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Home Of Jan Pierce

City, Ira, WTC get candidates on opening day

They haven't had a trustee election at Ira in two years, but that trend could be broken this May.

Carl Smith, a former trustee on the board, filed this morning for Place 7 on the Ira ISD board. Today is the first day for candidates to file to fill seats on public school and college boards or city council.

Smith, general manager of Ira Pump and Supply, was appointed to the Ira ISD board in Oct. 1983 and served through April of 1984. He was appointed again in January of 1985 and was elected in the next election. He resigned in August 1988 due to family health problems.

Place 7, currently held by Doug White, is one of two up for election May 2 in Ira. The other is Place 6, held by Keith Clements.

Terry Martin also filed this morning to retain his seat on Snyder City Council. Martin had won a term last year but a conflict in dates kept him from being available to be sworn in and he was subsequently appointed until this election. He is running to fill out the at-large term.

There are four single-member districts on the ballot for Snyder City Council as well. Those districts and their current office holders are District 1, Vernest Tippens; District 2, Jerry Webb; District 3, vacant; and District 4, I.E. Martin.

Kerry Bredemeyer had held the District 3 seat, but vacated it when he moved from the district.

Up for election on the Snyder ISD board are two places, currently held by Luann Burleson and Charles Anderson. Last Thursday, Anderson announced he will not be a candidate for re-election.

At Hermleigh, terms held by Sherene Digby, David Higgins and Alan Culp are up for election. The term held by Culp is to finish out two years of a three-year term. He was appointed by the board last year to replace Chip Roemisch, who resigned after moving from the district.

There are two spots up for election on the Western Texas College board of trustees. Those are Place 3, held by Carolyn Barbee, and Place 4, held by Dr. Jay Kidd.

Dr. Kidd, a dentist and current board president, filed for re-election shortly before noon.

AF proposal on agenda

Scurry County commissioners will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. to discuss of the U.S. Air Force's proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initiative.

The plan, which has met opposition from area ranchers, calls for placing Scurry and seven other counties within a B-1 and B-52 aircraft training area.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said this morning that while members of the court have attended the informational meetings about the plan, the court had never discussed it as a group.

"We'll discuss whether we want to take a position on the Air Force's proposal as a group, or individually," said Fritz. "Or, maybe not take a stand at all. We have just never talked about it together."

The court will also consider reports from the library board, the extension activity report for January and the minutes of the welfare board meeting this month.

Spence water headed for Lake Ivie

Next Monday the Colorado Municipal Water District will begin transferring approximately 17,000 acre-feet of water from the E.V. Spence Reservoir to the O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

The release from Spence will be made at a rate of approximately 600 cubic feet per second and will last about two weeks. The level in Spence will drop approximately four and one-half feet.

The release is being made as part of CRMWD's on-going program to maintain and improve water quality in the Spence Reservoir. This release is similar to the release of 50,000 acre-feet of water from the Spence Reservoir in the spring of 1996.

The overall results of the 1996 release improved the chloride concentration in the Spence Reservoir by 16 percent and showed no change in the chloride concentration in the Ivie Reservoir.

Trial enters second week

Damona Goss, the daughter of accident victim Rhonda Hester, was the first on the witness stand this morning as a wrongful death suit began its second week.

Goss, Mrs. Hester's husband, Ron Hester, and her mother, Evelyn Windham are plaintiffs in the suit.

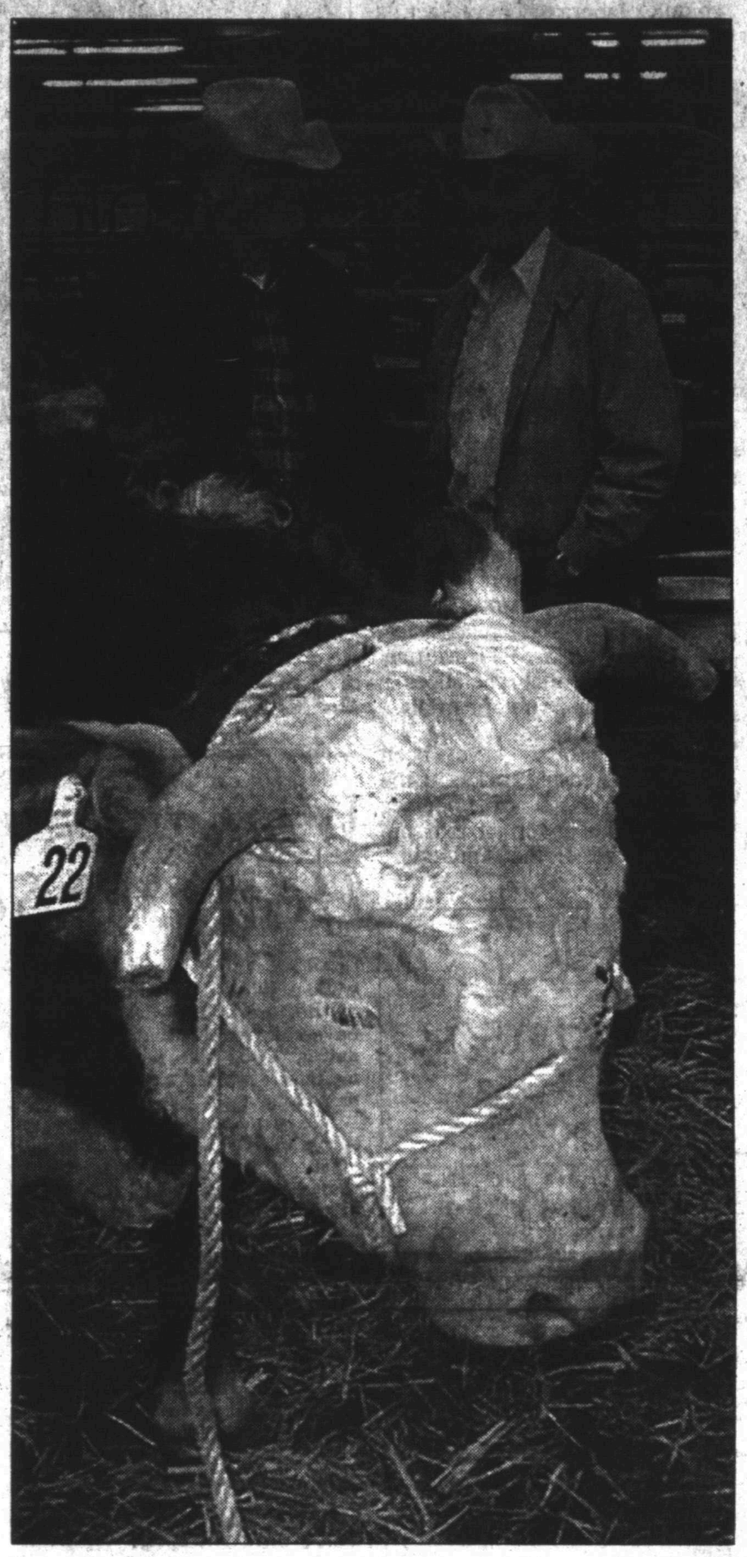
Attorneys for the plaintiffs allege that negligence of a transport company and its driver caused the death of 45-year-old Hester in a traffic accident on the morning of March 13, 1997.

Defendants are the tractor-trailer owner, P.A.M. Transports Inc. of Tontitown, Ark., and the driver of the truck, Phillip W. Mercer of El Paso.

Also this morning, the jury viewed a video tape deposition from the safety director of the trucking company.

The trial, which started last Monday, is being heard in 132nd District Court and is being presided over by District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs are John David Hart of Fort Worth and Pete Greene of Snyder. Defense lawyers are David Sargent and Richard Mosher of Dallas and Gary Terrell of Lubbock.



JUST A BABY — Jack Martin, right, and Frank Beaver discuss the Anxiety IV sale in the presence of "Summitt," a 19-month-old, 1,670 pound bull. The sale started at noon today at Scurry County Coliseum with some 14 Hereford ranches represented. (SDN Staff Photo)

1.5 inches at Camp Springs...

County rainfall reports varied

Local, Wire Reports

The weekend's rains came later than expected, but when they did arrive they scattered the county with about a half-inch of moisture.

Though most of Texas will continue to experience showers and thunderstorms today, Scurry County has probably received all the moisture it will get from the latest front, forecasters say. Tuesday should be sunny and warmer.

Snyder received seven-tenths of an inch of moisture in rains which fell late Sunday night and early this morning.

Elsewhere it was scattered with Hermleigh getting just two tenths and Camp Springs reporting an inch and a half.

West of Snyder, residents reported six tenths. Fluvanna reported seven tenths. Dermott received a half-inch; Polar got the same; and northern Scurry County received up to an inch.

Ira and Dunn residents reported six-tenths. Lake J.B. Thomas got eight-tenths at the dam and six-tenths at the west end.

There is a slight chance of showers in western sections of North Texas while there is a greater chance elsewhere in the area. Skies will be clearing tonight, becoming partly cloudy on Tuesday.

Severe thunderstorm warnings were issued during the night and early today across the Hill Country for showers and thunderstorms moving across the area in advance of a Pacific cool front.

The showers and thunderstorms will be moving eastward out of South Texas tonight, but forecasters warned that some of them may reach severe levels in Southeast Texas with heavy rainfall possible.

U.S. ready to sell citizens on military strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Clinton administration officials say they see no answer to the diplomatic impasse with Iraq and are prepared to go to the nation to explain why a military strike may be necessary and unavoidable.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday that the United States will accept no compromise that allows Iraq to limit U.N. weapons inspections. "I have seen no proposal that would satisfy the basic objectives — that is full, unrestricted access," he said on ABC's "This Week."

U.N. representatives are in Baghdad and the Iraqi government has sought to defuse the crisis by offering some access to the presidential compounds it previously declared off-limits.

The issue, chief U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler said on CNN's "Late Edition," is whether there can be about eight palaces that "will be inspected in a special way. That doesn't mean an ineffective inspection, but a special way that shows sensitivity to Iraq; and if a solution on that basis is agreeable to the (Security) Council, maybe we've got a diplomatic solution. If not, I don't know what will happen."

President Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, said he hoped the dispute could be settled peacefully, but not if it meant concessions to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"We simply cannot let this man, who has used chemical weapons 10 times since 1983, have safe havens to redevelop his weapons of mass destruction," Berger said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The administration says a military strike could come at any time, although it would still like to get more open support from U.S. allies and has yet to get a formal endorsement from Congress, which is in recess this week.

To raise national consciousness on the issue, President Clinton will go to the Pentagon on Tuesday. Cohen, Berger and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will hold a town-hall meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said the United States has been promised logistical support for a military strike from at least 23 nations, compared with 37 backers during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. But Russia, China and France remain opposed to the military option, and Clinton continued his telephone campaign Sunday, calling leaders in Austria, Belgium, Bahrain and Kuwait to coordinate policy.

Administration officials made frequent trips to Capitol Hill last week to garner support. Cohen said he was satisfied that "ultimately Congress is going to be very supportive. And I think there's a strong majority for action right now."

Neither the House nor the Senate have been able to come up with language.

Iraq calling for citizens' support

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq welcomed a U.N. team mapping presidential compounds today, but warned that its citizens would defend the symbols of Iraqi sovereignty with their lives.

U.N. surveyors resumed work early today, outlining the eight sites that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has declared off limits to U.N. inspectors who are trying to verify that all weapons of mass destruction have been destroyed.

U.N. officials hope to use the maps to determine which areas of the sprawling compounds are legitimate targets for inspections and which areas should remain closed.

The mission has been depicted in Iraq as a sign that a diplomatic solution was still possible. The United States, backed by Britain, has threatened to attack Iraq if Saddam does not open all presidential sites to unrestricted inspections.

In a sign that Baghdad could be willing to offer concessions, state-run newspapers today quoted Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan as saying Iraq "is serious and earnest" in its pursuit of a diplomatic solution.

Ramadan later warned the United States against a military strike.

"Should the American administration decide to strike Iraq, their influence will be disrupted in the region," Ramadan told reporters. "Neither I, nor the Iraqi leadership, would like to see war."

Iraq was not budging from its insistence that the palaces are symbols of its sovereignty, and emphasized that Iraqis would fight to the death to defend them.

"Volunteering to defend people's palaces a sublime moral action against U.S. barbarism," the government newspaper al-Jumhuriya said in a Page 1 editorial today.

Hundreds of thousands of soldiers would face death to defend "a symbolic location like a palace or a museum," the paper said. "Unfortunately, these facts are not known to cowboys (Americans)."

Iraq's foreign minister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, called for a direct meeting between U.S. and Iraqi officials to solve the crisis, the English-language Jordanian Times reported today.

Iraq has portrayed the dispute over U.N. weapons inspections as a conflict with the United States, not the United Nations.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan was to meet at the United Nations later today with the ambassadors of the five permanent Security Council members in an effort to speed a diplomatic solution.

International appeals increased for Annan to travel to Baghdad himself, including a plea today by Pope John Paul II. Annan has said he doesn't want to go unless he sees hope for a solution, and so far Baghdad has not said whether it has any more to give.

The U.N. mapping team, led by Staffan de Mistura of Sweden, arrived Sunday.

ASK US

Q—How low will the air force planes fly over Scurry County?

A—At last week's meeting, officials said all flights would be above 3,000 feet.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 55 degrees; low, 40; high Sunday, 59; low, 40; 7 a.m. Monday, 42; .70 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 2.39 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low around 35. W wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny, warmer. High near 60. W wind 10-20 mph.



Cheyene Roemisch
Mostly sunny

Sunset:
6:32 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:23 a.m.
Of Of 46 days in 1998, the sun has shone 44 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The journey of a thousands miles begins with a single step.

Unknown

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Biological defense planned against possible microbes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Several federal agencies are working to design and build a high-tech laboratory to protect Earth against live bacteria or viruses that could be contained in rock samples NASA plans to scoop up from Mars.

A living Martian germ might pose a risk of disease or infection for the Earth's people, plants or animals when the samples are returned in about 10 years.

"Samples from Mars should be considered hazardous until proven otherwise," Jonathan Y. Richmond, a biological containment expert for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Sunday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"The risk is very small, but not zero," said John D. Rummel, NASA's planet protection officer. "We're ignorant (about Mars) and what we've learned in biology is that when you are ignorant, be careful."

Although the site and many details are still unknown, NASA plans to build a laboratory that would quarantine the Mars samples behind the same biocontainment barriers that scientists now use to prevent the escape of Ebola, a highly contagious and lethal African virus.

Samples collected by robot craft on Mars would be sealed on the Martian surface and not opened until the containers are placed in vaults under negative pressure, which permits air to flow in, but not out.

Scientists would work with the samples with pressurized gloves and while wearing biological protection suits.

Richmond said that bits of the Mars samples would be placed in agar, a laboratory nutrient, to see if anything grows. Specimens would be exposed to tissue cultures to test for toxicity and for the presence of any microorganism.

Eventually, some of the material could even be injected into animals to see if it does harm, he said.

NASA has done all of this before. The agency built a complex laboratory to protect the Earth from any moon bugs when samples were returned during the Apollo lunar program. No evidence of life was ever found.

But Rummel said "life is quite a bit more likely on Mars than on the moon."

Mars was a warm, wet place, perhaps with oceans, some 3.5 billion years ago, at a time when it is believed life was appearing under similar conditions on Earth.

"There's nothing about Mars that we know of that would have prevented life from evolving there in the same way it did on the early Earth," Rummel said.

Some Mars microbes could still be living, despite its present hostile environment.

"We are finding that organisms can live in far more extreme conditions than we once thought possible," said Margaret S. Race, a scientist for the SETI institute, an organization that specializes in the search for extraterrestrials.

Earth microbes have been found living inside rocks, in the superheated water of undersea volcanic vents and in the extreme dry and cold of the Antarctic.

Police look at duct tape piece again

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Police are taking another look at a piece of duct tape John Ramsey said he pulled from the mouth of his 6-year-old daughter, JonBenet, when he found her body, The Denver Post reported.

The newspaper said Sunday that investigators are performing DNA tests on the tape. The Post quoted unidentified sources who said an autopsy found no sign of skin damage around the girl's mouth, though ripping tape off would normally cause skin marks.

Investigators believe DNA tests should help determine whether the tape was ever on the child's mouth, the Post reported.

JonBenet was found beaten and strangled to death in the basement of her Boulder home Dec. 26, 1996, about eight hours after her mother reported finding a ransom note.

The Rocky Mountain News also reported Sunday that friends of John and Patsy Ramsey have been asked for new interviews. The friends, whose names were not given, said police told them they could not find the earlier interviews.

In one case, two interviews conducted the day after JonBenet's body was found were missing two weeks later, sources told the News.

Adams County District Attorney Bob Grant, who has acted as a consultant to Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter in the case, said it is not unusual for investigators to cover the same ground twice.

"If you interview somebody about item A, B and C, and you go back and interview them again about D, E and F, it doesn't mean you don't ask them again about A, B and C," he said.



NEW OWNER — Betty Stone, fifth from left, center, is the new owner of Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio & Boutique. Several family members were present including, to her right, Jack and Jerry Horner, parents; Peggy Encenia, sister, and to her left, Gene Creech, brother. Donna Fowler, chamber manager, and several Goldcoats officiated at the grand opening Friday morning. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman Can't Believe What She Hears the Second Time Around

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old woman. When I was in my mid-20s, my doctors told me I could never have children. At that time I was dating "Doug" and told him about my infertility. He said it didn't matter to him.

We became engaged and I started planning the wedding. After all of the plans were made, Doug changed his mind about wanting to marry me. He said that after thinking it over, being a father was very important to him. I was devastated.

I have now been dating a very nice man for two years. He has told me that the fact I can't have children does not affect his feelings for me, and that if we decide we want a family we can always adopt. He says that he'll never let me go. But how can I believe him, Abby?

CAN'T TRUST
IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

DEAR CAN'T TRUST: Doug was a cad. However, just because you got a bad egg once doesn't mean you should give up on finding a man you can trust. Not all men are alike. The one you're dating now sounds like a keeper to me.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister and her husband and children have completely severed their relationship with our brother because of his new wife's gift-giving practices.

On my teen-age niece's last two birthdays, our brother's wife has given her a "gift" of used clothing still reeking of our sister-in-law's perfume. My sister and her daughter were very hurt by these tacky gifts.

Our brother and his wife shop for themselves in thrift shops. They don't have to shop there, but they choose to. However, neither my sister's family nor myself is comfortable doing so.

Abby, I'm usually the family peacekeeper, but I'm open to any suggestions. Should I say something, or should I keep my mouth shut and let them resolve this?

IN THE MIDDLE IN TUCSON

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: It's unfair for your sister to cut your brother out of her life without explaining why. Encourage her to explain politely, but truthfully, why they have stopped speaking — but after that, you should stay out of it.

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DEAR ABBY: Recently, in the middle of the night, a friend had chest pains. She called a neighbor and was taken to the hospital, where she was treated. Fortunately, all is well. However, her doctor told her that what she had done was wrong. He said, "You should never call a friend or neighbor; they are not equipped to help you in an emergency. Call 911!"

She told me this story, and two weeks later, I was at a friend's for New Year's. I ate too much salty food and suddenly was gasping for breath. I had just told them the story about 911 that evening. They did just that — called 911 — and within minutes a police officer arrived with oxygen, administering it while waiting for the ambulance. I'm convinced it saved my life.

RUTH DAIGEN, WANTAGH, N.Y.

DEAR RUTH: I'm sharing your story with my readers because it illustrates what 911 is supposed to be used for — a life-threating emergency. Thank you for an important letter.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Date Book

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Today is PRESIDENTS DAY; it is the 47th day of 1998 and the 58th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1937, Dr. Wallace H. Carothers received a patent for nylon.

On this day in 1941, Duke Ellington recorded "Take the A Train."

On this day in 1959, Fidel Castro appointed himself as premier of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Brooks Adams (1838-1918), historian; George Macaulay Trevelyan (1876-1962), historian; Edgar Bergen (1903-1978), ventriloquist; George F. Kennan (1904-), U.S. diplomat-historian, is 94; Patty Andrews (1920-), singer, is 78; Sonny Bono (1935-1998), singer-politician; John McEnroe (1959-), tennis player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Craig Logan of Melbourne, Australia, ran the steps of the Empire State Building in 11 minutes and 29 seconds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Disinterested intellectual curiosity is the lifeblood of real civilization." — George Macaulay Trevelyan

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, Pennsylvania's second February tornado of record touched down, causing only minor damage.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 11) and last quarter (Feb. 19).

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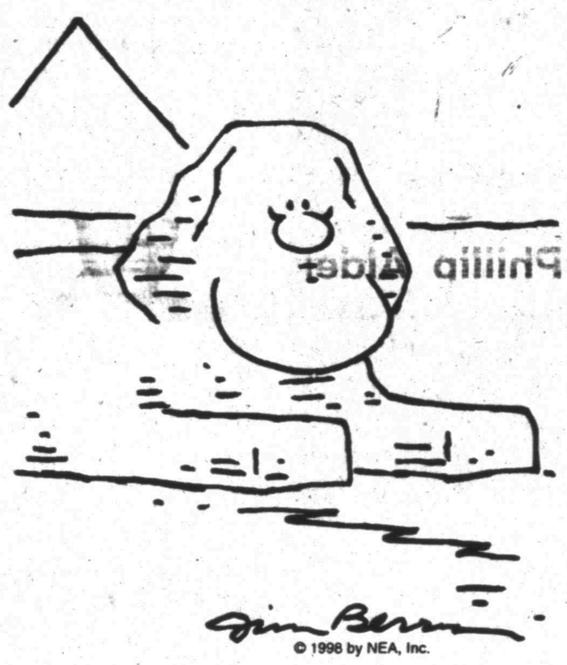
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Waiting for the facts

Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

SDX Resources has completed the No. 7-A Elliott in the Turner-Gregory field, five miles east of Iatan. The well was finaled to produce 19 barrels of oil and 35 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,480-3,042 feet, and location is in Section 25, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

WIC Inc. has completed the No. 12 L.A. Strain in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles northwest of Colorado City. The venture was completed to produce 26 barrels of oil and 57 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,504-666 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block 27, T&P survey.

Howard County

Marathon Oil Company has completed the No. 18-R Scott in the Howard-Glasscock field, eight miles east of Forsan. The well was completed to produce 46 barrels of oil and 396 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,12-3,176 feet, and location is in Section 87, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Collins and Ware Inc. has completed the No. 42 Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, two miles east of Forsan. The well was finaled to produce six barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 2,384-485 feet, and location is in Section 128, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Costilla Energy Inc. will drill the No. 1-27P Alex, a 9,000-foot wildcat located 12 miles north of Big Spring. Location is in Section 27, Block 31, T2N, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 126 Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, two miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,158 feet, location is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Fisher County

Star Production Inc. will drill the No. 1 Broadwell unit in the Adias field, four miles northwest of Noodle. Planned for a depth of 4,800 feet, drill site is in the Creath No. 221 survey.

San Antonio Gas and Oil will drill the No. 1 Alldredge in the Strawn field, nine miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 6,500 feet, drill site is in Block 92, Gillespie CSL survey.

Nolan County

Hallwood Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1 Adkins in the Dora north field, 15 miles south of Sweetwater. Planned depth is 5,300 feet, and location is in Section 59, Block 5, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration has completed the No. 1-B R.R. Petty in the Hylton northwest field, three miles south of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 51 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,092-102 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block Z, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 203 North Nena Lucia field unit, six miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 152, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

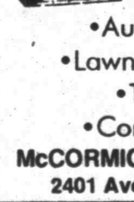
Oryx will drill the No. 205 North Nena Lucia field unit, six miles southwest of Maryneal. Also scheduled for 7,500 feet, location is in Section 152, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Some tests eliminated

AUSTIN (AP) — A company that prepares students for standardized tests is applauding a Texas A&M program that doesn't require the Medical College Admissions Test for some incoming medical students.

Paul Cohen, a spokesman for the New York-based company Princeton Review, said the MCAT and similar tests are poor indicators of a student's ability to perform.

The program at Texas A&M recruits students from areas with large minority populations and offers them guaranteed admission into the university's medical school if they maintain a certain grade-point average in a science-intensive curriculum during their undergraduate years.



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Sharon Stone weds editor on Valentine

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Sharon Stone made sure Valentine's Day will be doubly romantic in the future.

The co-star of "Sphere" married San Francisco newspaper executive Phil Bronstein at a Valentine's party at her home, her publicist said Sunday.

No wedding plans were announced before the wedding and no details of Saturday's ceremony at Stone's Beverly Hills home were released in the brief statement from publicist Cindi Berger.

The couple left Sunday for a honeymoon at an undisclosed location, Berger said. It's the second marriage for both.

Stone, 39, is best known for her role in the 1992 film "Basic Instinct." She was nominated for a best actress Academy Award in 1996 for her role in "Casino."

Bronstein, 47, is executive editor of the San Francisco Examiner. He was a finalist for the 1987 Pulitzer Prize in international reporting for his coverage of the fall of the Marcos regime in the Philippines.



ALSO SWEETHEARTS — Also chosen as Snyder High School sweethearts are, from left, Mandy Heaton, baseball sweetheart; and her escort, David Smith; Lisa McNair, football sweetheart, and her escort, Chad Collum; Daysha Weaver and Nick Long, both golf sweethearts; Brandi Hancock, French Club sweetheart, and her escort, Patrick Ely; Jenise Judah and Michael Hensley, both speech sweethearts. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



OTHER SWEETHEARTS — Other sweethearts at Snyder High School are Mark Cave, volleyball sweetheart, and his escort, Halea Huestis; Richard Lee Rodriguez and April Baker, both choir sweethearts; Cheyenne Robinson, cheerleaders sweetheart, and his escort, Lila King; Windy Wood, FFA sweetheart; and her escort, Matt Preston; Kate Maguire and Justin Guy, both Tigers' Lair sweethearts. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP Chapter 2063; "pot luck" dinner at the Senikor Center; program will follow; 5 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 31217 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; Mawc; 3:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; hostesses, Ellie Dryden and Shirley Drum; 4 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Detection technology improves

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Mines that Iraq planted in the sea during the Persian Gulf War nearly split the cruiser USS Princeton in half and held an American amphibious assault force at bay.

Iraq, the Pentagon learned, was better at laying mines than the U.S. Navy was at clearing them.

That experience sent the Pentagon in search of a more effective defense and Navy researchers say they now have the answer, a collection of devices with relatives in medical technology that they call ALISS, for Advanced Lightweight Influence Sweep System.

"In mine warfare it's a cat-and-mouse game," said project manager Robert Buhl at the Navy's Coastal Systems Station near this Florida Panhandle resort city. "They've got a countermeasure and we've got a counter-countermeasure."

ALISS uses a powerful superconducting magnet and a high-energy underwater noisemaker to fool "influence" mines into exploding at a safe distance. These are mines that sit on the sea bottom and explode when they detect the magnetic field or sound of a target floating overhead.

ALISS is already installed on a 32-foot ship for demonstrations, but until operational craft are built — possibly by 2005 — it's being kept on standby and hasn't been activated for the current confrontation with Iraq, Buhl said.

ALISS is designed to outwit even the most advanced mines by precisely mimicking the sound and magnetic signature of intended targets.

To mimic the magnetic signature of steel-hulled ships, the system uses a donut-shaped, five-foot-diameter superconducting magnet, similar to those in magnetic resonance imaging devices that allow doctors to peer into living human bodies.

Yuppie flair added to return to communal living lifestyle

TYSONS CORNER, Va. (AP) — Bernice Peltier had three kids, a full-time job, a husband who worked for the federal government, a house in the suburbs — a typical middle-class life.

But with work and children consuming most of their time, she and her husband, David Funsten, knew something was missing.

They yearned for a closer-knit neighborhood, for friends with whom to share their meals, their goals and their lives. They just didn't know how to go about it.

"My husband and I felt a decided lack of community in our lives. We felt isolated," Peltier said. "We were questioning how we lived, why we lived the way we lived."

Then the couple heard about co-housing.

Invented in Denmark in the 1970s, co-housing communities are formed by groups of people — anywhere from 10 to 50 households — who pool their resources and buy a single plot of undeveloped land.

The group members then build their own development in a style that emphasizes interaction. Houses face one another. Cars are exiled to parking lots outside the development. Outdoor porches face the main road. There is a shared building for communal meals and meetings. Decision-making is done by group consensus.

The movement intertwines 1990s economics with a hint of the Age of Aquarius and a dash of the old-time village — the way it used to be before telephones, cars and computers made face-to-face communication optional.

"I told David, 'This is what I want. This is exactly it,'" Ms. Peltier said.

Now, four years later, she's getting it.

Bernice, David and their kids are among the families that own a share of Blueberry Hill, a co-housing community in the works a few miles south of Washington, D.C. It's one of three such groups in Virginia.

Proponents say co-housing, which first sprung up in the United States on the West Coast about 10 years ago, is beginning to spread.

"The co-housing phenomenon is still in a very embryonic stage in this country," said Don Lindemann, a co-housing community resident and editor of the Cohousing Journal in Berkeley, Calif. "It started as a trickle, gradually adding numbers, and by the end of next year, there will be at least 50 completed."

More than half of the 19 house sites at Blueberry Hill are already spoken for, and groundbreaking is tentatively set for late summer or fall on seven acres adjacent to an organic vegetable farm.

January is Fat-Free Living Month.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-16-98
♠ 8 2
♥ 8
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ Q J 9 5 3 2

West
♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ A 6
♣ A K 6 4

East
♠ A Q 10 5 4 3
♥ Q 7 2
♦ J 5
♣ 8 7

South
♠ ---
♥ A K J 10 9 6 5
♦ K Q 10 7 4
♣ 10

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♠
5 ♥	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
6 ♦	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ??

— as in this deal. What do you think the outcome was in six diamonds doubled? What should West have led?

North's three clubs was a weak — very weak — jump overcall. He was trading on the prevailing vulnerability. It was hard for South not to bid six diamonds, although five spades by West goes one down.

The "correct" lead is a spade. It is clear that South has a powerful red two-suiter, so the defense should try to take whatever black-suit tricks it has coming, while West has the trump ace for control. However, when the opponents sacrifice, it is often best to lead a trump to cut down their ruffs. So, West led the diamond ace. (West was no beginner, being a European champion.)

Now West should switch, but as you can see, he has to cash a top club; leading a spade is no good. Yet, with his *idee fixe* still in place, West continued with his second trump.

The declarer, English international Peter Crouch, won in hand, played a trump to dummy, and led the heart eight to his jack (the percentage play for seven tricks). When the finesse won, Crouch discarded all six of dummy's clubs on his hearts! So, it was six diamonds doubled and made for plus 1090.

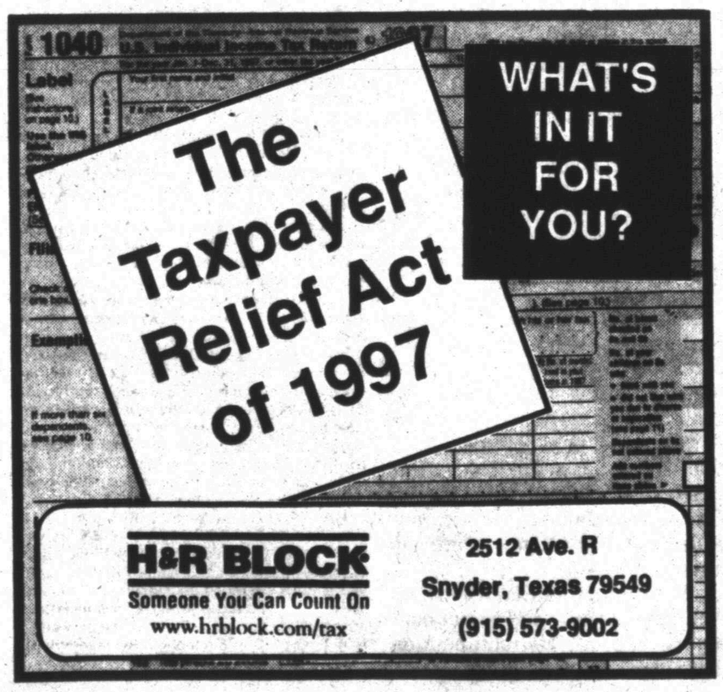
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Red liquid and red cards

By Phillip Alder

Sometimes I wonder about people's standards. In a restaurant review, I read, "The wines run from modestly priced ... for $45." Since when was $45 modestly priced, except in some superexpensive place? And even then, it is a crazy price to pay for something not at all out of the ordinary.

At the bridge table, occasionally one pays a high price for a small misstep





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XVIII WINTER OLYMPICS

Swedish hockey player's citizenship under review

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Sweden might have to forfeit its two victories in the Olympic men's hockey tournament if officials determine defenseman Ulf Samuelsson isn't a Swedish citizen.

Samuelsson has valid passports from both Sweden and the United States, and under Swedish law that means he is not a Swedish citizen, International Ice Hockey Federation spokesman Paolo Ianieri said today.

The federation is to decide Tuesday whether Samuelsson is eligible to play for Sweden. If he is found ineligible, Sweden would be dropped from second place to fourth in its pool and would have to face unbeaten Russia instead of Finland in Wednesday's quarterfinals.

The United States would move up from third to second, and would thus avoid the Czech Republic and dominating goaltender Dominik Hasek. The Americans instead would face Finland.

Ianieri said he didn't know how the question of Samuelsson's citizenship was brought to the federation's attention.

Samuelsson plays for the New York Rangers of the NHL.

"Samuelsson probably has a U.S. passport. As I see it, that is because you otherwise need to apply for a green card, a work permit, every year. But you don't need that if you carry a U.S. passport," Bo Tovland, vice president of the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation, told the Swedish news agency TT.

Samuelsson's "only statement is that he has two passports," TT quoted Swedish hockey team spokesman Leif Emsjo as saying.

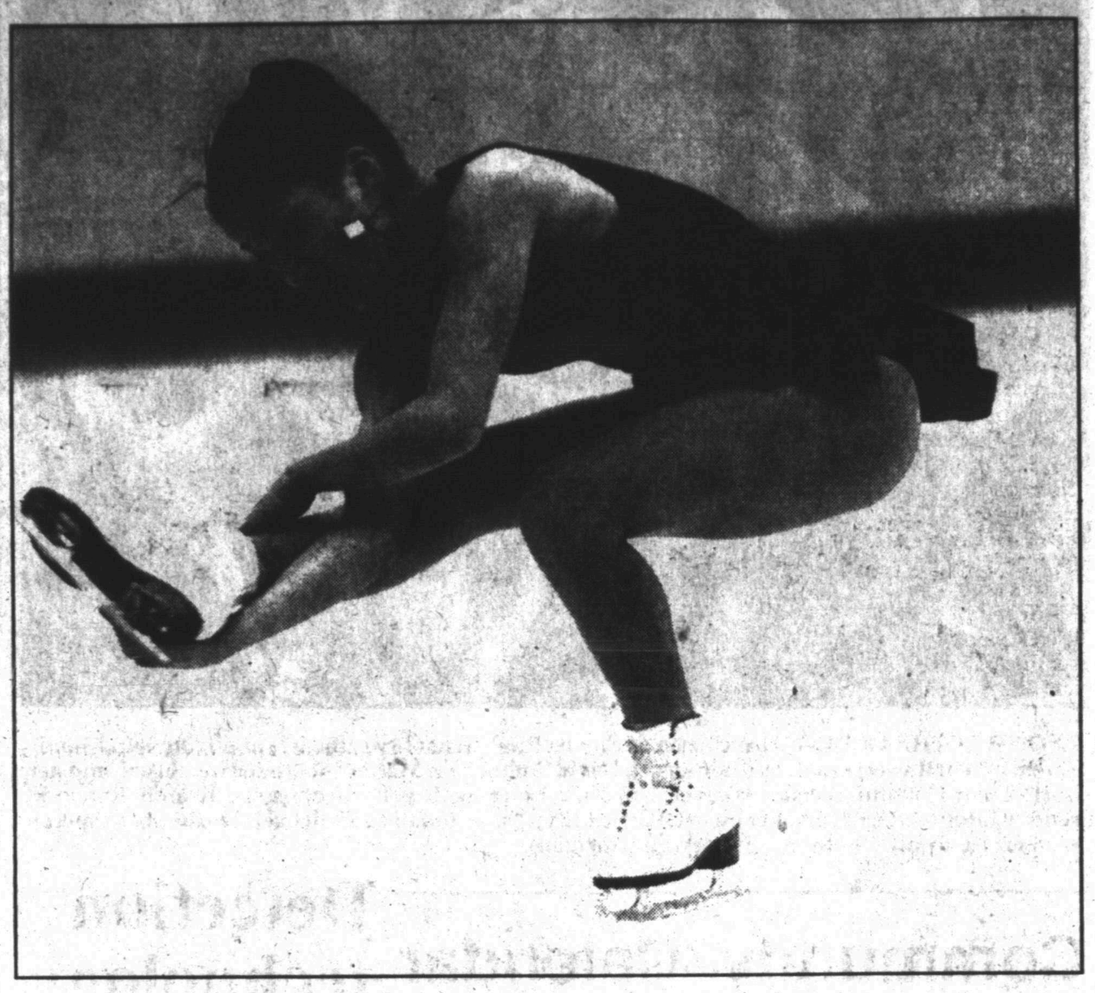
"He has no idea that he has changed nationality."

After Monday's round-robin portion of the tournament ended, the matchups were supposed to be: Canada-Kazakstan, Sweden-Finland, U.S.-Czech Republic and Russia-Belarus.

Because winless Belarus also would move ahead of Sweden if Samuelsson is declared ineligible, the matchups would be: Canada-Kazakstan, U.S.-Finland, Belarus-Czech Republic, Sweden-Russia.



THE THRILL OF VICTORY — Russia's Larissa Lazutina celebrates as she crosses the finish line to win her second gold medal, in the final of the women's 10KM Free Pursuit event at the Snow Harp in Hakuba. (AP Photo/Joe Cavaretta)



LIKE A TOP — U.S. figure skater Michelle Kwan spins during her first practice on the auxillary rink at White Ring Arena in Nagano. (AP Photo/Doug Mills)

Canada blitzes U.S., 4-1; Witty nabs bronze medal

NAGANO, Japan (AP)— After a miserable week of rain and snow, they played three on Olympic ski slopes bathed in sunshine today. On the ice, Canada played with U.S. hockey medal hopes that suddenly look as uncertain as the weather in the Japanese Alps.

A bruised and battered "Herminator" kicked off a skiing triple-header on the Happo'one slopes by winning his first Olympic gold. Then Picabo Street unexpectedly backed off in her downhill, failing to become the first American skier to win two skiing golds in 46 years.

Double gold does belong to Pasha Grishuk and Yevgeny Platov, though. The Russian ice dancers received two perfect scores for presentation late tonight and won the gold medal for the second straight Olympics.

Platov and Grishuk, the platinum blonde with a checkered past who skated under the name Oksana in 1994, have now won 22 straight events, including a controversial first in the Lillehammer Games.

Canada's NHL all-stars, meanwhile, left the U.S. team feeling battered, winning 4-1 in a game that had all the atmosphere of a gold medal matchup.

That was a good thing for a U.S. team that came in with expectations of gold but finished the round-robin play at an anemic 1-2. The teams now move into quarterfinal play, where the games will mean more than just seeding.

"You'd like to win every game. Canada has. We haven't," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said. "But the most important game is in two days."

The Americans, who play Wednesday against the Czech Republic, will have to defeat three outstanding teams, including perhaps Canada again, to win Olympic gold for the first time since 1980. The Czechs lost today to Russia, 2-1.

The busiest day in Olympic Alpine history saw Austria's Hermann Maier — "The Herminator" — return from a nasty crash three days ago to win the gold in the men's super-G.

Maier could have been remembered in the Nagano Olympics for the image of him flying upside down through the air in a spectacular tumble in the downhill race three days earlier.

Now, he may be remembered more for the gold medal around his neck, won because he refused to play it safe even in the icy conditions.

"I was not really the 'Herminator' today," Maier said, "but I am overjoyed to win this gold a few days after a terrific spill in the downhill."

The Austrian won in 1 minute, 34.82 seconds, while fellow Austrian Hans Knauss and Didier Cuche of Switzerland shared the silver medal at 1:35.43. It was the third time an Olympic Alpine race had ended with a tie for the silver.

— ICE DANCING: This is an event the Russians almost always win. And no Russians have been more consistent winners than Grishuk and Platov. That didn't change in Nagano, where the pair remained above a storm of complaints about juding and claims of conspiracies to shut out the Canadiàns. Countrymen Anjelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsyannikov took the bronze, while third place went to France's Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat.

— SPEEDSKATING: Before the Nagano Games, the United States had won 46 Olympic speedskating medals. Now, finally, it has 47.

It was only a bronze for Chris Witty, but it broke a drought by American speedskaters, who had been shut out through six races. Witty's best chance figures to be the 1,000 meters later this week, an event in which she holds the world record. But she blazed past Annamarie Thomas of the Netherlands down the stretch in the 1,500 to win the bronze with an American record 1:58.97.

Marianne Timmer of the Netherlands, who had failed to crack the top three in the 1,500 meters during the World Cup season, broke the world record with a time of 1 minute, 57.58 seconds to give the Dutch their seventh medal of the Nagano Games. Gunda Niemann-Stirnemann of Germany took the silver.

— FREESTYLE SKIING: Amid the twisting and somersaulting in the aerials competition, there was a lot of nasty falling going on. America's top three contenders advanced to the finals, but two Australian medal favorites were eliminated in falls. World Cup leader Nikki Stone reached the women's final, while Britt Swartley and Eric Bergoust qualified for the men's medal round. Dmitri Dashchinsky of Belarus was the surprise leader after two jumps, followed by Swartley. The 12 qualifiers start from scratch in the finals, with the preliminary scores thrown out.

— CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: Russia's Larissa Lazutina became the games' top medal winner, taking her fourth of the games with a gold in the women's 4x5-kilometer relay. Lazutina has three gold medals and a silver, while teammate Olga Danilova picked up her third medal.

MEDAL COUNT

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	6	6	6	18
Norway	5	7	4	16
Russia	8	4	1	13
Austria	2	3	6	11
Canada	4	4	1	9
Netherlands	3	3	1	7
Japan	3	1	3	7
Finland	2	3	2	7
UnitedStates	2	1	4	7
Italy	1	3	2	6
France	2	0	3	5
Switzerland	2	1	1	4
CzechRepublic	0	1	1	2
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0	1
Ukraine	0	1	0	1
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Kazakstan	0	0	1	1

OLYMPIC TV SCHEDULE

Today (7-9 a.m., noon-5 p.m., 7-10:30 p.m. and midnight-2:30 a.m.) — Figure skating (ice dansing-long program), speed skating (women's), freestyle skiing (men's and women's), ski jumping and cross-country skiing (women's) will be shown in prime time. Additional weekday coverage due to the President's Day holiday 1will include men's ice hockey and cross-country skiing (women's) in the afternoon.

Tuesday (7-9 a.m., 7-10 p.m. and 12:30-2 a.m.) — Freestyle skiing (men's and women's) will be highlighted in prime time. Also broadcast in prime time will be a preview of ladies figure skating, alpine skiing (Women's Combined Slalom), short-track speed skating (men's and women's), speed skating (men's) and a wrap-up of women's ice hockey. The late night broadcast will show live quarterfinal action in men's ice hockey.

Wednesday (7-9 a.m., 7-10 p.m. and 11:35 p.m.-1:35 a.m.) — Ladies figure skating (short program) will be showcased in prime time. Alpine skiing (Men's GS), cross-country skiing (men's) and a men's ice hockey report will also be broadcast.

Thursday (7-9 a.m., 7-10 p.m. and 11:35 p.m.-2 a.m.) — A preview of the ladies figure skating long program will be shown in prime time with alpine skiing (Women's Slalom), speed skating (women's), short-track speed skating (men's apd women's) and nordic combined. Semifinal men's ice hockey action will face-off live in late night.

Friday (7-9 a.m., 7-10:30 p.m. and 12:05-2:30 a.m.) — Once again ladies figure skating (long program) will highlight prime-time coverage. Alpine skiing (Women's GS), bobsled (four-man), cross-country skiing (women's) and a men's ice hockey report will also be shown. Live men's ice hockey featuring the bronze medal game will be shown during the lat enight broadcast.

Feb. 21 (noon-5 p.m., 6-10 p.m. and 10:35 p.m.-1 a.m.) — Prime time will feature special performances by figure skating's medal winners, alpine skiing (Men's Slalom), bobsled (four-man) and short-track speed skating (men's and women's). Final weekend broadcasts will begin with speed skating (women's), nordic combined, biathlon (men's), alpine skiing (Men's Slalom preview) and a recap of the figure skating events in the afternoon. Late night will showcase live coverage of the gold medal men's ice hockey game.

Feb. 22 (11 a.m.-noon, 2:30-5 p.m., 7-10 p.m. and 10:35-11:35 p.m.) — CBS Sports' final day of Olympic coverage will be highlighted by the Closing Ceremony in prime time and in the afternoon includes cross-country skiing (men's), a recap of men's ice hockey and an overall review of the Games. The network's final hour of its 128 hours of coverage will be seen in late night.

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SPORTS

Earnhardt finally wins Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — No longer will Dale Earnhardt have to hear that dreaded question: "Will you ever win the Daytona 500?"

In the twilight of a magnificent career, Earnhardt completed his resume Sunday by winning the only coveted stock car prize to previously elude him. On the day NASCAR began celebrating its 50th anniversary with the 40th running of The Great American Race, Earnhardt won on his 20th try.

This time, the man selected in a NASCAR survey as its greatest driver ever wasn't smoked off on the final lap. He didn't flip his car, and there were no blown tires.

"Every which way you can, I've lost it," Earnhardt said. "Now I've won it."

Then he reached into his uniform, pulled out a stuffed monkey and threw it on the floor.

"I don't ever have to answer that question again," Earnhardt said.

Although his record 31 victories in all forms of racing at Daytona International Speedway probably will stand forever, Earnhardt had lost the big race in so many ways. At 46, and with Jeff Gordon and other younger drivers now far more productive, many wondered if he would ever find his way to Victory Lane in the sport's biggest event.

Fellow driver Kyle Petty was not among them.

"It was never an if," Petty said. "It was a when."

As desirable as the Daytona 500 might have been, Earnhardt had reached the point where any victory would be a godsend. He was mired in a career-worst 59-race winless streak that spanned 23 months, so his 71st Winston Cup victory was reason to celebrate, regardless of the venue.

In 1990, he controlled the race for 499 miles, but ran over a broken part and blew a tire two turns from the end.

In 1993, he led 105 laps, only to be passed by Dale Jarrett on the final one.

In 1997, he overcame horrendous pit stops to stay among the leaders until a brush with eventual race winner Gordon put him on his roof.

To say Earnhardt had dominated so often is not sufficient. The hard numbers reveal just how good he has been. From 1987 to 1996, he completed 1,999 of a possible 2,000 laps — 4,997½ of 5,000 miles.

"It was our time," he said. "All week long everybody's been saying, 'This is your week, this is your week.' It was."

This time, he led 107 laps in his Chevrolet. But for the first time, that included the only one he'd never led — the last one.

That was assured when the Pontiac of polesitter Bobby Labonte and the Ford of Jeremy Mayfield broke their own draft in an attempt to catch Earnhardt on the 199th lap. Labonte won, but he couldn't get by the lapped car of Rick Mast and catch Earnhardt.



VICTORY LANE — Dale Earnhardt raises his arms in triumph Sunday after winning his first Daytona 500. Earnhardt, tied with Richard Petty for most Winston Cup Championships, had never won the 500-mile event. (AP Photo)

Jayhawks snap K-State's streak

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The bad news for Kansas State, obviously, was a 73-58 loss to No. 4 Kansas — a loss that snapped a 12-game home winning streak.

The Jayhawks won their 15th straight on the Wildcats' home floor.

Even worse for coach Tom Asbury was his team's play Saturday, especially in the second half. The Wildcats managed only two offensive rebounds after the break and once went 7:22 without a field goal.

The good news is that, despite Saturday's loss, the Wildcats still have as good a chance as any other Big 12 team — except Iowa State and Texas A&M — to finish in the top half of the conference.

Kansas is a lock for the postseason, no matter what happens in the conference tournament. The Jayhawks are 27-3 overall and, with an 11-1 Big 12 record, can clinch at least a share of the title with a win tonight at Colorado.

Oklahoma State and Oklahoma are both 8-4 after the Cowboys' 70-66 win over the Sooners on Saturday. Kansas State, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado and Texas Tech are all 6-6. Texas is 5-7.

In other Big 12 games Saturday, Iowa State beat Colorado 80-63, Missouri stopped Texas A&M 73-60, Nebraska defeated Baylor 66-55, and Texas downed Texas Tech 82-80.

Only Iowa State (4-8) and Texas A&M (0-12) can't finish above .500 in the conference.

At Stillwater, Okla., Brett Robisch scored 19 points and little-used backup Brian Montonati scored six points in the last two minutes as the Cowboys completed a two-game sweep of Oklahoma.

At Lubbock, Kris Clack scored eight of Texas' final 13 points and 26 overall. Clack started his clutch run with a breakaway dunk, then gave Texas the lead for good when he sank three free throws after being fouled by Tech star Cory Carr.

Carr, the Big 12's leading scorer, had 19 points.

Lady Cards set for battle in bi-district

The Lady Cardinals accomplished step one — defending their district crown.

Now it's time to move forward another notch — a bi-district title.

Hermleigh will hit the hardwood Tuesday night against Sterling City at 7:30 in Westbrook.

The Lady Cards, 25-A champions for the second year in a row, wil be carrying a mark of 15-8 into the contest, while the Lady Eagles are 14-16.

Hermleigh, under first-year coach Rocky Clindaniel, will be looking to improve on last season's postseason performance.

In '97, the Lady Cardinals were upended by Robert Lee in the first round.

The Lady Cards aren't their high schools' only playoff represenative, as the Hermleigh boys also claimed the league's top spot.

The Cardinals, who won't begin their postseason run until next week, take on Three Way in a practice game tonight at 7:30 in Wilson.

Date, site set for Tigers' playoff game

The playoff particulars for the Tigers' bi-district matchup with Hereford have been set.

Snyder and Hereford will tipoff Thursday night at 7:30 at the Frenship High School gymnasium. The Tigers will be the home team.

Snyder carries a mark of 17-15 into the contest. The Herd, District 1-4A's runner-up, is 15-13 on the season.

Ticket prices are $3 for adults and $2 for students.

The winner of Thursday's contest will face the winner of tonight's Sweetwater-San Angelo Lake View battle in the second round. The Mustangs and the Chiefs begin at 7:30 this evening at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Mavs fall in overtime

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — With two key players out and two more struggling, the Minnesota Timberwolves leaned on a couple of old standbyes against the Dallas Mavericks.

Sam Mitchell and Terry Porter, playing extended minutes due to injuries to Tom Gugliotta and Chris Carr, provided the spark for the Timberwolves' 105-99 overtime victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday.

"Give those guys credit, they haven't missed a game or a practice ... going on three years now," said Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders.

With young stars Kevin Garnett and Stephon Marbury having their problems, Mitchell and Porter responded with a combined 42 points, 17 rebounds and 11 assists. Their contribution kept the Timberwolves in a game in which they shot just 36.4 per cent and gave Marbury a chance to win it in overtime.

Mitchell had a season-high 25 points, and Porter had 17 points, eight rebounds and nine assists for the Timberwolves, who have won three of four.

Marbury scored a team-record nine points in overtime after committing a turnover with less than four seconds remaining in regulation that nearly cost Minnesota the game.

Michael Finley, who scored a game-high 31 points, missed a buzzer-beater to give Marbury and the Timberwolves new life.

Garnett had 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Timberwolves, but went just 6 for 20 from the field.

Mitchell scored seven points in an 18-6 run that gave Minnesota an 82-75 lead with 3:33 to play, but Davis led a Dallas charge that forced overtime.

Hubert Davis scored the first seven points of a 9-1 run capped by Finley's jumper from the corner that gave the Mavericks an 84-83 lead with 45.9 seconds to play.

Porter's 3-pointer put the Timberwolves back in front, 86-84, but Finley tied it with two free throws eight seconds later. Minnesota held for a last shot, but Marbury was called for traveling with 3.6 left. Finley's fall-away 20-footer at the buzzer over Garnett bounced off the rim.

Hoop prospects enjoy WTC visit

Five high school basketball players are finding out first-hand what it's like to be Lady Westerner.

Western Texas College, which hosts Frank Phillips tonight at 7:30 at Scurry County Coliseum, is entertaining five prospective recruits.

Although the players come from different parts of the state, they all agreed on what they are looking for in a college.

"I am looking for academics first, then basketball, then the social aspect," said LaTosha Lampkin of Terrell High School.

Lampkin's remarks echoed the sentiments of each girl.

"I want to go to a college where the classes are small and where you're known by your name and not by a number," stated Crystal Williams, who played for Corpus Christi Lee.

WTC coach Valery Jackson explained that academics are a major focus for the Lady Westerner ballclub.

"I think we hold a big advantage in the academic department here at WTC," Jackson remarked. "Because of the smaller classes, our overall team GPA was 3.0 last semester. There's not a lot of junior colleges that can say that."

But other than the educational side, the five high school standouts were also impressed with Coach Jackson and assistant coach Marla Beasley.

"It's pretty easy to be relaxed and to talk to Coach Jackson," said Galveston Ball's Charsalynn Mitchell. "We were all pretty tense when we first got here, but she made it real easy to be ourselves."

Mabank's Candice McDaniel and Waller High School's MyKayla Alewine expressed the major difference between the high school game and college would probably be pace.

"Everything happens faster in college," Alewine said.

McDaniel added, "All of the players in college are good. They all know how to play and it will be exciting to get to play with them."

The recruits got a taste of collegiate basketball Sunday night during a Lady Westerner practice.

Everyone involved seemed to like what they saw.

"This is a very athletic group of girls," Jackson stated. "They have been playing a long time and they love the game. And those aspects show up on the court.

"They are used to playing with girls under their level, but tonight they got to see what it was like when all five players are on the same level.

"And I told them afterward, 'You all know how good you looked tonight. Now start picturing in your mind how awesome you would look after two years of playing together here.'"

Windsuit to be given away at WTC contest

At tonight's Lady Westerner game, fans will be able to enjoy college basketball action free of charge and get a chance to enhance their wardrobe.

There will be no cover charge for this evening's contest between Western Texas College and Frank Phillips at Scurry County Coliseum. Tipoff is slated for 7:30.

Also, one lucky fan will be awarded a windsuit.

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Utah	34	15	.694	-
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Portland	30	20	.600	8½
Sacramento	23	29	.442	16½
L.A.Clippers	11	40	.216	28
GoldenState	9	40	.184	29

Saturday's Games

New Jersey 105, Philadelphia 98
Indiana 96, Atlanta 92
Milwaukee 99, Cleveland 93
Phoenix 94, San Antonio 81
Utah 111, Seattle 91
Vancouver 110, Washington 108, OT

Sunday's Games

Miami 116, Toronto 95
Houston 90, L.A. Lakers 88
Minnesota 105, Dallas 99, OT
Chicago 99, Detroit 90
New York 102, Cleveland 91
Golden State 101, Boston 87
Sacramento 88, Washington 86
Portland 117, Denver 82

Monday's Games

Milwaukee at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
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1 Baby-faced angel
7 Swiss or Muenster
13 Crystalline gem
14 Leased
15 One who lifts
16 Make current
17 Irish
18 Annapolis grad
20 Baseball's Musial
21 Wooden shoe
23 — -red
27 Waxed
32 Plastic wrap
33 Accustom
34 — — out
35 — Rica
36 Capital of New Mexico (2 wds.)
39 Made of a hard wood
40 Lawful
42 Attention-getting sound
46 With 53-Across, horror-movie star
47 Emulate Kate Moss
51 Head over heels — —
53 See 46-Across
55 Chewy candy
56 Polar lights
57 Perspires
58 Traps

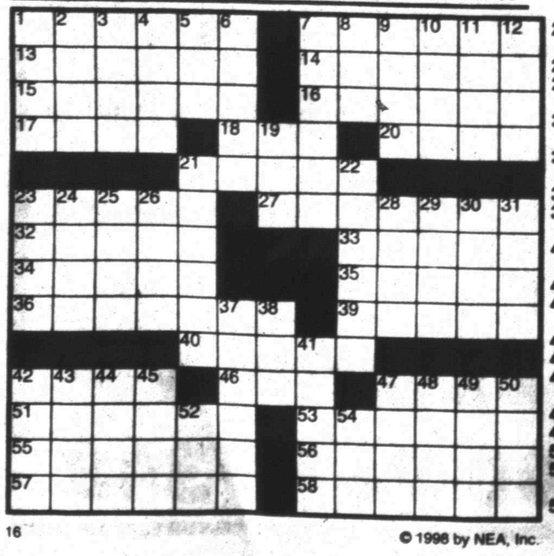
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2 White frost
3 Wallach and Whitney
4 Stand
5 Shoshonean Indian
6 Kentucky college
7 Robinson —
8 Fashionable, slangily
9 Companion of odds
10 Coup d' —
11 Bristle
12 Home of Eve
19 ER's network
21 Summer shoe
22 Clothing fabric
23 Egyptian goddess
24 Zola heroine
25 Football's Tarkenton
26 Companion of rave
28 Small wild ox
29 Elephant's tooth
30 Art deco name
31 College hotshot
37 Cuts of beef
38 Author Umberto —
41 Peruvian Indians
42 Tailors' items
43 Winter precipitation
44 Twist about
45 Roman robe
47 Prefix for normal
48 — — about
49 Withered
50 Young hawk
52 Dyeing vessel
54 Attila, e.g.

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Lawmakers leery of backing Clinton

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legitimate questions, bad memories and a dose of politics combined to put the brakes on what once looked like a sure thing: a congressional resolution backing U.S. military action against Iraq.

There seemed little doubt on Capitol Hill two weeks ago that Congress would vote overwhelmingly to urge President Clinton to, as the resolution said, "take all necessary and appropriate actions to respond to the threat posed by Iraq's refusal to end its weapons of mass destruction programs."

Yet, Congress left town Friday for a week-plus recess without going on record in support of military action. Some members, including the Republican and Democratic leaders, rose to express their backing for U.S. action. But there was no vote because too many lawmakers had too many questions.

It remains a good bet that Congress will adopt a resolution on Iraq. But it is less likely Clinton will receive unequivocal support to take "all necessary and appropriate actions."

The original resolution was offered by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. With remarkable swiftness, doubts set in.

Republicans and Democrats remembered the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin resolution that President Johnson used as congressional

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authorization for an open-ended commitment of U.S. forces in Vietnam.

When Congress returns next week, any Iraq resolution is certain to include a reference to any action being done within the context of U.S. laws. That language, which might appear self-evident, would be a clear reference to the War Powers Act, a Vietnam-era law that requires congressional authorization for any long-term commitment of U.S. troops to combat.

Equally vivid, particularly for Republicans, was the memory of how reluctant many congressional Democrats were to endorse President Bush's decision to have the United States take the lead in driving Saddam Hussein's Iraqi army out of Kuwait.

"It was five months after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, five months before Congress passed a resolution authorizing the use of force to expel him," Lott reminded the Senate last week. That was a Democratic-run Congress and a Republican president and, as Lott pointed out, "the speaker and the majority leader were working to defeat the administration's policy."

This time, the Republican leader said, there is bipartisan cooperation to make sure "that the language is right and that the actions are right."

There also is bipartisan concern about how to reach that point.

The question asked most often on Capitol Hill is, "What would air strikes on Iraq accomplish?"

"After a round of briefings with administration officials, the only thing that is clear is what the U.S. air strikes are not going to accomplish," said Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn. "They will not eliminate Iraq's stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons; they will not eliminate Iraq's capability to produce weapons of mass destruction; and they will not remove Iraq's rulers."

The need to remove Saddam from power was a theme echoed by members of both parties in the House and Senate. Another persistent theme was the question of the aftermath of a U.S. attack.

'Titanic' becomes No. 3 domestic grossing movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Another week brought another multimillion-dollar milestone for "Titanic," which remained in first place at the box office for a ninth straight weekend and replaced "Jurassic Park" as the No. 3 all-time domestic moneymaker.

Buoyed by Valentine's Day and last week's Academy Award nomination announcements, the blockbuster grossed $27.5 million over the weekend for a North American total of $370.9 million, Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. reported Sunday.

That was enough to bump "Jurassic Park," with $357.1 million, to No. 4 on the all-time list. "Titanic" trails "Star Wars," which earned $461 million, and "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," with $399.8 million.

"This picture's had terrific legs so far and is only getting better," said Art Rockwell, an industry analyst with Rockwell Capital Management.

"Titanic" received a 20 percent boost in sales from the previous weekend thanks to its 14 Oscar nominations, analysts said. Also, many lovebirds saw the film on Valentine's Day. Its largest single-day gross was Saturday with $13 million.

Other Academy Award-nominated films, including "Good Will Hunting," "As Good As It Gets," "L.A. Confidential" and "The Full Monty," earned between 18 percent and 25 percent more than the previous weekend.

"The Academy Award consideration, as well as good word of mouth, are carrying these pictures," Rockwell said.

"As Good As It Gets" passed the $100 million mark and "L.A. Confidential" earned $2.6 million, although it finished out of the weekend top 10.

"It's not a picture that has a wide appeal," Rockwell said of "L.A. Confidential." "It was not handled right to begin with in terms of marketing. It's been very well reviewed ... but it isn't the kind of film that plays well in the rural areas. It's an urban film."

Three new films finished in the top 10.

"The Wedding Singer" was in second place with $18.5 million. The romantic comedy, set in 1985, is about a singer played by Adam Sandler and his budding romance with a waitress played by Drew Barrymore.

"Sphere," an underwater sci-fi thriller starring Dustin Hoffman, Samuel L. Jackson and Sharon Stone, was third with $15.2 million.

The only other new release was "The Borrowers," starring John Goodman in a comedy based on the popular children's books. It earned $4.8 million to finish sixth.

Final figures were to be released Tuesday.

Estimated grosses for the top 10 movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday:

1. "Titanic," $27.5 million.
2. "The Wedding Singer," $18.5 million.
3. "Sphere," $15.2 million
4. "Good Will Hunting" $8.2 million.
5. "As Good As It Gets," $6.5 million.
6. "The Borrowers," $4.8 million.
7. "Replacement Killers," $4.3 million.
8. "Great Expectations," $3.4 million.
9. "Blues Brothers 2000," $3.2 million.
10. "Wag the Dog," $2.75 million.

Seven arrested over weekend

Seven people were arrested on alcohol-related charges over the weekend in Snyder.

Officers arrested a 49-year-old male at 8:31 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of 17th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. A 49-year-old passenger was charged with public intoxication.

Two people were arrested at the Latin American Center shortly after midnight Saturday for public intoxication. Taken into custody were a 23-year-old male and a 24-year-old male.

An officer was requested at Cogdell Hospital's emergency room at 7:49 p.m. Sunday as a person was being treated for an assault. The man did not want to file charges, but the police did. The 24-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.

Officers arrested two more people at the emergency room around 10 p.m. Sunday. Taken into custody on public intoxication charges were a 61-year-old male and a 33-year-old male.

In other activity over the weekend, officers were called to the 800 block of 30th Street at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in reference to a woman being assaulted. However, she did not want to press charges.

A person notified deputies at 1:17 Sunday morning that someone was spot-lighting and shooting from a vehicle on CR 3163.

Officers were called to the Palomar Motel at 10:36 a.m. Sunday in reference to two juveniles staying in a room. A juvenile male was transported to a residence in Snyder while the female was transported to RECOR in Sweetwater. An offense report for a runaway was submitted.

Officers were called to the Phillips 66 Superstation on Coliseum Drive at 5 a.m. today in reference to a window being busted out. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted, but nothing appeared to be missing, according to the police report.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 13-Annie Hernandez, Tessa Aguilar; Feb. 14-Tomas Arguello, Michelle Hilliard, Mack Hamilton of Jackson, Miss., Rosa Maldonado, Betty Naquin; Feb. 15- Catherine Hammit, Hildegard Hardy.

DISMISSALS: Feb. 13-Pamela Guerrero, Erma House, Danielle Selders, Jerald Smith, Patsy Taylor; Feb. 14-Annie Hernandez, Betty Rawlings, Janet Sojourner, Diana Mowles and baby boy; Feb. 15-None.

CENSUS: 43 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-26, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Kyle and Michelle Hilliard of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 5:12 a.m. on Feb. 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, four ounces.

Joe and Catherine Hammit announce the birth of their seven-pound, 12-ounce son at 6:47 p.m. on Feb. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998

In the year ahead, who you know might be more important than what you know. Fortunately, you'll do well in making the right personal contacts and connections.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to achieve your objectives today, you might be tempted to use tactics that could tarnish your image. Act according to your highest ideals at all times. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your hunches might be questionable today but may strongly influence your decision-making. Think twice before yielding to inner urges.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Two friends might have contrary opinions that they'll try to iron out today. Maintain your distance or you might be drawn into the squabble.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A current endeavor has good possibilities, but will require strong allies to help you pull it off. Weak associations will be counterproductive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful when working with unfamiliar materials today. Lack of experience could be a handicap hard to overcome, especially if you're disorganized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When talking to a secretive friend today, don't probe into matters he or she does not want to discuss. This person will be defensive and angry.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Assertive associates could take the decision-making process out of your hands if you're wishy-washy today. Defend your positions firmly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually, you're fairly well-organized at work, but today your methods might be questionable and thus influence your end results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Subdue inclinations today to take financial risks in unfamiliar areas. If you feel inclined to be adventurous, be aware of the odds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to avoid an involvement today that you do not understand fully. If your instincts warn you to be cautious, ignore your ego and back out gracefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who has placed confidence in you will be disappointed today if he or she learns you publicly revealed this person's secret.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Two friends who you think can help you might ignore your requests. Do not take this personally; they have their own problems with which to contend.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Is bilirubin level too high?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a bilirubin level of 1.5. Is this dangerous? I'm otherwise in good health, and my other blood tests are normal.

DEAR READER: Bilirubin is a yellowish pigment excreted in the bile. If there is a blocked bile duct (the channel leading from the liver to the intestine), bilirubin will back up into the liver and eventually into the bloodstream, often causing the yellow skin discoloration known as jaundice. Also, if the liver is inflamed, bilirubin is not excreted normally and jaundice can result.

If you had a bile-duct blockage (from gallstones or a growth in the pancreas, for example), you would experience pain and other symptoms. Similarly, if you had a liver disorder, blood tests would confirm it. Most important, the situations I described would cause extremely high blood-bilirubin levels of 10 or more milligrams per deciliter (normal: less than 1 milligram/deciliter).

Therefore, I believe that you have a harmless and common condition called "conjugated hyperbilirubinemia," which — because of genetic inheritance — causes your blood-bilirubin level to run slightly higher than normal. Such an abnormality is of no consequence, but you should follow your doctor's advice with respect to further testing to rule out the other causes I mentioned.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of chronic back pain, I have been to many doctors. After being tested, I was found to have muscle spasm. The doctors haven't helped me. Should I try postural re-education?

DEAR READER: Postural re-education strategies are yet another example of alternative medicine (therapy that is separate from traditional medical treatment).

Practitioners of postural re-education use touch and movement to realign the spine, the purpose being to educate patients about how to exchange an unhealthy posture for one that improves coordination and balance. Instructors verbally guide participants into better positioning of the head, neck and shoulders, or instruct them in special exercises by invoking imagery. Other instructors may prefer the Trager method, which helps patients enjoy body movement by bouncing, shaking, compression and elongation.

Although postural re-education emphasizes the "redirection of negative psychophysiologic patterns," I suspect that the main value of the technique is that it keeps people limber, flexible and independent.

Try it. See what happens. It can't hurt you. Let me know the outcome.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.

Countries around Iraq worry about fallout from attack

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Countries that border Iraq fear they would be the victims of economic and political fallout from an American attack aimed at forcing Saddam Hussein to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Jordan, Turkey and Iran again may have to deal with huge waves of refugees, as they did — with almost no international help — during the 1990 Persian Gulf crisis and 1991 Gulf War.

Along with Syria, they have important trade links with Iraq. And all are watching with dismay as foreign tourists cancel reservations for what had been expected to be a lucrative spring season.

Only Kuwait, which hasn't forgiven Saddam for his 1990 invasion of the country, has offered to support an American-led military campaign.

Neighboring Saudi Arabia, which participated with the U.S.-led coalition that ended Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, won't even allow its military bases to be used this time. Neither will Jordan or Turkey.

None wants to get dragged into a conflict that most certainly would spread if Iraq retaliates by firing Scuds or other missiles at Israel — and Israel, as promised, responds with greater force.

"We all lived the burden of the (Gulf) War," Turkey's prime minister, Mesut Yilmaz, said earlier this month. "And we don't want to live it again."

Labib Kamhawi, a political science professor at Jordan University, told The Associated Press on Sunday that, in the short run, striking Iraq "will have a devastating economic impact that could trigger instability in the neighboring countries."

Jordan is almost entirely dependent on Iraq for oil, and Iraq is the main market for Jordanian-made products. Turkey complains it has lost $35 billion in trade with Iraq since the Gulf War and encourages a daily procession of Turkish trucks to carry food and textiles across the border to Iraq and return with oil. Syria recently signed its first contracts to sell food and soap to Iraq under a U.N.-approved program.

Iran, though it fought a devastating war with Iraq in the 1980s, is selling more and more products to Baghdad. It also apparently is turning a blind eye to what Iraqi opposition groups say is the extensive smuggling of Iraqi oil through Iran's Gulf ports.

Many Arab leaders also must deal with their citizens' concerns that seven years of punishing U.N. sanctions have pauperized Iraq's 22 million people.

Already there have been pro-Iraq — and anti-American — demonstrations in Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Yemen and the Palestinian territories, despite government bans aimed at keeping emotions in check.

Jordanian opposition leader Leith Shubeilat, who has led two pro-Iraq rallies here and is planning a third, foresees repercussions of the crisis "not only for Jordan but for the whole region."

He predicted that if Arab government's don't heed growing public sympathy for the Iraqis "there is going to be a divorce between the people and their governments. ...Certainly we will be sitting on a powder keg."

Worries that a U.S.-led strike could lead to a partitioning of Iraq — a major concern during the Gulf War — again are being discussed. It was no surprise that Turkish Foreign Minister Ismail Cem, a mediator dispatched to Baghdad earlier this month, called for a regional security plan that would meet Saddam's "concerns for Iraq's territorial integrity."

Turkey, Syria and Iran would look askance at a partitioning that creates an autonomous Kurdish region in northern Iraq, fearing it would embolden their own substantial Kurdish minorities to rise up.

Autonomy for the Shiite Muslim majority in southern Iraq could have repercussions in Iran, where Shiite Muslims also are a majority, and in Saudi Arabia, where Shiites predominate in the oil-rich Eastern Province.

Iran still is caring for thousands of Iraqi Shiites who fled their homeland after Saddam, a Sunni Muslim, put down a Shiite uprising following the Gulf War. Differences between the two branches of Islam date back to 632 A.D., when war broke out for leadership of the Muslim world, and still lead to conflicts today.

Syria and the Palestinians, meanwhile, have watched the U.S.-brokered peace process stalemate following the election of hard-line Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in mid-1996. Now, they feel their cause has been relegated to the back burner.

"The United States and Britain are taking the limelight from the Palestinian issue and focusing world attention on Iraq," complained Omar Khatib, the Palestinian representative to Jordan.

Pickups' popularity continues in U.S.

DETROIT (AP) — As they continue to get bigger, faster and more luxurious, pickup trucks have become a reassuring constant for the American auto industry and are as likely to be hauling children as bales of hay these days.

Sport utility vehicle sales have surged and car sales have fallen, but pickup sales have remained a steady 2.7 million or more for four straight years. About one of every five new vehicles sold in the United States is a pickup.

"The pickup truck has been a constant," said Michael Marsden, arts and sciences dean at Northern Michigan University who has studied automotive culture. "It's the blue jeans of automotive culture."

The Ford F-Series truck was the best-selling vehicle in America in 1997 for the 16th straight year with 746,111. F-Series sales nearly doubled those of the top-selling car, the Toyota Camry, and top-selling sport utility vehicle, the Ford Explorer.

The second best seller was a pickup, too — the Chevrolet C/K at 534,344.

As the pickup has evolved, only use and styles have changed — becoming less farm-oriented and more urban. They also can come with less-than-rustic features such as remote keyless entry, CD players and leather seats.

Buyers may find even more to like about pickups this year and next as Chevrolet rolls out the first redesign of its full-size pickups in a decade and Toyota releases an all-new T150.

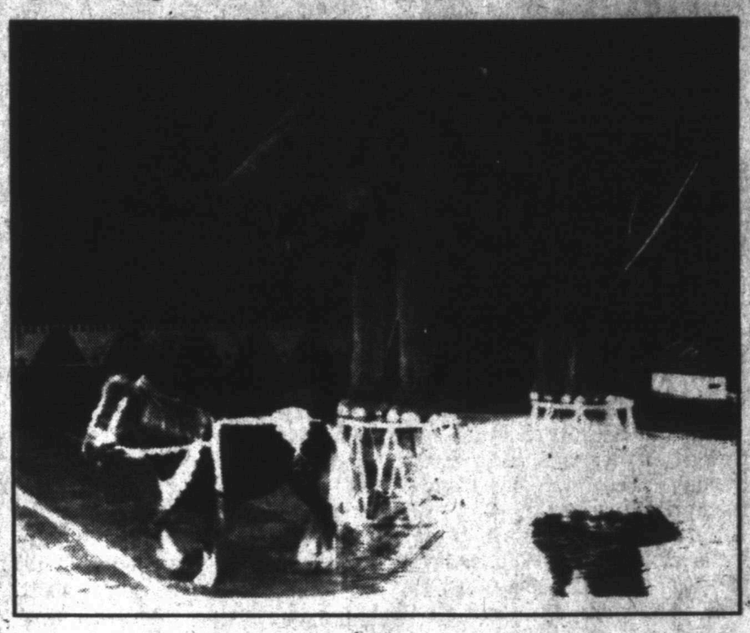
Still, some auto buffs have a hard time getting excited about trucks.

"What is the most American vehicle? I'm almost embarrassed that it's a pickup truck," said Jim Hall, an analyst with AutoPacific Inc.

But automakers are trying to make sure pickups get proper respect. Ford has held a series of celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the venerable F-Series, including one with a mock 50-foot birthday cake last fall at the Texas State Fair.

Among the devotees at the Texas event was Donna Giebler, a rancher from Gatesville near Waco, who has an F-Series truck named LeRoy. "In Texas when you have a truck you like, you name it," she said.

Arizona is also known as the Grand Canyon State.



CIRCUS GATTI — Circus Gatti 1998 will perform twice Wednesday at Scurry County Coliseum, 4:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Local sponsors are Scurry County Sheriff's Posse. (Contributed Photo)

Business and Industrial News

Hillside Memorial Gardens has been serving Snyder area for many years

Hillside Memorial Gardens, located on the Colorado City Highway, has been serving Snyder and the Scurry County area for many years.

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Lots at Hillside Memorial Gardens are reasonably priced and they offer a Pre-Need Financial Plan of only 20 percent down and small monthly payments without interest or carrying charges. If the only time you have is on the weekends, Greg can be contacted at 573-5864 and will be glad to help you anytime.

Granite and bronze memorials are available at Hillside Monument Works. Greg goes to great lengths to see that the finished product is one that pleases the family members and reflects the individualism of the loved one for whom the monument has been created.

The staff at Hillside realizes that they provide an important service to the community and work hard to maintain the trust and confidence of the people. They will be happy to counsel with anyone at anytime concerning their present or future needs. Give them a call at 573-5251 or and visit with them at Hillside Memorial Gardens and Monument Works on the Colorado City Highway.



THE BEAUTIFUL HILLSIDE MEMORIAL GARDENS — Snyder's perpetual care cemetery, is located on the Colorado City Highway. (SDN Staff Photo)

Company offers health-care providers informative facts

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (AP) — You're calling to hear the result of that lab test you've been lying awake worrying about. Or to schedule an appointment for your wailing sick baby.

After hearing "please hold," you might spend the next few minutes listening to Muzak, or to a cheery message saying "your call is important to us," or to dead silence.

Robert Loeb has a built a national business by offering an alternative. His Vericom Corp. sells specialized messages to health-care providers that give callers health tips and other potentially useful information while they wait on hold.

"We think consumers are in a completely different frame of mind when they're placed on hold at a hospital," Loeb explained. "You're nervous, anxious, or scared to death, and what you want is resolution."

Being left on hold can worsen anxiety or lead to what the business communication world calls "abandonment" — hanging up. Neither is good for your health or your health-care provider's business."

The veteran of 20 years in health-care sales and administration was seeking a way to start a new business in 1989 when he noticed a new type of marketing — on-hold messaging.

But Loeb figured selling products or singing the praises of a doctor or hospital wasn't the right approach for his industry.

"When you're anxious and on hold, you don't want to be hyped," he explained.

He bought a $20 cassette recorder and made a tape with messages about depression and other mental-health issues. He took it to a neighbor who worked for a psychiatric hospital, and soon had his first customer.

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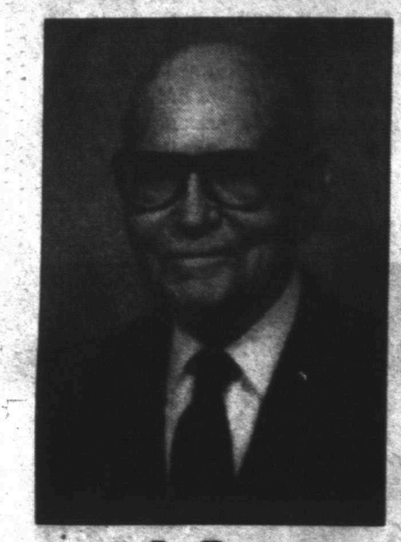
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Ray Haney

Ray Haney

1906-1998

Ray J. Haney, a longtime resident of Snyder, died at 9:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Haney, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate.

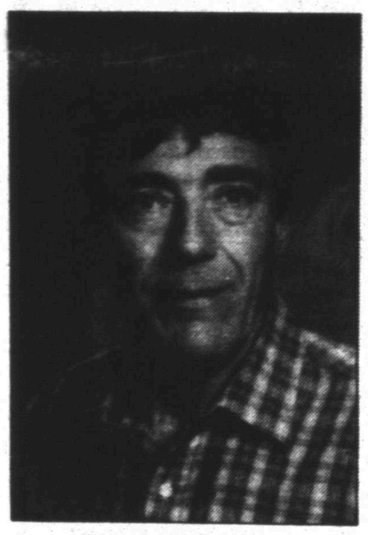
Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 3, 1906 in Dallas County, he married Esthalee Beavers on Nov. 10, 1934 in Post.

Mr. Haney was a farmer and rancher, and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald Ray Haney; six brothers, and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Esthalee Haney of Snyder; a son Darrell Haney of Horseshoe Bay; three grandchildren, Randy of Carrollton, Robert and Lela of Cedar Park and April of Horseshoe Bay; two sisters, Faye Lloyd of San Angelo and Dorsey Jarrett of Austin; and a number of nieces and nephews.



Floyd Collins

Floyd Collins

1942-1998

Floyd James Collins, 55, of New Braunfels died February 15, 1998 at Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

He was born May 10, 1942 in Aledo, Texas to Ernest Fulton Collins and Ottie Bird Collins. He graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1965 with a degree in Agricultural Education.

Mr. Collins was a teacher for the Comal ISD, and he was a member of the Lakeside Baptist Church in New Braunfels.

He taught science and vocational agriculture 18 years in Snyder, five years in Jayton and three years in New Braunfels. He owned and operated a dairy farm for seven years in Snyder. His success as a teacher is reflected in the many awards and achievements of the students that he taught throughout his career.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Collins of the home to whom he was married on November 13, 1982; one brother Lloyd Collins of Pyote; three sisters, Peggy Davis of Amarillo, Lou Ivoni Loeckle of Arlington and Ernestine Harrell of Bella Vista, Arkansas.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 1998 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Snyder. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The family will receive visitors Tuesday, February 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial scholarship fund has been established to honor the work that Floyd did with youth. Contributions to the Floyd Collins Endowed Scholarship can be sent to Bank of America, 501 Landa Street, New Braunfels, Texas 78130, Attention: Betty Scholl. Texas A&M Foundation will administer the fund and award scholarships to students majoring in Rangeland Ecology and Management.

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Sidney Miller

1912-1998

Sidney Elliot Miller, 85, died today, Feb. 16, in Snyder Oaks Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Miller is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Fluvanna Church of Christ. Don Campbell, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born Dec. 2, 1912 in Dublin, he married Leola Mae Lindsey on March 1, 1941 in Scurry County. She died in 1994.

Mr. Miller was a retired carpenter and a member of the Fluvanna Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Robert Miller of Snyder; two daughters, Dorothy Redden of Gilmer and Barbara Miller of Fluvanna; a sister, Vera Barbee of Snyder; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Joneil Smallwood

1939-1998

Funeral service is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Joneil Smallwood, longtime Ira resident. The Rev. Jack Darnell, Ira Church of God pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Mr. Smallwood, 58, died Friday, Feb. 13, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Born on Nov. 1, 1939 in Snyder, he married Judy Wilson McLarty on June 30, 1991. Mr. Smallwood was a correctional officer for TDCJ and had lived in Big Spring 20 years where he owned and operated a western wear store. He had also owned and operated Smallwood Phillips 66 Station in Snyder. Mr. Smallwood was a member of the Ira Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Smallwood of Snyder; his mother, Leona Smallwood of Ira; a daughter, Dana Higgs of Amarillo; two sons, Tim Smallwood of Amarillo and Sammy Smallwood of Canon City, Colo.; a brother, Dolwin Smallwood of Kerens; two stepdaughters, Kima Coltharp of Temple and Kelli Pollard of Levelland; three grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Mesquite Country Emmaus, P.O. Box 773, Snyder; the American Cancer Society; or the Ira Church of God Youth.

Athel Oliver

1903-1998

LEVELLAND — Athel Elmer Oliver, the brother of Olla Chaney of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 15, at his home in Levelland.

Funeral service for Mr. Oliver, 94, is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Geo. C. Price Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Rodney Kruse, chaplain with the Hospice of Lubbock, will officiate. Burial will follow in the City of Levelland Cemetery.

Born Oct. 7, 1903 in Indian Territory, Okla., Mr. Oliver served in the U.S. Army from 1927-30. He married Alice Viola Nobles on Jan. 3, 1932 in La Flore County, Okla.

Mr. Oliver moved to Hockley County in 1946. He was a Baptist and a retired farmer.

Mr. Oliver was preceded in death by his wife in 1992; by an infant daughter; and by two sons.

Survivors also include a son, Cal Oliver of Blackwell; three daughters, Gladys Channell of Childress, Lois Robinson of Littlefield and Eva Crawford of Levelland; 30 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Loretta Bowers

1917-1998

STAMFORD — Loretta Portwood Bowers, the mother of Linda Turner of Ira, died Friday, Feb. 13, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Bowers, 80, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Highland Cemetery. Chad Massie was to officiate, and arrangements were under the direction of Kinney Funeral Home.

Born in Sherman, she married Earl Portwood in 1936 in Stamford. After his death, she married J.B. Bowers in 1970. He also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bowers was a charter member of the Stamford VIP Center. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Orient Street Church of Christ.

Survivors also include a son, Jerry Portwood of Slaton; a sister, Mrs. Morris Bailey of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Zamora case goes to jury

FORT WORTH (AP) — A jury today began deciding whether former midshipman Diane Zamora was guilty of capital murder in the slaying of a 16-year-old girl who had a one-time affair with her fiance.

State District Judge Joe Drago told jurors they also could consider lesser charges of kidnapping, assault and false imprisonment.

He did not give them the option of murder, a minor victory for prosecutors who said they wanted only capital murder considered because the evidence didn't support a lesser offense. Defense attorneys objected to the omission.

Capital murder is a murder committed with another felony. Prosecutors say Ms. Zamora helped then-fiance David Graham kidnap and kill Adrianne Jones in December 1995 in retaliation for their fling.

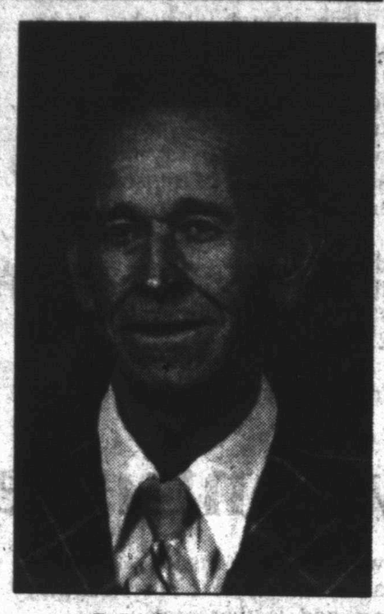
If Ms. Zamora, 20, is convicted of capital murder, she would automatically receive a life sentence with parole possible after 40 years. Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty.

A murder charge carries a penalty of five to 99 years in prison; the defendant becomes eligible for parole if he or she serves 30 years.

Kidnapping is a third-degree felony and carries a sentence of two to 10 years. The other charges are misdemeanors.

During closing arguments, assistant prosecutor Michele Hartmann told jurors Ms. Zamora acted as "judge, jury and executioner."

"When you decide that she is guilty of capital murder, you won't be telling this defendant anything she doesn't already know," Ms. Hartmann said. "Adrianne Jones is dead because that woman ... demanded that it be done."



R.L. Grimmett

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1914-1998

Raymond Lee Grimmett, co-founder of Grimmett Bros Construction Co., died at 1:35 a.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Grimmett, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church where he was a member.

Officiating will be Dr. Marty Akins and the Rev. Bobby Hobbs. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 3, 1914 in Graham, he married Maxine Hailey on April 12, 1936 in Snyder. Mr. Grimmett was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served on the USS Tennessee during World War II.

Mr. Grimmett founded Grimmett Bros Construction with his brother, Bill Grimmett, who died in 1994.

A former member of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board, Mr. Grimmett was recipient of the C.T. McLaughlin award at the 1994 chamber banquet.

He was active in the Scurry County Sheriff's Posse and a sponsor of the Scurry County Junior Riding Club.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Ray Grimmett; a granddaughter, Samatha Rae Grimmett; two other brothers, Lewis and Elvis Grimmett; and two sisters, Marie Plasburg and Ruby Sutton.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Grimmett of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Billy Ray and Diana Grimmett of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Allen Hodges of Snyder; a sister, Lucille Cantrell of Santa Rosa, Calif; six grandchildren, Jon Don and Amy Grimmett of Azle, Lena and Mark Garcia, Shay and Darren Cox, Hailey Grimmett, Jessica and Brian Garner and Jacob Hodges, all of Snyder; seven great-grandchildren, Garrett Cox of Abilene, Jerry Ray and Summer Grimmett of Azle; Keenon-K'ana and Kelton Garcia and Parker Garner, all of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Case takes day off

AMARILLO (AP) — As if Oprah Winfrey's four-week-old beef defamation trial needed another reason to stretch on, it's getting one today.

The Presidents' Day federal holiday means attorneys won't reconvene in U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson's court until Tuesday morning, when she'll hear arguments concerning a defense motion to issue a verdict in their favor.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

AARP to meet today

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 5 p.m. today for pot luck dinner at the Senior Center. A program will follow.

'Care For The Elderly'

Snyder Healthcare Center, 5311 Big Spring Highway, will present a program featuring Dr. Carl Dillaha at 7 this evening. He will be answering questions on "Care For The Elderly."

Bible study tapes airing

The "Key to the Kingdom" video tapes and "Getting to Know God" series air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "I Was Blind. Now I See," followed by "Getting to Know God's People and Praise," will begin at 7 this evening.

Chamber of commerce board

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board will convene at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday to consider hotel/motel requests and upcoming events.

Medication update party

Total Home Health Care of Post will hold a medication update party at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Golden Terrace Apartments meeting room. There will be food and fun. Bring all medications.

Teacher program slated

"Ten Traits of the Effective Teacher" will be presented at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. All teachers are encouraged to attend.

Snyder ISD trustees

Snyder ISD trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday to consult with an architect concerning proposed renovation projects.

Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will be sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti Wednesday. Performances are at 4:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Theater group to perform

The Jeremiah People, a Christian musical theater company, will present "Critical Conditions" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.

Cotton, cattle seminar

Delta Corporation, American State Bank, Texas PCA, Hargrove Crop Insurance and Hugh Boren & Sons Insurance are presenting a seminar on cotton and cattle trading with options at 6 p.m. Thursday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Horseshoe pitchers

All horseshoe pitchers are invited to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the chamber board room to organize for 1998.

Ira Project Graduation

A Project Graduation planning meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Ira school library. All 8th grade through 12th grade students should attend. Call Brenda Oliver at 728-2740 for information.

Conversational Spanish

WTC Continuing Ed will offer a class on Conversational Spanish starting Thursday. Class times will be Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 with Robert Adams as the instructor. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Girl Scout cookies

Local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at Wal-Mart on Saturday and again on Saturday, Feb. 28.

United Way meeting

Scurry County United Way will meet at noon next Monday at the chamber. New board members and officers will be installed.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

Snyder High School show choir "Tiger Jazz" is interested in performing for local organizations. The group has a 25-to-30-minute show of popular favorites from the 1930s to the 1980s. To book a performance call 573-6301.

Last chance for Ira annual

The last chance to order a 1998 Ira Bulldog annual is Feb. 27. The cost is $22 with your name on the cover or $20 without. The supply will be limited, so order as soon as possible.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-4-3
(one-four-three)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 01-05-08-10-34-42.
Estimated jackpot: $8 million.
Number matching six of six: 1
Matching five of six: 160. Prize: $1,109.
Matching four of six: 8,115. Prize: $78.
Matching three of six: 140,432. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.