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WTC PLAY TO OPEN — Western Texas College's *Lost in Yonkers* will open at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Fine Arts Theatre. In this scene, Jay (dark suit), played by Chris Shoemake, gets into a fight with Arty, played by H.R. Bradford. Gert, played by Tracie Adams, implores them to stop while grandma, portrayed by Raylene Marlow, sits in her rocking chair. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Lost in Yonkers...

WTC production begins four-day run Thursday

Lost in Yonkers, a comedy-drama by Neil Simons, begins a four-day run at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Performances will continue at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for Western Texas College students and senior citizens. Call 573-8511, ext. 234, to make reservations.

Lost in Yonkers features Chris Hensley as Eddie, Raylene Marlow as grandma, Aimee Row as Bella, Tracie Adams as Gert, Chris Shoemake as Jay, H.R. Bradford as Arty and Thomas Lowery as Louie.

Marlow and Row play the classic odd couple who fight for control of the family. When Bella announces plans to get married, mortal combat begins.

The director is Ray Newton.

You won't see another day like today for over 100 years

Wow! For one minute, the world will be in perfect symmetry.

In a year that reads the same backward as forward, This evening will bring 60 seconds of palindromic perfection — at least for those who follow the Gregorian calendar.

Tonight, the time, day, month and year will align: 8:02 p.m., Feb. 20, 2002.

Write that in military time and with numerals for the month of February and it works out to: 20:02, 02/20, 2002. In European style for the day and month it's just as balanced: 20:02, 20/02, 2002.

"A mirror day like this is a good opportunity for reflecting," said Mark Saltveit, editor of The Palindromist magazine. He is devoted to palindromes of all sorts — strings of numbers, words or sentences that read the same backward or forward.

The rare moment is drawing its share of attention. Saltveit, a standup comedian, said he already has three radio interviews lined up with European stations.

Separately, a Web site is calling for a two-minute prayer for peace to begin at the start of the palindromic moment.

And an e-mail is making the rounds touting the rare alignment — though it mistakenly says the event last happened on Jan. 10, 1001 and will never happen again.

(Actually, it happened in the year 1111 and will again in 2112).

Of course, all the excitement comes from a Western perspective, leaving aside the many other calendars that track the passage of time — Chinese, Islamic, Jewish, Ethiopian and others.

Hermleigh calls May election for three trustee positions

Hermleigh ISD's school board called the district's trustee election during Tuesday night's meeting.

The terms of Tony Lambaren and Burton Sandefur will expire as is the seat held by Larry West who is serving an unexpired term.

The election is May 4.

No action was taken on the extension of the administrators' contracts.

"We tabled this until all the school board members are able to attend a meeting," Supt. Jerry Church said.

In other action, trustees renewed the district's contract with the Hobbs Alternative School Co-Op, but did not opt to buy a designated number of slots.

Church also reported on school activities for this semester.

Estimated cost is $80,000...

County will interview companies to develop master plan for parks

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court will choose from a list of three firms to develop a master plan for county recreation facilities.

Parks director Scott Crenwelge on Tuesday provided the court with a list of companies to generate the master plan, which will dictate the future of the county's recreation facilities.

Crenwelge said five proposals were returned and three were chosen as finalists.

The companies chosen were Schrickel Rollins and Associates of Arlington, Halff and Associates of Dallas and Freese and Nichols Inc. of Fort Worth.

"I want to sit down with them and see their work," Crenwelge said. "And I want to talk with them and see what they know about West Texas."

Other companies submitting proposals were Carter Burgess of Fort Worth and Hibbs and Todd of Abilene.

Crenwelge reported he spent time last week calling references for each company and each seemed to have advantages.

"I got lots of good information. And all of the comments pertaining to the smaller of the firms were very positive."

The court granted permission to Crenwelge to interview the three companies selected as finalists.

A panel is to be formed for the interview process, to include parks employees, parks committee members and two commissioners.

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer and Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey volunteered to serve on the panel.

In other business, the court unanimously approved a resolution in support of House Joint Resolution 81, which proposes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution restoring freedom to pray.

Consideration of contracting with State Tax Management and Review to collect funds possibly overpaid to Metropolitan Transit Authorities was tabled, because a representative from the group was unable to attend the meeting.

Three line-item transfers were approved, one each at the extension office, coliseum and airport.

Four budget amendments totaling just over $20,000 also were approved, including $14,000 for salary and travel expenses of new extension agent Beth Dannheim.

Minutes from a previous meeting were approved and bills were paid.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided and all members of the court were present, to include Limmer, Lindsey, Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey and Precinct 2 commissioner Roy Idom.

On SISD board...

Clarady latest to file for May 4 election

Snyder ISD board of trustees called the trustee election for Place 4 during a noon meeting Tuesday.

Earlier, the board called for the Place 1 and 5 elections but failure to call the Place 4 election prompted Tuesday's meeting.

Mark McCormick, board president, currently represents Place 4.



Clarady

Incumbent Place 1 trustee Glenn Clarady filed Tuesday afternoon for another term on the board, while Place 5 representative Janet Stribling is not seeking another term.

Stribling is a candidate for Scurry County Judge on the Democratic ticket.

Clarady, a 1970 Snyder High School graduate, is co-owner of G&G Glass and is seeking his fifth term on the board.

He was first elected to the board in 1990 and has been re-elected three times.

Clarady and wife, Esther, have three children, including a son, Nathaniel, who is a freshman at SHS.

Clarady is active in Little League, is a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church and is a charter member of the Snyder Kiwanis Club.

On Monday, Doug Neff filed for the Place 5 seat being vacated by Stribling.

Neff and his family moved to Snyder 13 years ago from Colorado City where he grew up.

The filing deadline continues through March 20 and early voting will be held April 17-30.

The election is scheduled Saturday, May 4.

DCOS has light agenda

The Development Corporation of Snyder has a light agenda for its 4 p.m. Thursday meeting.

The only new business is the purchase of a new automobile for the use of executive director John DeLille.

DeLille will also give his monthly report, and the board will review the financial reports.

The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the American State Bank building.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Thank goodness for the foolish acts of others. They help our self-esteem."

Snyder's Harold Yearwood sent us a collection of less than brilliant actions by various folks:

—One guy called the telephone company to report being out of service. The phone company promised to arrive between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. The phone company was asked to be more specific on time.

"Would you like us to call before we come?"

It was explained that would be difficult to do since the phones were out of order.

—A woman said she was completing a sales transaction when the clerk noticed that the back of her credit card did not contain a signature.

The sales clerk explained that it was necessary to compare the signature that had just been signed on the receipt. The woman then signed the back of the credit card.

The clerk then carefully compared the signature on the card with the signature on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

—A woman told about a less-than-brilliant co-worker. The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street.

The co-worker asked about the purpose of the buzzer. When told it was a signal for blind people that the light is red, the co-worker asked, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

—During a goodbye luncheon for a long-time employee who was leaving the company due to layoffs, the manager commented cheerfully, "This is fun. We should do this more often."

—A young lady went to a fast food restaurant and ordered tacos with "minimal lettuce." The worker responded, "I'm sorry, we only have iceberg."

—You may have heard about the woman who plugged her power strip back into itself and, for the life of her, couldn't figure out why her computer system wouldn't turn on.

—And then there's the story about the small town newspaper guy in West Texas who went to the post office just like he has done daily for the past 25 years.

He drove up, parked, got out of his car, walked to the door and jerked on a locked door. The dummy editor had forgotten the post office had moved a half block east.

ASK US

Q—When is the Air Force expected to fly in the new Lancer MOA over Scurry and other adjoining counties?

A—Dwight Williams of Dyess Air Force Base said it could be mid-March. The MOA is now on pilots' newest flying charts.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 71 degrees; low, 38; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 38; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low 35-40; W winds 10-20 mph, then NW late. Thursday, mostly sunny, breezy, high lower 60s; N winds 15-25 mph. Thursday night, clear, low near 30.



Brianne Perry
Windy

Sunset:
6:35 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:19 p.m.
Of 50 days in 2002, the sun has shone 47 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

No matter how long you live, die young.
—Elbert Hubbard

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SOLOISTS — Snyder High School band students earning a Division I solo include Lynn Fogleman, trombone; Heather Iglehart, clarinet; and Kristina Mayer, oboe. Fogleman advances to state. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

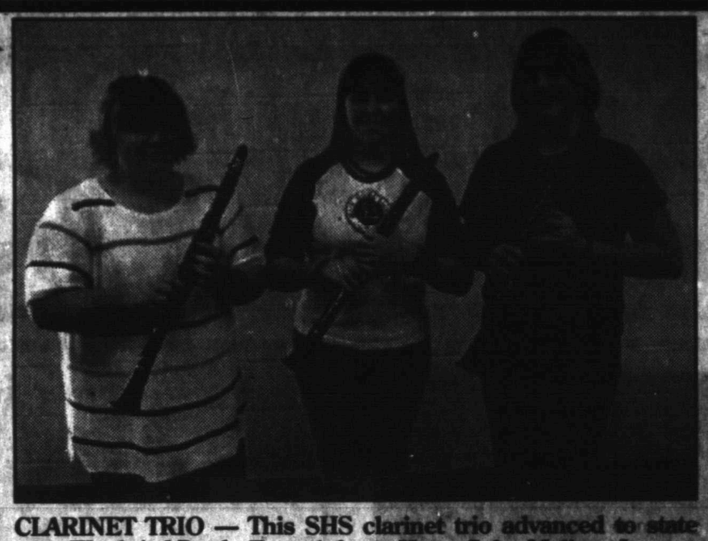
Man suspected in slayings is arrested

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A Mobile man considered a suspect in two homicides and a recent shooting that wounded three people has been arrested in Houston.

Roderick Nodd, 26, was arrested Monday when police received a call about someone acting suspicious in a shopping mall, said police spokesman Cpl. Pat Mitchell on Tuesday.

Mobile police investigators were sent to Houston to question Nodd, Mitchell said.

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CLARINET TRIO — This SHS clarinet trio advanced to state with *Woodwind Revels*. From left are Hope Cole, Melissa Jerome and Kerissa Shipp. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

31 Snyder High band students advance to state

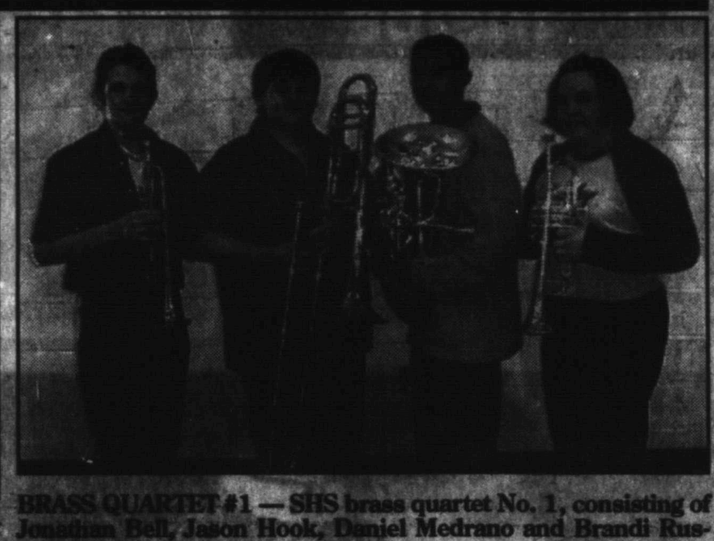
Snyder High School band students gave a good account of themselves Saturday at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest held at Coronado High School in Lubbock.

Donnie Reston, director, said "One-hundred percent of ensembles and solos earned Division I superior ratings with 31 students advancing to the state contest on May 27. Nine ensembles and one soloist will compete at the University of Texas in Austin.

Students earning a Division I solo include Lynn Fogleman, trombone; Heather Iglehart, clarinet; and Kristina Mayer, oboe. Fogleman advances to state.

Ensembles earning a Division I and advancing to state include:

- Flute Trio #2: Stefani Beck, Erin Cooley and Amanda Greenwood.
- *Woodwind Revels*, clarinet trio: Hope Cole, Melissa Jerome and Kerissa Shipp.
- *Just for Show*, saxophone quartet: Kristina Mayer, Sterling Millhollon, Clark Reed and Erika Ynguanzo.
- *Andante & Rondo*, clarinet choir: Trent Boyd, Jeremee Lester, Ryan McAnally, Dustin Whitson and Anna Williams.
- Brass quartet No. 1: Jonathan Bell, Jason Hook, Daniel Medrano and Brandi Russell,
- *Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder*, brass quintet: Glenn Burns, Brandy Birkenfeld, Candice Gordon, Jason Hook and Justin Stokes.
- *Earle of Oxford's Marche*, brass sextet: Brandy Birkelfeld, Candice Gordon, Patrick Jones, Tyler Neves, Justin Stokes and Matthew Stokes.
- *Earle of Oxford's Marche*, brass sextet: Jonathan Bell, Bonnie Cleveland, Crystal Garcia, Isaac Sanchez, Keeli Shoemake and Brock Tyrrell.
- *Canzone No. 4*, brass sextet: Bonnie Cleveland, Lynn Fogleman, Daniel Medrano, Tyler Neves, Carcie Posey and Brock Tyrrell.



BRASS QUARTET #1 — SHS brass quartet No. 1, consisting of Jonathan Bell, Jason Hook, Daniel Medrano and Brandi Russell, (from left) advanced to the state contest. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



SAXOPHONE QUARTET — This SHS saxophone quartet performed *Just For Show* and advanced to state. From left are Kristina Mayer, Sterling Millhollon, Clark Reed and Erika Ynguanzo. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



CLARINET CHOIR —*Andante & Rondo*, performed by the SHS clarinet choir, earned a trip to state. From left are Trent Boyd, Jeremee Lester, Ryan McAnally, Dustin Whitson and Anna Williams. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

See more band pictures on page 7

Birthday Bash CASH!
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
4-10-23-33
Bonus number 25
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-2-3-19-32

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-5-6

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The British unconditionally surrendered Singapore to the Japanese Feb. 15, 1942, during World War II. It was a major blow to the Allies because the island controlled an important sea route. The Japanese had landed to the north and marched through the jungle to take Singapore.

Judge free to hear lawsuit challenging detainees' policy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge presiding over a lawsuit seeking to have Afghan-war detainees brought before a U.S. court does not have a conflict of interest and can hear arguments beginning Thursday, another judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper found no "suggestion of potential bias or prejudice" against U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz, who is hearing the case, a U.S. attorney's spokesman said Tuesday.

Matz's son, Jeremy Matz, is a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles.

The lawsuit's plaintiffs, the Coalition of Clergy, Lawyers and Professors, filed the conflict-of-interest charge earlier this month.

The coalition's lawsuit, which names President Bush and others as defendants, argues that the detainees being held at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, should be treated as prisoners of war. It also says their civil rights are being violated.

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Alabama man buried alive fingers attackers

PHENIX CITY, Ala. (AP) — Buried alive under a foot of dirt and bleeding from a throat wound, Forrest "Butch" Bowyer wouldn't give up. Not with his son's killers still on the loose.

So Bowyer, 54, clawed his way to freedom, flagged down a car and helped police arrest the men he said dumped him and the body of his son in the same shallow grave.

Based on Bowyer's information, two men were captured and charged with murder Monday.

"It was God's way of keeping him alive so he could tell," said Billy Carrico, a friend. "If he hadn't survived we might never have known what happened to him."

Bowyer underwent surgery and was expected to recover.

Michael David Carruth, 43, and Jimmy Lee Brooks Jr., 22, are charged with capital murder and could be sentenced to death if convicted of fatally shooting Bowyer's 12-year-old son, Brett.

The two men also face charges of attempted murder, robbery and kidnapping, officials said. Both were being held without bond, Sheriff Tommy Boswell said Tuesday.

In addition, the men will be charged for the double-murder of Thurman Ratliff, 68, and his wife Katherine Ratliff, 62, at their home Jan. 30, said Lee County Sheriff Jay Jones. A third man, James Edward Gary, also will be charged with capital murder.

Jones would not comment further about the connection.

Carruth, who works as a bounty hunter for his wife's bonding company, and Brooks showed up at Bowyer's brick, ranch-style home late Sunday night claiming to be narcotics officers, Boswell said.

The men targeted Bowyer for a robbery and kidnapping because he owns a used-car lot and has a reputation for carrying large amounts of cash, Boswell said.

The men allegedly forced Bowyer and his son into a car and drove about 20 miles south of town to an area where a highway is being widened. After Bowyer gave them money, the men slit his throat and shoved him into a grave they had dug about 18 inches deep, Boswell said.

Bowyer was slashed "ear to ear," but the cut wasn't deep enough to sever any major blood vessels, Boswell said. "He played dead. He just knew he was dying or fixing to die."

Bowyer heard gunshots, and his son's body was pushed into the hole on top of him. Boswell said the killers covered the grave with dirt, and Bowyer began digging his way out as soon as they left.

"He was in there about 10, 15 minutes," Boswell said.

Bowyer managed to unearth his son's body and walked about one-fourth of a mile through woods to U.S. 431, where he flagged down a car.

"He called us on a cell phone and I had a deputy two miles away. We got an ambulance there but he wouldn't leave until he showed us where the body was," Boswell said.

Officers found the boy's body atop the grave a few minutes after the ambulance left with Bowyer, he said.

Bowyer gave officers a description of the men's automobile, which Boswell said was stopped with Carruth at the wheel early Monday. Brooks was captured later Monday in neighboring Lee County.

There was no answer at Tri-County Bonding, owned by Carruth's wife, and home phone numbers for Carruth and Brooks could not immediately be found.

Carruth and Brooks aren't strangers, according to a court records. Carruth, as an agent for Tri-County Bonding, posted $35,000 in bonds Aug. 15 to get Brooks out of the Russell County Jail on six counts of breaking and entering motor vehicles.

Florida doctor found guilty of manslaughter

MILTON, Fla. (AP) — Alice Ward considers herself a "collateral victim" of Dr. James Graves, who was convicted of manslaughter for prescribing OxyContin to four patients who died from overdoses.

Ward's husband, Benjamin Ward, nearly died from an overdose of the powerful painkiller prescribed by Graves, and she said she lost him to prison when he got a 10-year sentence for robbing a bank to feed his addiction.

Although she doesn't blame the doctor for causing her husband's addiction, she does blame him for "his cavalier attitude and the way he didn't care what happened to people as long as he got his money."

Graves, 55, was convicted Tuesday of four counts of manslaughter, one count of racketeering and five counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. He faces up to 30 years in prison.

Defense lawyer Michael Gibson said he would appeal.

Graves, who is Florida's top OxyContin prescriber, is the nation's first doctor to be convicted of manslaughter or murder in the OxyContin death of a patient.

"I hope by attaining this verdict that we could assist in controlling the problem of prescription drugs so that it does not become rampant as it has in other parts of the country," said Assistant State Attorney Russell Edgar.

At least two other doctors are facing charges of causing the deaths of patients who took OxyContin. Dr. Frank Fisher is set for trial next week in Redding, Calif., on three manslaughter counts, and Dr. Denis Deonarine of West Palm Beach, Fla., could face a death sentence if convicted of first-degree murder in an overdose death. No trial date has been set for Deonarine.

OxyContin is a synthetic opiate. Addicts get a heroin-like high by chewing the pills or crushing them and then injecting or snorting the drug.

Edgar said during closing arguments that Graves needed money after he was forced out of the Navy and fired from jobs at a Pensacola pain clinic and a state prison. He said the money rolled in as addicted and dependent patients, most paying cash, returned repeatedly for prescriptions.

Graves testified that he was unaware the deceased patients had abused the drug, and he said no one would have died if they had taken it as prescribed.

Raymond Daniels, the father of one victim, said Graves got the verdict he deserved. Army veteran Jeffrey Daniels died from an OxyContin overdose in November 1999 at the age of 30.

It took a "slimeball to take our son away and create a bad name for good doctors," Raymond Daniels said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002

Selecting more sophisticated and complex involvements in the year ahead could entail greater risks than your past course of actions, but if you succeed, your rewards will be greater as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There is both a hard way and an easy way to do things. Unfortunately, you might choose those procedures and methods that make things more difficult, instead of effortless. Know where to look for romance, and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Rejecting valuable information passed onto you, just because you don't like the source, is like cutting off your nose to spite your face. Don't be your own worst enemy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be more cautious and watchful than usual when conducting business, no matter if what you're doing is on a minor or major scale. Something is not the way it seems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Having a large amount of ideas is not automatically superior to one lonely thought. Analyze each individually for its merit. There's a gem buried among the pile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be very careful that you know what you're talking about before issuing any instruction to those who will be charged with carrying them out. Trouble will ensue if you misguide them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Disappointment will be the result if you base evaluations on wishful thinking instead of on facts. It's wonderful to be optimistic, but not unrealistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's true that wanting things badly enough provides the motivation necessary to acquire them. However, if you desire something for the wrong reasons, nothing will satisfy you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't be surprised if others start pointing out your flaws if you're unduly critical of theirs. Tit for tat will be in order, and you won't like what's being said.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Adding personal funds to a joint venture in order to bolster it could be a big mistake. The others involved might forget you gave more when it comes time to divvy things up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Agreements never stand the test of time if they are not negotiated fairly. Do not attempt to take advantage of the other guy, and don't give up more than what's just.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It's very kind of you to be helpful to others, but don't take on more than you can comfortably handle. If you get bogged down, it won't help them or you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is justification for your ire if someone you treated quite generously recently does not treat you in the same manner, now that you need it. It's OK to feel betrayed.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Pregnancy is no obstacle to couple's wedding plans

DEAR ABBY: After a two-year courtship, my 33-year-old son and his 26-year-old girlfriend became engaged and moved in together last August. They announced an April wedding date and began planning a formal out-of-town wedding for 50 guests.

Two months into their engagement, my son's fiancee became pregnant. Her mother and I advised them to marry right away and celebrate their marriage with the planned out-of-town reception. Abby, they refuse to alter the plans, even though the invitations have not yet been sent.

Is it proper for a bride who is six months' pregnant to walk down the aisle in a white wedding gown? We two mothers are aghast, but are being told we're just plain old-fashioned. Please respond as soon as possible. Time is of the essence, and my future daughter-in-law is getting bigger by the day. — **EMBARRASSED MOM**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: I understand your feelings, but things have changed a lot during the last 25 years. While the idea of an obviously pregnant bride walking down the aisle may shock someone raised during the 1950s, it is more accepted today.

A white gown and veil no longer symbolize virginity; they signify that it is a bride's first wedding. Count your blessings. Some couples wait so long to marry that their children are old enough to be ring bearers and flower girls.

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DEAR ABBY: I don't know how to solve a problem between my husband, "Earl," and our teen-age son, "Matt." For medical reasons Matt is unable to participate in basketball this season. He confided in me that he's glad and may never go back to it. He said he played the last few years only to make his dad happy.

Earl cannot accept the fact that Matt is not participating. He has told Matt that he should go to the practices and watch, and sit with the team at the games. He objects whenever Matt wants to do something with his friends instead of going to the games.

I am sick of the conflict, but don't know how to stop it. Matt is a good kid. He's never been in any trouble, works part-time and is an excellent student.

At sporting events, Earl yells at the referees and in general acts like a jerk. He carries on and makes nasty comments about what the players should have done, etc. His behavior has embarrassed our son, but shushing him at the games only makes Earl madder.

Other than this, Earl is a good husband, a fine father and fairly laid-back. Sports just bring out the absolute worst in him. I feel tied up in knots and physically ill when we come home from a game.

Earl participated in sports for only a few years when he was in school, and he was far from "MVP" (most valuable player) material. I just can't understand this, but if it doesn't stop soon, it's going to ruin the father-son relationship Earl has with our son. Please help. — **FED-UP MOM, ANYWHERE, U.S.A.**

DEAR FED UP: It doesn't take a degree in psychology to figure out what's wrong with your husband. A failed athlete with dreams of glory in his youth, he is attempting to live out those dreams through his son. I suspect Earl's overbearing behavior is at the root of Matt's not wanting to return to sports — and who can blame him? His father has taken the joy out of competition. Perhaps with the help of family counseling, someone can get through to him, because the longer your husband's obsession with the boy's athletic achievements persists, the further away he'll drive his son.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002

Today is the 51st day of 2002, and the 62nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1972, the U.S. Postal Service was created. Postage ranged from 6 cents to 12-1/2 cents, depending on the distance the mail traveled.

On this day in 1809, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal government's power was greater than that of any state.

On this day in 1944, the "Batman & Robin" comic strip premiered in newspapers.

On this day in 1962, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, doing so in the Friendship 7 craft.

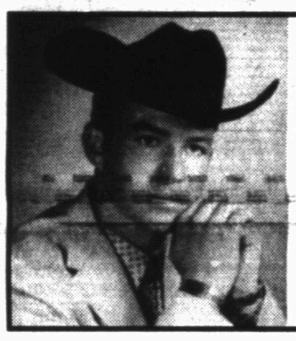
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ansel Adams (1902-1984), photographer; Sidney Poitier (1927-), actor, is 75; Ivana Trump (1949-), socialite, is 52; Kelsey Grammer (1955-), actor, is 47; Charles Barkley (1963-), basketball player/commentator, is 39; William Baldwin (1963-), actor, is 39; French Stewart (1964-), actor, is 38; Cindy Crawford (1966-), supermodel, is 36; Kurt Cobain (1967-1994), singer.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Muhammad Ali knocked out Jan Pierre Coopman in the fifth round to capture the world's heavyweight title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am not a role model." — Charles Barkley, Nike commercial

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

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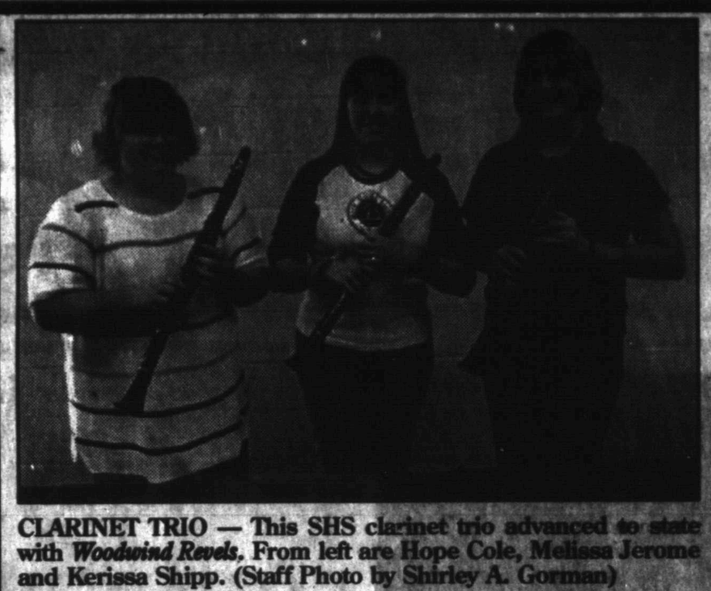
Man suspected in slayings is arrested

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A Mobile man considered a suspect in two homicides and a recent shooting that wounded three people has been arrested in Houston.

Roderick Nodd, 26, was arrested Monday when police received a call about someone acting suspicious in a shopping mall, said police spokesman Cpl. Pat Mitchell on Tuesday.

Mobile police investigators were sent to Houston to question Nodd, Mitchell said.

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CLARINET TRIO — This SHS clarinet trio advanced to state with *Woodwind Revels*. From left are Hope Cole, Melissa Jerome and Kerissa Shipp. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

31 Snyder High band students advance to state

Snyder High School band students gave a good account of themselves Saturday at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest held at Coronado High School in Lubbock.

Donnie Reston, director, said "One-hundred percent of ensembles and solos earned Division I superior ratings with 31 students advancing to the state contest on May 27. Nine ensembles and one soloist will compete at the University of Texas in Austin.

Students earning a Division I solo include Lynn Fogleman, trombone; Heather Iglehart, clarinet; and Kristina Mayer, oboe. Fogleman advances to state.

Ensembles earning a Division I and advancing to state include:

- Flute Trio #2: Stefani Beck, Erin Cooley and Amanda Greenwood.
- *Woodwind Revels*, clarinet trio: Hope Cole, Melissa Jerome and Kerissa Shipp.
- *Just for Show*, saxophone quartet: Kristina Mayer, Sterling Millhollon, Clark Reed and Erika Ynguanzo.
- *Andante & Rondo*, clarinet choir: Trent Boyd, Jeremee Lester, Ryan McAnally, Dustin Whitson and Anna Williams.
- Brass quartet No. 1: Jonathan Bell, Jason Hook, Daniel Medrano and Brandi Russell,
- *Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder*, brass quintet: Glenn Burns, Brandy Birkenfeld, Candice Gordon, Jason Hook and Justin Stokes.
- *Earle of Oxford's Marche*, brass sextet: Brandy Birkelfeld, Candice Gordon, Patrick Jones, Tyler Neves, Justin Stokes and Matthew Stokes.
- *Earle of Oxford's Marche*, brass sextet: Jonathan Bell, Bonnie Cleveland, Crystal Garcia, Isaac Sanchez, Keeli Shoemake and Brock Tyrrell.
- *Canzone No. 4*, brass sextet: Bonnie Cleveland, Lynn Fogleman, Daniel Medrano, Tyler Neves, Carcie Posey and Brock Tyrrell.



BRASS QUARTET #1 — SHS brass quartet No. 1, consisting of Jonathan Bell, Jason Hook, Daniel Medrano and Brandi Russell, (from left) advanced to the state contest. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



SAXOPHONE QUARTET — This SHS saxophone quartet performed *Just For Show* and advanced to state. From left are Kristina Mayer, Sterling Millhollon, Clark Reed and Erika Ynguanzo. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



CLARINET CHOIR —*Andante & Rondo*, performed by the SHS clarinet choir, earned a trip to state. From left are Trent Boyd, Jeremee Lester, Ryan McAnally, Dustin Whitson and Anna Williams. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

See more band pictures on page 7

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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The British unconditionally surrendered Singapore to the Japanese Feb. 15, 1942, during World War II. It was a major blow to the Allies because the island controlled an important sea route. The Japanese had landed to the north and marched through the jungle to take Singapore.

Judge free to hear lawsuit challenging detainees' policy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge presiding over a lawsuit seeking to have Afghan-war detainees brought before a U.S. court does not have a conflict of interest and can hear arguments beginning Thursday, another judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper found no "suggestion of potential bias or prejudice" against U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz, who is hearing the case, a U.S. attorney's spokesman said Tuesday.

Matz's son, Jeremy Matz, is a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles.

The lawsuit's plaintiffs, the Coalition of Clergy, Lawyers and Professors, filed the conflict-of-interest charge earlier this month.

The coalition's lawsuit, which names President Bush and others as defendants, argues that the detainees being held at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, should be treated as prisoners of war. It also says their civil rights are being violated.

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Alabama man buried alive fingers attackers

PHENIX CITY, Ala. (AP) — Buried alive under a foot of dirt and bleeding from a throat wound, Forrest "Butch" Bowyer wouldn't give up. Not with his son's killers still on the loose.

So Bowyer, 54, clawed his way to freedom, flagged down a car and helped police arrest the men he said dumped him and the body of his son in the same shallow grave.

Based on Bowyer's information, two men were captured and charged with murder Monday.

"It was God's way of keeping him alive so he could tell," said Billy Carrico, a friend. "If he hadn't survived we might never have known what happened to him."

Bowyer underwent surgery and was expected to recover.

Michael David Carruth, 43, and Jimmy Lee Brooks Jr., 22, are charged with capital murder and could be sentenced to death if convicted of fatally shooting Bowyer's 12-year-old son, Brett.

The two men also face charges of attempted murder, robbery and kidnapping, officials said. Both were being held without bond, Sheriff Tommy Boswell said Tuesday.

In addition, the men will be charged for the double-murder of Thurman Ratliff, 68, and his wife Katherine Ratliff, 62, at their home Jan. 30, said Lee County Sheriff Jay Jones. A third man, James Edward Gary, also will be charged with capital murder.

Jones would not comment further about the connection.

Carruth, who works as a bounty hunter for his wife's bonding company, and Brooks showed up at Bowyer's brick, ranch-style home late Sunday night claiming to be narcotics officers, Boswell said.

The men targeted Bowyer for a robbery and kidnapping because he owns a used-car lot and has a reputation for carrying large amounts of cash, Boswell said.

The men allegedly forced Bowyer and his son into a car and drove about 20 miles south of town to an area where a highway is being widened. After Bowyer gave them money, the men slit his throat and shoved him into a grave they had dug about 18 inches deep, Boswell said.

Bowyer was slashed "ear to ear," but the cut wasn't deep enough to sever any major blood vessels, Boswell said. "He played dead. He just knew he was dying or fixing to die."

Bowyer heard gunshots, and his son's body was pushed into the hole on top of him. Boswell said the killers covered the grave with dirt, and Bowyer began digging his way out as soon as they left.

"He was in there about 10, 15 minutes," Boswell said.

Bowyer managed to unearth his son's body and walked about one-fourth of a mile through woods to U.S. 431, where he flagged down a car.

"He called us on a cell phone and I had a deputy two miles away. We got an ambulance there but he wouldn't leave until he showed us where the body was," Boswell said.

Officers found the boy's body atop the grave a few minutes after the ambulance left with Bowyer, he said.

Bowyer gave officers a description of the men's automobile, which Boswell said was stopped with Carruth at the wheel early Monday. Brooks was captured later Monday in neighboring Lee County.

There was no answer at Tri-County Bonding, owned by Carruth's wife, and home phone numbers for Carruth and Brooks could not immediately be found.

Carruth and Brooks aren't strangers, according to a court records. Carruth, as an agent for Tri-County Bonding, posted $35,000 in bonds Aug. 15 to get Brooks out of the Russell County Jail on six counts of breaking and entering motor vehicles.

Florida doctor found guilty of manslaughter

MILTON, Fla. (AP) — Alice Ward considers herself a "collateral victim" of Dr. James Graves, who was convicted of manslaughter for prescribing OxyContin to four patients who died from overdoses.

Ward's husband, Benjamin Ward, nearly died from an overdose of the powerful painkiller prescribed by Graves, and she said she lost him to prison when he got a 10-year sentence for robbing a bank to feed his addiction.

Although she doesn't blame the doctor for causing her husband's addiction, she does blame him for "his cavalier attitude and the way he didn't care what happened to people as long as he got his money."

Graves, 55, was convicted Tuesday of four counts of manslaughter, one count of racketeering and five counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. He faces up to 30 years in prison.

Defense lawyer Michael Gibson said he would appeal.

Graves, who is Florida's top OxyContin prescriber, is the nation's first doctor to be convicted of manslaughter or murder in the OxyContin death of a patient.

"I hope by attaining this verdict that we could assist in controlling the problem of prescription drugs so that it does not become rampant as it has in other parts of the country," said Assistant State Attorney Russell Edgar.

At least two other doctors are facing charges of causing the deaths of patients who took OxyContin. Dr. Frank Fisher is set for trial next week in Redding, Calif., on three manslaughter counts, and Dr. Denis Deonarine of West Palm Beach, Fla., could face a death sentence if convicted of first-degree murder in an overdose death. No trial date has been set for Deonarine.

OxyContin is a synthetic opiate. Addicts get a heroin-like high by chewing the pills or crushing them and then injecting or snorting the drug.

Edgar said during closing arguments that Graves needed money after he was forced out of the Navy and fired from jobs at a Pensacola pain clinic and a state prison. He said the money rolled in as addicted and dependent patients, most paying cash, returned repeatedly for prescriptions.

Graves testified that he was unaware the deceased patients had abused the drug, and he said no one would have died if they had taken it as prescribed.

Raymond Daniels, the father of one victim, said Graves got the verdict he deserved. Army veteran Jeffrey Daniels died from an OxyContin overdose in November 1999 at the age of 30.

It took a "slimeball to take our son away and create a bad name for good doctors," Raymond Daniels said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002

Selecting more sophisticated and complex involvements in the year ahead could entail greater risks than your past course of actions, but if you succeed, your rewards will be greater as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There is both a hard way and an easy way to do things. Unfortunately, you might choose those procedures and methods that make things more difficult, instead of effortless. Know where to look for romance, and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Rejecting valuable information passed onto you, just because you don't like the source, is like cutting off your nose to spite your face. Don't be your own worst enemy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be more cautious and watchful than usual when conducting business, no matter if what you're doing is on a minor or major scale. Something is not the way it seems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Having a large amount of ideas is not automatically superior to one lonely thought. Analyze each individually for its merit. There's a gem buried among the pile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be very careful that you know what you're talking about before issuing any instruction to those who will be charged with carrying them out. Trouble will ensue if you misguide them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Disappointment will be the result if you base evaluations on wishful thinking instead of on facts. It's wonderful to be optimistic, but not unrealistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's true that wanting things badly enough provides the motivation necessary to acquire them. However, if you desire something for the wrong reasons, nothing will satisfy you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't be surprised if others start pointing out your flaws if you're unduly critical of theirs. Tit for tat will be in order, and you won't like what's being said.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Adding personal funds to a joint venture in order to bolster it could be a big mistake. The others involved might forget you gave more when it comes time to divvy things up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Agreements never stand the test of time if they are not negotiated fairly. Do not attempt to take advantage of the other guy, and don't give up more than what's just.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It's very kind of you to be helpful to others, but don't take on more than you can comfortably handle. If you get bogged down, it won't help them or you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is justification for your ire if someone you treated quite generously recently does not treat you in the same manner, now that you need it. It's OK to feel betrayed.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Pregnancy is no obstacle to couple's wedding plans

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DEAR FED UP: It doesn't take a degree in psychology to figure out what's wrong with your husband. A failed athlete with dreams of glory in his youth, he is attempting to live out those dreams through his son. I suspect Earl's overbearing behavior is at the root of Matt's not wanting to return to sports — and who can blame him? His father has taken the joy out of competition. Perhaps with the help of family counseling, someone can get through to him, because the longer your husband's obsession with the boy's athletic achievements persists, the further away he'll drive his son.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1972, the U.S. Postal Service was created. Postage ranged from 6 cents to 12-1/2 cents, depending on the distance the mail traveled.

On this day in 1809, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal government's power was greater than that of any state.

On this day in 1944, the "Batman & Robin" comic strip premiered in newspapers.

On this day in 1962, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, doing so in the Friendship 7 craft.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ansel Adams (1902-1984), photographer; Sidney Poitier (1927-), actor, is 75; Ivana Trump (1949-), socialite, is 52; Kelsey Grammer (1955-), actor, is 47; Charles Barkley (1963-), basketball player/commentator, is 39; William Baldwin (1963-), actor, is 39; French Stewart (1964-), actor, is 38; Cindy Crawford (1966-), supermodel, is 36; Kurt Cobain (1967-1994), singer.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Muhammad Ali knocked out Jan Pierre Coopman in the fifth round to capture the world's heavyweight title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am not a role model." — Charles Barkley, Nike commercial

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

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Americans surpass medal expectations

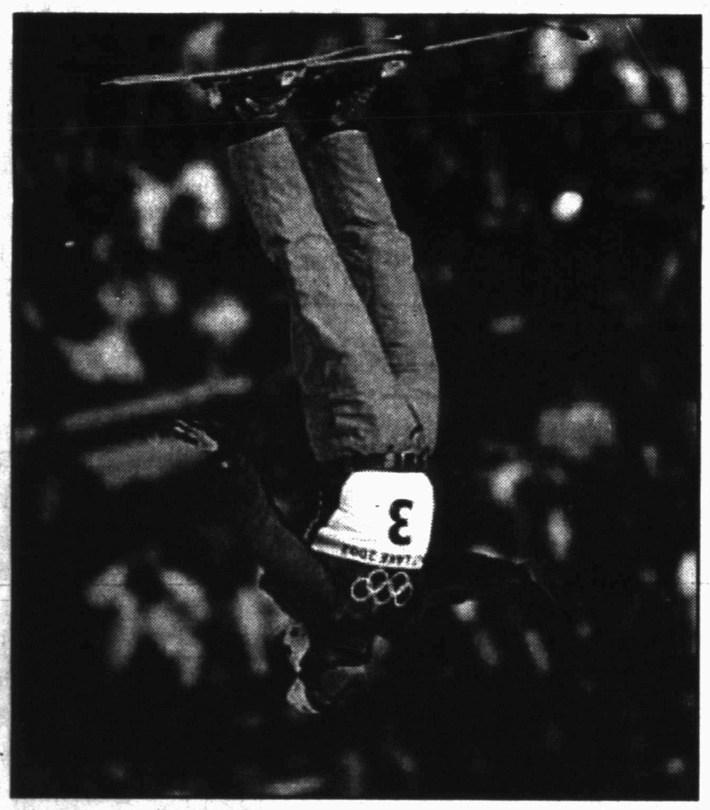
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It took a gold from speedskater Derek Parra to meet U.S. Olympic medal expectations. It took another from its unheralded women's bobsled team to exceed them.

With Tuesday night's surprise medal from bobsledders Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers, the United States had collected 21 medals in the Winter Games — one more than the bold prediction made months ago by U.S. Olympic officials.

Flowers became the first black athlete in history to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

The Americans are assured of at least one more medal, with the women's hockey team reaching the gold medal game thanks to a 4-0 victory over Sweden. And Michele Kwan, a silver medalist in '98, was poised for possible figure skating gold — judges willing — with a first-place finish in the women's short program.

Tuesday's pair of gold medals, along with aerials skier Joe Pack's gravity-defying silver, pushed the Americans past the 20-medal goal with five full days left in the games.



FLIPPED OUT — Ales Valenta of the Czech Republic flips through his second jump Tuesday in the men's freestyle skiing aerials final. Valenta won the gold medal. (AP Photo)

For Parra, the 5-foot-4 Home Depot worker, the race of his life in the 1,500 meters brought his second medal of the games — a gold to go with his silver in the 5,000 meters.

"This is a fairy tale come true," Parra said. "I have a big heart, and that's it."

Parra zipped around the Utah Olympic Oval in world-record time, breaking the mark set an hour earlier by Jochem Uytdehaage of the Netherlands, who took the silver. Parra then took a slow victory lap — a pair of sunglasses perched on his head — waving to the crowd and clutching an American flag that belonged to his late grandfather.

Taking full advantage of their homefield advantage, the Americans now have six gold, eight silver and seven bronze medals — easily surpassing the previous best of 13, done in the last two Winter Games.

For Pack, who interacted constantly with the crowd at freestyle skiing, performing in front of an appreciative American audience provided an extra boost that other teammates have noticed, too.

"Unbelievable," he said. "I heard them yelling at the top ... To hear the crowd yell when I landed pushed me back probably 10 feet."

The Americans stayed second in the medals table with 21 medals; their six golds equaled their most ever in a Winter Games, done four times previously.

Yes, the Americans won the gold medal, ending a 46-year drought in bobsled. But it wasn't the Americans most folks expected on the medals stand.

U.S. favorites Jean Racine and Gea Johnson, subject of much pre-Olympic hype, finished fifth. It was their teammates, Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers, who scored a stunning victory and claimed the gold medal in women's bobsledding.

Racine wept once the race was over, congratulating her celebrating teammates from USA-2. "We didn't win, but America did," Racine said.

It was the first U.S. bobsled medal since a bronze by the four-man team in 1956. The silver went to Sandra Prokoff and brakewoman Ulrike Holzner of Germany, with the bronze going to a second German team of Susi Erdmann and Nicole Herschmann.

The 21-year-old Kwan turned in a near-perfect short program, skating to the lead after the first part of the two-part competition. The medals are handed out after Thursday's free skate, which is worth two-thirds of the final score.

Kwan edged ahead of her main rival, Irina Slutskaya of Russia, to take the top spot. Americans Sasha Cohen and Sarah Hughes finished in third and fourth places, respectively, raising the possibility of multiple U.S. medals in the event.

Pack — a regular Joe if there ever was one — twisted and soared to a silver medal in the aerials competition, winning after one of his teammates went from a gold medal to last place on a single blown jump.

Pack, 23, put the Americans back on the medal platform after the U.S. squad was shut out — for the only day of the Olympics — on Monday.

He's a hometown favorite, a football and soccer star at nearby Park City High School who can be seen riding his dirt bike around his adopted hometown once the snow melts.

Before the games, he had spoken about the boost he would get from the local crowd. He proved quite prescient; one of the fans waved a sign encouraging, "Go Huge Joe." After his first jump, Pack grabbed his ski like a guitar and mimed a few riffs for his audience.

"It was a great contest," he said.

A stunning miscalculation by defending aerials gold medalist Eric Bergoust left him on his back and in last place after his second jump. The gold medal went to Ales Valenta of the Czech Republic, while Alexei Grichin of Belarus won bronze.



FIRST-TIME CHAMPIONS — USA-2 driver Jill Bakken, front, and Vonetta Flowers race down the ice Tuesday during the women's bobsled competition. (AP Photo)

It's a much-anticipated replay of four years ago: the United States and Canada, the two best teams in women's hockey, in a showdown for the gold medal.

Cammi Granato had two goals and an assist to lead the Americans past Sweden 4-0, setting up the long-assumed rematch between the Canadians and their recent nemesis.

The Americans won the gold medal in Nagano and beat Canada in eight straight exhibitions before the 2002 games.

While the Americans won easily, things looked a little scary for the Canadians — and then, in the space of just six seconds, everything was all right again.

Trailing 3-2 to Finland in the third, Canada scored goals just six seconds apart in a 7-3 victory that put it in the gold medal game.

Finland, the defending bronze medalist, faces Sweden in the bronze medal game.

For the second time in as many Olympics, cross-country skier Julija Tchepalova of Russia has won a gold medal. This time, she did it much quicker.

Tchepalova, winner of the 30-kilometer freestyle in 1998, captured the first Olympic women's 1.5K cross-county sprint. It was her second Salt Lake City medal, along with the bronze she won in the 15K freestyle event.

Evi Sachenbacher of Germany won the silver and Anita Moen of Norway the bronze.

In the men's 1.5K race, Tor Arne Hetland of Norway grabbed the lead in the final 100 meters to win his first gold medal in two Olympics. Peter Schlickenrieder of Germany won the silver and Cristian Zorzi of Italy won the bronze.

Americans Carl Swenson, Torin Koos, Lars Flora and Kris Freeman were all eliminated in the early heats.

It's the latest craze in Salt Lake City: questioning the Olympic judges.

On Tuesday, it was the Lithuanians — fifth-place finishers in ice dancing — who filed a protest with the International Skating Union over the votes that dropped the pair in the standings during Monday night's finals.

And the Russian Olympic Committee fired off a letter to the International Ski Federation, complaining of biased judging in the freestyle aerials competition. Russian Olga Koroleva led after the first jump of the final Monday, but slipped to fourth after the second jump.

Medal Count

By The Associated Press
(Through Tuesday, Feb. 19)
(53 total medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	8	13	7	28
United States	6	8	7	21
Norway	9	6	2	17
Russia	5	5	3	13
Austria	1	3	9	13
Italy	3	2	4	9
France	3	3	1	7
Canada	2	1	4	7
Finland	3	2	1	6
Switzerland	3	1	2	6
Netherlands	2	3	0	5
China	1	0	2	3
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3
Sweden	0	1	2	3
Australia	2	0	0	2
Spain	2	0	0	2
Croatia	1	1	0	2
South Korea	1	1	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Estonia	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1

Television Schedule

WEDNESDAY
MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Quarterfinals.
NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Biathlon: Men's 4x7.5km relay.
CNBC, 5-11:30 p.m.
Men's hockey: Quarterfinals.
NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Women's slalom. **Skeleton:** Men's and women's finals. **Short track speed skating:** Men's 1500m finals; Women's 3000m relay finals. **Men's hockey:** Quarterfinals. **Speed skating:** Women's 1500m.
NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.
Events not televised
Skeleton: Men's and women's preliminaries. **Short track speed skating:** Women's 1000m preliminaries. **Curling:** Semifinals.
THURSDAY
MSNBC, noon-6 p.m.
Women's hockey: Bronze medal game. **Curling:** Women's gold and bronze medal matches.
NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Women's 4x5km relay.
CNBC, 6-9 p.m.
Women's hockey: Gold medal game.
NBC, 7-11 p.m.
Figure skating: Ladies' free program. **Skiing:** Men's giant slalom. **Women's hockey:** Gold medal game. **Nordic combined:** Sprint K120.
NBC, 11:35 p.m.-1:05 a.m.
Highlights.
FRIDAY
MSNBC, noon-6 p.m.
Men's hockey: Semifinals. **Curling:** Men's gold medal match.
NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Speed skating: Men's 10,000m.
CNBC, 5-8 p.m.
Men's hockey: Semifinals.
NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Women's giant slalom. **Bobsled:** Four-man, initial runs. **Nordic combined:** Sprint 7.5km.
NBC, 11:35 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.
Events not televised
Curling: Men's bronze medal match.
SATURDAY
NBC, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Men's hockey: Bronze medal match. **Speed skating:** Women's 5000m.
NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Men's slalom. **Bobsled:** Four-man, final runs. **Short track speed skating:** Men's 500m finals, 5000m relay finals; Women's 1000m finals. **Cross-country skiing:** Men's 50km classical.
NBC, 11-11:30 p.m.
Highlights.
SUNDAY
MSNBC, 8-10 a.m.
Olympic review.
NBC, 1:30-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Gold medal match.
NBC, 7-10 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Women's 30km classical. Closing Ceremony.

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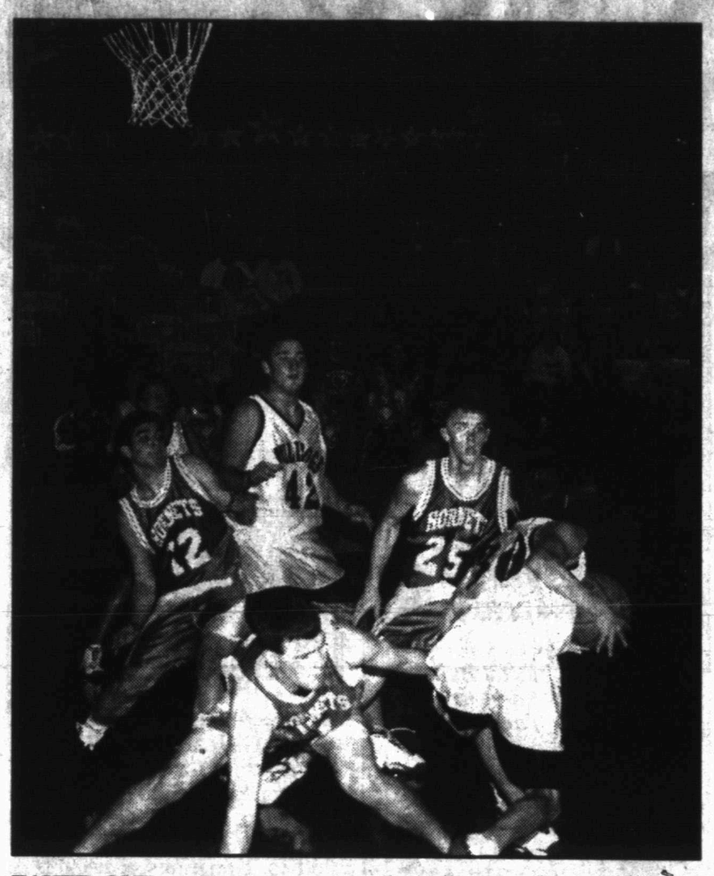
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SPORTS



FAKED OUT — Ira's Jase Olvera makes a move around a Blackwell defender as teammate Jake Barnes (42) battles for position inside Tuesday during the Bulldogs' 60-51 bi-district victory at Merkel. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs rally past Hornets, advance to area playoff round

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

MERKEL — The Ira Bulldogs had a score to settle with the Blackwell Hornets, and they proved it in the second half.

Ira exploded for 40 second-half points to overcome Blackwell, 60-51, Tuesday in a Class A bi-district tilt at Badger Gym.

The seventh-ranked Bulldogs improved to 24-3 on the year, and advance to face Balmorhea (21-1) in the area round. That game is set for 7 p.m. Friday at Odessa Permian.

It was Blackwell that ended Ira's season a year ago, and it looked early on as if the Hornets would duplicate the feat.

Ira trailed by as many 13 points early in the second quarter, before settling down in the second half.

"We didn't play our best at times tonight, but I think that's because Blackwell did a heck of a job," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "They pressured us, and jumped in the passing lanes. It made it difficult for us to get anything done offensively."

Ira managed only seven points in the opening period, then watched as the Hornets scored the first two buckets of the second quarter to stretch their lead to 20-7 with 5:19 left in the half.

The Bulldogs stormed back with a 13-5 run trail 25-20 at the break. Jase Olvera kept the Bulldogs in the game early on with 10 first-half points.

"Blackwell always rises to the occasion in big games, and that's the best I've seen them play this year," said Edwards. "I told our kids at halftime that we needed to attack the basket, and set the tempo in the second half."

Edwards' advice worked as the Bulldogs put together a 16-6 run to start the third quarter. Eric Dickerhoff drained a pair of three-pointers, and Olvera dropped in three more buckets to keep the stretch alive.

Jake Barnes' layup with 2:53 left in the third gave Ira its first lead, 33-31, since the opening minutes of the game.

The Bulldogs never trailed again, but couldn't put the Hornets away for good until the final seconds.

The squads traded baskets for the first four minutes of the fourth, until back-to-back buckets by Olvera and Nathan Smith gave Ira a six-point advantage with 3:16 remaining.

But instead of running time off the clock, the Bulldogs continued taking quick shots. Ira's lead was only four points with 55 seconds still on the clock.

"I wanted to run some clock, but our kids have that killer instinct," Edwards stated. "They wanted to put Blackwell away, but the shots weren't falling. Thank goodness we made our free throws down the stretch."

Ira went 7-of-8 from the stripe in the final minute to pull away for the nine-point victory.

Three Bulldogs finished in double figures led by Olvera's 20 points. Smith tallied 16 points, and Dickerhoff posted 15.

Blackwell, which outrebounded Ira 33-19, was paced by A.J. Monroe's 14 points. Daniel Sanchez added 13 for the Hornets.

The winner of Friday's game advances to the regional semifinals to face either Utopia, Panther Creek or Richland Springs.

Blackwell	**16**	**09**	**12**	**14**	**— 51**
Ira	**07**	**13**	**18**	**22**	**— 60**

Blackwell
Morgan 2 0-0 4, Bryant 2 2-4 6, Monroe 7 0-0 14, Ragland 2 1-2 6, Sanchez 3 4-5 13, Carter 1 0-3 2, Guelker 3 0-0 6. **Totals 20 7-14 51.**
Ira
Olvera 10 0-0 20, Barnes 1 0-2 2, Smith 6 2-4 16, Dickerhoff 4 4-4 15, T. Wall 0 2-6 2, Tucker 0 3-4 3, J. Wall 1 0-0 2. **Totals 22 11-20 60.**
Three-point goals: Blackwell 4 (Sanchez 3, Ragland), Ira 5 (Dickerhoff 3, Smith 2). Rebounds: Blackwell 33, Ira 19. Total fouls: Blackwell 17, Ira 15. Fouled out — None.

Gonzalez will report late

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Newly acquired slugger Juan Gonzalez has gotten permission from the Texas Rangers to report late to training camp.

General manager John Hart said he has no problem with the outfielder arriving in camp by Monday. The rest of the players are expected to report by Wednesday, and take part in the first full-squad workout Thursday.

Hart also has agreed with Jeff Moorad, the agent for both Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez, that there won't be any contract negotiations with the 10-time All-Star catcher until after the season is over.

Gonzalez, a two-time AL MVP while with the Rangers from 1989-99, signed a $24 million, two-year contract last month to rejoin the Rangers after playing the last two seasons in Detroit and Cleveland. He will be late to camp because he is tending to personal business at home in Puerto Rico.

"When we talked, I wanted to make sure there were no problems on his part," Hart said.

Sooners topple Baylor, 65-54

WACO (AP) — Oklahoma doesn't want to lose its focus, even if the Big 12 regular-season title is virtually out of reach.

"We have to hold our ground. We want the No. 2 seed for the Big 12 tournament," Sooners guard Hollis Price said.

Price, Aaron McGhee and Ebi Ere each scored 15 points Tuesday night as the sixth-ranked Sooners beat Baylor 65-54 to maintain sole possession of second place in the league, three games behind top-ranked Kansas, which is unbeaten in the conference.

For Oklahoma (21-4, 10-3), it was the 16th straight win over the Bears (14-12, 4-9), a streak that dates to Dec. 6, 1977.

"It goes on for the teams right behind them," Price said, referring to Kansas, which has clinched a tie for the title.

After going back and forth with Baylor for most of the game, the Sooners finally put together a late 10-0 run.

Oklahoma led 51-50 then Quannas White hit a 3-pointer with 5:35 left to start the run that lasted two minutes and saw four players score. By time Ere followed a missed 3-pointer by Price, the Sooners led 61-50.

"The last five minutes was good in every area we played ... shot selection, defense and rebounding," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said.

Local Schedule

THURSDAY
Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney
Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney
FRIDAY
Basketball: Ira vs. Balmorhea at Odessa College, 7 p.m.
Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney
Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney
Golf: Snyder girls at Midland tourney
Tennis: Snyder at Odessa tourney
Track: Snyder girls and boys at Frenship ABC Relays
SATURDAY
Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney
Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney
Golf: Snyder girls at Midland tourney
Tennis: Snyder at Odessa tourney
Track: Snyder girls and boys at Frenship ABC Relays

Big 12 Basketball

MEN	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Kansas	13	0	1.000	24	2	.923
Oklahoma	10	3	.769	21	4	.840
Texas	8	4	.667	17	8	.680
Texas Tech	7	5	.583	18	6	.750
Oklahoma St.	7	5	.583	20	6	.769
Missouri	7	5	.583	18	9	.667
Colorado	4	8	.333	13	10	.565
Nebraska	4	8	.333	11	12	.478
Kansas St.	4	8	.333	10	13	.435
Baylor	4	9	.308	14	12	.538
Texas A&M	3	9	.250	9	17	.346
Iowa St.	3	10	.231	11	16	.407

Tuesday's result
Oklahoma 65, Baylor 54
Wednesday's games
Missouri at Texas Tech
Oklahoma State at Texas
Nebraska at Texas A&M
Colorado at Kansas State
Saturday's games
Texas A&M at Texas Tech
Texas at Oklahoma
Baylor at Oklahoma State
Missouri at Colorado
Kansas State at Iowa State

WOMEN	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	12	2	.857	22	3	.880
Kansas St.	10	4	.714	22	5	.815
Colorado	9	4	.692	19	7	.731
Baylor	9	4	.692	21	4	.840
Texas	8	5	.615	17	7	.708
Iowa St.	7	6	.538	19	6	.760
Texas Tech	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Missouri	5	7	.417	14	9	.609
Texas A&M	5	8	.385	13	12	.520
Oklahoma St.	5	8	.385	13	13	.500
Nebraska	4	9	.308	14	11	.560
Kansas	0	13	.000	5	21	.192

Tuesday's results
Texas Tech 95, Texas A&M 64
Texas 68, Oklahoma 62 (OT)
Wednesday's games
Iowa State at Missouri
Colorado at Baylor
Oklahoma State at Nebraska
Saturday's games
Nebraska at Texas Tech
Kansas State at Colorado
Oklahoma at Missouri
Texas A&M at Texas
Kansas at Iowa State

Girls Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Lubbock Coronado 79, Abilene 67
Mansfield 50, Euless Trinity 46
Amarillo 58, Lubbock Monterey 41
Weatherford 52, Duncanville 39
Regional Semifinals
Lubbock Coronado (20-8) vs. Mansfield (30-3)
Amarillo (30-4) vs. Weatherford (30-2)
CLASS 4A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Plainview 77, Lubbock Estacado 47
Southlake Carroll 52, Granbury 46 (OT)
Canyon 47, Amarillo Palo Duro 35
FW Wyatt 48, Stephenville 38
Regional Semifinals
Plainview (31-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (26-6)
Canyon (29-1) vs. FW Wyatt (24-5)
CLASS 3A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Shallowater 61, Amarillo River Road 53
Decatur 61, Vernon 39
Perryton 50, Muleshoe 46
Ballinger 46, Merkel 44 (OT)
Regional Semifinals
Shallowater (28-4) vs. Decatur (26-4)
Perryton (30-2) vs. Ballinger (25-8)
CLASS 2A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Wall 46, Post 44
Abernathy 46, Canadian 44
Seagraves 52, Tahoka 28
Floydada 51, Lockney 47
Regional Semifinals
Wall (25-2) vs. Abernathy (22-8)
Seagraves (30-1) vs. Floydada (22-6)
CLASS A
Division I, Region I
Regional Semifinals
Sudan 51, Robert Lee 41
Smyer 55, Roby 52
Regional Final
Sudan (29-5) vs. Smyer (26-4)
CLASS A
Division II, Region II
Regional Semifinals
Borden County 60, Utopia 34
Brookesmith 44, Grady 43
Regional Final
Borden County (28-5) vs. Brookesmith (22-9)

Boys Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
Bi-district
EP Eastwood 50, EP Austin 43
Midland Lee (25-5), bye
Lubbock Monterey 51, Odessa 43
EP Bel Air (27-5), bye
Lewisville 48, FW Paschal 36
Cedar Hill (30-1), bye
Arlington Bowie 59, South Grand Prairie 53
The Colony (27-2), bye
EP Andress 45, EP Montwood 42
Amarillo (23-8), bye
Lubbock Coronado 72, Midland 58
EP Franklin (27-5), bye
Flower Mound 68, Colleyville Heritage 54
Duncanville (21-9), bye
Arlington Houston 60, Irving MacArthur 59
Coppell (26-8), bye
Area
EP Eastwood (15-16) vs. Midland Lee (25-5)
Lubbock Monterey (19-13) vs. EP Bel Air (27-5)
Lewisville (24-8) vs. Cedar Hill (30-1)
Arlington Bowie (24-8) vs. The Colony (27-2)
EP Andress (15-18) vs. Amarillo (23-8)
Lubbock Coronado (21-11) vs. EP Franklin (27-5)
Flower Mound (27-6) vs. Duncanville (21-9)
Arlington Houston (26-7) vs. Coppell (26-8)
CLASS 4A
Region I
Bi-district
EP Bowie 43, Clint 40
Canyon Randall 74, Frenship 55
Fabens (16-13), bye
Wichita Falls 71, FW Brewer 70
North Crowley (29-3), bye
FW Polytechnic 72, Cleburne 56
Southlake Carroll (20-11), bye
El Paso 52, San Elizario 45
Canyon (25-5), bye
Amarillo Palo Duro 77, Levelland 75
EP Parkland (22-7), bye
NRH Birdville 44, Azle 41
FW Dunbar (28-2), bye
FW Eastern Hills 68, Crowley 52
Burkburnett (24-8), bye
Area
EP Bowie (18-13) vs. Lubbock Estacado (28-6)
Canyon Randall (20-11) vs. Fabens (16-13)
Wichita Falls (20-11) North Crowley (29-3)
FW Polytechnic (25-5) vs. Southlake Carroll (20-11)
El Paso (12-17) vs. Canyon (25-5)
Amarillo Palo Duro (77-75) vs. EP Parkland (22-7)
NRH Birdville (26-7) vs. FW Dunbar (28-2)
FW Eastern Hills (20-10) vs. Burkburnett (24-8)
CLASS 3A
Region I
Bi-district
Sanford Fritch 49, Lubbock Cooper 48
Fort Stockton, bye
Denver City 66, Kermit 56
Dimmitt (25-7), bye
Abilene Wylie 56, Iowa Park 53
Kennedale (16-10), bye
Lake Worth 63, Alvarado 47
Decatur (25-6), bye
Shallowater 71, Childress 54
Seminole (17-11), bye
Midland Greenwood 73, Crane 59
Perryton (15-11), bye
Sweetwater 50, Bowie 48
Glen Rose, bye
Aledo 73, Whitney 58
Merkel (25-3), bye
Area
Sanford Fritch (26-3) vs. Fort Stockton
Denver City (23-4) vs. Dimmitt (25-7),
Abilene Wylie (21-8) vs. Kennedale (16-10)
Lake Worth (15-19) vs. Decatur (25-6)
Shallowater (21-8) vs. Seminole (17-11)
Midland Greenwood (21-9) vs. Perryton (15-11)
Sweetwater (17-10) vs. Glen Rose
Aledo (15-16) vs. Merkel (25-3)
CLASS 2A
Region I
Bi-district
Ozona 62, San Angelo Grape Creek 56
Sundown (23-6), bye
Wall, bye
Spearman 73, Hale Center 64
Olney (24-5), bye
Hamlin 79, Archer City 62
Panhandle (22-7), bye
Eldorado 72, Tornillo 50
Coahoma (16-8), bye
Idalou 57, Colorado City 44
Reagan County, bye
West Texas 65, Morton 64
Holliday (21-6), bye
Memphis 54, Haskell 50
Abernathy (24-4), bye
Area
Ozona (18-11) vs. Sundown (23-6)
Tahoka (18-9) vs. Wall
Spearman (13-11) vs. Olney (24-5)
Hamlin (15-8) vs. Panhandle (22-7)
Eldorado vs. Coahoma (16-8)
Idalou (16-12) vs. Reagan County
West Texas (16-5) vs. Holliday (21-6)
Memphis (22-9) vs. Abernathy (24-4)
CLASS A
Division I, Region I
Bi-district
Stratford 65, Claude 58
Farwell 59, Petersburg 47
O'Donnell 63, Robert Lee 53
Iraan 57, Marfa 49
White Deer 70, Booker 57
Hart 61, Lorenzo 53
Crosbyton 59, Roscoe 49
Irion County 62, Fort Hancock 43
Area
Stratford (16-8) vs. Farwell (26-6)
O'Donnell (24-1) vs. Iraan
White Deer (20-5) vs. Hart (16-15)
Crosbyton (25-4) vs. Irion County
CLASS A
Division II, Region II
Bi-district
Balmorhea 89, Marathon 27
Ira 60, Blackwell 51
Panther Creek (20-4) vs. Richland Springs
Utopia 80, Cherokee 42
Grady 51, Trent 48
Brookesmith 53, Novice 33
D'Hanis 67, Lometa 36
Area
Balmorhea (21-1) vs. Ira (24-3)
Panther Creek (21-4) or Richland Springs vs. Utopia (27-1)
Fort Davis or Sanderson vs. Grady (19-8)
Brookesmith (22-7) vs. D'Hanis

Sports Briefs

Groundhog golf tournament set

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

Pacers, Bulls make trade

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Pacers president Donnie Walsh insisted he wasn't shopping Jalen Rose, but would listen to offers.

He heard one he liked.

The Pacers traded Rose, Travis Best, rookie Norman Richardson and a conditional second-round draft pick to the Chicago Bulls for Brad Miller, Ron Mercer, Ron Artest and Kevin Ollie, two days before the NBA trading deadline.

Tyson seeks license in D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Tyson took the first round in what figures to be a long battle to fight Lennox Lewis in Washington.

The D.C. Boxing and Wrestling Commission voted 3-0 to take the first step toward granting Tyson a boxing license, setting the stage for a possible June 8 bout at the MCI Center.

Marlin made right decision

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The apparent mistake that cost Sterling Marlin a shot at his third Daytona 500 victory wasn't really an error after all.

Tony Glover, team manager of Chip Ganassi Racing, said the driver would have had to pit and would not have had a chance to race for the victory Sunday due to fear of a flat tire.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE — Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	35	17	.673	—
Boston	31	23	.574	5
Washington	27	24	.529	7½
Orlando	27	25	.519	8
Philadelphia	26	26	.500	9
Miami	21	30	.412	13½
New York	20	31	.392	14½
Central Division				
Detroit	29	22	.569	—
Milwaukee	29	22	.569	—
Toronto	29	26	.527	2
Charlotte	26	26	.500	3½
Indiana	26	27	.491	4
Atlanta	19	34	.359	11
Cleveland	18	34	.346	11½
Chicago	12	40	.231	17½
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division				
Dallas	37	17	.685	—
Minnesota	36	17	.679	½
San Antonio	34	18	.654	2
Utah	30	24	.556	7
Houston	18	34	.346	18
Denver	16	34	.320	19
Memphis	15	38	.283	21½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	40	13	.755	—
L.A. Lakers	35	16	.686	4
Portland	28	24	.539	11½
Seattle	28	25	.528	12
L.A. Clippers	26	28	.481	14½
Phoenix	25	28	.472	15
Golden State	15	35	.300	23½

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey 123, Golden State 115
Minnesota 117, Dallas 100
San Antonio 99, Memphis 93, OT
Seattle 103, Phoenix 91
Sacramento 99, Atlanta 79
Boston 109, L.A. Lakers 108
Wednesday's Games
Golden State at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 8 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
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FLUTE TRIO No. 2 — SHS band students who advanced to state from left are Stefani Beck, Erin Cooley and Amanda Greenwood. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)





BRASS SEXTETS — Three of SHS band's brass sextets advanced to state. (top photo) ***Earle of Oxford's Marche*** was performed by (from left) Brandy Birkelfeld, Candice Gordon, Patrick Jones, Tyler Neves, Justin Stokes and Matthew Stokes. (middle photo) Also performing ***Earle of Oxford's Marche***, were (from left) Jonathan Bell, Bonnie Cleveland, Crystal Garcia, Isaac Sanchez, Keeli Shoemake and Brock Tyrrell. The third brass sextet performed ***Canzone No. 4***. Also advancing to state are (from left) Bonnie Cleveland, Lynn Fogleman, Daniel Medrano, Tyler Neves, Carcie Posey, and Brock Tyrrell. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)



BRASS QUINTET — SHS brass quintet's performance of ***Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder*** qualified the group for the state contest in May. Members from left are Glenn Burns, Brandy Birkenfeld, Candice Gordon, Jason Hook and Justin Stokes. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Nutritional supplements are often contaminated

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 20-year-old son is a well-trained college athlete who wishes to improve his performance by using a nutritional supplement. Is this safe, or could it harm him?

DEAR READER: In a recent German study, scientists analyzed 600 samples of nutritional supplements for anabolic steroids. The researchers reported that up to 20 percent of the supplements contained non-labeled substances that could produce positive doping tests, leading to the disqualification of an athlete. Subsequently, the International Olympic Committee issued a strong warning for athletes to avoid such products.

At present, experts have yet to discover if the unlabelled hormones were intentionally added to the supplements or whether the drugs were accidentally present because of contamination.

In the United States, the problem is complicated because nutritional supplements are not tested or controlled by the Food and Drug Administration. Unlike medicine, which must meet stringent FDA regulations, nutritional supplements (and herbal remedies) are not monitored and can be tainted with a wide variety of additives, including stimulants, steroids and hormones. Because such additives need not, by law, be included on the labels of supplements, there is ample opportunity for consumers to be misled. In short, those people who consume these products may be getting a lot more than they realize - and the secret additives could be harmful to health, as well as having a catastrophic impact on an athlete's very ability to compete.

In answer to your question, although most nutritional supplements are not a hazard to health, there is, at present, no method of determining which products could be downright dangerous; consumers cannot rely on labels. In fact, I've long believed that the more positive effects a supplement has, the more likely it is to contain contamination or intentionally added ingredients that could, over time, lead to serious health consequences.

Although your son is probably going to ignore your advice, I'd recommend that you discourage his use of supplements. Perhaps if you show him this column, my comments will - at least - open the door to further discussion.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Herbs and Healing Fads." 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: I'm married, 34 and a mother to two youngsters. After an auto accident, I began having back and neck pains. X-rays and an MRI were normal. However, when I requested a copy of the MRI report, it stated that I have "mild disc protrusions at C2-C3 and C3-C4 with slight degenerative changes in the mid-dorsal spine." My doctor said my pain results from strained muscles. Should I worry about this? Am I safe to drive a school bus?

DEAR READER: Like many healthy adults, you are beginning to show some minor arthritic changes in your spine, as well as insignificant early slipping of two discs in your neck. I do not believe that these trivial abnormalities are causing you harm or pain, and they probably did not result from your accident. At the time of impact, your back muscles reflexively clenched and tightened to protect your spine from injury. I believe that your doctor is correct in his diagnosis of muscle strain, and I wouldn't be surprised if you experienced periodic discomfort for several weeks, until the muscles heal.

This type of muscular injury is very much the rule after trauma, but is not a serious health issue and should not affect your ability to drive and function normally. Nonetheless, your discomfort could probably be reduced by a short-term course of physical therapy and rehabilitation. Ask your doctor to consider referring you for this treatment at a facility in your community.

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Alltel		54.50	53.79	54.50 + .36
AmEl Pw		41.62	40.98	41.26—.50
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ChevronTex		81.55	80.82	81.05—.60
Citigroup		43.25	42.40	43.01 + .79
CocaCola		46.22	45.42	46.07—.22
ColgatePal		55.85	55.06	55.85 + .25
ComclMetals		35.09	34.75	34.75—.34
CooperIn		34.05	33.73	33.73—.12
DaimlrChry		36.78	36.28	36.57 + .94
DeltaAirl		33.09	32.63	33.02 + .40
Dillards Inc		18.01	17.57	17.69
DowChem		29.90	29.50	29.83 + .06
DuPont		46.29	45.80	46.09 + .58
EastmanChem		40.37	39.70	40.16 + .50
EstKodak		30.60	29.50	30.60 + 1.03
EDS Corp		59.63	58.52	58.93—.70
Entergy		40.60	39.95	39.96—.79
ExxonMobil s		38.90	38.52	38.65—.12
FootLocker		16.12	15.90	16.07 + .10
GenDynam		90.10	89.25	89.97 + .39
GenElec		36.95	36.30	36.45 + .05
GenMills		46.72	45.95	46.19—.41
GenMotors		51.02	50.30	51.02 + 1.01
GaPacific		23.75	23.51	23.63
Goodrich		27.90	27.70	27.72—.18
Goodyear s		24.10	23.96	23.99 + .02
GtAtlPac		26.04	25.86	25.95 + .46
Halliburtn		15.90	15.60	15.69—.21
Hanson ADS		31.32	31.20	31.30—.03
HarteHanks		29.48	29.00	29.40 + .35
HomeDepot		50.96	50.51	50.73 + .38
HoneywellIntl		33.91	33.10	33.91 + 1.26
IBM		100.00	97.86	98.84—.70
IntlPaper		42.55	42.20	42.32—.43
JohnsonJn s		57.80	57.16	57.79 + .87
vjK mart		1.11	1.03	1.10 + .07
KinderMorg		49.76	49.33	49.33—.30
Kroger Co		20.98	20.69	20.92 + .34
LockheedM		54.79	54.01	54.55 + .75
Lowes Cos s		45.37	44.78	44.95
Lubys		6.05	6.01	6.01—.03
LucentTech		5.45	5.25	5.41 + .12
MarathonOil		27.49	27.05	27.10—.17
MayDeptStr		35.45	35.05	35.26 + .26
Medtronic		47.55	46.00	47.05—.50
Motorola		12.40	12.10	12.20—.05
NCR Corp		40.30	39.50	40.13 + .28
Navistar		37.96	37.31	37.35 + .01
PNM Rescs		26.00	25.33	25.38—.42
Penney JC		22.48	21.90	22.25 + .54
PepBoys		14.39	14.11	14.12—.23
PepsiCo		49.31	48.40	48.89—.58
Pharmacia		40.05	39.51	39.87 + .41
PhelpDodge		36.99	36.51	36.54—.11
PhilipPet		56.45	55.99	56.00—.37
PilgrmPrd B		12.70	12.60	12.65 + .05
Praxair		56.65	56.08	56.32 + .61
ProctGamb		84.48	83.45	83.63—.37
RadioShack		27.70	26.80	27.14 + .55
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SprintPCS		8.54	8.01	8.06—.69
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WstnGasRs		31.20	30.76	30.78—.52
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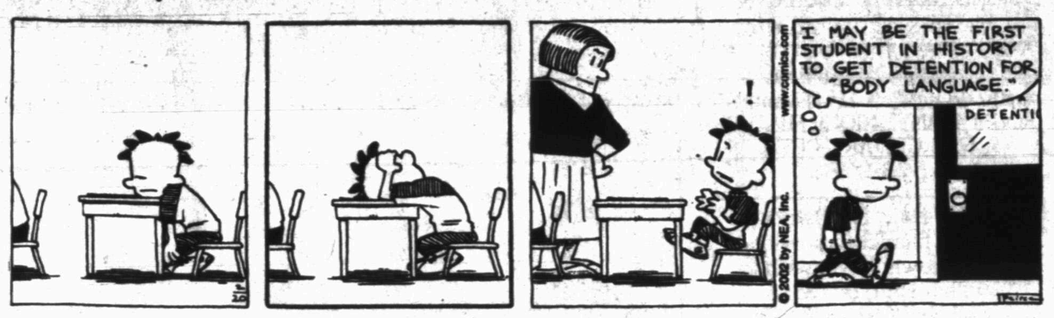
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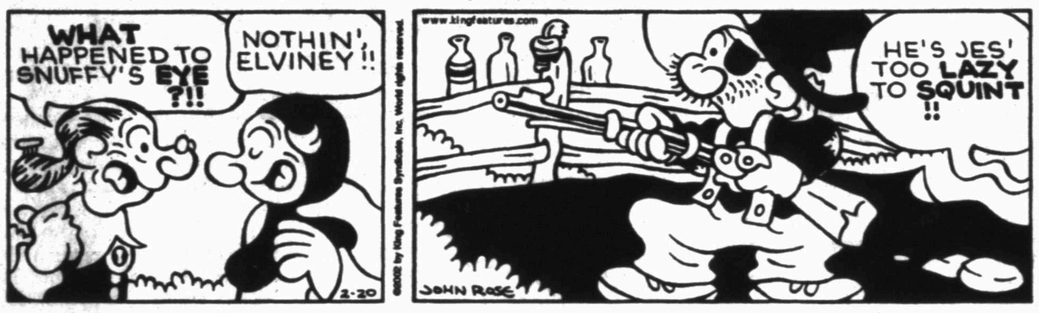
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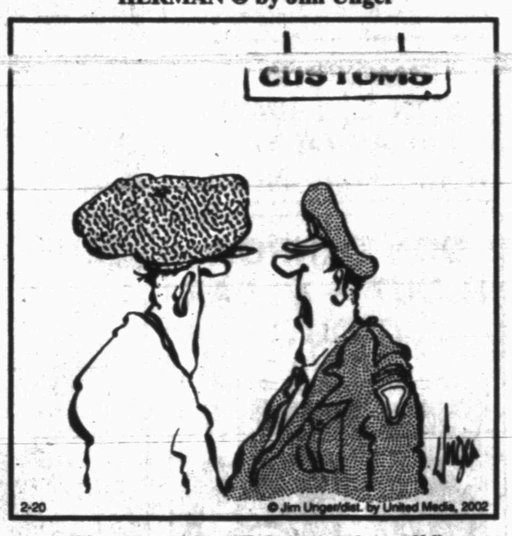
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ACROSS

1 Damages
6 Warriors' horses
12 Big lizard
14 Game-show hosts
15 Indian drum (hyph.)
16 Gavel
17 Deuce
18 — — jiffy
19 Individual
21 Legal matter
23 "— — Believer"
26 "Now I see!"
27 Mai — cocktail
28 Encloses
30 Ullmann of cinema
31 Meimac emigre
32 Fancy tie
33 Garden soils
35 Pleasure
37 Turkish VIP
38 "Wheel of Fortune" host
39 ER arrival
40 Damp
41 Fin. neighbor
42 Matterhorn, e.g.
43 Employ
44 Shoe color
46 Urchin
48 Cousin of hissing
51 Light sword
55 Charlotte or Emily
56 Appear
57 Office machine
58 Pyromaniac's deed

DOWN

1 Punch
2 In the past
3 Daiquiri ingredient
4 Dull
5 Bamboozle
6 Teamsters' rigs
7 Forger's nemesis (hyph.)
8 Cream-filled pastries
9 Sushi-bar selection
10 "Gidget" actress
11 JFK speedster
13 Not right or wrong
19 Toledo native
20 Arizona tribe
22 Paris' — Tower
24 Colorful squawkers
25 Farthest point
26 — fair in love . . .
27 Assigned work
28 Desire
29 ASAP, to an MD
34 Dry cocktail
36 Strike caller
42 Fury
43 Topmost
45 Part of A.M.
47 Informal parent
48 PBS supplier
49 Incan treasure
50 Comic-strip caveman
52 Apr. nemesis
53 I, to Caesar
54 Stimpy's pal

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Scurry County Country

Ag Talk by Charlie Stenholm, U.S. Representative

The Senate Passes a Farm Bill

I'm pleased to say that the Senate finally completed action on a farm bill last week. By a vote of 58 to 40, the Senate passed the "Agriculture, Conservation, and Rural Enhancement Act."

The House version, known as the "Farm Security Act," was passed last October.

The next step in the long process of completing action on this legislation will be a House and Senate conference, during which time House members and Senators will work out the differences between the two bills, along with input from the White House. I'm looking forward to serving as a conferee.

For its part, the Bush administration believes that the Senate bill is too costly, however they have also been critical of the House version.

The House Agriculture Committee hopes to begin the conference as soon as possible in order to have a final bill for the 2002 crop year.

I am still hopeful to have a farm bill out of Congress and ready for a presidential signature by mid-March, but the Senate bill is considerably different from the House bill and it will probably take some time to work out the differences between the two bills.

Under a budget agreement last year, $73.5 billion was set aside for agriculture over the next ten years. However, the Senate bill renews farm programs only through 2006, authorizing $45 billion in new spending over the next five years.

The Bush administration is particularly concerned that the Senate bill front-loads spending in the first five years, leaving farm programs shortchanged in the long-term. The House bill, on the other hand, spends the funding more evenly over a ten-year period.

One of the most significant differences between the two bills is the Senate inclusion of a provision to limit payments to producers.

Another significant difference is a Senate provision that bans packer ownership of cattle, sheep or hogs.

Specifically, the Senate bill would ban packers from owning, feeding or controlling livestock for more than 14 days prior to slaughter.

The House bill does not include this provision that, by the way, was strongly opposed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The Senate farm bill also includes a less controversial provision that would add $2.4 billion in disaster aid for farmers and ranchers hit by bad weather in 2001.

Of this amount, $1.9 billion would be designated for crop producers and $500 million for livestock producers.

The Senate voted to designate this $2.4 billion as emergency spending, and this money would be in addition to the spending that has already been earmarked for direct payments to farmers for this fiscal year.

This is one of those areas that will raise budget concerns for the White House and for a number of folks in Congress.

House Agriculture Subcommittee Reviews Risk Protection Act

This week, the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management met to review the progress of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act (ARPA) of 2000, legislation to reform the nation's crop insurance program.

There have been some successes resulting from ARPA: an increase in the amount of acreage that has been insured, and an increase in the amount of insurance that is in force. There is also evidence suggesting that producers are choosing higher coverage levels.

However, we continue to hear many of the same complaints that caused Congress to develop this law. There is still much fraud and abuse within the program, and policies insuring the cost of production are still not available for pilot testing.

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) continues to be difficult to work with, and RMA and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) continue to have difficulty building the kind of cooperation needed to make improvements to the programs that they administer.

NRCS Report

The Colorado Headwaters Geographical Priority Area (GPA) has met with positive conservation results for private landowners. Producers in Borden, Surry, Mitchell, Howard, Nolan and Dawson counties have taken an interest in the EQIP program since the GPA was developed in 1999.

Participating producers have utilized the conservation technical assistance and program cost-share through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District to carry out conservation measures on their land.

The primary resource concerns are aimed at improving water quantity and water quality. The program criteria, has enabled the GPA producers to achieve conservation applications impacting 127,696 acres and the funds allocated were approximately $578,412. Some of the conservation measures completed have been through the use of brush management, range seeding and prescribed grazing. By establishing the practices, producers have made accomplishments in sediment reduction to reservoirs, increased water yields to reservoirs and permanent vegetation. Water erosion has been addressed through the use of conservation cropping systems, permanent vegetation and terracing.

GPA goals are specified to:

1. Reduce excess erosion on 70 percent of the cropland and 50 percent of the rangeland in the watershed.
2. Positively impact the storage capabilities of Lake J.B. Thomas, Lake Colorado City and the Lake Champion by extending their useful life expectancy by the reduction of sedimentation entering the structure.
3. Treating 40 percent of the rangeland by re-establishing high quality grass cover.
4. Installing water erosion control measures on 70 percent of the cropland in the watershed.
5. Reduce nutrient loading by 50 percent.

Eligible cost-share practices are all structural and vegetative practices that will meet NRCS technical standards and specifications. EQIP contracts range from 5 to 10 years. All practices will be eligible for a maximum of 75 percent of the established average cost of the practice.

Applications will be taken through March 29. For producers interested in submitting an application for EQIP they should contact the USDA-NRCS field office in their respective county, within the Colorado Headwaters GPA.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Flowering Tobacco

If you have never tried flowering tobacco in the garden, now is the time to start young plants for the spring season. They are usually tender perennials that overwinter in mild parts of the state, and re-seed where they grow, so that once a successful stand has been started, the gardener does not have to purchase more seed or replant again.

Tubular-shaped flowers appear on branched stems during summer in white, rose, red, scarlet, lime green and mauve. Recent years have seen a significant increase in the number of dwarf varieties that bloom on short stems. Although the more compact types are very useful for mass color displays, they usually lack the fragrance of the larger-growing, older types.

Foliage is large, somewhat course and sticky and resembles commercial tobacco, to which it is related. New plants may be started easily from seed sown directly into the garden or as transplants. Cutting will also root, but are rarely used since the seed grows so readily.

The fragrance types are sometimes planted near a window where the fragrance can move indoors. A renewal of interest in fragrant plants has brought a new interest in the larger-growing, more fragrant types. They are attractive in border planting, and the soft colors mix well with other perennials and annuals. Some plants have been perennials even during severe winters. They survive well during periods of low rainfall but flower best when moisture is more abundant.

Insects and disease have not been a problem. The large leaves are sometimes made unsightly by grasshoppers or caterpillars, but the plants seem to persist. Cutting back old flower stalks, fertilizing and watering the plants after the first flush of blooms can hasten re-bloom and make plantings much more attractive. Flowering tobacco can be spectacular when in full bloom and deserves wider use.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Davnhein, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

Putting Winter's Germs to Rest: Tips for Fighting off Viruses

In the winter months, the youngest members of the household can be the biggest source of viruses. One reason is that small children share everything, including toys, cups and utensils. And, the things they share often go in their mouths.

Young children usually don't observe the rules of personal hygiene. Small hands wipe runny noses, sticky fingers go in mouths and children must be constantly reminded about washing their hands before eating and after using the bathroom. In addition, children develop infections more easily than adults do because their immune systems aren't fully developed.

Immunology experts report that the home is the source of two-thirds of the viruses that make us ill and 50 to 80 percent of food borne illnesses. If there are small children in the home, the likelihood of illness increases. These same experts report that the greater number of germs we're exposed to, more likely it is we'll become ill.

Waging war on all these germs means smart cleaning habits. The goal is to reduce their levels so they don't pose a serious risk of illness.

Start with the kitchen where E. coli and Salmonella — two sources of food borne illnesses — thrive. Hands should be washed before and after handling food. Use a disinfectant cleaning product to keep germs under control on countertops, cutting boards, dishes and utensils and faucets and refrigerator door handles. Change dishcloths and clean sponges at least every three days.

[illegible] germs thrive in moisture the key here is to keep bathroom surfaces clean and dry.

In the laundry, E. coli will be destroyed by the heat of the dryer. Other fecal-borne bacteria and viruses, such as Salmonella, Rotavirus (which cause diarrhea) and the virus that causes Hepatitis A, can be attacked by washing clothes in very hot water and using bleach. Do the bleach load first to sanitize the washing machine. Surfaces that come into contact with the laundry, including folding tables, countertops and tops of washers and dryers, should also be wiped clean with a disinfectant cleaner.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,050 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 14, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $3 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 38-47.50
Canner and low cutters: 33-38.50
Slaughter bulls: 50-58.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 110-136
400-500: 95-111
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 83-90
700-800: 80-85
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-123
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 80-85
600-700: 77-82
700-800: 70-80
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 80-95
700-800: 70-81
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-800
Grade: 500-625
Springers: 400-710
Baby calves: 125-200
Doodlers: 200-275

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 504 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 16, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $3 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher, bulls too few to test. Bred cows were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 116-132
300-400: 109-117
400-500: 101-110
500-600: 92-99
600-700: 84.50-89
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 112-122
300-400: 94-101
400-500: 91-98
500-600: 85-91
600-700: 77-83.50
Replacement cows:
Bred cows (5-7 months): 575-640
Bred cows (3-7 months): 445-570
Cow & calf pairs: 790-900
Aged pairs: 610-730
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 38-42.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 41.50-45.50
Lean: 1150-1200 Lbs.: 46.25
800-1000 Lbs.: 35-40
800-1000 Lbs.: 34.50-37.75
Under 750 Lb.: 33-35.50
Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 48.50
High dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs.: 44.25-48

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Passenger train fire in Egypt kills 373

REQA AL-GHARBIYA, Egypt (AP) — A train crowded with Egyptians leaving the capital for a religious holiday caught fire and sped on in flames for miles today, killing 373 people, including some who died as they jumped from the burning cars, police said.

The fire was reportedly started by a cooking gas cylinder that burst and it swept through the last seven of the train's 11 cars. Workers in gloves and masks pulled charred and twisted bodies from the wreckage. Firefighters said some of the corpses were found curled up under seats and dozens more lay alongside the train tracks.

Maher Abdel Wahid, who led a team of state investigators to the scene, said he did not expect the toll to rise much beyond 373.

Officials called it the worst train accident here in decades.

"There has been nothing in the recent or distant past like this," Ahmed al-Sherif, director of the state-owned Egyptian Railway Authority, said at the scene. "I've been with the railway for 32 years and never seen or heard of an event of this size."

President Hosni Mubarak, who was in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el Sheik, was quoted by the Middle East News Agency as expressing his "deepest regret and profound sorrow" to the families of the victims.

The news agency said the cause of the fire was a burst gas cylinder using for cooking in the dining car. But al-Sherif said the cause had not yet been determined. He said the train had no dining car, but that passengers often brought gas cylinders and small stoves aboard despite regulations forbidding it.

Each car designed to hold about 150 passengers was crammed with twice that number, police said, which would have put more than 3,000 people on board. Survivors said the train was so full that they were sitting on the floor. Al-Sherif put the number aboard lower, at about 1,200.

Al-Sherif said the train left Cairo on its 300-mile journey to Luxor about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday and the fire broke out about 1 a.m. today. The train traveled in flames for 21/2 miles before finally stopping at Reqa al-Gharbiya, a village 60 miles south of Cairo. Al-Sherif said it was not clear why the emergency brakes were not applied immediately.

The flames were put out hours later as the train sat in Reqa al-Gharbiya. Firefighters said high winds had hampered their efforts.

The fire appeared to have broken out in the fourth car, which was the most badly burned and consumed seven cars before it was extinguished.

Said Fuad Amin, a 22-year-old construction worker, jumped from the burning train and was being treated for a broken hand and a suspected concussion in Ayyat.

He said the first signs of trouble were shouts and screams that he attributed to a fight. Then he saw flames and people running, including a women whose clothes were on fire.

"People were running like crazy," Amin said.

Amin ran until he found a window broken open. He hesitated at first because the train was moving fast.

"I thought I was going to die anyway, so I jumped," he said.

Abdel Wahid, Egypt's prosecutor general, said that if his 25 investigators and 45 coroners determined "there was any kind of negligence, and that's what we are looking into, the punishment will be severe."

Prime Minister Atef Obeid, who came to the scene, told reporters his government "has mobilized all its efforts to help the families of the victims and alleviate their suffering."

Astronauts take spacewalk outside international station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two space station astronauts went out on a spacewalk today in a shakedown of an American-made exit used only once before at the orbiting outpost.

Carl Walz and Daniel Bursch emerged early from NASA's Quest air lock at the international space station, nearly 250 miles above the Pacific.

"How's the view?" Mission Control asked.

"The view is spectacular," Walz replied.

Bursch later chimed in: "Yeehaw!"

The spacewalk, which also included some maintenance chores, was the third for this space station crew but the first to be staged from the U.S. air lock, installed last July. The portal was used once by visiting space shuttle astronauts during their delivery mission; they encountered some minor problems during its debut.

NASA wanted Walz and Bursch to exit from this air lock, as opposed to one on the Russian side of the space station, to ensure its performance for critical assembly spacewalks by shuttle astronauts in April.

Mission Control's Dina Barclay, a spacewalking officer, called today's outing "a groundbreaking ceremony for many future U.S. spacewalks."

"We want to make sure we put Quest through the paces before those four spacewalks from Quest" in April, Barclay said.

NASA also wanted to see how easy it would be for space station residents to use the Quest air lock without a shuttle present. The air lock and all the necessary exit procedures appeared to work well today.

The morning excursion had Walz and Bursch hooking up electrical cables, checking dents in radiators from space debris, and gathering tools for the shuttle astronauts who will install large construction framework in April.

By coincidence, the spacewalk took place on the 40th anniversary of John Glenn's orbiting of Earth in his Mercury capsule, Friendship 7. Glenn planned to call the astronauts later in the day as part of commemoration events.

Even before Glenn's call, the spacewalkers made note of his achievement on Feb. 20, 1962.

Officers arrest 18-year-old man

Arrest

Officers arrested an 18-year-old man in the 2000 block of 30th Street Tuesday evening for driving with a suspended license.

Accidents

Officers were dispatched to two accidents Tuesday evening.

Just before 6 p.m., a man backed over a gas meter in an alley at 4006 Ave. U. A 1987 Ford pickup driven by Salvador Aguirre, 62, of 911 28th Street was the only vehicle involved. Police officers, firefighters and TXU employees were dispatched and the gas line was shut off and repaired.

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 30th Street and Ave. T at 6:40 p.m. Involved in that mishap were a 1990 Geo Prism driven by William Blum, 18, of 403 31st Street and a 2000 Ford F350 pickup driven by Charles Reynolds, 57, of 3004 Ave. U.

No injuries were reported in either accident.

Criminal mischief

Rose Walker contacted officers at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday to report damage done to her mailbox. Officers advised a close patrol was initiated and if any suspects are identified they will be ordered to stay away from the residence.

Close patrol

At 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, a woman requested a close patrol of her home in the 3700 block of Ave. U after hearing someone whistling in her backyard.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $10 Tuesday afternoon, but was unable to provide a description of the vehicle or its driver.

Obituaries

Mary Ann Jones

1938-2002

Funeral service Mary Ann Jones is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones, 64, died Monday, Feb. 18, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 20, 1938 in Brownwood, she married Hood Jones on July 17, 1955 in Big Spring. They lived in Big Spring before moving to Snyder in 1956 and then to Kermit in 1958. They moved back to Snyder in 1974.

A member of First Baptist Church, Mrs. Jones was a secretary for Patterson Drilling Co. for a number of years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Maurine Waterson Leonard.

Survivors include her husband, Hood Jones of Snyder; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karon Keller of Snyder and Cynthia and Ed Peet of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Olene Benham of Odessa; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dulane and Bobbie Leonard of Big Spring and Bobby and Brenda Leonard of Odessa; three grandchildren, Jason Grantham of Tulsa, Samantha Keller of Denton and Jessie Keller of Snyder.

Pallbearers will be Stan Benham, Bruce Benham, Jerry Leonard, Charlie Dee Reed, Rick Grant, Glenn Wayne Reed, Freddie Leonard, Todd Reed, Craig Jones and David Jones.

Honorary pallbearers are Mark Cullifer, David Cain, Larry Price, Glenn Patterson, Cloyce Talbott, Jody Nelson, A.J. Henderson, David Strong, Nolan von Roeder, Terry Allen, James Brown, Eric Johnson, Jim Bullock, Buck Boatman, Greg Smith and Steve Allen.

Family visitation will be from 6:30 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, the First Baptist Church or to the East 4th Street Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Ethel Parker

1939-2002

ROBY — Ethel Maurcene Parker, the aunt of three Snyder residents, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, at her home in Roby.

Funeral service for Miss Parker, 63, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Allan Cartrite and Jerry Vincent officiating. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 25, 1939 in Roby, she was a clerk for the Texas Department of Human Resources for 43 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Roby Lions Club.

Miss Parker was preceded in death by her parents, George and Merry Leona (Holland) Parker.

Survivors include two sisters, Mildred Parker of Roby and Wanda McClendon of Abilene; two brothers, George Parker of Roby and Charles Parker of Abilene; nieces and nephews, Tina and Ed Walker of Snyder and Randy and Jana Parker of Abilene; and great-nieces and nephew, Kaylee Walker of Snyder and Blake and Reanne Parker of Abilene.

Thank You

Discovery School would like to thank the following merchants for helping make our Valentine's day Fundraiser a big success:

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The Movie Gallery for donating the videos
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We would also like to thank Daylight Donuts for donating donuts for our workshop.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

First Church of Nazarene series

Snyder First Church of Nazarene will discuss "The Doctrine of Holiness" during a five-week series beginning at 7 this evening.

WTC play excerpts

Snyder cable TV subscribers will have the opportunity to preview a scene from the upcoming Western Texas College production *Lost in Yonkers* today and Thursday. The promotional excerpt of the play will be shown on public access channel 2 both days from approximately 5-5:30 p.m.

State board candidate here

The public is invited to a reception for Lubbock resident Bob Craig at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Martha Ann Womans Club. Craig is a candidate for the state board of education.

Drama booster club

The SHS drama booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the drama lab. A workshop will follow.

Vocational nurses graduation

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

FBC services televised

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

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool hours

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

Seniors swimnastics

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

ESL, GED classes

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

Darby bus tour

Drew Darby, Republican candidate for state representative, will be in Snyder as part of his campaign's bus tour at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the gazebo on the courthouse square.

Chili cookoff benefit

Gateway Family Services will have a benefit chili cookoff at Kountry Korner at Lake Thomas Saturday. Serving of chili, ribs, brisket, beans and salsa will begin being at 3 p.m. Cost is $5.

Ira class of 1944's 58th reunion

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

Cancer board meeting

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

Free income tax help

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

Kiwanis pancake day

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

Community choir class

A community choir class will begin Monday, March 4, in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

FBC support groups

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

American Legion spring convention

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

Windbreak trees

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

Discovery School

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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