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Home of James Lamb

CIVIC DUTY — Rotarians Daryl Thomas (left) and Frank Miller hang American flags this morning around the square in observance of President's Day. Cox Communications was unable to hang the flags along College Avenue as a bucket truck was not available. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ashley files for post...

Robertson says he will not run for another term as Snyder mayor

Mayor Dayton Robertson, a nine-year veteran of city government in Snyder, today announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Today is the first day that candidates may file for municipal posts, as well as for board seats for three county school districts.

Later this morning, first-term at-large councilman James Ashley became the first person to file for local office — announcing for mayor of Snyder.

In revealing his decision not to seek re-election, Mayor Robertson cited the increased demands of his job as plant manager of Y-Z Industries which last year was acquired by Milton Roy, a subsidiary of Hamilton Sundstrand, a United Technologies Company.

Dayton Robertson

"I have reached the point that I can no longer do justice to either my day job or responsibilities as mayor. I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Snyder, and I thank them for allowing me to do so."

Robertson, a 1984 graduate of Snyder High School, is a 1988 graduate of Texas A&M University. He has been Y-Z plant manager since 1991.

Robertson first was appointed to the city council in the fall of 1992 to fill an unexpired term. He then served three, two-year at-large terms on the council.

He was elected mayor in May, 1999 following the resignation of David Holt, who joined the Austin staff of State Rep. David Counts.

Ashley, a salesman for U.S. Foodservice with clients primarily in Snyder and Big Spring, said he decided to run for mayor since Robertson is not.

James Ashley

He has lived in Snyder 11 years and was elected to an at-large post on the council in 1999.

"I would like to continue my service to the city as mayor," Ashley said. "I feel the mayor's position is just an extension of the councilman's post."

Ashley said that maintaining quality city employees is among his priorities, as is the continuation of several city improvements such as water line replacement.

Ashley's wife, Kara, works at the First Baptist Church King's Kids, and his children are Eleanor, eight, and Samuel, seven.

He is a native of Lubbock, having graduated from Coronado High School and Texas Tech.

In school board filings, Ira farmer Kirby Sterling filed for Place 2. He had resigned the post last year, and it was filled by Bo Robinson. The term expires in 2002.

Snyder woman arrested for aiding boyfriend's jail break

A 25-year-old Snyder woman remains in jail in lieu of bonds totaling $105,750 on several charges, including helping a prisoner escape from Mitchell County Jail and delivery of cocaine.

Twana Lashon Pounds of 603 29th Street was arrested at 4:01 p.m. Saturday at her residence.

She is charged with facilitating the escape of Terrence Royshun Cephus, 29, from Mitchell County Jail on Jan. 19.

She also had a warrant stemming from a Dec. 21 drug bust for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and a Scurry County Grand Jury indictment from Dec. 20 for delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone.

Sgt. Keith Ward of the Snyder Police Department said Pounds is the girlfriend of Cephus, who escaped from the recreation yard of the Mitchell County Jail by either going under or over the fence.

The escapee is still at large and also goes by the name of Richard Johnson, Terrance Ray Shun Cephus and Ronnie Dupree.

His address is listed as 6607 South Creek in Fort Worth. He was in custody for delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

He is described as a black male, 6-feet tall, 180 pounds with long hair styled in braids. He has a scar under his left eye and one on his forehead. He also has numerous tattoos on his abdomen, back, shoulders and arms.

Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs was unavailable this morning for additional information on how Pounds allegedly assisted Cephus.

Snyder residents will attend Austin meeting

Several residents from Snyder will be in Austin Wednesday when state legislators will recognize Texas Midwest Day.

Expected to attend are DCOS executive director John DeLille, Snyder's chamber executive director Donna Fowler and her assistants, Sandra Barboza and Tracie McDowell, chamber president Jack Whitworth and his wife Libby, and TXU Electric and Gas manager Daryl Thomas.

While visiting the House of Representatives, the Texas Midwest delegation will be recognized with a resolution authored by Rep. David Counts, and will be also recognized in the senate with a resolution jointly sponsored by Sens. Tom Haywood, David Sibley and Troy Fraser.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a large number of communities working for economic development for this area.

Other member cities are Abilene, Baird, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Colorado City, Robert Lee, Roby, Rotan, Stamford and Sweetwater.

While in Austin, the group will also tour the governor's mansion as part of a special open house.

Tuesday morning...

County is expected to appoint new treasurer

A county treasurer is expected to be appointed Tuesday when Scurry County Commissioners convene at 10 a.m.

Scurry County has received three applications for the post, and one known applicant is deputy treasurer Nelda Colvin, who has been handling business since Charlie Bell resigned the office to become county auditor.

However, County Judge Ricky Fritz would not release the names of the two other applicants.

The position became vacant when Bell accepted the district judge's appointment to become county auditor after the retirement of Eddie McHaney.

The court had discussed in previous meetings the possibility of abolishing the office, but was told that attempting to do so would prove difficult.

"We don't know if we can pass legislature of that type or not. It would be pretty hard thing to do," George Harrill, legislative aide in State Rep. David Counts' Austin office, said.

Harrill said he visited with Counts and the representative said he thinks it would be hard to get the abolition legislation through because of limited time and possible opposition from the County Treasurer's Association.

"With the time we have left and with redistricting coming up, the obstacles we are facing make it difficult," Harrill said. "Also, the treasurer's association would resist that bill."

However, he said, the issue would be pursued if that was the citizens' desire.

"If the people in Scurry County want to pursue this, we would need to start with a resolution from the Scurry County Commissioners' Court and Judge Fritz asking us to file such a bill," he said.

"If you want us to file a bill, send us a resolution and we will file it and take it as far as we can, but we are not promising any good results. We'll do whatever the people of Snyder want us to do."

In other business for the Tuesday meeting, the court will open bids for gravel.

It will also approve the bond for tax assessor and collector Diana Williamson.

SISD to give TAAS tests

The state-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) will be given Tuesday through Thursday in the Snyder schools.

On Tuesday, TAAS writing for grades four, eight and exit level will be administered, and on Wednesday, the TAAS exit level math test is scheduled.

On Thursday, the TAAS exit level reading test will be given.

Ski Apache suffers second fatal accident of the season

MESCALERO, N.M. (AP) — A Texas man has been killed on the slopes at Ski Apache, the second ski fatality at the resort this month.

Doke Hobbs, 35, of Midland hit a tree Saturday on an intermediate run at Ski Apache, authorities said.

On Feb. 11, Jeffery Nance, 33, of Baytown also was killed when he hit a tree on an expert run at Ski Apache.

"Both involved skiing out of control and leaving the trail and hitting a tree," Ski Apache general manager Roy Parker said Monday. "In both cases, that's the common denominator."

"Unfortunately, for first time in history, we've had two deaths in one year," Parker said.

The southern New Mexico ski resort near Ruidoso is operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Lincoln County sheriff's deputies handled the investigations, a dispatcher said Sunday.

Hobbs was at the resort with family and friends and was coming off an intermediate trail known as Meadows Trail when he lost control, lost a ski and hit a tree, sheriff's Sgt. Jackie Raines said Monday.

Raines said that in the first accident, Nance came off one ski trail onto another and tried to go back to the first trail. Nance "was just skiing too fast and lost his ski and hit a tree," Raines said.

Sexual assault trial to begin here Tuesday

A 30-year-old Fort Hood man goes on trial Tuesday in 132nd District Court, charged with aggravated sexual assault.

Ruben S. Olivo Jr. is charged with sexual assault of a female younger than 14 years of age.

Some 140 prospective jurors have been summoned to report for duty at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute and Lance Hall of Sweetwater is the defense attorney.

ASK US

Q—What is the difference between possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone?

A—The first, if less than two ounces, is a Class B misdemeanor. Possessing less than two ounces of the drug in a drug-free zone enhances it to a Class A misdemeanor.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 48 degrees; low, 25; high Sunday, 56; low, 40; 7 a.m. Monday, 30; no precipitation; total for 2001, 2.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low lower 40s, SW wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high mid 70s; W-SW wind 5-15 mph.

Raven Luna
Sunny

Sunset:
6:35 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:20 a.m.
Of 49 days in 2001, the sun has shone 43 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

People who make the worst use of their time are the same ones who complain that there is never enough time.

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Ambush partner faces death penalty

KARNES CITY (AP) — Jurors who found that a South Texas man helped his best friend plan an ambush that resulted in the deaths of three law enforcement officers will decide the 20-year-old's punishment this week.

Kenneth Vodochodsky faces the death penalty for his capital murder conviction. The eight-woman, four-man jury will return to a courtroom south of San Antonio on Tuesday to hear evidence in the punishment phase of his trial.

Jurors last week agreed with prosecutors that Vodochodsky helped his longtime friend Jeremiah Engleton set up the ambush that left a Texas state trooper and two other law officers dead Oct. 12, 1999, near the mobile home the two men shared just outside Pleasanton in Atascosa County.

Engleton, 21, killed himself before officers could find him in thick brush that had hidden him during the attack, investigators said.

Jurors could also send Vodochodsky to prison for life. The defendant would be required to serve at least 40 years in prison before he could be considered for parole.

Prosecutors say the last time a Karnes County court heard a case involving multiple deaths of law officers was just after the turn of the century. Farmer Gregorio Cortez of Mexican-American folk fame was accused in 1901 of murdering the sheriffs of Karnes and Gonzales counties and a Gonzales constable.

Engleton, who had been arrested the night before his attack on a domestic violence charge, lured the three officers to his trailer with a bogus 911 call, then shot and killed them one by one as they got out of their cars.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Terry Miller was shot twice. Atascosa County sheriff's deputy Thomas Monse Jr. was shot at least 10 times, testimony showed, while fellow deputy Mark Stephenson was shot 11 times. Two other officers were wounded.

Jurors heard almost 70 witnesses in eight days of testimony, then took 91/2 hours Friday to convict Vodochodsky in Monse's death.

A neighbor of Vodochodsky testified that the defendant told him he had known "Jeremiah was going to kill himself and was going to take some pigs (law officers) with him."

Jurors were told that Vodochodsky helped Engleton post bond for jail release the morning before the ambush, and he accompanied him to a gun store where Engleton bought $200 worth of ammunition.

Vodochodsky's trial had been moved from Atascosa County to Karnes City, the seat of Karnes County, after the slayings received intense news coverage.

Bush calls driver's widow

WACO (AP) — President Bush, who described race driver Dale Earnhardt as a friend, called to express his condolences to the widow of the NASCAR star after he was killed in a crash at the Daytona 500, the White House said.

Bush spokesman Gordon Johndroe said Sunday the president's "prayers are with the Earnhardt family and the NASCAR community."

Bush has attended NASCAR events in the past and considered Earnhardt and his wife Teresa to be friends.

Bush visited Daytona Beach in July to serve as grand marshal of the Pepsi 400 and shook hands with NASCAR fans, racing crews and drivers. He called the stop a diversion from the presidential campaign.

After greeting fans during the July visit, Bush sat in on the pre-race driver's meeting, taking a seat in the front row next to Earnhardt.

Bush then watched the race in the private box of NASCAR president Bill France.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $ 23 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 54 were: 4-9-20-32-38-40

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $29 million.

Pick 3

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

8, 9, 0

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001

Do not be reluctant in the year ahead to do favors — even for those who have done little for you. Rewards and reciprocation will be coming your way for what you give of yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Get your house in reasonably good order today just to be on the safe side. There's a chance you could get visited by someone who always gives your place the white-glove treatment. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you lie today, your listeners will pick up on it. What's worse is that you could be accused of being a deceptive person. Stick to the truth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It very possible to achieve your aims today, but only if you don't allow anyone else to butt in. The interference could cause a costly blunder.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Left to following your own ideas and the knowledge you already possess, you'll realize success. Should someone horn in on what you've got going, it'll be another story.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be indifferent to situations where you should be protecting yourself. If someone is trying to impose something on you that's not in your best interests, don't let him or her do it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you're not selective about whom you hang around with, you could find yourself locked in with a group that is doing things that displease you or might even be dangerous for you. Be picky.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Avoid promoting things of a commercial nature when with acquaintances. Instead of getting support, all you'll get is resentment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Watch out today for someone who likes to make waves by taking another's honorable intentions and turning them around to distort issues. You could be his or her target.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll have to first put some of what you're holding back into the kitty today if you want friends to treat you equally. They'll be generous if you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't expect collective ventures to work out as hoped today if everyone is pulling in a different direction. See if you can get on the same rope, or the results will be a knotted mess.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) While at a work gathering today, being overly friendly to someone of the opposite gender could be construed as disruptive by your co-workers or boss. Be professional at all times.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually, you can bank on Lady Luck to bail you out of situations you get yourself into. However, today she's not apt to be that dependable. Take better care of yourself.

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Over the past year, when you wanted to know:

*What county government did at its meetings...
*What local school boards did at their meetings, too...
*Who got married to whom and where...
*Who played who in sports...
*What school events are happening...
*What's new at the library...
*Where you can get more deals on classifieds...
*Where the most real estate ads can be seen...
*Who's in the hospital...
*And any number of other interesting things going on in Scurry County...

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Scurry County Court

This is the action of the Scurry County court in January.

A 41-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and $235.25 in court costs.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to resisting arrest. He was sentenced to six months in jail and $200.25 court costs.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication. He was sentenced to six months in jail and $200.25 in court costs.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to six months in jail and court costs of $200.25.

A 21-year-ld male pleaded guilty to giving false report to a police officer. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and court costs of $200.25.

A 46-yedar-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated one year, 90 days driver's license suspension, $235.25 court costs and was fined $500.

A 23-year-old female pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. She was sentenced to one-year deferred probation, $235.25 in court costs and fined $500.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 190 days in jail — probated two years and one-year driver's license suspension, $235.25 in court costs and $500 fine.

A 39-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail — probated one year, DWI school, $235.25 in court costs and a $500 fine.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year, DWI school, $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $500.

A 37-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWLS. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail — probated for 6 months, $235.25 in court costs and a $100 fine.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation and $235.25 in court costs.

A 33-year-old male pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was sentenced to one year deferred probation, $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $1,500.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year, DWI school, $235.25 in court costs and fined $500.

A 37-year-old female pleaded guilty to DWI. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year, DWI school, $235.25 court costs and fined $500.

A 23-year-old female pleaded guilty to DWI. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated two years, 90 days driver's license suspension, $235.25 in court costs and fined $500.

A 24-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail — probated two years, 90 days driver's license suspension, $235.25 court costs and fined $750.

A 41-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to three days in jail, $210.25 in court costs.

A 69-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to three days in jail and court costs of $210.25 and fined $100.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to three days in jail, $210.25 in court costs and fined $100.

A 24-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to ten days in jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and $235.25 in court costs.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 365 days driver's license suspension and $235.25 in court costs.

A 37-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year, $235.25 in court costs and fined $500.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to burglary of vehicle. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and court costs of $200.25.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to theft. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and court costs of $200.25.

A 38-year-old female pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail and court costs of $200.25.

Verdict ties bar to death caused by drunken driver

LUBBOCK (AP) — A bar in this West Texas city is partially liable for the 1997 death of a Texas Tech student in a drunken driving crash, a jury has ruled.

The verdict against SMCA Inc., which operated a bar called Einstein's, found that the company was negligent for serving alcohol to a man who left the bar and caused the crash that killed Ryan Jones.

The bar is no longer open and is not affiliated with the restaurant in Lubbock by the same name.

Jones died Feb. 14, 1997, when his vehicle, stopped at a traffic light, was struck from behind by a pickup driven by 19-year-old Justin Petty of Lubbock.

A witness to the accident said Petty's truck could have been going as fast as 60 mph.

Petty had a blood-alcohol level of 0.16. At the time, the legal limit was 0.10; the limit now is 0.08.

The jury determined Thursday that Jones' mother, Sue Roe of Richmond, deserves $1 million in damages for the loss of her son and mental anguish.

Jurors found Petty 70 percent negligent and SMCA 30 percent negligent in Jones' death. Roe's attorney, Fred Bowers of Lubbock, said the division makes SMCA responsible for about 30 percent of the damage award.

Petty, originally named as a defendant in the suit, settled with Roe last summer for $50,000, according to court documents. Petty, now 23, has nearly completed a two-year prison term for killing Jones.

Lubbock attorney Floyd Holder, who represented SMCA and its president, George Mayer of Lubbock, said his client has not decided if he will appeal.

Roe's suit blamed a bartender for serving alcohol to Petty after Petty showed obvious signs of intoxication. Petty was drinking with friends at Einstein's, which is near Texas Tech.

The bartender was charged with criminally negligent homicide for serving alcohol to Petty before the fatal crash. Prosecutors dismissed the felony charge when he pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors.

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Etruscans of the so-called Villanovan period, about 900 B.C., often kept ashes of their dead in urns shaped like their thatched huts.

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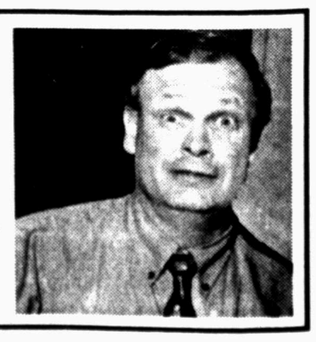

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Prisons filled at record pace during Clinton's presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tough policies, more prisons, more police officers and longer sentences led to more Americans going to prison or jail during the Clinton administration than during any past administration, says a new report from a think tank.

During President Clinton's eight years in office, 673,000 people were sent to state and federal prisons and jails, compared with 343,000 during President Bush's single term and 448,000 in President Reagan's two terms, says a study by the Justice Policy Institute, an arm of The Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice.

The center advocates more balance between incarceration and treatment for criminals.

The incarceration rate at the end of the Clinton administration was 476 per 100,000 citizens, versus 332 per 100,000 at the end of Bush's term and 247 per 100,000 at the end of Reagan's administration, the study said.

Incarceration rates for blacks increased to 3,620 per 100,000 from around 3,000 per 100,000 people during Clinton's two terms.

Two million people are behind bars and 4.5 million are on probation and parole, according to the study, which is based on Justice Department figures and estimates from 1993 to 2000.

The study blamed the surge in prisoners on Clinton administration initiatives that provided more money to states for prisons, police officers and crime prevention programs. The 1994 crime bill, which gave $30 billion to states, was a major factor, said Vincent Schiraldi, president of the Justice Policy Institute. Other factors included tougher sentencing and the abolition of parole, he said.

Republicans are thought to have more punitive crime policies than Democrats, but the opposite was true during the Clinton administration, Schiraldi said.

"President Clinton stole the show from the 'tough on crime' Republicans," he said.

Allen Beck, chief of corrections statistics at the Bureau of Justice Statistics, disputed the notion that Clinton administration crime initiatives were the prime reason for the burgeoning prison population.

He said many states had already begun tough crime prevention programs before Clinton came to office and tougher sentencing guidelines for federal drug offenders began in the late 1980s.

Moreover, Beck said, people are staying in jail longer because parole boards are not releasing prisoners.

"It's not that more people are going to prison, rather people in prison are staying longer," he said.

Schiraldi urged President Bush to make good on a campaign promise to provide $1 billion to states for local drug treatment programs.

During the campaign, Bush said the surge in the number of prisoners in recent years "is a necessary and effective role of government — protecting our communities from predators." He advocated using charities and religious-based groups to help the children of prisoners and providing money for a pilot prison ministries program.

On the Net:
Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/

Reagan, Kennedy and Lincoln get nods as 'greatest presidents'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan has joined John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln as those mentioned most often in a poll that asked Americans whom they regarded as the greatest president of the United States.

A year ago, Kennedy and Lincoln were mentioned most often in the Gallup poll asking that question, while Reagan was slightly behind along with Franklin Roosevelt.

Reagan moved up among the top three this year in the poll taken soon after news stories about his 90th birthday and his recovery from a broken hip.

This year, Reagan, Kennedy and Lincoln were followed by Bill Clinton, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, George Washington and Jimmy Carter, who were grouped together in the Gallup Poll. Others mentioned were George H.W. Bush, father of the current president, Theodore Roosevelt, Richard Nixon and Dwight Eisenhower. Others were mentioned by a combined 5 percent.

Reagan was mentioned by 18 percent, Kennedy by 16 percent and Lincoln by 14 percent in the poll of 529 adults taken Feb. 9-11. The poll had an error margin of 5 percentage points.

Two years ago, Lincoln was first, and Reagan, Kennedy, Clinton and Washington were grouped right behind him.

When people were asked whether they would prefer to see George Washington or Abraham Lincoln as president today, six in 10 said Lincoln and just under three in 10 said Washington.

Gallup released the poll data for Presidents Day, which is celebrated Monday. The holiday was originally celebrated on Feb. 22 each year on the birthday of Washington, the nation's first president.

But, in 1968, Congress decided to make it a three-day weekend, setting the holiday marking the first president's birthday as the third Monday in February.

In 1971 President Nixon issued a proclamation declaring the holiday Presidents Day in order to also honor Abraham Lincoln, who was born Feb. 12.

Police arrest boy

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Police have arrested a 10-year-old boy accused of sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl.

The boy was taken into custody Friday. Police said he admitted to having sex with the girl Feb. 11 in his house.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Husband must hang tough with neighbor who hangs out

DEAR ABBY: My husband likes to spend time in our garage working on projects, cleaning his boat, etc.

Our problem is that almost every time he's out there, a married female neighbor comes over to "hang out" with him. It used to be she'd come over only when I was at work, but lately she comes knocking on our door even when I'm home, wanting him to go outside to converse with her.

When I answer the door, she asks for him and won't tell me what she wants. Sometimes her whole family comes over, which includes her two "monster" children and her husband. They stay till all hours and have even gotten drunk in our driveway.

My husband is not interested in this woman, Abby. In fact, he's becoming more and more annoyed with her. If he's working in the garage and sees her starting across the street, he'll close the garage door and hurry into the house.

He doesn't seem to be able to discourage this woman from coming over every time he is outside. Jealousy is not the problem, although I am becoming increasingly angry about it. She does the same thing to another married man across the street. He, too, is getting fed up with her.

I would like to solve this problem by addressing our neighbor face-to-face. Have you any advice on what I could say to her without causing a rift? Since we live across the street from each other, I do not want any animosity. — **HAD ENOUGH OF THE NEIGHBOR LADY**

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: Your neighbor never learned the importance of proper boundaries, and I have a hunch she won't listen if you attempt to tell her. Your husband can't hide from her — that's no solution. He must be the one to tell her that he wants to devote his full attention to his projects, and therefore she must give him his privacy.

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DEAR ABBY: The wife of an elderly neighbor recently died. She was the one who did the driving, but since her death, the husband has been driving himself. I have seen him drive, and believe me, he should not be behind the wheel of a car at all. He is all over the road and drives much too fast. More than once, I have seen his car in the driveway with fender damage.

I called the Department of Motor Vehicles. They told me they have no mechanism by which you can anonymously complain and have a person retested. It has to come from a family member or physician. He has no family that I know of, and I'm not comfortable confronting him. I would feel terrible if he was in an accident and injured himself, or worse, someone else, which is bound to happen sooner or later.

Do you have a suggestion? — **WORRIED IN ATLANTIC CITY**

DEAR WORRIED: Don't confront him. DO ask him if he knows the name of a good doctor, and pray that he refers you to his. Then telephone or write the doctor and tell him or her exactly what you have told me.

Another thought: It is possible that your neighbor is driving erratically because he is simply out of practice, his wife having been the designated driver for so long. If that's the case, AARP offers an excellent refresher course for senior drivers. Consider suggesting it to him as lightheartedly as you can.

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Monday, Feb. 19, 2001

Today is **PRESIDENT'S DAY**; it is the 50th day of 2001 and the 61st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1831, in York, Pa., the first coal-burning locomotive was tested. The machine, which was named "York," was invented by Phineas Davis.

On this day in 1878, inventor Thomas Edison received a patent for the cylinder phonograph.

On this day in 1986, the United States ratified a treaty outlawing genocide.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nicolas Copernicus (1473-1543), astronomer; Stan Kenton (1912-1979), musician; Eddie Arcaro (1916-), jockey, is 85; Carson McCullers (1917-1967), writer; Lee Marvin (1924-1987), actor; John Frankenheimer (1930-), director, is 71; William "Smokey" Robinson (1940-), singer-songwriter, is 61; Amy Tan (1952-), author, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, speed skater Bonnie Blair won her third Olympic gold medal. She won the 500-meter speed-skating event in a record 39.25 seconds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There's nothing that makes you so aware of the improvisation of human existence as a song unfinished. Or an old address book." — Carson McCullers

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Howard County

L.C.S. Production Co. will drill the No. 1-13 Guitar, a 10,292-foot re-entry wildcat located four miles northwest of Big Spring. Location is in Section 13, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

Citation Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 31-A Cora Lee Echols in the Iatan East Howard field, three miles east of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 2,764 feet, location is in Section 6, Block 33, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2-R Douthit in the Howard-Glasscock field, 17 miles southeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 115, Block 29 W&NW survey.

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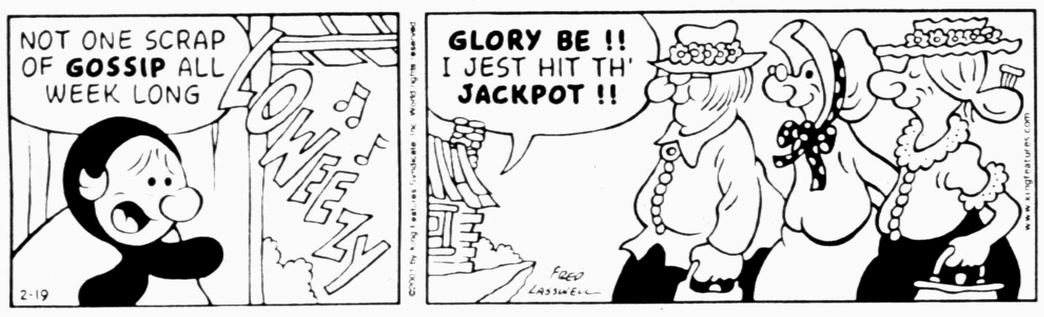

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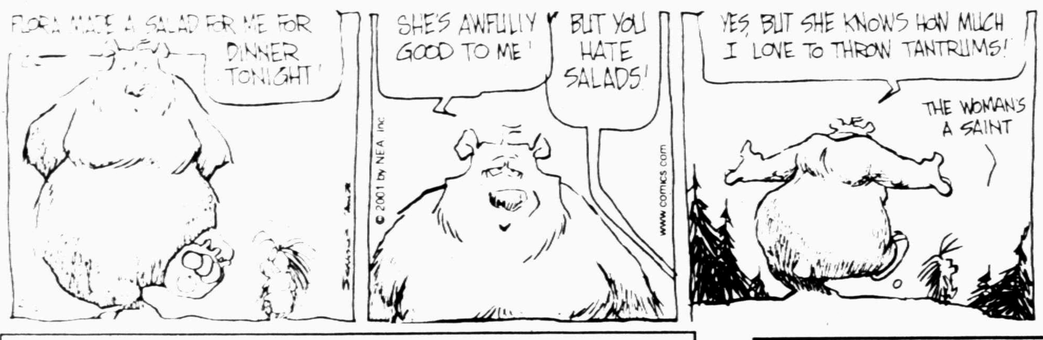

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15 "Remington —"
16 — public (one with legal powers)
17 Pond critter
18 Felon's flight
20 "Or —" (threat)
21 Santa's helpers
23 Tennis player Borg
27 Cover with a hard coating
32 Cowboy movie
33 Caravan stops
34 Flora and fauna
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40 Brass instruments
42 George Bernard —
46 Brit. colony near Spain
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51 Crystalline gem
53 Kampala's land
55 Former Soviet leader
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1 Strong wind
2 "Do — others"
3 On the briny
4 Marsh grass
5 Dolores — Rio
6 Fishhook connector
7 They're armed
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9 Princely Italian family
10 Close tightly
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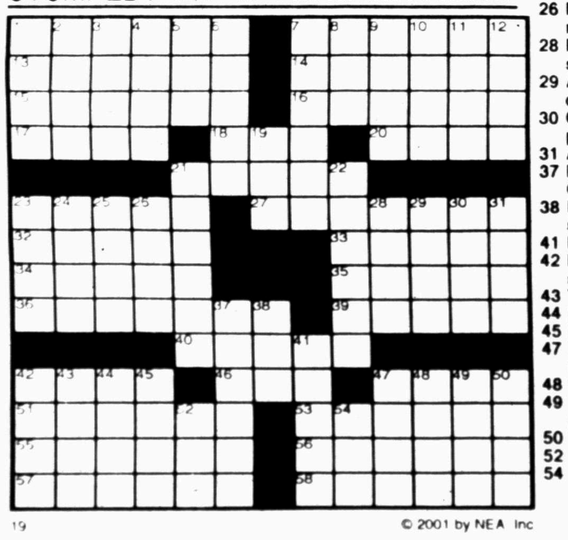

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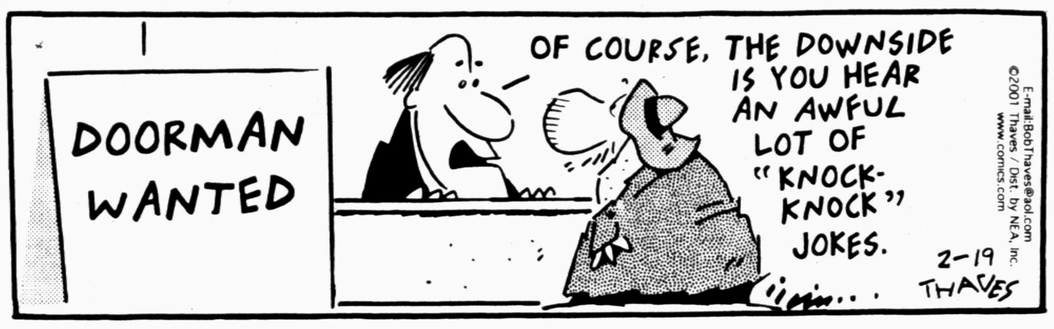

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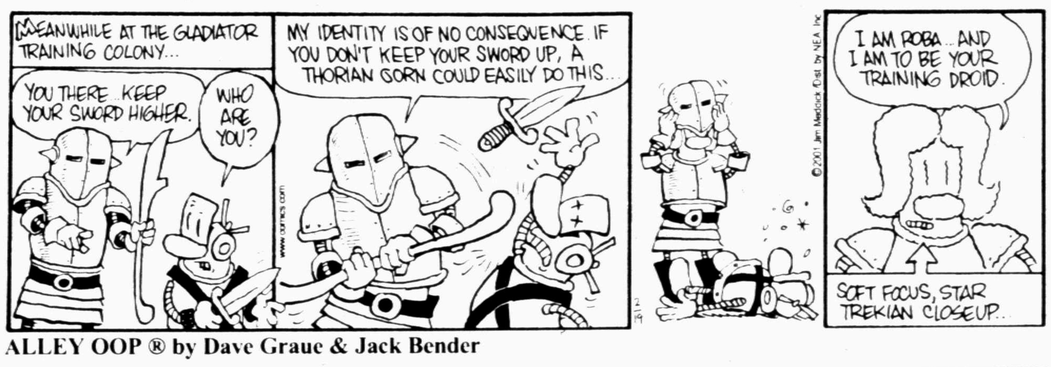

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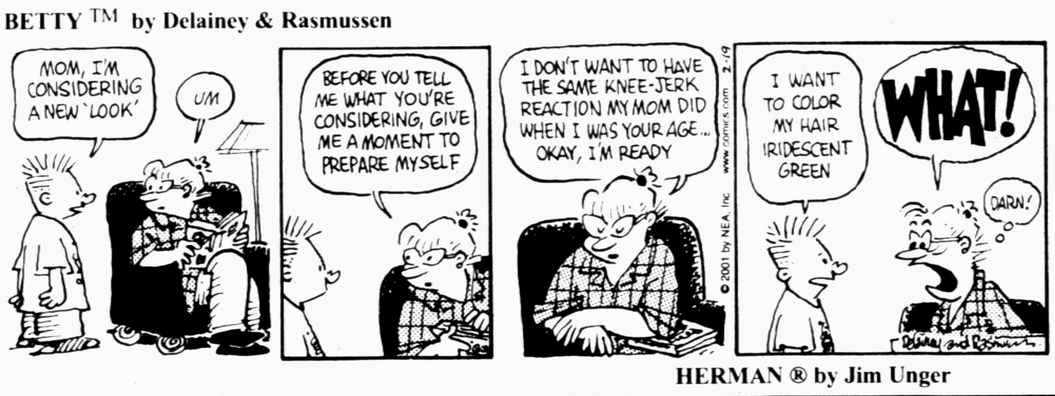

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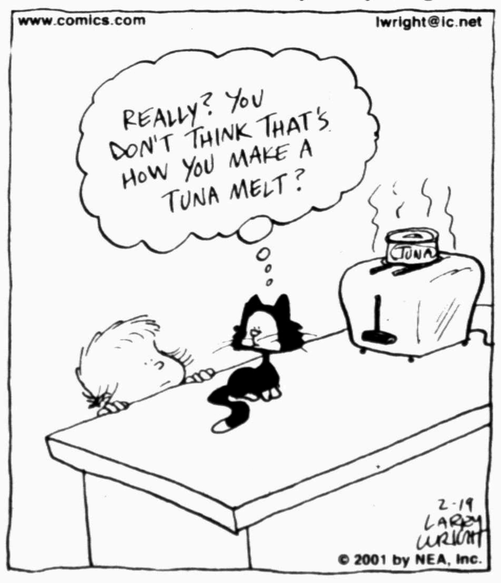

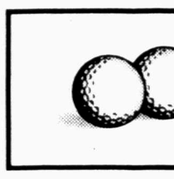

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SPORTS

SHS girls struggle to third place

Coming into the girls' season, Snyder golf coach Matt Glenn knew he had a young team. However, the SHS links leader believes it's time for his squad to mature, and he hopes last weekend's Snyder Invitational will serve as a wake-up call.

The Lady Tigers carded a 341 Saturday at Western Texas College to finish third in the Snyder Invitational, 21 strokes behind district foe and tourney winner Andrews. Fort Stockton was second.

Snyder was 11 strokes off the lead after Friday's first round at Snyder Country Club, but dropped another 10 shots Saturday at the college.

"Those other teams don't have better golf swings than we do. They're just mentally tougher than we are," said Glenn. "I'm tired of making excuses that we're a young golf team. We have to step up and mature.

Lancaster

"We're in a serious district, and there is going to be some serious competition this year at regionals. We're going to have to play better if we want to get out of the region. The scores we're posting now won't get you anywhere. They'll send you home."

Snyder's score on Saturday was 11 strokes better than its first-round effort, thanks mainly to Andra Lancaster. The junior followed up her 82 on Friday with a 72 in the final round to finish second in the medalist standings.

"I'm pleased with Andra's play on Saturday," Glenn stated. "She got mentally tough, and decided that she was going to play, no matter what.

"That's what we have to do as a team. Right now, we're wishing we would play well, but we're not responding to the pressure and getting it done."

Snyder's Katie Kerley posted an 88 on Saturday, while Kara Harrison tallied an 89. Kellie Dodson came in with a 92, and Christan Curry finished with a 93.

In Saturday's Division II competition, Snyder JV captured first place with a 382-373—755.

Lauren Day paced the Lady Tigers with an 84 in the final round, and finished second in the medalist race.

Paige Smith shot an 89. Hailey Putnam turned in a 90, while Catherine Whitworth totaled a 110. Cami Trout tallied a 117, and Somer Powell finished with a 120.

Lady Bulldogs' run halted by Mustangs

ABILENE — The Ira Lady Bulldogs made it deeper into the playoffs than most people expected, and they almost took one more step down the line on Saturday.

Ira gave second-ranked Brookesmith a battle Saturday, before succumbing to the Lady Mustangs, 44-37, in a Class A-Division II sectional final at Abilene High's Eagle Gymnasium.

The Lady Bulldogs ended their season with a record of 15-12, while Brookesmith (30-3) advances to face Borden County in the opening round of the semi-state tournament in Wichita Falls.

Ira, which earned a spot in the sectional final with victories over Trent and Balmorhea, gave the highly-touted Lady Mustangs a run for their money.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 9-7 lead in the first quarter, before Brookesmith answered in the second period to grab a 19-14 advantage at the break.

After a tight third quarter, the Lady Mustangs opened up their largest lead of the afternoon at 35-25 with 5:57 left in the game.

But Ira wasn't finished, yet.

Tara Allen drained a three-pointer to cut the deficit to seven, followed by a pair of free throws from Morgan Clements that slashed the margin to 35-30 with less than four minutes to go.

The Lady Bulldogs would get no closer, as Brookesmith converted its final seven points from the free-throw line to preserve the victory.

Clements finished with 20 points to lead all scorers.

Brookesmith	**7**	**12**	**10**	**15 — 44**
Ira	**9**	**5**	**9**	**14 — 37**

Brookesmith
Newton 1 9-10 12, Rice 4 4-6 14, Mackey 1 1-2 3, Been 2 2-2 6, Richmon 1 1-3 3, Jennings 3 0-0 6. **Totals 12 17-23 44.**

Ira
Harless 1 0-3 3, Allen 1 0-0 3, Clements 7 5-5 20, Nettles 1 4-4 6, Lollar 1 0-0 2, Sterling 1 0-0 2, Wilson 0 1-2 1. **Totals 13 10-14 37.**

Three-point goals: Brookesmith 3 (Rice 2, Newton), Ira 3 (Harless, Allen, Clements). Total fouls: Brookesmith 15, Ira 19. Fouled out — Jennings, Sterling.

Tiger linksters finish seventh at Abilene

ABILENE — When the Big Country Classic changed venues to Maxwell Municipal Golf Course for Saturday's final round, several teams took advantage of the easier layout.

The Snyder Tigers didn't.

Snyder shaved only one stroke off its first-round score to finish seventh at the Abilene tournament.

Sweetwater won the event with a two-day total of 600, followed by Midland Lee and Odessa Permian. Snyder followed its 318 at Daimondback Golf Club on Friday with a 317 at Maxwell to post a tourney total of 635.

"Almost every team except us cut about 20 strokes off their score on Saturday," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "When you play an easier course on the second day, you have to take advantage of it, and we didn't."

Senior Landon Day and sophomore Zach Starnes fired a pair of 78s to pace the Tigers' final-round effort.

Sophomore Brady Reed carded an 80. Junior Clinton Calmes tallied an 81, and senior Levi Mandrell came in with an 82.

The Tigers will be in tournament action again Friday and Saturday at Midland. Snyder will play Greentree Country Club in the opening round, before closing out the event at Hogan Park.

Lady Coyotes earn berth in semi-state tournament

ABILENE — The Borden County Lady Coyotes have hit their stride at the right time of the year.

Borden County won its sixth consecutive game Saturday, knocking off Rochelle, 67-45, in a Class A-Division II sectional final at Abilene's McMurry University.

The Lady Coyotes advance to the semi-state tournament Friday in Wichita Falls where they'll face Brookesmith. Brookesmith was a 44-37 winner over Ira on Saturday.

Borden County had no problems with Rochelle. The Lady Coyotes grabbed an 11-point lead in the opening quarter, and never looked back.

Rika Copeland poured in 18 points to pace the Lady Coyotes, while Bekah Hensley added 15.

Bobbie Kempf drained 12 points. Dalene Kempf netted nine. Kylia Culp posted four points, while Micah Hensley tallied three.

Borden County will carry a 19-13 record into the semi-state tournament.

Red Raiders blasted by K-State

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — For the Big 12's top tier, teams like Texas Tech are a temporary tonic for a sour season.

But for Kansas State, however, Tech is a test — and the Wildcats passed Sunday, using a rejuvenated Kelvin Howell's career-high 21 points and 20 rebounds to blow past the Red Raiders 73-54.

The win ended a seven-game losing streak that had sent the Wildcats toward the conference basement.

"The other side is better," said Wildcats coach Jim Wooldridge. "I am happy for the kids in there who have stuck with us. It has been quite some time since we've had a win, so you can imagine how those kids feel."

The Wildcats, once deflated by the recent losing skid, let loose behind Howell. He got his fourth career double-double, scored 11 points, six of them unanswered, in the final six minutes of the game to help the Wildcats extend a three-point halftime lead to 19 in the second half.

"Kelvin hasn't practiced the last two days because he had a neck injury," forward Matt Siebrandt said. "So I told him I am going hit him in the neck again this week so he can do that again next week. He played like an animal. He was all over the place. I've never seen him play like that."

For Kansas State (9-14, 3-9 Big 12), it also was the first home win since Jan. 16, when the Wildcats beat then-No. 20 Missouri 80-59.

Texas Tech (8-14, 2-9 Big 12) has lost seven straight games. The Red Raiders are 0-6 on the road in the conference and have lost seven straight road games this season.

Kansas State started the second half with an 11-2 run to take a 10-point lead with 16:58 to go. The Red Raiders cut it to six with Johnny Phillips' bucket, but Kansas State stormed back on an 8-0 run.

"We played horrible," Jayson Mitchell said of the Red Raiders second-half performance. "We didn't execute on the defensive end and they got a lot of easy shots in the point."

Larry Reid made a shot and a free throw to give the Wildcats a 14-point lead with 11:45 to go. Once again, Texas Tech cut the lead down to eight only to have the Wildcats fire back.

Kansas State hit 9-of-13 free throws and made 18-of-30 from the floor in the second half.

Andy Ellis led the Red Raiders with 16 points and Andre Emmett added 12.

Matt Siebrandt had 13 points, Phineas Atchison had 12 and Reid had 11 points and six assists for the Wildcats. Howell's 20 rebounds is the most in a conference game since Deryl Cunningham grabbed 21 against Oklahoma in 1994.

Sports Briefs

Ground Hog golf tourney

The Ground Hog Open will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man scramble, and entry fee is $80 per team.

The field will be pre-flighted by total handicap, with a five-shot maximum differential between players. Play will begin at 1 p.m. both days. To enter, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Junior golf applications

Junior golfers interested in the NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation can pick up membership applications at the Snyder Country Club pro shop.

Earnhardt killed in Daytona crash

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt, the greatest stock car star of his era, was killed in a crash on the last turn of the last lap of the Daytona 500 as he tried to protect Michael Waltrip's victory.

The 49-year-old driver had to be cut from his battered car and was taken to Halifax Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead of head injuries.

The accident happened a half-mile from the finish of the NASCAR season-opener as Earnhardt's newest driver, Waltrip, and son Dale Earnhardt Jr. were in front racing toward what should have been the most triumphant moment in the brief history of Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Earnhardt, a master of superspeedway racing, was fighting for third place, leading a tightly bunched five-car pack heading through the final turn. The back left corner of his famed black No. 3 Chevrolet was bumped by Sterling Marlin.

Earnhardt's car fishtailed slightly and briefly slid to its left, down toward the infield, before suddenly swinging back to the right and cutting across traffic at a sharp angle. He clipped Ken Schrader, whose yellow Pontiac carried both cars hard into the concrete wall headfirst at about 180 mph.

Earnhardt was a seven-time Winston Cup champion, and his 76 victories were the most among active drivers. He continued to race for longtime friend and boss Richard Childress while starting his own team, which expanded to three cars with the addition of Waltrip this year. His other drivers were Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park.

Earnhardt's death overshadowed the victory by Waltrip, his first in 15 years and 463 races on the Winston Cup circuit.

Durant wins Bob Hope Classic

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Joe Durant had birdies on two of the last three holes win the Bob Hope Classic and set a record for the lowest score ever in a 90-hole PGA Tour event.

Durant, who had a closing-round 65, made the birdies to get to 36-under 324, breaking the mark of 35 under set in 1993 by Tom Kite. It was Durant's second career victory.

Paul Stankowski shot a final-round 63 to finish four strokes off the lead.

Stars edged by Detroit

DALLAS (AP) — Chris Osgood's new-found confidence has gone a long way for the Detroit Red Wings.

Starting for the 19th time in 21 games, after playing just 17 of the first 41, Osgood made 22 saves as Detroit extended its unbeaten streak to seven games with a 2-1 victory Sunday night over the Dallas Stars.

Tomas Holmstrom's first goal in two months, a power-play score in the third period, was the game-winner for the Red Wings. He also assisted on the other Detroit goal.

The Red Wings won for the fifth straight time at Reunion Arena, and won the season series from the Stars 3-1.

Osgood is back as the full-time starter for Detroit, after playing fewer games than Manny Legace in the first half of the season. Osgood struggled early, prompting Bowman to give Legacy more opportunities, especially after the No. 2 goalie was 7-1-1 his first nine starts.

After going 7-10, Osgood is 12-5-2 in his last 19 starts.

Spurs continue streak

TORONTO (AP) — Tim Duncan thinks the San Antonio Spurs are shaping into a championship-caliber team.

"I feel we're probably a better team than the year that we won," said Duncan, who helped lead the Spurs to the NBA title in 1999. "We have the experience, we have the youth. I'm starting to play a lot better, and if it all comes together at the right time we'll be a threat."

The Spurs have had it all together for the last month, losing only once in their last 13 games after Sunday's 92-74 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Duncan has led the Spurs, who have won four straight, in scoring the past 17 games after a 20-point performance against the Raptors.

"We're a lot more aggressive defensively and we're a lot better team right now than we were earlier in the year," said Duncan, who also had 13 rebounds and five blocks. "We're not giving too many open looks."

Vince Carter, who has a sore right calf, had one of his worst games of the season shooting 3-for-12 for six points.

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New Jersey	18	37	.327	22½
Washington	13	40	.245	26½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	30	20	.600	—
Charlotte	28	26	.519	4
Toronto	27	25	.519	4
Indiana	23	28	.451	7½
Cleveland	20	30	.400	10
Detroit	20	32	.385	11
Atlanta	18	35	.340	13½
Chicago	8	42	.160	22

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Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	35	16	.686	—
Utah	34	16	.680	½
Dallas	33	20	.623	3
Minnesota	32	22	.593	4½
Denver	28	26	.519	8½
Houston	27	26	.509	9
Vancouver	17	36	.321	19
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Portland	37	16	.698	—
Sacramento	33	17	.660	2½
L.A. Lakers	33	18	.647	3
Phoenix	30	21	.588	6
Seattle	28	26	.519	9½
L.A. Clippers	16	38	.296	21½
Golden State	15	37	.288	21½

Saturday's Games
Chicago 89, Miami 82
Houston 92, Cleveland 80
Dallas 112, Washington 105
Charlotte 103, Milwaukee 93
Atlanta 101, Seattle 94
Boston 85, Portland 81

Sunday's Games
San Antonio 92, Toronto 74
Philadelphia 104, Phoenix 98
New Jersey 102, L.A. Clippers 96, OT
Utah 94, Sacramento 90
Vancouver 110, Minnesota 102
Indiana 110, L.A. Lakers 109
Orlando 96, New York 88
Washington 101, Denver 98
Atlanta 98, Golden State 91

Monday's Games
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Vancouver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
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EAST CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	3	0	1.000	77	55
Birmingham	2	1	.667	52	37
Chicago	0	3	.000	64	86
NY/NJ	0	3	.000	24	56
WEST CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Las Vegas	2	1	.667	53	15
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	64	56
San Francisco	2	1	.667	42	45
Memphis	1	2	.333	31	58

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles 12, Las Vegas 9
San Francisco 13, Memphis 6

Sunday's Games
Birmingham 14, Chicago 3
Orlando 18, New York-New Jersey 12

Saturday, Feb. 24
New York-New Jersey at Chicago, 8 p.m.
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Parents paid to patrol Mall of America

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Thousands of teens roaming the Mall of America on weekend nights used to be a problem — before mom and dad began patrolling the congested corridors.

The team of about 30 parents, who call themselves the Mighty Moms and Dedicated Dads, don green baseball caps and identification tags, power up their walkie-talkies and fan out among the more than 100,000 people ambling the city of commerce.

"Hey, fellas? Excuse me — fellas!" Lyn Jones called to three boys, none older than 15, one weekend night.

Her tone is friendly but commanding as she flies toward the trio, unfazed by their baggy pants and juvenile swagger. A triangle of white baseball caps wheels around.

"Do you boys know about our parental escort policy?" she asks. They do not. She explains that after 6 o'clock on weekends, no one under 16 is allowed to roam the mall without an adult escort.

They do not roll their eyes or huff.

"We didn't know," the oldest says. Their mom is shopping somewhere in the mall, carrying a cellphone.

"You're going to have to call your mom and have her pick you up," Jones replies. "Don't worry. You're not in trouble."

At 4.2 million square feet, the Mall of America becomes Minnesota's thirtl-largest population center at peak activity.

Teeming with unsupervised teens after opening in 1992, the mall's corridors used to be a tough place on weekends. Juvenile arrests for fighting regularly reached double digits.

Three people were wounded in 1993 when a juvenile fired shots in a dispute over a jacket. In 1996, a tourist who stood in the path of a foot-chase caught a glimpse down the barrel of a pistol wielded by a teen, though no one was hurt.

One year, police arrested nearly 400 teen-agers.

The mall's marketing slogan, "There's a place for fun in your life," was twisted by snickering locals into, "There's a place to run for your life."

Mobs of teens would clog areas, swearing, skirmishing and driving out anyone in their path, said Gail Stein, owner of the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

"Before, to be honest, it was like being in a war zone," Stein said. "We had customers ducking in here, just looking for safety."

Five years ago, Mall of America brass decided to put a tourniquet on the deluge of disruptive teens by recruiting parents to help keep the peace. The parents are paid for the work.

If violence erupts, city police and mall security take over. With the Mighty Moms and Dedicated Dads around, things rarely get that out of hand. These are no granite-faced security guards. They're parents.

The biggest threat in the mall these days is a bump from a careless stroller-pusher.

"We used to get calls from people who said they wouldn't come down here anymore," mall spokeswoman Maureen Cahill said. "There were literally thousands of unsupervised kids. Now it's a completely different place, and the families are back."

The boys that Jones ensnared followed her into the vast bowels of the mall to a place most shoppers will never see. Inside the Youth Communications Center, other Mighty Moms and Dedicated Dads chat with clusters of wayward teen-agers they've rounded up.

The boys call their mom, and they arrange to meet near a fountain. Jones goes along.

"It's a lot of fun," said Steve Smith, one of the Dedicated Dads. "Since I've been doing this, I've watched a lot of these kids grow. What has been rewarding is to see how it has changed from thousands of kids bumpin' and pushin' ... officers didn't know how to deal with them. I think we have really impacted that."

Two teen-agers arrested in connection with 2 slayings

NEW CASTLE, Ind. (AP) — Two teen-agers wanted in the slaying of two Dartmouth College professors were taken into custody today, authorities said.

Henry County Sheriff Kim Cronk confirmed that the two suspects were taken into custody at 4 a.m. EST near Interstate 70. He gave no details on how they were found or where.

New Castle is about 40 miles east of Indianapolis.

A nationwide manhunt had been launched for James Parker, 16, and Robert Tulloch, 17. They were believed to have left their hometown of Chelsea, Vt., on Thursday bound for Massachusetts.

Two employees at the Sturbridge Isle truck stop in Sturbridge, Mass., spotted two boys matching the suspects' descriptions Friday evening. A police officer later found a silver 1987 Audi belonging to Parker's mother in the parking lot of the truck stop, about two miles from the Connecticut line.

Parker and Tulloch are charged as adults with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Half and Susanne Zantop, whose bodies were found Jan. 27.

The two were found dead by a dinner guest arriving at their secluded home in their home near the Dartmouth campus in Hanover, N.H. The slayings shocked the 6,500-student campus and community.

Orange County, Vt., Sheriff Dennis McClure said Monday the two boys became suspects because one bought a military-style knife on the Internet. The boys were asked Thursday to provide their fingerprints, which they did voluntarily.

"All I know is that the prints probably matched enough (from the crime scene) for an identification," McClure said.

The teens allegedly stabbed the professors multiple times in the head and chest. Authorities have refused to discuss a motive or any connection between the boys and the victims.

Casey Purcell, a friend of Tulloch's from Vermont, said the teen-agers left town in the days after the killings, then returned two or three days later. He said they left home again after that.

Tulloch told Purcell the pair wanted to go rock climbing in Colorado, but returned home because Tulloch had an infected leg wound. Tulloch said he cut his leg on a maple tree sap bucket while walking in the woods.

Audrey McCollum, friend and neighbor of the Zantops, said the arrest does not ease the pain for her and her husband, Bob, who found the couple's bodies.

"These two extraordinary people are still dead and, in a sense, the tragedy is extended because if these two kids did it, which hasn't yet been proven, what it tells me is that our society has just gone off the rails," said McCollum, a retired psychotherapist.

"I ache for their family and their friends," she said. "They must be asking themselves, 'Where did we go wrong.'"

Half Zantop, 62, taught earth sciences. Susanne Zantop, 55, was chairwoman of the German Studies Department. Both were naturalized citizens who were natives of Germany and traveled abroad frequently.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-19-01
♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ 5 4
♦ K J 5 4
♣ 9 8 4

West
♠ 5
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 3
♦ 10 8 7
♣ K 3 2

East
♠ K J 3
♥ A K 2
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 10 6 5

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Dbl.	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Monday, Feb. 19, 2001

From the keyboard to the bridge table

Bridge never gets much news coverage in the press. Yet in the December 11 edition of The Wall Street Journal there was an article about Warren Buffett and Bill Gates competing in a team tournament in Omaha, Neb. There was no deal included, so instead here's one from the Mixed Teams at last year's Summer Nationals in Anaheim, Calif. Gates was partnering his teacher, Sharon Osberg, who won the Venice Cup World Women's Team Championship in 1991 and '93.

Correctly, Gates (West) not only ran from one no-trump doubled into two hearts but also, when South competed with two spades, pushed to the three-level.

Gates led the heart 10. After taking two tricks in the suit, Osberg switched to a low club, declarer ducking to Gates' king. As partner might have underled the club ace, it looks natural to return a club. However, that lets the contract make. (Declarer wins East's queen with his ace, crosses to the diamond king, leads a spade to his queen, cashes the spade ace and club jack, and endplays East with a trump. She must either lead away from the diamond queen around to dummy's jack or concede a ruff-and-discard.)

Gates found the only winning defense: a diamond return. Declarer couldn't take both black-suit finesses and endplay East, because he had only one dummy entry. South won with dummy's diamond king, played a spade to his queen, cashed the spade ace (hoping for a 2-2 split), and exited with a spade. East returned a club, permitting declarer to take that finesse, but leaving him with a diamond loser at the end: one down.

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U.S. Navy resumes underwater probe of sunken vessel

HONOLULU (AP) — The Navy resumed inspection of a sunken Japanese ship after sidestepping earlier technical problems with a deep-sea robot.

Crew members aboard the USS Salvor lowered a second robot into the ocean nine miles south of Diamond Head on Sunday night, after the first robot was removed for repairs.

The Navy is using the unmanned submersibles to evaluate the feasibility of raising the 190-foot Ehime Maru, which sank minutes after the USS Greeneville submarine surfaced underneath it Feb. 9.

Families of the nine men and teen-agers missing since the collision are pressing the United States to salvage the ship if that is the only way to recover bodies that may be entombed in its hull.

"The U.S. Navy has never raised a vessel of this size from this depth, so it is an immense task if that were to be the directive," Lt. Cmdr. Jane Campbell said.

Videotape taken by the first robot showed the ship in good condition, sitting upright on the ocean floor, but the Coast Guard said the full extent of damage had not been determined.

The Navy said the deep-sea robots may be too big to enter the wreckage to retrieve any bodies that may be inside, especially if the vessel has not broken apart.

The Ehime Maru, a commercial fishing training vessel, was headed toward fishing grounds 300 miles southeast of Oahu when the Greeneville collided with it during an emergency rapid-ascent drill. Twenty-six people were rescued, but there have been no signs of the nine missing.

The Navy announced Saturday it would conduct a court of inquiry — its highest-level administrative investigation — to focus on the actions of the Greeneville's three top officers: the submarine's captain, Cmdr. Scott Waddle; its executive officer, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald K. Pfeifer, and the officer of the deck, Lt. j.g. Michael J. Coen.

Three admirals will oversee the hearing, which could lead to courts-martial, said Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet. The board is scheduled to convene Thursday.

The hearing is expected to touch on the presence of 16 civilian guests on board. Two civilians, supervised by crew members, were at key controls when the Greeneville made its rapid ascent. One pulled the levers that initiated the drill.

Jack Clary, 68, a free-lance sports writer from Stow, Mass., was at the helm of the submarine during the rapid ascent but said he was not controlling the equipment. Clary said the civilians were all supervised by crew.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Ask doctor for full disclosure

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why are doctors so secretive? I recently asked mine why he prescribed Butisol elixir and he replied that it would relieve my hot flashes. After researching this on the Internet, I discovered that this is a barbiturate that will make me sleepy. True, I have trouble sleeping, but this is because of my hot flashes. And I am constantly fatigued. I feel he has done me an injustice.

DEAR READER: I agree. In my opinion, doctors owe patients explanations about prescription drugs, especially those — such as barbiturates — that have a definite potential for abuse or addiction. I think your doctor could be severely criticized for not leveling with you.

Moreover, barbiturates are not appropriate therapy for the symptoms of menopause, which you appear to be experiencing. If you need treatment for this, estrogen replacement, under the guidance of a gynecologist, would be preferable. I say "if" because hot flashes do not indicate ill health. Many women choose to "ride them out" and get through menopause without drug supplements. The gynecologist can advise you, especially if you are at risk for osteoporosis, which can be treated with hormones.

Also, I recommend that patients not take medicine until the prescribing doctor has reviewed and explained the various side effects and potential consequences.

If you have been taking Butisol for several weeks, I advise you not to discontinue it abruptly. To do so might place you at risk for withdrawal symptoms, such as seizures. It's preferable to reduce the dosage by half each week; when you're down to a half teaspoonful a day, you can safely stop the drug altogether.

Given your unfortunate experience, I suggest that you search out another practitioner in your community who will be more conscientious.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I vacationed in Mexico several weeks ago and, since my return to the States, have experienced constant abdominal discomfort and flatulence, with almost daily diarrhea. I had a barium enema and a sigmoidoscopy that my doctor claimed showed irritable bowel. He gave me no medication other than antacids. Can you help?

DEAR READER: You need a meticulous stool analysis, including fecal cultures and microscopic examination, to see if you brought home more than happy memories from Mexico. In my experience, healthy patients who develop bowel symptoms after traveling abroad almost always have picked up intestinal infections.

These infections are caused by a variety of disease-producing bacteria, such as E. coli, as well as by parasites, such as amebas. Although your distress and gas could result from a common condition such as irritable bowel syndrome, I'd want to make sure that a treatable infection is not present. Ask your doctor to order the appropriate testing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You have referred to the potential dangers of stifling a sneeze. Why not avoid any health hazard by completely exhaling before sneezing? This technique works for me.

DEAR READER: Although the momentary increase in venous pressure during a stifled sneeze is unlikely to cause harm, it could potentially cause a temporary hemorrhage if a vein leaks blood or ruptures. Therefore, I've recommended that people sneeze normally. Your solution sounds reasonable but, I confess, I am not aware of any studies proving this — or proving the theory that a stifled sneeze may lead to health risks.

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Clinton's brother arrested for investigation of DWI

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Clinton's half brother was arrested for investigation of drunken driving after he was spotted driving erratically through a local beach town, police said.

The arrest comes less than a month after the former president pardoned his younger brother, Roger, 44, for a drug offense from 1985.

Clinton was arrested early Saturday in downtown Hermosa Beach, 18 miles south of Los Angeles, Officer Paul Wolcott said. An unidentified male passenger was not arrested, Wolcott said.

An officer saw Clinton's sport utility vehicle hit a curb while making a right-hand turn, stop beyond the limit at two stop signs and straddle the center dividing line, Wolcott said.

After several blocks, the officer stopped Clinton and smelled alcohol on his breath, Wolcott said.

Clinton failed a balance and coordination test and was taken to the city jail for a breath test. Police said his blood-alcohol level met or exceeded .08 percent, the legal limit. They did not immediately release a specific figure.

Wolcott said Clinton did not receive any special treatment.

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Programs aim to improve nutrition, fitness

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — They want the spicy cheese snacks while ripened apples sit untouched.

Fast food versus good food. The choice for some children in several San Antonio schools has been narrowed by two programs.

Third-graders at Gilbert Elementary School and at nine other schools are participating in a diabetes-prevention program called CATCH — Coordinated Approach to Child Health — that emphasizes good nutrition and physical activity. As part of the program, school officials have decided to put the snacks off limits to these kids.

It's a policy that irks more than a few of them.

"It's not fair that the other grades can all buy snacks and we can't," one third-grader complained. "Even the kindergartners can get stuff."

Unfair perhaps. But when it comes to childhood health, most agree something needs to be done to change youngsters' eating habits.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture wants to require that all food sold in schools meet nutritional standards, a move that needs an act of Congress.

The Texas Medical Association calls childhood obesity nothing less than an epidemic. Nine percent of kindergartners and 23 percent of first- and second-graders are obese, according to one study. So are 22 percent of boys and 15 percent of girls in third grade, according to another.

In addition to diabetes, obesity also increases youngsters' risk for premature heart disease, heart attack and stroke.

"Unless we do something now, when these kids reach adulthood their medical problems will be so severe, society will never be able to pay the cost of their health care," says Dr. Jim Rohack, president of the TMA.

CATCH is coordinated by the University of Texas Health Science Center at the Houston School of Public Health. The comprehensive program combines physical and nutrition education with changes in cafeteria-food preparation and increased parental involvement.

In a three-year study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, 5,000 fifth-graders who followed the CATCH program cut the percentage of calories from fat in their diet from 38.7 percent to 31.9 percent.

The federal government recommends that no more than 30 percent of calories should come from fat.

Researchers found that three years later, the now-eighth-graders were still eating better and exercising more than their peer.

A second diabetes prevention effort, the Bienestar Health Program, targets fourth-grade students in 20 San Antonio-area elementary schools. The program is run by the Social & Health Research Center, under the direction of Dr. Roberto Trevino.

Like CATCH, Bienestar has several components: a health curriculum; an after-school health club that teaches children to eat more fruits and vegetables and less fatty foods; a monthly program designed to increase parents' health knowledge; and a cafeteria program that teaches nutrition to cafeteria staff and shows them how to encourage children to eat more fruits and vegetables.

The Bienestar program was geared toward fourth-graders after a study showed third-graders "weren't mature enough to make a decision and stick with it," said Irene Hernandez, program director.

Tests focused on rapid descents omitted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps cut tests of the V-22 Osprey aircraft that could have provided additional data on rapid descents that contributed to a crash that killed 19 Marines in April, says a new report by the General Accounting Office.

The GAO account, reported in The Washington Post today, said the tests were omitted to save time and money.

The report, which has not been publicly released, also says the Marines were warned about problems with the aircraft's hydraulics system. Military investigators now believe a frayed hydraulics line was a key factor in a second Osprey crash in December in which four more Marines died.

The GAO review raised questions about both the safety and reliability of the Osprey and on the thoroughness of Marine Corps testing of the aircraft. The Osprey, which takes off and lands like a helicopter but can fly like an airplane if its rotors are tilted forward, is described by the Marine Corps as the best replacement for its Vietnam-era helicopters.

The Marines claim the Osprey will fly much faster and farther and carry more troops and equipment than the aging choppers.

The GAO review challenges many of the assertions. Not enough was known about the Osprey's design and performance before production started, the review contends, and test restrictions and waivers reduced the chance to gain a realistic view of the Osprey's mettle for combat, rescue missions or aid flights.

The report said the Osprey's cabin might be too small to carry 24 Marines equipped for combat. It said that 15 to 18 combat Marines "may be the limit." If that criticism is true, it would tend to undercut one reason the Marines cite for favoring the Osprey over helicopters such as the UH-60 Black Hawk, which is designed to carry 11 combat-loaded troops.

The GAO prepared its review for a panel convened by the Pentagon to assess the Osprey program after the two most recent crashes: one in April in Marana, Ariz., that killed 19 Marines and a December crash near New River, N.C., that killed four and grounded all Ospreys.

In addition to the panel's continuing inquiry, there is a nearly completed investigation into the causes of the December crash.

A separate investigation is being conducted into allegations a senior officer in a North Carolina squadron ordered crews to falsify maintenance records to improve the aircraft's performance rating.

The Marines have bought 10 production-level V-22s, manufactured as the Corps and its industry partners — Bell Helicopter Textron of Fort Worth and Boeing Helicopters of Ridley Township, Pa. — sought approval from the Pentagon for a full acquisition.

The Marines planned to buy 360 Ospreys at an estimated cost of $57 million apiece. A decision on whether to move to full-scale production was set for December but was delayed after the North Carolina crash and now awaits results of the Pentagon panel's review.

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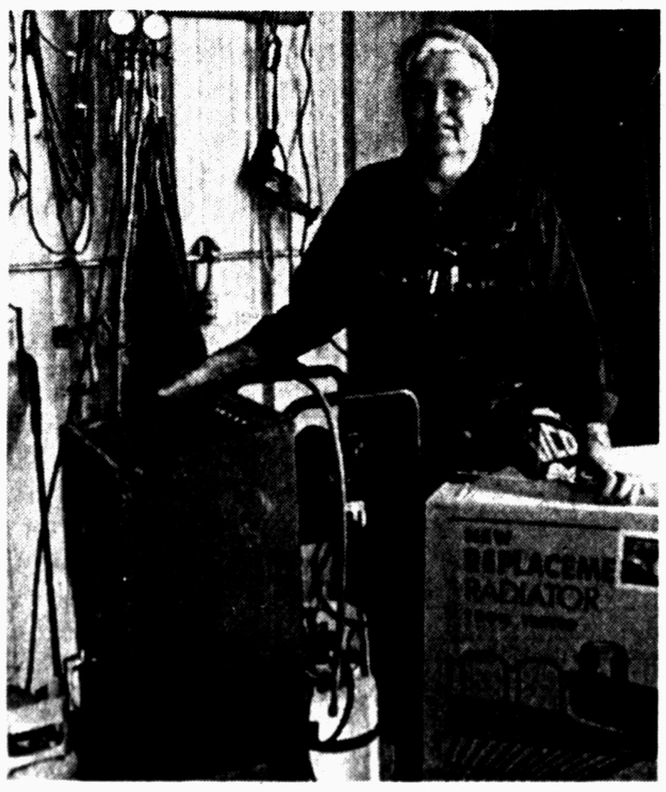

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Bad weather threatens shuttle landing

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Bad weather on both coasts threatened to keep the space shuttle Atlantis in orbit another day.

Stiff wind kept Atlantis from landing Sunday and continued to be the main obstacle Monday in landing at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Early weather reports indicated that wind was blowing across the landing strip just at or slightly over the limit for a safe touchdown. NASA's crosswind limit for a shuttle landing is 17 mph.

Weather also was expected to be poor at the backup landing site, Edwards Air Force Base in southern California, with a chance for showers and strong wind.

Flight controllers also were concerned that rain south of the Kennedy Space Center might move into the area.

"Crosswinds though are the biggest threat. We're going to be evaluating them still. We hope to see an improving trend and have some positive chances to get you down today," Mission Control told shuttle commander Kenneth Cockrell.

"The rest of the crew wanted me to pass on that I already have the endurance record. So there's no need to try for that this time," Cockrell jokingly responded, referring to his last mission in November 1996, which was the longest shuttle flight in history at 18 days. Atlantis astronaut Thomas Jones was also on that mission.

But there was no danger of breaking that record — Monday was the shuttle astronauts' 12th day in orbit. Atlantis has enough fuel and supplies to remain in orbit through Wednesday, and possibly even Thursday.

Atlantis will have two opportunities to land in Florida and two in southern California on Monday.

During their mission at space station Alpha, the five astronauts mounted and installed the orbiting complex's most expensive piece — the $1.4 billion Destiny laboratory.

The astronauts went on three spacewalks to make all the necessary laboratory connections and equip the space station with a spare radio antenna, a window shutter and other gear.

The three men living aboard Alpha were in charge of setting up all the equipment inside the lab module. They will spend the next three weeks organizing the laboratory and getting ready for their own trip home next month when space shuttle Discovery delivers their replacements.

More questions than answers raised

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton's latest explanation for his pardon of Marc Rich raises more questions than it answers, say critics intent on finding out whether political donations and connections aided the fugitive financier's cause.

The former president's last-minute pardon of Rich, who has lived in Switzerland since fleeing a 1983 indictment on tax evasion and other charges, has prompted congressional hearings and an investigation by federal prosecutors in New York.

Clinton said Sunday he made his decision "on the merits as I saw them, and I take full responsibility for it."

"The suggestion that I granted the pardons because Mr. Rich's former wife, Denise, made political contributions and contributed to the Clinton library foundation is utterly false," Clinton wrote in an opinion column in The New York Times. "There was absolutely no quid pro quo."

Clinton also wrote that three well-known Republican lawyers who once represented Rich "reviewed and advocated" the pardon case. All three denied that assertion and Clinton appeared to back away from it.

His spokesmen said Clinton did not mean the three lawyers were involved in the pardon process now, but rather that legal arguments made by them on Rich's behalf in past years were taken into account.

Investigators want to know if Rich bought his pardon by passing money through his ex-wife, who has acknowledged making large contributions both to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate race and to the presidential library. Democratic Party sources have put the library donation at $450,000.

"The American people want to know why one of the most wanted fugitives in the world was granted a pardon," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., whose House Government Reform Committee has held hearings on the pardon.

"This editorial doesn't explain it," he said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who as U.S. attorney obtained indictments against Rich for tax evasion, fraud and racketeering, called the pardon procedure Clinton described "a very strange, new way to handle the criminal process."

"The op-ed piece raises more questions than it answers," Giuliani said on "Fox News Sunday."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is also reviewing the pardon, agreed.

"He does not say why he did not talk to the prosecuting attorneys. He does not say why he didn't talk to the pardon attorney for the Department of Justice" and didn't follow their regulations, Specter said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Clinton cited eight reasons for pardoning Rich and his partner Pincus Green. He said five reasons were directly related to his conclusion that the case was improperly handled when criminal charges were filed in 1983.

Four jailed over weekend on DWI charges

• ***Drunk drivers***

Macario Rivera, 41, of Ira was taken into custody at 10:36 a.m. Saturday for felony driving while intoxicated. A passenger in the vehicle, a 51-year-old man, was arrested for public intoxication.

Officers took a 44-year-old man into custody at 8:12 p.m. Saturday in the 2100 block of 37th Street for driving while intoxicated.

A DWI charge landed a 29-year-old man in jail at 8:18 p.m. Saturday. A Department of Public Safety trooper made the arrest four miles south of Sntder on Hwy. 350.

John Mark Kincheloe, 32, of 1201 26th Street was arrested at 1:49 a.m. Sunday in the 5300 block of Etgen for felony driving while intoxicated.

• ***Disturbance***

A woman called police at 4:06 a.m. Sunday to report that a 21-year-old man had kicked in her door, and she had hit him with a frying pan. The man reportedly fled the scene and was not arrested. Snyder Police are investigating.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive notified officers at 10:12 a.m. Saturday that someone had driven off without paying for $14 worth of gasoline.

• ***Runaway***

A mother called police at 12:04 a.m. Sunday to report that her 13-year-old daughter had run away. The mother called back at 8:07 a.m. Sunday and advised the girl had returned home.

• ***Vandalism***

Miranda Hancock of 638 Pyron in Hermleigh contacted deputies at 11:11 a.m. Sunday in reference to a tire on her 1994 Cavalier being cut.

A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed at 11:50 a.m. Sunday in the 4500 block of College Avenue in reference to the windshield on a 1992 Chevrolet Camaro being broken. Cody Derrick reported the incident.

Ira ISD trustees schedule meeting

Ira ISD's trustees will meet this evening at 6:30 for their regular board meeting.

Supt. Jim Rumage will discuss several items - including board training opportunities, the March calendar of events and school vehicles.

The trustees will also call the May 5 election as four places will be on the ballot. The terms of Keith Clements, Doug White, Shane Smith and Bo Robinson all expire.

Along with setting the election, election judges will also be appointed.

The consideration of the contract of principal Mike Duke also is on the agenda.

Obituaries

Dorene Pender

1922-2001

Dorene Pender, a nurse anesthetist, died Sunday, Feb. 18, at her home in Hermleigh.

A memorial service for Mrs. Pender, 79, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Elvin Powell, brother of Mrs. Pender, and Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Cremation is planned.

Born Jan. 7, 1922 in Freeport, she married Victor Gale on May 22, 1946. She married Bob Pender on Sept. 28, 1949. Both preceded her in death.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Vivian and William Herbert Powell; a sister, Mary Vivian Powell; a daughter, Veta Rose Pender; and a granddaughter, Robin Early Pender.

Mrs. Pender served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and later worked as a nurse anesthetist for 18 years in area hospitals. She also served as director of nurses at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Vivian and James Rinehart of Hermleigh and Vicki and Bill Adams of Abilene; a brother and sister-in-law, Elvin and Ivah Powell of Clute; four grandchildren, James Adams and his wife, Holli, of Abilene, Aimee Clamann of Austin, Charles Sweatt and his wife, Rebecca, of Austin, and Shae Rinehart of Hermleigh; three great-grandchildren, Stormy Adams and Hailee Adams, both of Abilene, and Thane Clamann of Austin.

Family will receive friends at the Rinehart home in Hermleigh.

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Charlie Trull

1911-2001

SUNDOWN – Charlie Trull, the father of Mike Trull of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 17, in Levelland.

Funeral service for Mr. Trull, 89, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Sundown with the Rev. Glenn Reece, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was to follow in the Sundown Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Born Aug. 29, 1911 in Tipton, Okla., he married Nellie Norean Haney on Dec. 21, 1930 in Clovis, N.M. She died on Jan. 14, 1980.

Mr. Trull lived in Texico, N.M., before moving to Hockley County in 1928. A resident of Sundown since 1962, Mr. Trull was a retired farmer and a member of the County Line Baptist Church.

He also was preceded in death by a grandson, Donnie Carl Trull, in 1991.

Survivors include three other sons, Dwain Trull and Don Trull, both of Sundown, and Dale Trull of Levelland; four daughters, Melba Jones and Betty Shults, both of Sundown, Mary Crenshaw of Sanger and Nitanell Hayes of Woodward, Okla.; 30 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Don Howard

1941-2001

GARLAND – Richard Don Howard, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 16, in Dallas.

A funeral service for Mr. Howard, 59, was set for 1 p.m. today in the Beltline Baptist Church with Ed Perry and Oscar Smart officiating.

A graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Snyder's Hillside Memorial Gardens with arrangements under the direction of Williams Funeral Directors in Garland.

Born Oct. 6, 1941 in Macon, Ga., Mr. Howard lived in Snyder from 1979 to 1991 and worked for Ingersoll-Rand. A resident of Garland, Mr. Howard was an equipment consultant and a member of the Beltline Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Howard of Garland; two sons, Freddie Howard and Danny Howard, both of Garland; a sister, Diane Casey of Calhoun, Ga.; one grandson; and a brother and sister-in-law, William and Laura Powell of Snyder.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 16-Meliton Zuniga, Billie Dupuy, Michelle Sanchez, Kade Sanders; Feb. 17-Maria Durazano, Kerrington Biggers, Diana Grimmett, Jerry Mullis, John Sneed; Feb. 18-Lindsey Jackson and Angela Velasquez.

DISMISSALS: Feb. 16-Jasmine Flores, Guadalupe Garcia, Judy Mackey, John Ornelas, Mari Robbins, Billye West; Feb. 17-Renee Lujan and baby boy, Kade Sanders; Feb. 18-Diana Grimmett, Biggers girl, Billie Dupuy, Mary Larralde and John Sneed.

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Victory Baptist revival

Victory Baptist Church, 3303 Apple Street, is conducting a revival through Wednesday with Dr. Clyde Spann as evangelist. Special music will be provided at all services that begin at 7 p.m. Call 573-8846 for more information.

West Family Night Out

West Elementary Family Night Out will be held this evening at the East Highway Dairy Queen.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Mark of the Beast," followed by "Our Greatest Adversaries: Depression."

SHS class of 1981

A planning meeting for the class of 1981 reunion at 7:15 tonight in the SHS library.

West Elementary yearbooks

Orders for West Elementary annuals are being taken through Friday. Cost is $7 each and must be pre-paid. No extras will be ordered.

East Elementary family reading night

East Elementary will host a family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Pizza will be served and all parents are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided.

CPR heartsaver course

A CPR heartsaver course will be taught at Western Texas College Wednesday. The course will be held from 6-10 p.m. and the cost is $35. Call 573-8511, ext. 350 for additional information.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Relay for Life

A team captain meeting for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at city hall. All team captains and anyone wishing to form a team are encouraged to attend.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

GED testing dates

Testing date this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday at West Elementary. For tickets, call 573-9855 or 573-8164. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $2.50.

Kiwanis pancake day

The annual Kiwanis pancake feast will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, at the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4 per person and children under six can eat free, if accompanied by their parents. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and bacon will be served. Proceeds go to local children's projects and there will be a drawing for a color TV.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

Spare change roundup

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder, or call 573-2913 for locations.

Income tax help

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

1986 class reunion

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

Adult basic education classes

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

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool opens

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Glory Room open

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

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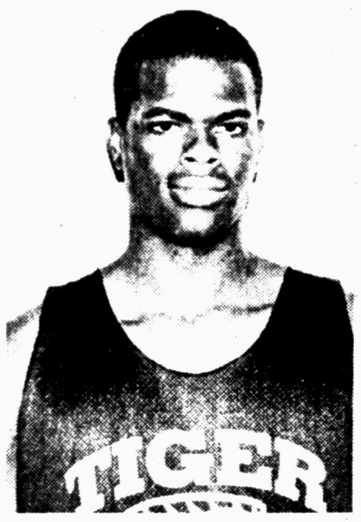
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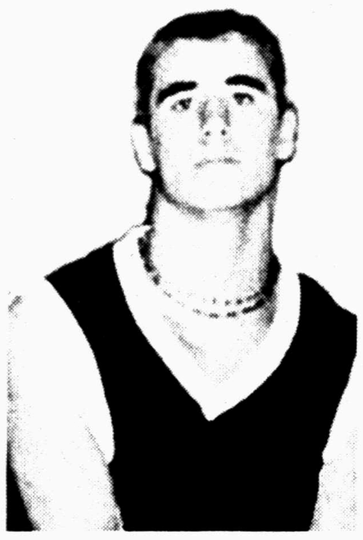
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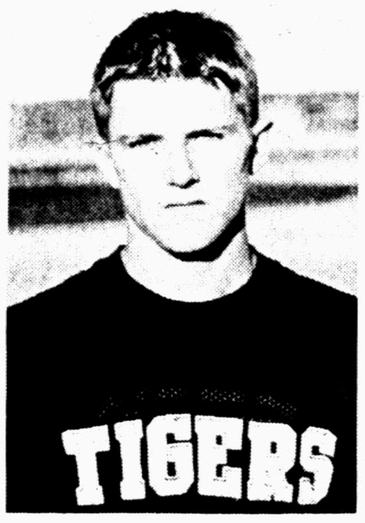
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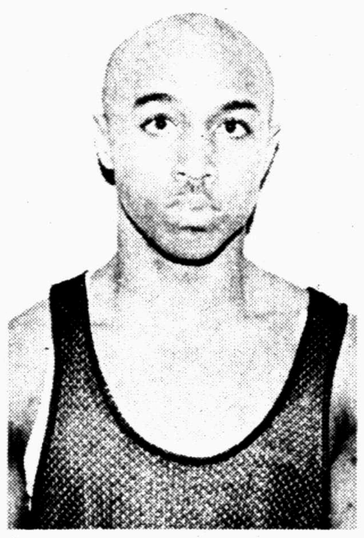
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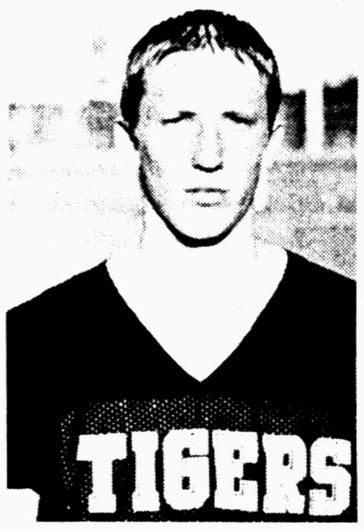
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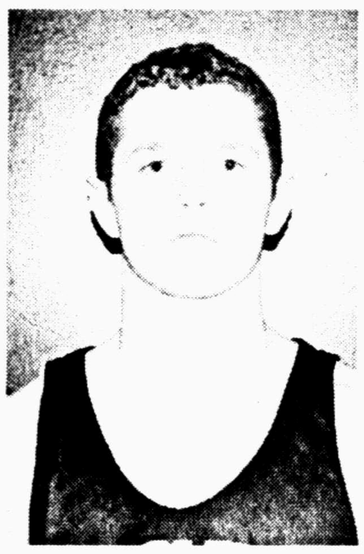
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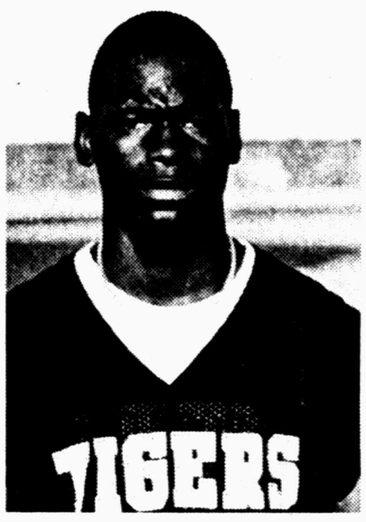
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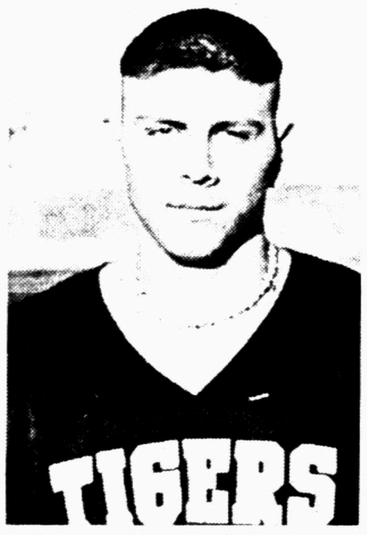
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