sherron Watkins wrote last August to company chairman Ken Lay.

"Cliff Baxter complained mightily to (then-CEO Jeff) Skilling and all who would listen about the inappropriateness of our transactions with LJM," one of the partnerships that kept hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off Enron's books.

Watkins identified Baxter in a section of her letter stating there is "a veil of secrecy around LJM and Raptor," another entity involved in the partnerships.

Watkins' letter to Lay stated that "we will implode in a wave of accounting scandals" unless the company halted practices that eventually sent it into bankruptcy.

His body was found at 2:23 a.m. today in a car parked in between two medians in a residential area in Sugar Land. He was in the driver's seat of the vehicle and a police officer stopped to check on him after noticing the parked car.

Jim Richard, a Fort Bend County justice of the peace, ruled Baxter's death a suicide.

Two arrested in Big Spring for meth labs

Two Big Spring residents were arrested Thursday for possessing materials necessary for manufacturing methamphetamines.

Eric Olivarri, 24, a KWES-TV cameraman, and Telena Rodgers, 19 were taken into custody and charged with the offense, said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

Walker said the two were arrested after an investigation led a task force of local, regional and federal agencies to a residence in the 1000 block of East 21st Street.

The search on 21st Street led investigators to two other possible meth labs, including the Big Spring offices of KWES-TV where the drug had apparently been manufactured Wednesday.

DPS investigates Thursday wrecks

DPS troopers investigated two one-vehicle accidents Thursday morning.

Trooper James Arnwine said one accident was reported around 7:30, and the other shortly after 8 o'clock.

Marci Rodriquez of Snyder was driving a 1999 Isuzu pickup that overturned on CR 1105, while Jodie Valles of Rotan was driving a 1992 Oldsmobile that ran through a fence off CR 1614.

Trooper Arnwine said neither driver was injured.

ASK US

Q—Has the chamber of commerce set a date for its annual banquet?

A—Yes. The banquet is Tuesday, March 5 and tickets are on sale now at the chamber.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 47 degrees; low, 21; 7 a.m. Friday, 23; no precipitation; total for 2002, .20 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear; low near 30; SW winds 5-10 mph. Saturday, sunny, high near 70; SW winds 5-15 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear, low near 40.



Shaderica McGaha
Warmer

Sunset: 6:12 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:40 a.m.
Of 24 days in 2002, the sun has shone 24 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.
—P.T. Barnum

JAN 25 2002

Scientists considering how effective mammograms are

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's advice that's almost become gospel: Getting a mammogram could save your life.

Now some scientists are challenging whether that's true — and the controversy is serious enough that even the National Cancer Institute is reviewing its guidelines.

For now, the advice hasn't changed: Women should begin getting mammograms in their 40s, stressed Dr. Peter Greenwald, the NCI's cancer prevention chief.

That advice is based on studies done in the 1970s and '80s that concluded mammograms can cut deaths from breast cancer by 30 percent.

But now two Danish scientists have reanalyzed those studies and concluded they had so many flaws in the way they were conducted that it's impossible to say whether mammograms really reduce deaths.

Those analyses are causing a scientific uproar, and many specialists do not accept them.

"The bulk of the evidence at this point continues to endorse mammography as a useful tool in potentially reducing one's risk," said Dr. Robert Young, president of the American Cancer Society.

Still, the controversy is about to get more of a consumer airing. This week, advisers to the NCI took up the issue, and agreed with the Danes. This group, called the PDQ editorial board, is responsible for updating scientific information on the government's main cancer Internet site, and may add to the site by spring the warning that mammography's lifesaving promise is in doubt.

"That translates into, 'You should not make the decision lightly,'" said Donald Berry of Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, a panel member who is helping draft the opinion. "It is something that a woman can reasonably choose not to do and not feel that she's harming her health."

The cancer institute isn't bound by its advisers' opinions, but is going to review its mammogram recommendations.

"We're going to take a look at this as efficiently as we can, but it is complex and will take some time" to settle, Greenwald said.

Meanwhile, as to whether the controversy will discourage some women from getting the tests, he said: "I'm afraid that's true."

American women undergo some 30 million mammograms a year. The breast X-ray long has been considered the best way to detect breast cancer, particularly early tumors.

In addition to the studies that backed mammograms, the advice is based on the premise that early detection is crucial. Indeed, for some cancers, such as cervical cancer, that premise is beyond dispute.

But for other cancers, such as prostate cancer, early detection has proved controversial. It's not easy to predict if men need aggressive prostate cancer treatment or if they have one of the forms of that disease that grows so slowly it will never threaten them.

Now with breast cancer, "what we're seeing is that the thing we've believed for so long — that finding cancer early is good — may not be right," Berry said. "It may be that when we find it either the cat's out of the bag or not, and if we had delayed" the woman would have had the same outcome.

But the lifesaving debate aside, mammography has another benefit, says Young of the American Cancer Society. Finding tumors when they're smaller often can mean the difference between breast-conserving surgery or a mastectomy, he said.

Everyone acknowledges mammograms aren't perfect. Many of the abnormalities they uncover turn out to be benign, causing unnecessary anxiety and additional testing. Also, better mammograms are uncovering more tiny tumors called "ductal carcinoma in situ" that aren't invasive cancer and don't always become life-threatening. Many experts think such patients are overtreated, but there's no way to tell in advance who will be endangered.





PERFECT ATTENDANCE — West Elementary students who received perfect attendance awards for the fall semester include (top photo) from left, bottom row, Dylan Bunch, Fabian Contreras, Lance Day, Mayra Estrada, Brooks Gafford; middle row, Kimberly Harlan, Kelly Holdren, Audrey Jones, James Martin, Antonio Medina; top row, Preston Munson, Greg Resendiz, Roy Rivera, Crystal Rodriguez, Josie Torres, Nathan Wittie. Tanner Butler and Marcus Gressett are not pictured. Other students (bottom photo) include from left, bottom row, Jimmy Wells, Mekayla Duzan, Roy Gordon, Amanda Luecke, Courtney Pollard, Just Price; middle row, Aaron Tate, Connor Tollison, Aaliyah Wesley, Cailey Young, Kelsie Barrera, Samantha Bloom; bottom row, Jose Cabrera, Allison Claxton, Adrianna Hernandez, Sandy Leal, Kegan Scifres, Mason Tabor, Hunter Ward, Miccah Wesley. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

AA pilots want Airbus planes grounded during crash probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some pilots say Airbus A300 jets should be grounded until investigators learn why American Airlines Flight 587 crashed in New York last November.

An Airbus A300-600 plunged to the ground Nov. 12 shortly after taking off from Kennedy Airport, killing 265 people. The tail fell off the plane before the crash.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating, and pilots don't know whether some unseen defect in the plane's tail caused the crash.

More than 70 pilots have signed a statement saying there is no way to adequately inspect the Airbus tails, which are made of a nonmetallic composite material. There are no procedures for using ultrasound or another method to look inside the composite.

"They have very little confidence in the industry-accepted standard of visual inspections alone," said Robert Sproc, an American pilot for 11 years and Miami vice chairman of the Allied Pilots Association.

Following the crash, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered visual inspections of the Airbus tails. The FAA has not ordered American to stop flying the planes.

Airbus Industrie, the plane's French-based manufacturer, said there is no need to look for hidden damage because tests have shown any problems that cannot be seen are not severe enough to weaken the tail.

John Lauber, Airbus' vice president of safety and technical affairs, said the design and tests of the tail assumed they would not be inspected for hidden flaws.

"If damage is not visible, then we know it does not affect the strength of the material, and it will not grow during the service life of the airplane," he said. "A visual inspection will be adequate to find any anomaly that would be of concern."

NTSB investigators reported earlier this month that layers of the tail peeled away, but they didn't know if the problem contributed to the crash or occurred after the tail hit the ground.

Former NTSB investigator Greg Feith said there should be a way to inspect the tail to find hidden flaws.

"When they designed that airplane and designed that tail, they should have designed the ability to do an inspection," Feith said. "If it's weakened in any way, that's going to fail just like any material."

The pilots who drafted the petition had planned to send it to American, but the company obtained a copy and responded before receiving it. American then invited some of those pilots to spend the day Thursday at American's Airbus maintenance base in Tulsa, Okla., to see how the planes are maintained and inspected.

"Nothing in the examination of the Airbus fleet, or in the tests conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board, by American Airlines or by other Airbus operators suggest that there is a need to ground this fleet," the airline said.

On the Net:
National Transportation Safety Board investigation of Flight 587 crash:
http://www.ntsb.gov/events/2001/AA587/default.htm
American Airlines:
http://www.amrcorp.com
Airbus Industrie:
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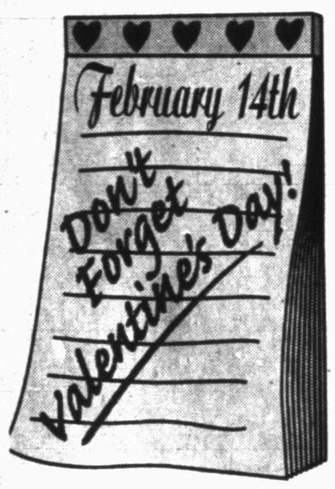
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
1-2-23-26-27

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-0-5

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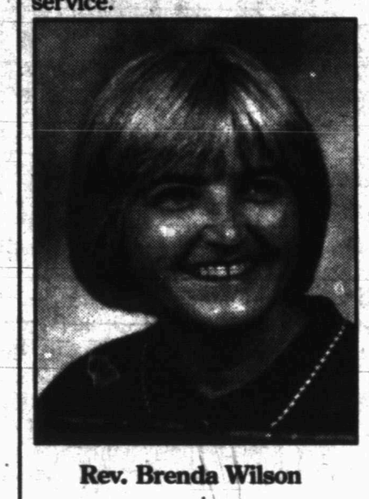
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Rev. Brenda Wilson will be installed as First Christian pastor in service on Sunday

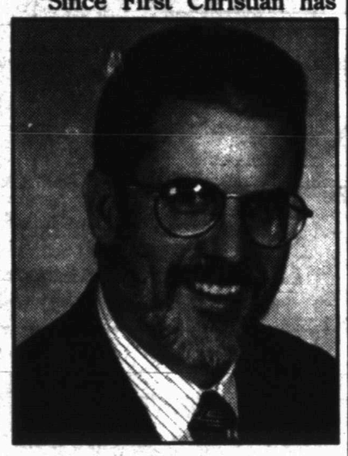
The Rev. Brenda Wilson will be installed as pastor of First Christian Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Dr. Mark Toulouse, professor of American religious history and dean at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, will preach at the service.

Rev. Tony Salisbury, the area minister of the Central Area of the Southwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), also will attend the service.



Rev. Brenda Wilson



Dr. Mark Toulouse

The Rev. David Story, pastor of Richfield Christian Church in Waco, will also attend the service.

A reception at 12:15 p.m. will follow the service.

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Dr. Toulouse holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and is the author of numerous books and articles. He also leads workshops for ministers and lay people on topics pertaining to American Christianity, Disciples history and theology, and theological education. He is also an ordained minister of the Christian Church.

Rev. Wilson, who was a student of Dr. Toulouse at Brite, said, "I am delighted that Mark Toulouse could be here as a witness to the covenant that the members of the First Christian Church and I are preparing to make with one another.

"Since First Christian has been in Snyder for more than 100 years, we're excited about hosting someone whose field of expertise is American Church history, who is not only a fine scholar but someone committed to the church, his family, and ensuring that Brite continues to provide a quality, ecumenical education for our pastors."

Longview agrees to supply water

LONGVIEW (AP) — The city of Longview has approved a plan to supply water to a power plant being built in Harrison County by Entergy Power Ventures and the Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative.

The approval relieved some residents in neighboring Marshall who are trying to keep their water from being sold to the power plant.

Longview's city council authorized Mayor Earl Roberts to execute an agreement in which Longview provides raw water and treated wastewater to the 550-megawatt power plant.

The proposed agreement is now awaiting signatures from officials at Houston-based Entergy and the Longview-based cooperative.

"Our goal is to sign it within the next several days," said Richard Pollock, senior project manager with Entergy Wholesale Operations.

Under the plan, Longview would supply raw water at first from Aug. 1 to no later than Dec. 31, 2005, and then treated wastewater for as many as 30 years.

Longview would sell the water to Entergy for 27 cents per 1,000 gallons with an adjustment each year based on inflation. A maximum of 6.05 million gallons of water would go to the plant each day, depending in part on how the water is delivered.

After the plant starts operating, Entergy would be required to pay for at least 805 million gallons of water per year, whether it is used or not. That guarantees the city will get $18,448 a month or $221,375 a year in revenue from the agreement, Longview officials say.

Marshall also has contracted to sell water to the power plant, but that plan was stalled by opposition from residents concerned about taking additional water from Cypress Bayou, which feeds Caddo Lake.

When Marshall officials announced a plan last summer to sell Entergy up to 5.5 million gallons of water a day from Caddo Lake, lake-area residents protested, saying Marshall was already violating state permits in its use of the lake for the city's water supply.

Marshall officials argued their plan wouldn't harm the lake because it required Entergy to buy replacement water when the lake falls to a certain level. But a hydrology expert hired by opponents said the replacement plan wasn't sufficient.

Officials with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission said last fall that the Marshall proposal could harm one of only 15 areas in the United States declared significant wetlands under international treaty.

Caddo Lake is a stretch of sloughs, cypress swamps, pools and bayous straddling the border with Louisiana.

Radiation doses for Indians may be more than projected

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — American Indian tribes that fished in the Columbia River were exposed to more radiation from the bordering Hanford Nuclear Reservation than previously thought, a federal report suggests.

The Indians ate so much fish they were more exposed to potentially cancer-causing radiation than were white farmers and other people living in the area, according to a draft report prepared for the U.S. government by Risk Assessment Corp.

The study, presented Wednesday, looks at fish consumption and radiation releases from 1944 to 1972.

Previous studies had been aimed at estimating the exposure rates for people living downwind of the nuclear reservation when radioactive iodine was released into the atmosphere in the 1940s and early 1950s.

Those studies had assumed that people ate about 90 pounds of fish per year, said Ed Liebow, a cultural anthropologist and consultant on the new study.

But historians and representatives of tribes that fished downstream from Hanford say fish were so central to the diet of many Columbia River Indians that they might have been consuming as much as 1 1/2 pounds a day.

Date Book

Friday, Jan. 25, 2002

Today is the 25th day of 2002 and the 36th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1945, the water supply of Grand Rapids, Mich., was fluoridated. It was the first time that fluorine was added to an American city's drinking water.

On this day in 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be broadcast live on television.

On this day in 1981, 52 Americans who had been held hostage by Iranian students returned to the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Burns (1759-1796), poet; W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965), writer; Virginia Woolf (1882-1941), writer; Eduard Shevardnadze (1928-), Georgian president, is 74; Dinah Manoff (1958-), actress, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, the Oakland Raiders became the first wild-card team to win the NFL title. They defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 27-10. During the game, Oakland Raider Kenny King caught an 80-yard touchdown pass thrown by Jim Plunkett.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To be able to enjoy one's past life is to live twice." — Martial

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 21) and full moon (Jan 28).

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TIGER JAZZ VISITS DISCOVERY SCHOOL — Snyder High School's Tiger Jazz presented a Christmas program for the children of Discovery School. Back row, from left, Juan Rodriguez, Carlos Martinez, Caitlyn Cunningham, Hayley Holmes, Hannah Smith, Mallorye Miller, Kiva Daniels, John Miller Robinson, Erin Dunham, Brice Nix, Taz Moorehead, Alee Baldock, Dralon Jackson, Felicia Ibarra, Brendan Garza. Sitting from left are, Colton Jackson, Robert Hoseman, Braedan Groat, Ragan Hillingsworth, Josh Owens, Parker Garmer, Tyler Mitchell and Taylor Kiker. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-25-02
♠ J 9 7 6
♥ 8 3
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q 7 6

West
♠ K
♥ K Q 10 6 5
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ A 10 3

East
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A 7 2
♦ 10 7 6
♣ 8 5 4 2

South
♠ A Q 10 8 3
♥ J 9 4
♦ J 5 2
♣ J 9

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	1 ♥ Pass	Dbl. 4 ♠	Pass All pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Do not put money on the impossible

Mark Twain was either an optimist or a realist, depending on one's point of view, when he wrote, "There was never yet an uninteresting life. Such a thing is an impossibility. Inside of the dullest exterior there is a drama, a comedy, and a tragedy."

Let's see if we can find drama, comedy, and tragedy in this deal's lifespan.

After West's opening bid, North made a takeout double. Unless he has a very strong hand (a good 17 points or more), this announces shortage in hearts and length — at least three cards — in each of the three unbid suits. South's jump to two spades said that he had some 9-11 points with four or five spades. North, with his eyes on a vulnerable game, overbid slightly.

West led the heart king: three, seven, four. West continued with the heart six. After winning with the ace, East shifted to a club, West taking the trick and exiting with a club. Going up with dummy's queen, South now took the trump finesse and finished one down.

This deal had drama when North immediately rose out of his chair and looked as if he was going to throttle his partner. The tragedy was South's spade play. When East produced the heart ace, West surely had the other 12 high-card points. So, West had to hold the spade king, and South should have played a spade to the ace, hoping for the best.

The comedy came when North said, "I'm going outside to drown a fish."

You may contact Phillip Alder or read columns that you've missed at his Web site, http://www.phillipalderbridge.com.

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Reporter missing

NEW YORK (AP) — A Wall Street Journal reporter has been missing for more than 24 hours in Pakistan, said the newspaper's parent company, Dow Jones & Co.

The reporter, Daniel Pearl, 38, was doing an interview near the city of Karachi and did not check in with his editors according to the paper's routine procedure, Dow Jones said Thursday.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Shock of son's tragic death drives grieving parent to steal

DEAR ABBY: In April 1986, you printed a letter from a woman who had lost a child and subsequently started stealing things from a friend.

Please run it again. I know it would be helpful for people who are suffering loss. God bless you. — **MRS. N. IN CARLSBAD, CALIF.**

DEAR MRS. N.: Grief can manifest itself in many different ways. I'm pleased to print that letter again. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago my 2-year-old son died tragically. His death was a great shock to me. I expected to go through the normal grieving process, and I did.

However, something unexpected happened. I started to steal. I had no use for anything I took, but I was helpless to stop. Even more disturbing, I stole from people I love and am very close to. This began soon after the death of my son and stopped a few months ago.

The death of my son and the terrible guilt I felt over stealing nearly drove me to suicide twice.

I want very much to return the items I took and apologize to the owners. However, I am afraid they will probably say they "understand," but they'll never trust me in their homes again.

Please don't tell me to seek professional help because my compulsion to steal seems to have left me as quickly as it came.

I need some answers. I've never stolen anything in my life before this. Why did I steal — especially from people I'm close to? The guilt and confusion are weighing me down. Please help me. I want to make everything better, but I don't know how. — **CONFUSED AND GUILTY**

DEAR CONFUSED: Your compulsion to steal (transitory kleptomania) was triggered by your tragic loss. You unconsciously tried to compensate for your loss by taking from others because something had been taken from you. You stole from those close to you because you unconsciously envied and resented them for not having had to suffer the way you did.

You need more help than I can give you in a letter. You seem to be a fine and decent person who was temporarily destabilized by a terrible loss. You stole to "equalize" things. Forgive yourself, my friend. What you did was sick, and sickness is no crime.

You need absolution and counseling. Please see a therapist and a clergyperson if you have one.

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Almost two years ago, I purchased an engagement ring for my fiancee. Things did not work out, and I still have the ring. Can I give it to someone in the future? Or do I have to get rid of it and buy a new one when the time comes?

I love this ring, Abby. I've been told I could give it to someone else as long as I never reveal that it was originally purchased for my former fiancee. However, if I kept that secret, I'd feel like I was lying. Please tell me what you think. — **ATLANTA GENT**

DEAR GENT: Since it is unlikely that you would be able to sell or trade the engagement ring for what you paid for it, remove the stone from the setting. When you meet "Miss Right," she can have the stone put in a setting of her choosing, and then it will be truly hers.

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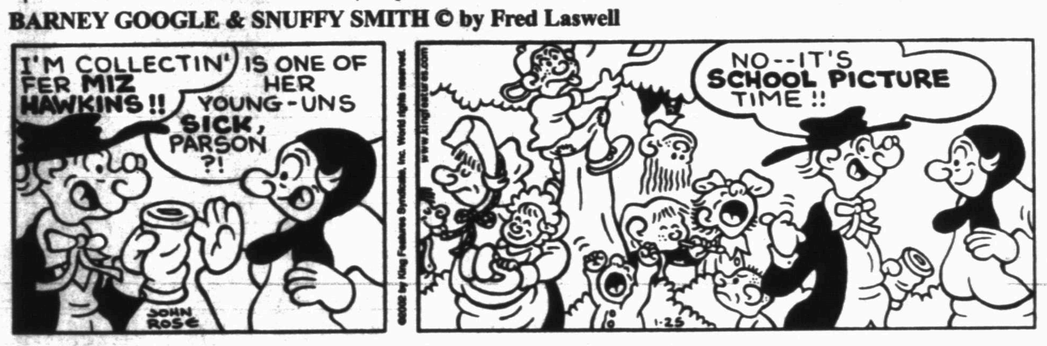
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8 Thunder god
12 Cubes
13 Sheik's robe
14 Hop a train
15 Deal in
16 — bang theory
17 Eye part
18 Pasta covering
20 Handed over
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23 "— we there yet?"
24 "Vamoose!"
27 Marbles
30 Cry of discovery
31 Urge
32 — dog
34 Army off.
35 Bad, in Paris
37 "So long!"
38 Shaggy blossom
40 Bake
42 The works
43 Wheel part
44 Quiz show host
46 Durable wood
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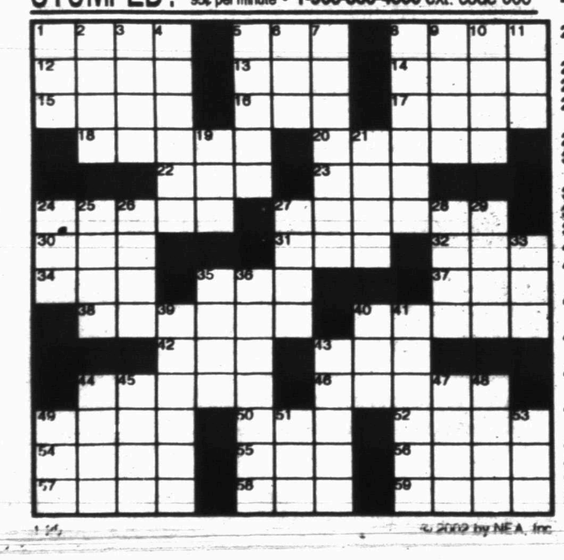
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21 Teheran's country
24 "Casablanca" pianist
25 Libya neighbor
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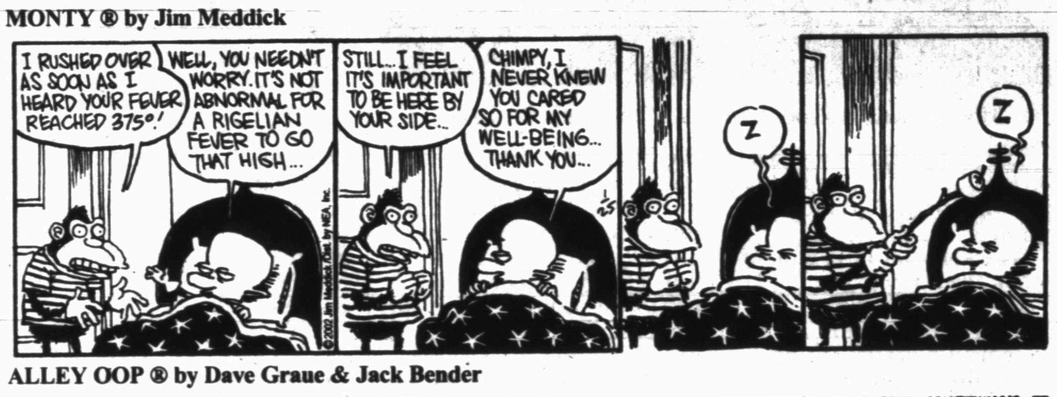
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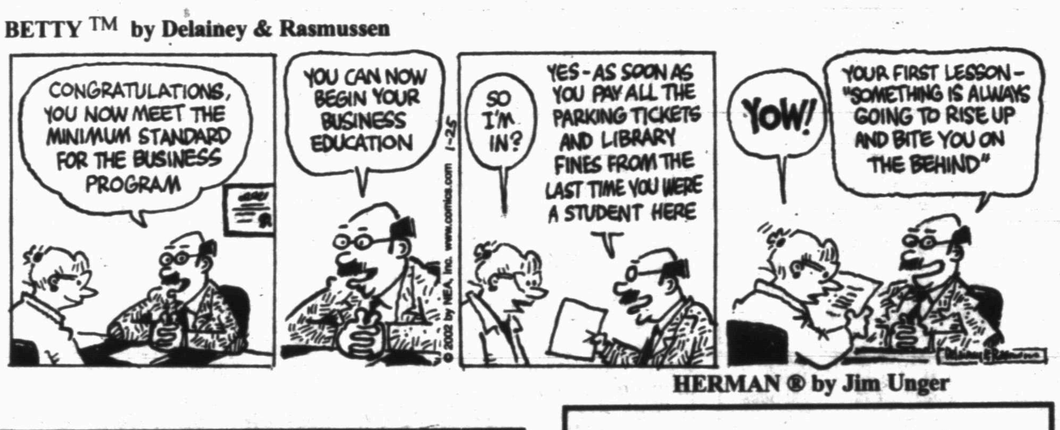
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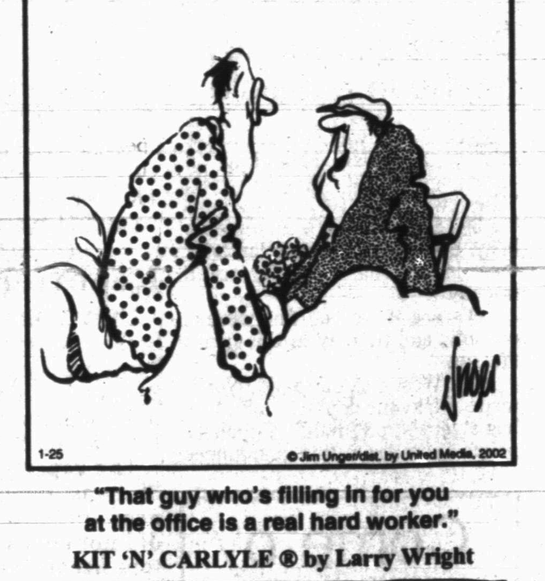
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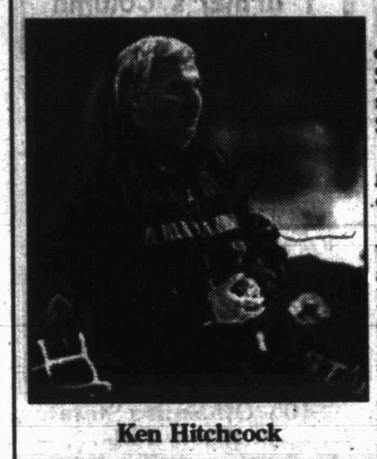
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SPORTS

Hitchcock fired as head coach of Stars



Ken Hitchcock

IRVING (AP) — Ken Hitchcock was fired by the Dallas Stars on Friday after six seasons, including the team's only Stanley Cup championship.

Bob Gainey was removed as general manager and made a consultant.

Assistant coach Rick Wilson will become interim coach, and assistant general manager Doug Armstrong will take over as GM.

Hitchcock, 50, led the Stars to two Stanley Cup finals appearances — winning the title in 1999 — and five straight division titles. He was 277-160-60-6 since taking over with 43 games left in the 1995-96 season. His postseason record is 47-33.

Wilson, an assistant with the Stars organization for 10 years, also was an assistant with the Los Angeles Kings for three years.

The moves came after Hitchcock and Mike Modano had an intense conversation after practice Thursday about the star player's frustration. The Stars, who have lost two straight game, are seventh in the Western Conference at 23-17-6-4.

Hitchcock also talked to several other players Thursday, urging them to quit complaining about the team's problems and start finding solutions.

"You got to want it, and collectively we don't," team captain Derian Hatcher said after Wednesday night's 4-2 loss to the Vancouver Canucks.

Dallas, swept from last season's playoffs in the second round, is off to a slow start this season, partly because several of Gainey's off-season moves didn't click.

Gainey announced last month that he would step down as general manager after the season and Armstrong would take over.

Armstrong has been Gainey's assistant since 1993. Gainey, in the NHL for 28 years, said in December he would be a Stars consultant for a year.

Gainey followed a Hall of Fame playing career in Montreal with a stellar tenure as a coach and general manager of the Stars franchise. Over 11 seasons, his teams reached the Stanley Cup finals three times, winning it once.

Hired as coach of the Minnesota North Stars in 1990, Gainey guided his first team to the Cup finals. He added GM to his duties the following year and held both jobs through January 1996, when he turned over the coaching duties to Hitchcock.

SHS hosts rematch with Frenship

Both Snyder High School basketball teams had just as soon forget about their visits to Frenship earlier this month.

Snyder gets a chance to erase those memories tonight when it hosts Frenship for a pair of District 4-4A contests at the SHS gym. The girls match-up tips off at 6 o'clock, followed by the boys tilt at 7:30.

The Snyder girls (3-7, 8-16) suffered a 61-28 setback in their first meeting with Frenship (4-6, 15-12), but are playing better of late. In their last outing, the Lady Tigers picked up a 48-44 victory on the road at Big Spring.

"We think we're playing better than we were earlier in the month," said Lady Tiger coach Mike Martin. "We'll need to play extremely well again tonight to give ourselves a chance.

"Frenship presents some match-up problems for us, because their posts are pretty good, and they have a couple of girls who can penetrate. We need to play solid defense, and play every offensive possession like it's the most important one of the game."

Like their Lady Tiger peers, the SHS boys didn't fare well in their trip to Wolfforth. The Tigers (2-6, 6-17) trailed by only five points before Frenship (5-3, 17-8) poured in 19 points in the fourth quarter to pull away for a 61-47 victory.

Frenship posted 14 of its fourth-quarter points from the line, and the Tigers know staying out of foul trouble will be key tonight.

"They were a good free-throw shooting team in the first game, so we can't commit silly fouls and give them extra chances to score," said Tiger coach Bud Birks. "We have to stay aggressive on defense, but we also have to stay away from the meaningless fouls."

In other District 4-4A games tonight, Plainview visits Estacado. Andrews hosts Big Spring, and Lake View travels to Levelland.

In Class A action this evening, Ira takes on Borden County in a pair of District 11 contests at Gail, while Hermleigh travels to Blackwell for two District 12 games.

Class A girls action gets underway at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 o'clock.

Even without Finley, Mavs down Nuggets

DENVER (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks have the third-best record in the NBA. Imagine how good they'll be when Michael Finley returns.

The Mavericks posted their sixth straight victory Thursday night, beating the Denver Nuggets 104-97.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points, including two key 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. Nowitzki also had 10 rebounds, and Juwan Howard had 19 points and 13 rebounds for Dallas (31-12).

The Mavericks are 11-1 without Finley, who is averaging 20.1 points, but is out with a hamstring injury.

"Ever since Michael went down, everybody has stepped up, including myself," Howard said. "We're a better club with Michael, so we do miss his presence."

Tim Hardaway, who scored 16 points, said it is "important for us to play like this with Michael out so that when he comes back the team will be stronger and better at everything."

Mavericks coach Don Nelson returned to the bench after missing the last two games to be with his wife, Joy, who underwent successful breast cancer surgery Monday.

"It's good to be back," Nelson said. "It's easier on me to coach than to watch it on TV. That's more nerve-wracking.

"I thought in the second half we came out with a lot of energy and played a lot better than we did in the first half. I think Juwan Howard was really big for us and got us some baskets when we needed them and established the low game for us. Tim Hardaway came in and gave us that veteran leadership down the stretch. It just all clicked in."

Raef LaFrentz led Denver with 24 points, 18 in the first quarter. Ryan Bowen had 18 points, 14 in the third. James Posey added 17 points, 14 in the final 12 minutes.

"We played in spurts, and that's not good," Posey said. "Consistency is the key. We showed it in L.A. (a 107-91 win over the Lakers on Tuesday), but we didn't play consistent tonight."

Nowitzki said the Mavericks tightened their defense in the second half.

"We started guarding Raef and not giving him his open looks, and we did a great job on Nick Van Exel the whole game," Nowitzki said. "That was the key to the win."

LaFrentz's basket cut Dallas' lead to four early in the final period, but Nowitzki made a 3-pointer with 10:38 remaining.

Avery Johnson's driving layup reduced the deficit to 82-77, and Nowitzki countered again on a 3-pointer with 8:27 left.

Back-to-back 3s by Hardaway and Steve Nash gave Dallas a 15-point lead before Posey scored the game's next nine points.

During Posey's surge, Nowitzki fouled out with 3:44 left, but the Nuggets got no closer than five points. Hardaway hit 7 of 8 free throws down the stretch.

Van Exel had 15 assists but only nine points. Voshon Lenard had four points.

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	10	0	24	1
Levelland	8	2	22	6
Estacado	8	2	21	6
Andrews	5	5	16	8
Frenship	4	6	15	12
Snyder	3	7	8	16
Big Spring	2	8	11	14
Lake View	0	10	2	22

Tonight's games: Frenship at Snyder; Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Levelland; Plainview at Estacado.

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District 4-4A Boys Basketball

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Frenship	5	3	17	8
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Snyder	2	6	6	17
Big Spring	2	6	10	14
Lake View	0	8	6	18

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SJHS eighth grade girls whip Lubbock Atkins

LUBBOCK — Snyder's eighth grade girls posted a pair of impressive victories Thursday over Lubbock Atkins that even included a shutout.

Snyder Black blanked Atkins, 40-0, while Snyder Gold cruised to a 43-27 victory.

Kendra James poured in 21 points to pace SJHS Black.

Lindsey Morin dropped in seven points, and Ciara Latta added six. Bianca Gonzales scored four points, and Krisa Murphey chipped in two.

The Gold squad got 10 points from Glyn Wright to fuel its effort. Sirena Medrano tallied nine points, and Shaela Thompson posted eight.

Sequoya Powell registered six points. Aeryal Peoples and Erica Little finished with four each, and Emily Jones dropped in two.

Both Snyder squads are in action again Monday against Lubbock Dunbar.

7th grade girls earn two wins

LUBBOCK — Snyder's seventh grade girls had no problems disposing of Lubbock Atkins on Thursday.

Snyder Gold chalked up a 47-3 victory, while Snyder Black raced past Atkins, 30-2.

Kaitlin Greenlee poured in 13 points to pace the Gold squad, with Jordan Stansell adding 12.

Courtney Tyrrell posted six points, and Terann Ragland, Brianna Bernal, LaCree Tippens and Katie Crenwelge finished with four apiece.

Snyder Black got six points from Jaedi Baze and Teisha McGlouthin.

Sydney Wright and Cheyene Roemisch drained five points, and Jessica Yanez and Ashley Luecke tallied four each.

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Sports Briefs

Tryon bombs in first round

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Ty Tryon figures the worst is over.

The youngest PGA Tour rookie in history watched his 20-foot putt track toward his final hole. When it disappeared into the cup for a rare birdie, he offered a faint fist pump and a tired smile, like a 17-year-old who hears the school bell ring after a tough day.

He had a big gallery at the Phoenix Open and a big number on his card, a 6-over-par 77 that left him in second-to-last place and 13 strokes out of the lead.

Steve Flesch grabbed the first-round lead at the Phoenix Open with a 7-under 64, one shot better than Duffy Waldorf. Twenty-one players did not finish when play was suspended by darkness.

Safin, Johansson advance to final

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Marat Safin moved closer to his second Grand Slam title, rebounding after a rain delay to beat Tommy Haas 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-0, 6-2 and reach the Australian Open final.

On Sunday, Safin will meet 16th-seeded Thomas Johansson, who beat unseeded Jiri Novak in five sets.

Martina Hingis won her fourth Australian Open — and ninth Grand Slam — doubles title, teaming with Anna Kournikova for a 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-1 victory over Daniela Hantuchova and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. Kournikova also was her partner when she won in Melbourne in 1999.

Ted Williams back in hospital

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Ted Williams, slowed by a series of strokes and congestive heart failure in recent years, was back in the hospital with a high temperature and low blood pressure.

The 83-year-old baseball Hall of Famer was taken from his home by ambulance to Shands Hospital at the University of Florida, about 50 miles away. He had open-heart surgery last January.

Williams was given fluids and antibiotics in the intensive care unit, and his vital signs improved, The Boston Globe reported. His temperature was 100 degrees before he arrived, it said.

Gonzalez completes Rangers' physical

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez moved a step closer to finalizing his $24 million, two-year contract with the Texas Rangers, completing a physical before returning home to Puerto Rico.

Gonzalez and the Rangers agreed to terms Jan. 8, but the deal is contingent on the two-time AL MVP passing the physical. Gonzalez has had back problems in the past.

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Philadelphia 31, Tampa Bay 9
Oakland 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Sunday, Jan. 13
Green Bay 25, San Francisco 15
Baltimore 20, Miami 3

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 19
Philadelphia 33, Chicago 19
New England 16, Oakland 13, OT
Sunday, Jan. 20
Pittsburgh 27, Baltimore 10
St. Louis 45, Green Bay 17

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 27
AFC Championship
New England at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
NFC Championship
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion (FOX), 6 p.m.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	29	13	.691	—
Boston	25	16	.610	3½
Orlando	23	21	.523	7
Washington	20	20	.500	8
Philadelphia	20	21	.488	8½
New York	16	25	.390	12½
Miami	14	27	.342	14½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	26	15	.634	—
Toronto	24	19	.558	3
Indiana	22	22	.500	5½
Detroit	20	20	.500	5½
Charlotte	20	21	.488	6
Atlanta	14	27	.342	12
Cleveland	13	29	.310	13½
Chicago	8	33	.195	18
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Minnesota	30	11	.732	—
Dallas	31	12	.721	—
San Antonio	26	12	.700	1½
Utah	22	21	.512	9
Denver	13	29	.310	17½
Houston	13	30	.302	18
Memphis	12	30	.286	18½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	32	10	.762	—
L.A. Lakers	28	11	.718	2½
Portland	22	20	.524	10
Seattle	22	20	.524	10
L.A. Clippers	22	21	.512	10½
Phoenix	21	21	.500	11
Golden State	14	27	.342	17½

Thursday's Games
Washington 94, Cleveland 85
Orlando 92, Miami 87
New York 96, Phoenix 91
Seattle 99, Milwaukee 88
New Jersey 103, Houston 98
Sacramento 113, Utah 80
Dallas 104, Denver 97
Portland 120, Memphis 82

Friday's Games
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
New Jersey at Miami, 12:30 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 5:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 8 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, Noon
Orlando at Toronto, 2:30 p.m.

NCAA Basketball

MEN
By The Associated Press

EAST
Binghamton 81, Northeastern 64
Boston U. 64, Albany, N.Y. 49
Duke 88, Boston College 78
New Hampshire 74, Hartford 70
Rider 80, Niagara 76
Vermont 72, Stony Brook 67

SOUTH
Centenary 52, Lipscomb 51
Charleston Southern 66, Winthrop 63, OT
Delta St. 72, MVSU 59
E. Kentucky 108, Tenn.-Martin 100, 4OT
Florida St. 68, Clemson 63
High Point 73, Liberty 58
Jacksonville St. 64, Savannah St. 55
Lamar 81, Northwestern St. 77
Louisiana-Lafayette 96, North Texas 78
Louisiana-Monroe 87, Sam Houston St. 67
Miami 76, Villanova 58
Middle Tennessee 83, Arkansas St. 64
Morehead St. 92, Murray St. 83, OT
SE Louisiana 56, Nicholls St. 40
Virginia 93, VMI 59
W. Kentucky 95, Ark.-Little Rock 85

MIDWEST
Detroit 52, Wis.-Green Bay 40
E. Illinois 73, Austin Peay 70
Oakland, Mich. 93, W. Illinois 75
Ohio St. 69, Michigan 47
S. Illinois 79, Drake 64
Tennessee Tech 75, SE Missouri 62
UMKC 67, Chicago St. 53
Valparaiso 74, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 73, OT
Wis.-Milwaukee 78, Cleveland St. 69

SOUTHWEST
Hawaii 88, Rice 79
S. Utah 71, Oral Roberts 70
Stephen F.Austin 72, SW Texas 67
Texas-Arlington 95, Texas-San Antonio 91
Tulsa 78, San Jose St. 54

FAR WEST
CS Northridge 92, Cal St.-Fullerton 68
Cal Poly-SLO 75, Long Beach St. 63
California 92, Southern Cal 91, OT
Fresno St. 78, SMU 70
Gonzaga 93, San Francisco 73
Louisiana Tech 77, Nevada 69
New Mexico St. 68, Denver 62
Oregon St. 74, Washington St. 72
Pacific 71, UC Riverside 59
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San Diego 73, Loyola Marymount 60
Stanford 86, UCLA 76
UC Irvine 81, UC Santa Barbara 70
Washington 97, Oregon 92

WOMEN
EAST
Delaware 77, Drexel 59
George Washington 74, Duquesne 59
Penn St. 84, Northwestern 49
Saint Joseph's 71, Rhode Island 68, OT
Temple 59, Fordham 41

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In the Matter of the Marriage of Valarie Castleberry and Allan Castleberry.

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Children return home safe from long bus journey

OLEY, Pa. (AP) — Thirteen children were back home after a school bus driver with a loaded rifle took them on an odyssey that ended in another state when he turned himself in.

The students returned home with their parents early today, more than 16 hours after their bus veered off its route and went to Landover Hills, Md., 115 miles away. The children were unhurt but the parents had had the fright of their lives.

Driver Otto Nuss, 63, was taken to jail Thursday night after surrendering to an off-duty officer. He was scheduled to appear in court today on federal kidnapping charges after meeting with a public defender.

The motive of the journey was not clear; a friend said Nuss had been treated for psychiatric problems in the past and recently went off his medication.

Several of the Berks Christian School students said Nuss told them they were going on a field trip to Washington. They said they played games, helped Nuss plan the route, and felt at ease when he stopped the bus to treat them to lunch at a Burger King.

"He never touched anybody," said eighth-grader Josh Pletscher, 13. "We were having fun. We were having cars honk their horns."

The school held an assembly and religious service today to celebrate the safe return of the children. About 200 students came in, including at least three of the 13, school administrator Robert Becker said.

"I was glad to actually see them and talk to them," said Becker, who spent the morning counting heads.

The bus had picked up the students, ages 7 through 15, at a high school in Oley at about 7:30 a.m. Thursday for their daily six-mile trip to the religious school in Birdsboro.

When the bus failed to reach its destination, residents, a police helicopter and cruisers frantically searched the route in rainy, foggy weather.

Craig Ziemer, the father of one of the children, 11-year-old fifth-grader Ashley Ziemer, called the six hours when the bus was missing "the most horrible thing I've ever experienced."

The students on the bus said the driver ignored a dispatcher's efforts to contact him by radio, according to an FBI affidavit from special agent Thomas D. Neeson. Nuss told authorities some of the students wanted to return home, but he told them they could not, the affidavit said.

"He said he wanted to show them Washington, D.C.," FBI spokesman Peter Gulotta Jr. said.

The journey ended with the bus parked outside a Family Dollar discount store in Landover Hills, just a few miles from Washington. Nuss entered the store and approached off-duty Officer Milton Chabla, who was wearing his uniform, police said.

Nuss told Chabla he had left a gun on the bus, police said. He said he had taken the children against their will and wanted to turn himself in. "He wanted the kids to be OK and let their parents know they were OK," Chabla said.

Gulotta said the semiautomatic rifle was found behind the driver's seat, covered by a coat.

Some children had seen the gun on the bus and feared the driver was going to kill them, according to the affidavit. They told FBI agents the driver told them not to go near the rifle.

"One of the students, fearing what might happen, wrote 911 in reverse on a fogged bus window," according to the affidavit.

Earl Derr, a friend of Nuss' since high school, said today that he and his wife had taken Nuss for psychiatric help in the 1970s, and he had admitted himself to Reading Hospital.

He said he had taken prescribed medication since then, but told them in November that his doctor said he could stop taking it. He didn't know what kind of medication.

"I think he got off his medication, and it just worked on his nerves," Derr said.

After the children and their parents were reunited Thursday at a Maryland police station, all were bused back to Oley. Speaking to reporters after their return, children said Nuss asked them to help plan the route to Washington on a map.

"It just didn't seem like he was kidnapping us," said ninth-grader Tyler Rudolph, 15. "He told us we all needed a wake-up call and that we were going to learn something. And he was going to learn something, too."

Pletscher said Nuss never touched the gun during the trip and that when a child noticed it he said it was "a symbol to bin Laden."

Authorities said Nuss had worked since September for the Quigley Bus Service, which contracts with the Oley Valley School District. Brian Quigley, co-owner of the company, said the company was cooperating with authorities and he was "really very happy everybody is all right."

Nuss had passed a criminal background check and a child-abuse check, school officials said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		24.89	24.25	24.60 + .10
AOL TimeWm		28.40	27.37	28.37 + .35
AT&T Corp s		18.43	18.17	18.39— .10
Albertsons		30.28	29.65	29.72— .55
Alltel		58.20	57.60	58.10— .36
AmEl Pw		41.47	41.15	41.18— .29
AnderkPtr		49.98	48.93	49.24 + .16
ATMOS Egy		20.97	20.83	20.85— .01
Aviall		7.22	7.20	7.20— .05
BP PLC		45.83	45.59	45.77 + .27
BakerHughes		34.50	33.85	34.11 + .61
Bank of Amer		63.89	63.37	63.89— .11
BellSouth		38.97	38.50	38.80 + .60
vjBeth Steel		.51	.47	.49 + .02
BurlNoSFe		28.22	27.47	27.95 + .55
Caterpillar		49.65	48.90	49.65 + .55
ChevronTex		89.02	88.25	88.74 + .64
Citigroup		50.18	49.53	50.00 + .10
CocaCola		45.10	44.02	45.00 + .78
ColgatePal		56.45	55.70	56.45 + .55
ComclMetals		36.50	36.20	36.31— .13
CooperIn		35.89	34.50	35.89 + 1.40
DaimlrChry		40.58	40.26	40.40— .47
DeltaAirl		31.88	31.35	31.69— .33
Dillards Inc		15.46	15.30	15.38— .02
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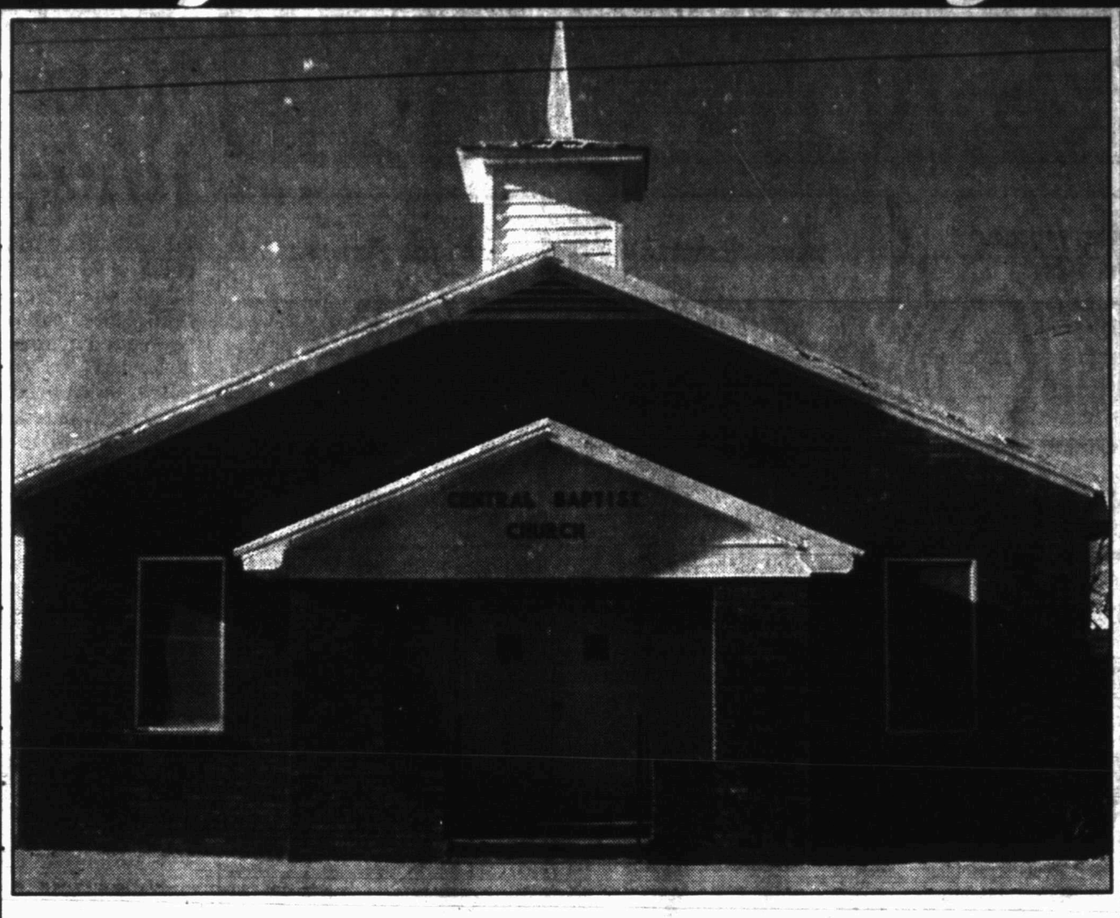
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Enron proof campaign finance changes needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most members of Congress run from Enron. Supporters of campaign finance legislation embrace it.

"If Enron isn't a case for campaign finance reform, then I don't know what is," House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said Thursday as the bill's backers gained the signatures of 218 House members needed to force a vote later this year.

The achievement, added Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn, "shows a majority of the House is aware of the corrupting influence of big money in politics. The growing Enron scandal, and the enormous sums of money the company contributed to gain influence underscores this point."

No date was set for a debate on the bill, which would impose the most far-reaching changes in the nation's political finance system since the Watergate overhaul of a quarter-century ago. But in comments in recent days, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said that if supporters gained the signatures they needed, the GOP leadership would bow to the wishes of the House and schedule the bill in a timely fashion.

The legislation would impose a virtual ban on soft money, typically five- and six-figure donations that unions, corporations and individuals make to political parties. Most of the money is spent on critical television commercials that stop just short of explicitly advocating a candidate's election or defeat. The measure also would prohibit certain types of political advertising in the final 60 days of a campaign.

Opponents claim a ban on soft money would be unconstitutional because it would infringe on First Amendment right of free speech.

The two parties raised almost $500 million in soft money in the two-year period that ended on Dec. 31, 2000, and an additional $133 million in 2001. As an added indication of the importance of soft money, Democrats solicited millions in pledges last year to finance construction of a new party headquarters in the nation's capital.

The Senate passed a similar campaign finance measure last year, 59-41, capping a long struggle by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis.

Efforts to pass it in the House derailed last summer when lawmakers rejected the ground rules the GOP leadership proposed. Each side blamed the other, Hastert said he wouldn't bring the bill back, and sponsors of the measure launched their petition drive several days later.

While the largesse of Houston-based Enron Corp. is cited frequently as evidence that campaign finance legislation is needed, it had little if anything to do with the ability of supporters to get the names needed on the petition. A total of 214 lawmakers signed before the financial woes of the energy trading company became known.

Nor is there any evidence that passage of the law would have had any impact on the company's bankruptcy or the collapse of its stock and its disastrous impact on the retirement accounts of employees.

Soft money contributions amounted to more than a third of the $5.77 million that Enron has pumped into campaign coffers over the past 12 years.

Evidence thus far suggests the company was unable to obtain special help as it started unraveling last fall.

Still, the Justice Department, Securities and Exchange Commission and 11 House and Senate committees are investigating the firm's sudden financial collapse. And numerous members of Congress as well as party fund-raising committees have rushed to distance themselves from the company, typically by turning its political donations over to charitable organizations set up to help former Enron employees.

All of which has made Enron a gift of sorts for supporters of campaign finance legislation.

"The Enron case is a classic example of how soft money buys access and undermines the public confidence in our democracy," said Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass.

Enron shows that "big money sits in the front row and the average person sits in the back," added Rep. Ken Lucas, D-Ky.

"This is the time," said Rep. Zack Wamp, R-Tenn., one of 20 Republicans who defied the GOP leadership and signed the petition. "The iron is hot."

Former guard testifies on videotape

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — A sobbing former prison guard testified in a videotaped deposition that guards punched and kicked a death row inmate who later died, then lied about the beating in a report.

The videotape of Raymon Hanson was made public Thursday in the case of four former guards charged with murder in the stomping death of Frank Valdes on July 17, 1999. Hanson may testify as early as next week.

Capt. Timothy Thornton, Sgt. Jason Griffis, Sgt. Charles Brown and Sgt. Andrew Lewis are charged with second-degree murder for Valdes' death. Three other guards will stand trial later this year on the same charges.

Hanson, who has been granted immunity from prosecution for his testimony, said officers planned to beat Valdes when they went to remove him from his cell.

"We are going down there to teach him that he can't be threatening officers," Hanson said in the videotape, recorded on Jan. 22, 2000.

"If I knew he was going to die, I would have never — I would never have done that," he said.

After a non-combative Valdes was subdued in his cell, Hanson said, the inmate was repeatedly kicked and punched by the guards. Brown kicked Valdes "as hard as he could," Hanson said.

Hanson also said Thornton slapped Valdes across the face and placed an electronic stun gun on his forehead.

Valdes' many injuries included a broken nose and broken jaw and 30 rib fractures.

The inmate was thrown on a garbage cart and wheeled to the clinic, where he was examined. One of the guards punched Valdes in the stomach while at the clinic, Hanson said.

He was placed in a wheelchair and taken back to a different cell.

"I didn't want Valdes beaten any more, so I accompanied him down the hallway," Hanson said. "I wish I had been a bigger man when he was in his cell."

The guards involved in the beating gathered and began preparing their report so the injuries on Valdes' medical report could be justified, Hanson said.

"I went along with the cover-up story," said Hanson, who added that all the reports submitted by the guards were false. He also said he also feared repercussions from other guards.

All four defense attorneys refused to comment on the videotape.

Man sentenced for defrauding customers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The former president of a Kansas City telecommunications firm has been sentenced to four years in federal prison for defrauding customers out of more than $7 million.

Troy P. Campbell Sr., 59, will not be eligible for parole from the sentence imposed Thursday by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner. He also must spend three years under supervised release after he gets out of prison, the court ordered.

Campbell had pleaded guilty in October to one felony count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud for falsifying billing statements issued by his defunct company, North American Communications Group. Under terms of the plea agreement, prosecutors dismissed 32 counts of wire fraud at the sentencing.

North American and a series of related companies provided telephone systems to public facilities, including the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City International Airport; the Shelby County Jail and Penal Farm in Memphis, Tenn.; the Summit County Jail in Akron, Ohio; and the Metropolitan Regional Transportation Authority in Atlanta.

People at those locations could place collect calls that would be billed to other individuals, according to the indictment.

Campbell admitted in his guilty plea to charging customers for collect calls that were either longer than the calls that were actually placed or for calls that were not placed at all. Part of the scheme involved directing an individual to create computer software programs that generated false billing data, U.S. Attorney Todd Graves said in a release.

Campbell was ordered to pay $88,000 to Jackson County and $50,000 to Shelby County for commissions that North American should have paid in connection with telephone service at the jails in both counties and the Penal Farm in Tennessee.

He also was ordered to pay $48,016 to Billing Concepts, Inc., the parent company of Zero Plus Dialing Inc. of San Antonio, which processed billing information for North American. The amount represents overpayments made by Zero Plus Dialing.

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Idaho is also known as the Gem State.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Osteoprosis is treatable

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss osteoporosis. How can the disease be stopped from progressing?

DEAR READER: Osteoporosis is a disease primarily affecting the elderly. It is marked by a progressive loss of calcium from the bones, making them brittle and susceptible to fractures. While the tendency to osteoporosis appears to be inherited, the affliction is worsened by inactivity, smoking, low levels of estrogen (occurring during and after menopause) and other hormonal factors that are, as yet, incompletely understood.

We all lose calcium from our bones during middle and old age. However, many experts believe that those of us with low bone-calcium to begin with will develop more severe osteoporosis at earlier ages. Thus, the stage may be set during adolescence and the 20s for bone problems in old age. Individuals who consume large amounts of calcium and have rugged bones in their youth, may not suffer significant osteoporosis later. This is especially important for women during the reproductive years because pregnancy causes an enormous drain of calcium from an expectant mother, whose bones may weaken if she doesn't use calcium supplements during her confinement - and later, too, if she nurses.

Osteoporosis itself is painless. However, once bones become "washed-out" and demineralized, they crack more easily. In general, this takes two forms: frank fractures (such as a broken hip) and compression fractures of the spine. This latter entity is extremely uncomfortable because of the pain caused by progressive crushing of the vertebral bones. Compression fractures are a major cause of disability and handicap in the elderly.

Briefly, the treatment of osteoporosis includes exercise, calcium supplements with vitamin D, hormone therapy (for women) and drugs, the newest being Actonel and Fosamax. Although mild/moderate osteoporosis can be treated by family physicians, severe and advanced cases should, in my opinion, be under the care of endocrinologists or metabolic specialists.

Osteoporotic fractures are treated as ordinary fractures: casting (when appropriate), surgical fixation and braces/analgesics for spinal compression fractures.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Could mental abuse cause me to gain weight? My husband of 35 years is divorcing me because he has found a new cookie, and I gained more than 40 pounds in the past year.

DEAR READER: Some people respond to stressful situations by eating more. With the increase in calories, weight gain is sure to follow. If over-eating is the cause of your unwanted extra pounds, you should take charge of your life and put yourself on a diet. As a start, eliminate snack foods, soda and candy; use sugar-free products; satisfy your urge to munch by eating raw vegetables and fruit. Go easy on alcohol beverages.

If you cannot shed pounds with this first-step approach, consider joining Weight Watchers or using the Slim Fast program. Also, you might want to check with your doctor for specific advice.

Regardless of the cause of your weight gain, you must be experiencing a lot of turmoil and emotional pain from your impending divorce. I believe you could be assisted by counseling, which will help you get your life back on track. Ask your physician to refer you to mental health resources in your community. This option may make your divorce a more bearable experience from which you can achieve some emotional growth.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002

Your entrepreneurial spirit will have a better than average chance to express itself in the year ahead than ever before. Several of your endeavors will turn out to be something quite grand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The 3 C's, charm, consideration and compassion can all contribute to your success today. Be prepared to put yourself out to make others happy and you'll end up with all the benefits. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your common sense and your hunches could become valuable today. Dame Fortune is trying to get through to you, and she'll use any route available to her. Keep your mind open.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There is a strong chance that a tantalizing someone or interest may capture your fancy today. If there are no disapproving factors involved, develop it further.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could get the opportunity today to open up a social rapport with an influential contact who crosses your path. Benefits could result if you become close buddies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A conversation you'll have with an imaginative friend today could prove to be more than just talk. Some very lucky facts might be uncovered that'll help you immensely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Lady Luck might be swirling her magic wand today to bring you together with an individual who could put something in the works that would yield big benefits for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone who likes you and has some abilities you lack may offer to team up today in order to bring about something you greatly desire. This person will be your good luck charm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A task that's been hovering over your head that needs to be done can finally be put to rest today. Everything will fall into place and make this difficult job seem easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This can become a red letter day for you socially when someone you've been dying to meet is introduced to you. Just as you thought, the two of you will hit it off big time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The greatest blessings you receive today could come through a love one. It might come about through an insightful talk that makes everything in life seem wonderful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Banish all negative thinking today, because through a hopeful, positive mindset, one of your fondest wishes or desires can be brought into being.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you utilize your ingenuity today in clever, thoughtful ways, you could create a situation that yields the realization of a personal gain that seemed impossible to reach.

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Karzai: Expand international force

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan Prime Minister Hamid Karzai said today that the international force policing the capital should be expanded and deployed in the chaotic provinces, while U.S. leaders said that the American military presence in the country might be prolonged.

U.S. forces were holding 27 prisoners — including some described by the Pentagon as senior Taliban — captured during a firefight that wounded one Army Special Forces soldier and killed several al-Qaida or Taliban fighters.

Karzai made his comments on the peacekeeping force after meeting U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, visiting Afghanistan to bolster the post-Taliban government.

The interim leader also announced the 21 names on a commission to appoint a loya jirga, or grand council, that will choose a transitional government to rule when his government's six-month term expires.

The multinational security force — led by Britain and due to eventually grow to about 5,000 troops — is confined to Kabul, while warlords with deep feuds hold sway in the provinces and threaten to undermine the six-month interim administration that Karzai heads.

Karzai said there was a wide desire among Afghans for a bigger international military presence to help bring stability across the war-shattered country.

"A lot of Afghans who came to see us in the past month asked us for the presence of the international security force in other parts of Afghanistan," he said at a news conference with Annan in Kabul.

The U.S.-led forces hunting renegades operate separately from the peacekeeping force, which now numbers about 2,200. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday that U.S. troops will stay in Afghanistan at least into the summer to help the new government find its feet.

The 27 fighters captured in a U.S. raid on Wednesday at Hazar Qadam, north of Kandahar, are believed to be "relatively senior" figures and are predominantly Taliban, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said today. She said a "very large cache" of weapons was also uncovered.

The prisoners seized in the attack on two Taliban compounds were "most likely" being interrogated at the U.S. base at Kandahar airport, where hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban members are detained, spokesman Capt. Tony Rivers said.

Several fighters were killed, officials said. "There were casualties, but we don't keep body counts," Rivers told The Associated Press.

TD tentatively approves 2 airlines deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department today tentatively agreed to allow American Airlines and British Airways to work together to set rates and routes and sell each other's tickets.

First the airlines must give away 224 takeoff and landing slots for travel between U.S. cities and London's Heathrow Airport, before they can get antitrust immunity for their alliance.

Transportation Department officials said the agreement would allow four new U.S. airlines to fly to and from Heathrow.

The airlines have been seeking federal permission to form an alliance since 1996.

The department said that the new slots would go to Continental, Delta, Northwest and US Airways, and would provide three more daily roundtrips from Boston, three from Kennedy Airport in New York, and three from Newark. In all, there would be 6,200 new flights between U.S. cities and Heathrow Airport.

The department also tentatively approved a marketing alliance between United Airlines and bmi british midland. The British airline would have to give up slots to allow United to fly roundtrip between Boston and Heathrow.

Final approval of the alliances depends on the outcome of negotiations to remove restrictions on airlines flying between the two countries.

Currently, only four airlines — American, British Airways, United Airlines and Virgin Atlantic — fly between the U.S. airports and Heathrow.

American and British Airways have balked at giving up flights to other airlines.

Both the Justice Department and Congress' General Accounting Office said the proposed alliance could reduce competition and drive up fares.

The GAO said earlier this month that the alliance "could dominate markets between major U.S. cities and London."

Congressional group visiting prison camp at Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Around 20 members of Congress arrived at the Guantanamo Bay detention center today to learn if captured fighters of the Afghan war are providing useful intelligence for the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

One senator said he also would be checking on conditions of the detainees, though others in the delegation have pointedly said that the visit is not about the prisoners' treatment and status, a high concern of some U.S. allies.

"We are here primarily to find out whether we're achieving our military mission — that is getting the information that we need from the detainees to help us prosecute the war on terrorism," said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

Nelson said Thursday that he would take note of prisoner treatment at the so-called Camp X-ray. "I don't have any reason to believe that there is not humane treatment, but I'll be observing everything," he said.

Rep. Porter Goss, a Republican from Florida who chairs the House Intelligence Committee, said Thursday that the visit "has nothing to do whatsoever with treatment of prisoners."

Three planes brought about 20 legislators to the base in eastern Cuba, where 158 detainees are being held at a facility called Camp X-Ray.

Rep. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., expressed concerns about dangers facing troops at Guantanamo, because officials say some detainees have threatened to kill their U.S. captors. "We know the military is stressed here a great deal. I think it's important to make sure they have what they need," Sessions said.

Officers arrest three on alcohol violations

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 21-year-old man in the 1100 block of 30th Street just after midnight today for driving while intoxicated.

At 3:20 a.m. today, two people were arrested on alcohol-related charges in the 1700 block of Ave. M. Taken into custody for public intoxication were a 17-year-old woman and a 27-year-old man. Both were booked into the county jail.

Criminal trespass

A woman reported that her cousin spanked her children while she was gone from their residence Thursday. She requested officers locate the man and issue a criminal trespass warning ordering him to stay away from her house.

Family disturbance

Deputies responded to a home on Hwy 180 Thursday morning after a man reported his 15-year-old daughter was refusing to go to school. Contact was made with the family and they were advised of the proper steps to take.

Noise disturbance

Loud music was reported in the vicinity of 3600 Kerrville at 10 p.m. Thursday. Officers responded to the area and contacted a subject playing his music at high volume and advised him of the complaint.

Solicitors

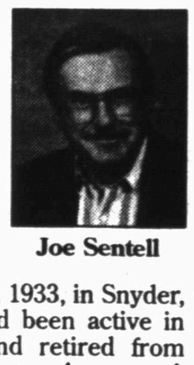
A woman reported a man selling items on the square Thursday afternoon. Officers contacted the man and advised him of the city ordinance regarding solicitors.

Obituaries

Joe Sentell

1933-2002

Joseph "Joe" Wright Sentell, retired Snyder businessman and civic leader, died this morning in Scott and White Inn in Temple after a sudden illness.



Joe Sentell

Services for Mr. Sentell, 69, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 18, 1933, in Snyder, Mr. Sentell had been active in civic affairs and retired from Sentell Insurance Agency. A Korean War veteran, Mr. Sentell was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, a longtime member of the Rotary Club and former Snyder city councilman.

He married Mildred Boren on Nov. 28, 1992 in Snyder. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Susan Birkenfeld of Snyder and Diane Russo of Waco; a stepson, David Boren of Post; two stepdaughters, Mary Ezell of Snyder and Jane Elmore of Lubbock; a brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Julie Sentell of Snyder; a sister, Mary Sue Harbaugh of Anacortes, Wash.; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lois Sentell; a brother, Sears Sentell; and a grandson, Colby.

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Jimmy Prince

1951-2002

WEATHERFORD — Jimmy Lynn Prince, a former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, in Chandler.

Funeral service for Mr. Prince, 50, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Cotten-Bratton Funeral Chapel in Weatherford with burial to follow in Memory Garden Cemetery.

Born March 16, 1951 in Snyder, Mr. Prince had worked for Merritt Trucking before moving to Weatherford in 1989. He recently moved to Larue.

His parents, Barney and Inez Prince; and a brother, Walter Thomas Prince, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Brenda Prince of Larue; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Wes of Weatherford; a son and daughter-in-law, Dub and Veronica Prince of Larue; two brothers, R.V. Prince of Snyder and Milton Prince of Weatherford, Okla.; eight sisters, Bonnie Phipps, Thelma Gardner and Linda Kubena, all of Snyder, Donna Isbell of Beasley, Gay Underwood and Wilma Huckabee of Larue, Nelda Schartz of Weatherford and Mary Howell of Florida; a grandson, Zachary; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucille Shaw

1905-2002

Lucille Shaw of Snyder died Friday, Jan. 25, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Services are pending for Mrs. Shaw, 96, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born on May 8, 1905.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Bodiford of Snyder; and two sons, Curt Shaw and Curtis Shaw, both of Colorado City.

Births

Eva Alonzo and Fernando Rodriguez of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Yecenia Rodriguez, weighing seven pounds, six ounces. She was born at 7:10 a.m. on Jan. 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Consuelo and Victor Rodriguez of San Angelo and maternal grandparents are Lenora and Pedro Lopez of Snyder.

Emma Lee Sitton welcomed home her sister, Abigail Grace Sitton born at 11:58 a.m. on Dec. 20, 2001 in Seaton Hospital in Austin. She weighed five pounds, 15 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Parents are Brian and Jennifer Sitton of Pflugerville.

Parental grandmother is Patsy Sitton of Snyder and maternal grandparents are James and Shirley Carter of Pflugerville. Paternal grandfather is Buck Sitton of Snyder.

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ONGOINGS

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland for Stanfield Elementary students and their families will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday. Entry is through the gym door and is sponsored by the Stanfield Parent-Teacher Council. For more information call 573-5841 or 573-2159.

Sing-a-long

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene, will join Post and Levelland in an old fashioned sing-a-long at 6 p.m. Sunday at the church in Post, 202 W. 10th.

Head Start book fair

Scurry County Head Start will hold a book fair starting Monday through next Friday at the Snyder Child Day Care, 2800 2nd St. Daily times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a family night from 6-7 p.m. Thursday.

Tiger booster club meeting

The Tiger football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room. All parents are urged to attend.

Credit union annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Scurry County School Federal Credit Union and election of officers will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS cafeteria.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "What Did He Mean by That?" followed by "Does God Answer Prayers?"

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be Tuesday with the last day to interview set for Saturday, Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Maximize child's talent

F. Richard "Rick" Olenchak, Ph.D, director of the Urban Talent Research Institute at the University of Houston, will present a program on identifying and maximizing your child's talents from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at Stanfield Elementary. Dr. Olenchak will present ideas on encouraging and motivating creative and productive behavior in children as well as information on parenting gifted children.

Genealogical meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room at the county library. Jo Thrower will present a program on searching for ancestors in the federal census. Visitors are welcome. Memberships are $12.50 per year for individuals, or $15 for a couple.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

The Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a Master's Degree at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All Master Masons are invited.

Cub Scout pack meeting

Scurry County Cub Scout packs will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, at West Elementary. All Cub Scouts, their families, and friends are encouraged to attend.

WTC pool hours:

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

SHS yearbook payments

All balances owed on the 2002 Tiger's Lair yearbook are due next Friday. Checks may be mailed to Tigers' Lair, SHS, 2901 37th St. Any orders not paid completely by the deadline will be cancelled. Orders are still being taken for the book that costs $50. Additional options are available at extra cost. For information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Sound of Music

SHS Fine Arts Division will present *The Sound of Music* at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7-9 and 2 p.m. Feb. 10 in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $6 for adults, $5 for students and $8 reserved. To reserve tickets, call the high school at 573-6301. Brad Vincent, drama director; and Ronda Haire, choir director, are co-directing.

Windbreak trees

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees, both evergreen and hardwoods. Call 573-6317.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC have resumed. The classes are held from 8 a.m. until noon and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

ESL, GED classes

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

Medical account

A special medical account has been set up at West Texas State Bank for Jenna Adams, two-month old daughter of Billy and Tosha Adams, and granddaughter of Bill and Barbara Adams. The infant is waiting on a heart transplant at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

Daily prayer meeting

Church of God, Ave. O and 21st Street, will have a daily prayer meeting from 7 to 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Everyone is welcome.

Caring Friends Ministry

The women's group of First Church of the Nazarene is organizing a "Caring Friends Ministry" that will meet twice monthly. Persons interested should call 573-5601.

Enchilada plate sale

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th and Ave. K, will host a beef enchilada plate sale from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Call 573-7142, 573-9670 or 573-3732.