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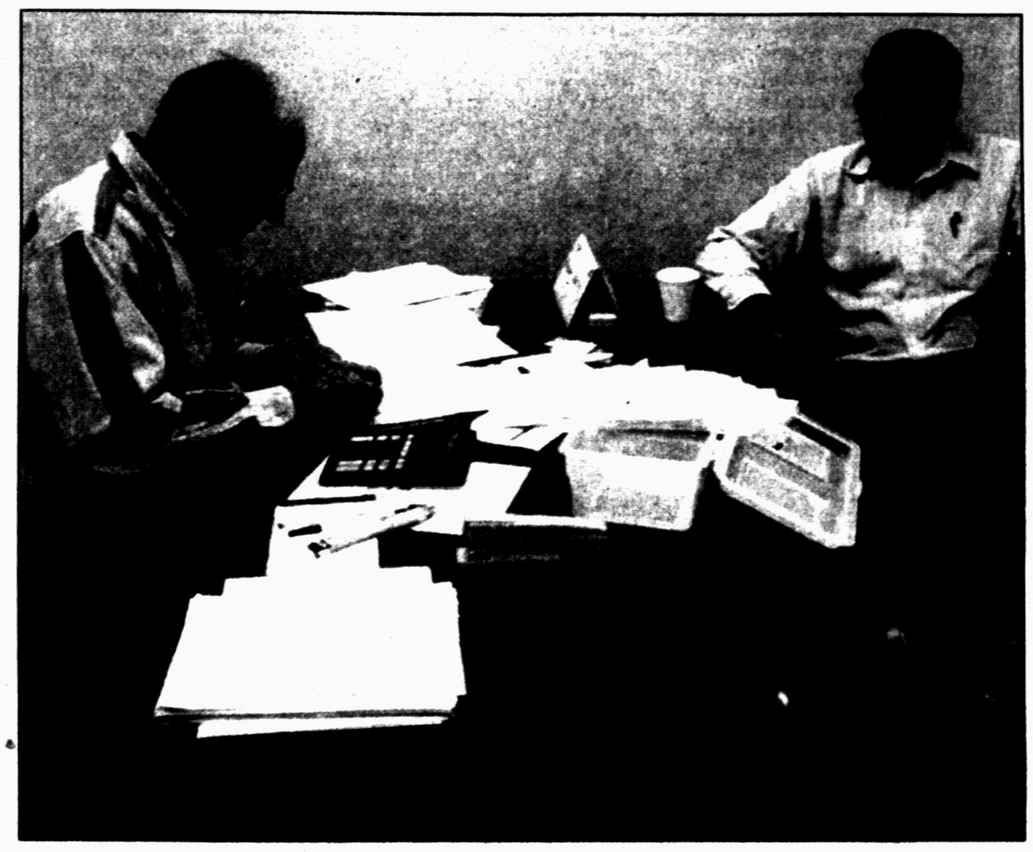

TAX HELP — Bernhard Bartels (left) assists Robert Braziel in preparing his income taxes. An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S. attorney's office investigating whether votes traded for pardons

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. attorney's office is investigating whether former President Clinton commuted the sentences of four men convicted of stealing millions in government funds in exchange for votes for his wife's Senate campaign, The Associated Press learned today.

The community of New Square voted overwhelmingly for Hillary Rodham Clinton when she won her Senate seat in November. Many Hasidic communities tend to vote in blocs, and because of that, politicians aggressively court their leaders.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White and the FBI, in a joint statement last week, announced they were opening a probe into presidential pardons, but declined to provide any specifics. The investigation also is said to include the pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, whose former wife, Denise, is a major Democratic fund-raiser.

Mrs. Clinton has said that she sat in on a December meeting with supporters of clemency for the four Hasidic men, but said she played no part in her husband's decision to commute their sentences.

"I did not play any role whatsoever," Clinton said last month. "I had no opinion about it."

She has also said she had no conversations whatsoever about the commutations during pre-election meetings with Hasidic leaders.

Hillary Clinton traveled to New Square during her Senate campaign and met Grand Rabbi David Twersky. She received 1,400 votes in New Square; her Republican rival Rick Lazio received 12.

The New York Post, quoting unidentified sources, reported today that the investigation could be expanded to include the pardons of the four Hasidic men.

The president and his wife, then New York's senator-elect, met for about 45 minutes Dec. 22 with two leaders from the New Square Hasidim who supported clemency for Kalmen Stern, David Goldstein, Benjamin Berger and Jacob Elbaum. The meeting took place in the White House Map Room.

Supporters of the four men have not denied their guilt but said they did not keep the money for themselves, and gave it instead to a school and residents of the village. The men are accused of created a fictitious religious school to receive government money.

It is unusual for a first lady to sit in on a clemency meeting, but Mrs. Clinton said that meeting was the first time they had spoken to her of the clemency.

PUC works on deregulation

AUSTIN (AP) — State utility officials on Thursday finalized one of the last major aspects of Texas' planned electric deregulation program that will allow most customers to sign up for the electric company of their choice starting in January.

The Public Utility Commission had been wrestling over rules on what is called the Price to Beat, which forces the state's existing utilities to cut their rates to customers on their home turf by 6 percent.

The rates typically would remain frozen at that level until 2005, or until the utility loses 40 percent of its customers to new competition, which can set lower prices. After the utility loses 40 percent of their customer base, it will be free to set its own prices.

A provision written into the law, which was drafted in 1999, would allow electric utilities to recover its fuel costs through customers through a "fuel factor," which is charged on each customer's bill, based on usage.

The rules are designed to make sure customers have a reliable source of energy, said PUC spokesman Terry Hadley. They are also designed to prevent Texas utilities from suffering deregulated-related losses like those that affected California.

The Phantom opens

The Phantom opens this evening at the Ritz Community Theatre for the first of two three-day runs.

The musical will be performed today and Saturday at 8 o'clock, and at a Sunday matinee at 2:30.

A second set of performances will be March 2-3 at 8 p.m. and March 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are $7 each and discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

The Ritz box office is open today from 2 to 5 p.m. and all next week from 2 to 5 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 573-8880.

The cast includes Donnie Burk as the Phantom, Katie Thornton as Christine, David Brown as Raoul, Valery Haines as Meg, Emily Hataway as the narrator and a chorus member, and Rebekah Thornton as Carolotta.

The roles of the theatre managers of the Opera House are played by Bill Lyon as Andre and Ken Spoor as Firmin.

Chorus members include Doylene Gilliland, Troy Lilly, Jana Neal, Matt Rose and Thomas Lowery.

Mike Thornton directs, and Michael Gibson provides musical accompaniment.

It is based upon a combination of the novel, screen and stage productions of ***Phantom of the Opera***.

DCOS will not adjust Lorber's incentive plan at present time

A request to the Development Corporation of Snyder to amend the incentive package for Lorber Industries was not recommended for approval by the DCOS prospect committee.

Committee member Mark Cypert told the board Thursday that it was the committee's recommendation that no additional funds be given to Lorber at this time.

Cypert said the committee did not feel that any additional jobs had been created, so the request did not fall into the present DCOS guidelines.

Cypert added that if Lorber added additional jobs in the future, the committee would certainly listen to their proposal.

DCOS executive director John DeLille said he was optimistic that Lorber had gotten over its rough spot, and that the market price of yarn is increasing. DeLille added that he felt the DCOS did the right thing in accelerating the job creation incentive payments to the company.

Gary Landes, DCOS board president, added that Lorber has sold most of its production for the remainder of the year and that was a positive sign for the local company.

Lorber is not the only textile plant having difficulties as some of its competition has closed recently.

DeLille distributed a copy of a Los Angeles Times story citing the closing of L. A. Dye and Print Works due to high natural gas costs.

The California-based company was founded in 1980, but skyrocketing natural gas costs have forced it to shut down.

The article stated the company's natural gas bills are now running $600,000 per month, five times what they were last year.

As to Lorber, DeLille said the DCOS wants to be as supportive as possible and he felt the company would be very profitable if current market trends continue.

The board also approved the monthly financial statements, and heard DeLille's monthly report.

DeLille said he had visited with one industrial prospect that was debating whether to locate here, or in Pecos.

He said the Pecos industrial development group offered the company a 20-year loan for $225,000 at no interest as part of its incentive program.

"This is something we might want to consider," said DeLille, referring to the loan. "I believe the Sweetwater industrial group also offers loans."

"I need some direction in this area," said DeLille.

Landes presided at the meeting and board members in attendance were Cypert, David Cotton and Larry Anderson, Mike McWilliams was absent.

Coliseum site of gymnastics meet Saturday

Close to 500 competitors are expected to compete Saturday at the USA Gymnastics Region 3 Invitational at Scurry County Coliseum.

Action gets underway at 7:30 a.m. with the synchronized trampoline event, and admission is free.

Approximately 469 competitors, ranging from ages 6-32, are expected from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

There will be 33 judges sanctioned by USA Gymnastics on hand to critique the competitors in four events.

In addition to synchronized trampoline, there will be power tumbling, trampoline and double-mini trampoline.

For high schools...

WTC will host annual art competition Saturday

Western Texas College will host the West Texas High School Art Competition Saturday. Fifteen area schools have entered artwork, which will be judged by Tina Fuentes, who is the Freshman Foundation Corporation Coordinator for Texas Tech University's art department.

High School students will also have the opportunity to attend various workshops from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Subjects range from ceramics and print making to figure drawing. Instructors will include Ben Sum, Shane Christensen, Carol Bullard and Kong Ho.

Weather permitting, there will also be a sidewalk art demonstration.

Critiques and awards will be presented at 4 p.m.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Happiness sometimes comes through doors you didn't even know were left open."

He'll be missed...

We understand, but were disappointed to learn that Mayor **Dayton Robertson** would not be a candidate for re-election.

Citizens of Snyder have been blessed to have Dayton, an engineer, as part of the council. Often the technical discussions about mundane things like landfills, water plants and sewage treatment plants are difficult to follow.

But Snyder had a councilman and mayor over the past nine years who could stand toe-to-toe with those out-of-town "experts."

But Dayton's day job at Y-Z Systems is becoming more and more demanding, and Y-Z, too, is an important part of the Scurry County economy.

Keeping tabs on a Snyder native...

Thanks to **Robert Patterson**, we have an update on his sister, **Ann Patterson**, who recently was honored by the Los Angeles Jazz Society.

The society's newsletter, Quarter Notes, had this to say:

"Diminutive in stature, but mighty in talent, multi-reed player Ann Patterson has graced the saxophone sections of many top bands, including her highly acclaimed all-female big band *Maiden Voyage*.

"In addition to her busy performance schedule, Ann is pursuing a doctoral degree in jazz studies at USC. Since earning degrees in performance and music education from UT and Illinois, Ann has taught at the University of Wisconsin and locally at Cerritos College and CSU Dominguez Hills.

"In addition to serving in the LA Jazz Society Mentorship Program, she created and leads her program for school children, Jazz America; has been a clinician at IAJE National Conference since 1995, and a woodwind faculty member at The Henry Mancini Institute since 1997."

Despite outstanding seasons, the **Snyder Tigers**, **Ira Bulldogs** and **Lady Bulldogs** can put up the round balls for a another year. Still in contention in the hoops playoffs are the **Borden County Lady Coyotes** who face Brookesmith tonight in Wichita Falls.

SHS soloist **Clark Reed** has advanced to state with his alto sax along with 32 fellow bandsmen in various ensembles.

And congratulations to SJHS 8th grader **Paige Anderson** for capturing the Scurry County spelling bee crown. She will compete in the regional bee March 24 in Lubbock.

ASK US

Q—Is it legal for a merchant to require a customer to give his phone number, birth date and/or driver's license number when using a personal check to make a purchase?

A—Yes, it is the merchant's option. The customer does not have to give the information, but the merchant does not have to accept the check either.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 47 degrees; low, 34; 7 a.m. Friday, 47; .02 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 2.28 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 50% rain chance; low 45-50, S wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high around 60.

Jake Riley
Rainy

Sunset:
6:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:16 a.m.
Of 53 days in 2001, the sun has shone 46 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

No matter how trifling the matter at hand, do it with a feeling that it demands the best that is in you.
—Sir William Osler

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Navy's inquiry on sub collision to be public

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy's court of inquiry into the collision between the USS Greeneville and the Japanese fishing trawler Ehime Maru is designed to cast a public spotlight on American military decision-making.

"The court of inquiry is the Navy's highest form of administrative investigation," said Adm. Thomas Fargo, Hawaii-based commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Fargo told reporters he established the court because "it provides the necessary legal safeguards for the affected parties, complete subpoena power and a forum for public disclosure."

Given rising tension with Japan over the Feb. 9 incident, in which the Japanese boat sank and nine aboard were lost at sea, Fargo has invited a Japanese flag officer to participate in the proceeding as an adviser. The Ehime Maru, with 35 people aboard, was on a Pacific cruise to teach commercial fishing techniques to high school students. Four of the youths are among those missing and presumed dead.

Fargo said the court will inquire into all facets of the accident, including whether the emergency surfacing drill that led to the collision would have been performed if civilians had not been aboard. Also to be considered is the possibility that the 16 civilians distracted the crew from its normal duties or procedures, and if they did, whether it contributed to the accident.

In light of questions about civilians aboard the sub, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld plans to order a moratorium on civilians being allowed at the controls of any military ships, aircraft and vehicles, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said Thursday.

The halt will be in effect until the services have reviewed their policies on civilian participation to ensure that appropriate safety precautions are taken.

Quigley said Rumsfeld favors allowing civilian participation in military maneuvers but wants to ensure it is done safely.

After hearing recommendations made by the three admirals who will comprise the court, Fargo will decide the fate of the Greeneville's captain, his executive officer and the officer of the deck at the time of the accident.

Adm. Isamu Ozawa of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force will be included in deliberations with the three American admirals on the court and may submit questions but will have no say in the court of inquiry's findings.

The session was to have begun Monday, but the court granted a postponement Thursday until March 5 at the request of lawyers representing Cmdr. Scott Waddle, the Greeneville's commanding officer.

A major problem may be to decide who will be able to cram into the tiny courtroom in the Trial Services Offices at Pearl Harbor to view the event.

Besides court officials, the room must accommodate the three Navy officers involved, their attorneys and dozens of others who already have asked to attend. These include members of the news media, representatives of the missing and their families and Japanese officials, Navy officials said.

That may mean many observers will have to view the proceedings via some type of closed-circuit television.

The court's members will pass opinions about the incident to Fargo, along with recommendations for administrative or disciplinary actions.

One possibility is moving directly to courts-martial and skipping the military-style grand jury procedure known as an Article 32 hearing, senior Navy officials have said.

Fargo said he chose a court of inquiry, the highest level of three available options, because he expected it would "provide a full and open accounting to both the American and Japanese people."

A court of inquiry is based on the 1786 Articles of War.

During the procedure:

—Testimony is given under oath.

—All open proceedings, except the arguments of counsel, are recorded verbatim.

—The board is empowered to order military witnesses and subpoena civilian witnesses to testify.

—A party may have a civilian attorney, at his or her own expense. Military counsel is provided free of charge to each party.

—A party may testify but is not required to because of the right against self-incrimination that the U.S. Constitution provides.

—After all evidence, statements and arguments have been received, the court will declare the inquiry closed. Court members will deliberate privately and produce a report to Fargo who, as the "convening authority," will decide what, if any, further action is appropriate.

On the Net: CincPac page on Greeneville incident: http://www.cpf.navy.mil/greeneville.html

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force: http://www.jda.go.jp/JMSDF/basic/index—e.htm

Sub captain was aware of nearby ship

WASHINGTON (AP) — The captain of a U.S. submarine that collided with and sank a Japanese fishing trawler two weeks ago told Navy investigators he was aware of sonar soundings indicating that a ship was in the vicinity before the accident, a newspaper reported.

But the sub's skipper, Cmdr. Scott Waddle, maintained that when he looked for a ship through his periscope before ordering a rapid ascent to the surface, he didn't see anything and was not warned of any danger by a sailor whose job it was to plot positions of nearby ships, The Washington Post said in today's editions.

The Washington Times, meanwhile, said a confidential Navy report outlines a series of errors made by the crew of the USS Greeneville, stating that the periscope sweep was too brief and not high enough to detect the Japanese vessel. The report also blamed the presence of civilians inside the sub's control room for disrupting communications between Waddle and a technician tracking the fishing vessel in busy waters near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

A less crowded area around the periscope "could have dramatically improved this situation," the Times quoted the report as saying. The newspaper said excerpts of the report were read to it Thursday by a Navy source.

The Greeneville, a nuclear-powered attack submarine, had 16 civilians aboard when it collided with the fishing vessel Ehime Maru on Feb. 9. The Japanese boat, on a cruise to teach commercial fishing to high school students, sank, and nine people were lost at sea. Two civilians were at control positions aboard the Greeneville at the time as the sub made an emergency-surfacing training maneuver from 400 feet depth, although the Navy says the civilians did not cause the accident.

Nonetheless, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is going to order a moratorium on allowing civilians at the controls of any military ship, aircraft or vehicle, officials said Thursday. Rumsfeld's spokesman, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, said the order is a "work in progress."

"All the services know this is coming," Quigley said.

On Feb. 14, Rumsfeld was asked whether there was evidence that the civilians played a role in the Greeneville accident. "None whatsoever," he replied.

The Times said the report of a preliminary investigation conducted by Rear Adm. Charles Griffiths Jr. said his findings "suggest a significant departure from the expected level of professionalism and performance of the ship's key watchstanders and senior leadership" just before the accident.

The report said there were a "significant number" of crew and guests pushed together on the periscope stand when Waddle and the officer of the deck, Lt. j.g. Michael J. Coen, were trying to locate the ship associated with the sonar readings.

"The location and number of civilian visitors did interfere with the ability of the OOD (officer of the deck) and commanding officer to use the fire-control system and converse with the (technician) in ascertaining the contact picture from the time the ship was preparing for periscope depth until the (rapid ascent) was conducted," the Times quoted the report as saying.

The Post, quoting an unidentified person close to the investigation, said Waddle told investigators he checked the compass bearings of the nearby ship indicated by sonar readings. He then increased the periscope's magnification and ordered his sub to ascend 2 feet closer to the surface so he could peer over the waves, but he still didn't see anything.

A sailor in the sub's control room had calculated that the Greenville and the Japanese ship were only 2,000 yards apart, but concluded that he must have been mistaken because the captain had just pronounced the area clear, the Post said. The sailor then arbitrarily plotted the position of the Japanese vessel as 9,000 yards away from the Greenville, the Post said.

Shortly after the accident, the Navy stopped allowing civilians in the control rooms of submarines.

Rumsfeld wants the military services to review their safety guidelines on civilian participation in military activities. He supports involving civilians in military exercises and maneuvers, Quigley said, but wants to ensure that relevant policies are reviewed considering what happened aboard the Greeneville.

The possibility that the presence of civilians aboard the sub could have contributed to the accident is one of the subjects to be examined in a formal Navy court of inquiry scheduled to convene in Hawaii next month.

The inquiry also will seek to determine whether the Greeneville undertook the emergency-surfacing drill only as a demonstration for the civilians aboard, officials said.

events

Lotto Texas — Texas Lottery

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

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

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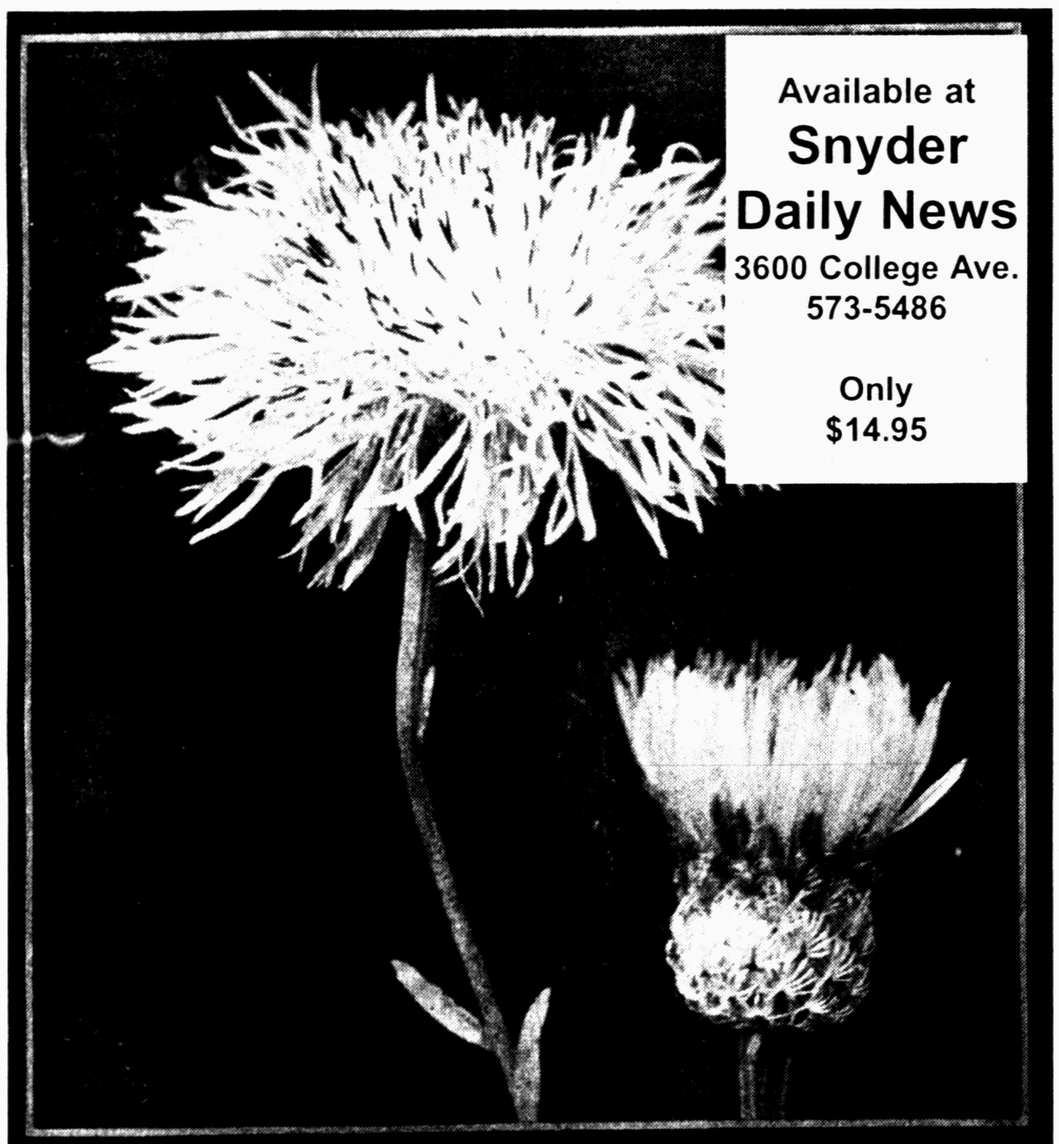

Date Book

Friday, Feb. 23, 2001

Today is the 54th day of 2001 and the 65th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, in Oberlin, Ohio, Charles M. Hall invented a process for making aluminum goods more cheaply. He went on to manufacture aluminum pots and pans, which he sold under the brand name "Wear-Ever."

On this day in 1919, the USS Osmond Ingram was launched. It was the first Navy vessel named for an enlisted man.

On this day in 1927, President Calvin Coolidge signed into law a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission. The panel became the Federal Communications Commission in 1934.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johannes Gutenberg (1395-1468), inventor; Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), diarist; George Handel (1685-1759), composer; Emma Willard (1787-1870), educator; William E.B. DuBois (1868-1963), civil rights leader-writer; Peter Fonda (1939-), actor, is 62; Bobby Bonilla (1963-), baseball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1874, Maj. Walter Wingfield of Pimlico, England, received a patent for the game of lawn tennis.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Believe in life! Always human beings will live and progress to greater, broader, and fuller life." — W.E.B. Du Bois

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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MOVIES

HANNIBAL R

★★★★ A psychological thriller. Seven years after escaping maximun-security hospital Lecter blended into Italian culture. One victim who was hideously disfigured decides to use an FBI agent as bait to lure Lecter out of hiding. **Starring Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore, Gary Oldman**

SAVE THE LAST DANCE PG13

★★★ Budding ballerina transfers to a predominantly African-American high school in Chicago. Dancing is the primary draw with a gang-banger subplot. **Starring Sean Patrick Thomas, Julia Stiles.**

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001

What you choose to take on in the year ahead may not be easy, but you'll have the talent to do it effectively. As a result, you'll be able to go on to bigger and better things.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Trust your better judgment today when assessing information. Your greatest asset is your ability to evaluate that which is put in front of you so that it can be utilized properly. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In any negotiations you have today, be they money, social or business oriented, you'll be the one who knows how to get the most out of the exchanges.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although you may find yourself wanting some companionship today, you'll feel most comfortable around old pals with whom no pretenses come into play.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The less you say today, the better. This holds especially true when with people with whom you're not intimately acquainted. What you say could be misquoted and get you in trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Friends and acquaintances could have the solutions to your problems, so don't hesitate to ask for information or help on something important to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) No matter how tough it might be to accomplish your aims, to your credit you'll stick to your guns today until you've achieved your objectives. Tenacity pays off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Perhaps your primary concern today when making an important decision will be in looking at the long-term effects rather than attempting to get a quick fix. You'll be right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Just because things might start out a bit slow in your financial or commercial dealings today, this is not a cause for pessimism. Time is your ally and will work in your favor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Sometimes difficult decisions have to be made, no matter how cold or calculating they may appear on the surface, and this might be one of those days. Do what you have to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you want to upgrade your compensation for services performed today, upgrade your productivity. You'll only be entitled to receive that which is fair. No more, no less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Placing a firm hand on the tiller today can be done without evoking the ire of subordinates. The important thing is to maintain control so that all will benefit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Any developments that affect the welfare or security of your family must be treated seriously today. Make it a priority issue and favorable results will prevail.

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Pardon fallout follows Senator Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — While President Clinton's hoped-for legacy is further tarnished by the pardon controversies and other post-White House revelations, Hillary Rodham Clinton is bearing the brunt of the political fallout — just as she begins her own career on Capitol Hill.

The latest disclosures bring the pardon controversy closer to her, with investigations looming in the Senate, her new workplace, and in her adopted state of New York.

"It is certainly not how I would have preferred or planned to start my Senate career," Clinton told reporters Thursday. "We are apparently people who attract a lot of attention. And that's both good and bad. There's no doubt about that."

Even the Clintons' most ardent defenders are having trouble finding much good to cite in the series of controversies that have marked their departure from the White House.

Polls show public approval ratings slipping for both Clintons in the month since they left the White House.

Once supportive Democrats have, for the most part, fallen silent. Some have not.

Former President Carter has called Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich "disgraceful." And that was before the most recent disclosures.

Hugh Rodham, the senator's brother, returned $400,000 he received for work in helping to secure a pardon and a prison commutation for two felons who were his clients. Separately, it was learned Thursday that Mrs. Clinton's campaign treasurer, William Cunningham III, helped obtain last-minute pardons for two convicted felons.

Cunningham is a law partner of longtime Clinton adviser Harold Ickes. He said Ickes referred two Arkansas pardon-seekers, both Republicans, to him about a week before President Clinton left office on Jan. 20

These revelations could seriously hinder Mrs. Clinton's efforts to find her footing in the Senate. The controversies also appear to diminish prospects of an already longshot 2004 presidential or vice presidential bid, analysts suggest.

"This certainly hurts the credibility and integrity of the new senator from New York," said James Thurber, a political scientist at American University. "It's embarrassing for her. And it will make it hard for her to go to the floor and talk about ethics."

It also raises questions of whether she might be called to testify before colleagues on the matter, or watch her husband or brother summoned to appear.

At a news conference Thursday, she denied "any involvement" in any pardons granted by her husband and expressed disappointment at learning of her brother's financial involvement.

"I think my brother made a terrible misjudgment," she said.

The former president no longer has an automatic forum for answering questions about the pardons and other controversies from his administration. That puts additional pressure on his wife to respond.

She is further isolated in that fewer and fewer Democrats can be expected to defend the Clintons.

"I think it's understandable" that Democratic support is declining, she said.

"This just confirms what the Clinton legacy is and will be," said Stuart Rothenberg, a political analyst. "It will be controversy and scandal and questions about the president's decision-making rather than his handling of the economy or his international policy."

As for Mrs. Clinton, "this makes it hard for her to get off the mark in an effective way and a positive way as a senator. It will always be the asterisk by her name," Rothenberg said.

Even so, some analysts suggest that the public's political memories are short — and note that Mrs. Clinton is at the very beginning of a six-year term.

"I thought she was remarkably poised and effective in her press conference, given the really horrible circumstances surrounding the pardons," said Tom Mann, an analyst at the Brookings Institution.

"She's got her job as a senator. She can put her nose to the grindstone and wear down her opposition through sheer determination. I expect that she will do just that," Mann said.

Cooling patients with brain injury does not help, new study finds

By The Associated Press

Cooling the bodies of people with severe head injuries failed to limit brain damage or save lives in a four-year study. But researchers say the approach may have failed because of delays in starting the treatment.

Researchers have theorized that cooling the body may limit a chemical chain reaction in which injured brain cells release lots of proteins that kill neighboring cells. That theory was tested in a study published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

About half the 392 patients studied were cooled several degrees with ice. The other patients got only standard treatment: a breathing tube and drugs to pull excess water from the brain and slow its metabolism.

In both patient groups, just over one-fourth died and an additional one-third ended up in a vegetative state or severely disabled. In fact, patients who were cooled generally had more complications.

On average, it took more than four hours to start the cooling and another four to hit the desired temperature.

Dr. Guy L. Clifton, who led the study at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, said the approach might work if medical personnel began cooling patients' bodies immediately, rather than first trying to reach relatives for permission.

A year into the four-year study, they got special permission to skip the consent if relatives couldn't be found quickly.

Cooling "didn't work in most of the patients, except in one group, those who were cold when they came in" from being hurt outdoors in winter, said Clifton, the medical school's chairman of neurosurgery. He said that indicates the cooling must begin within a couple of hours.

About a dozen drugs tested to stop that cascade have failed, Dr. Raj K. Narayan of Temple University School of Medicine wrote in an editorial. He said Clifton may be right about the treatment possibly working if begun sooner.

Two small, 1993 studies found about 15 percent more brain injury patients who were cooled for one to two days had favorable outcomes, compared with patients kept at normal temperature.

Body cooling now is being tested to limit brain damage in stroke victims, but the researchers are using a cold-tipped catheter threaded through the groin up to a large vein in the abdomen to cool the blood. That prevents the violent shivering caused by icing the skin.

On the Net:
New England Journal of Medicine: http://www.nejm.com
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Truth about dad's birth opens wound that may never heal

DEAR ABBY: My father was born 50 years ago, and only learned the truth about his birth in the last few years.

The woman he always believed was his mother was, in fact, his grandmother. His older "sister" was really his mother. She was 16 when she became pregnant by a young soldier who denied responsibility.

His grandmother, a strong-willed woman, took his mother to another state and pretended she had given birth. She was deeply ashamed of her daughter, and went to great lengths to carry out the plan. She wrote letters home to relatives informing them of her "surprise" pregnancy — even describing her terrible morning sickness.

Abby, my father has been estranged from both women since learning the truth. My great-grandmother is 88 years old. I pray that our family can be healed before it's too late. Dad is angry, betrayed and bitter. He refuses to discuss the matter, much less forgive. The saddest part is that some family members have told me they knew the truth all along, but kept silent.

His grandmother felt the charade was the only thing she could do under the circumstances. However, this kind of deception reverberates through several generations. — **SECRETS ARE DANGEROUS IN NEW YORK**

DEAR SECRETS: I feel sorry for everyone involved in this fiasco. Your grandmother was trying to protect her daughter's reputation, because in 1950 being unmarried and a mother was considered a disgrace to the girl and her family. She was trying to protect your father, too, by bringing him up when her daughter couldn't, and from the knowledge that he was born out of wedlock.

He should have been told the truth more than 30 years ago. But family secrets sometimes have a life of their own, and she probably couldn't find the words by the time he was an adult.

That your father is bitter and hurt because he was lied to about his history is understandable. However, some sessions with his clergyman or a therapist might help him to let go of his anger and forgive the deception — before it's too late.

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DEAR ABBY: Please settle a disagreement between me and my fiance. Several of his co-workers have had weddings recently, with more to come. It is their practice to invite only their co-workers, stressing that no spouses or significant others are invited. This is not true of their other guests, only their co-workers. I have heard they believe the people from work are not as much fun when their spouses or dates are around.

All these weddings have been in halls with light buffets or appetizers and cash bars. They are always held at night with a DJ and dancing. They are not formal.

My fiance's co-workers are almost all female. Therefore, he's the only dancing partner for 10 to 15 women who are without their husbands or boyfriends.

I think this practice is extremely rude. My fiance believes it is their prerogative and the "modern" way of doing things. What do you think? — **STEAMED IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR STEAMED: People usually limit their guest list because of budgetary concerns. Your fiance is correct that it's the host's privilege to issue such an invitation. All the same, to invite only half of a committed couple (a spouse or fiance) to a wedding where there's music and dancing is a breach of etiquette. To quote the lyrics of Irving Berlin, he should be able to "change partners and dance" — with you if he wishes.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

Friday, Feb. 23, 2001

Is it a factor of quantity?

By Phillip Alder

Newspapers in the United States are wonderful at printing bridge columns! Perhaps they don't give bridge much news coverage, though, because there is greater mileage from so many other home victories. In 1981, I was sending reports to The Daily Telegraph from Port Chester, N.Y. When the editor heard that Great Britain had won the Venice Cup World Women's Team Championship, he requested a much longer article than usual, and started it on the front page.

Here is a deal from that British success, the gain resulting from sensible bidding by Pat Davies (South) and Nicola Smith. Note in particular North's two-diamond rebid. Many players would pass because they have better and longer clubs. However, since North has nine high-card points, if partner is going to make a third bid — in particular either two spades or three clubs — this hand will become worth game. So, it is correct to keep the auction alive with what is called false preference. And when South showed 5-5 in the minors with extra values (with a minimum, she must pass out two diamonds), North jumped to game.

West started with the ace and another heart. Displaying good technique, Davies immediately attacked the side suit, leading the diamond king to West's ace. Declarer ruffed the next heart, played a trump to dummy's king, led a diamond to her queen, ruffed a low diamond with dummy's club jack, drew trumps, and claimed.

At the other table, the U.S. pair ended in four spades. (Please don't ask how.) That went three down, so Great Britain gained 14 international match points en route to victory by 38 international match points.

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North 02-23-01
♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 7 5
♣ K J 8

West
♠ K 10 9
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ A 10 9 6
♣ 10 6

East
♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 4 3

South
♠ 5
♥ K Q
♦ K Q J 4 2
♣ A Q 9 5 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Machine with Earnhardt picture stolen

CALDWELL, Ohio (AP)— A Coca-Cola vending machine featuring a life-sized photo of NASCAR racing great Dale Earnhardt was stolen from a towing company days after his death, police said.

Earnhardt was one of 11 racers used in Coke ads, and his picture appeared on vending machines around the country.

"Stealing the Intimidator's memorabilia is a poor way to honor a hero," said Detective Stephen Hannum.

The seven-time Winston Cup champion, known as The Intimidator for his aggressive driving, slammed into the wall and died Sunday on the final turn of the Daytona 500 race.

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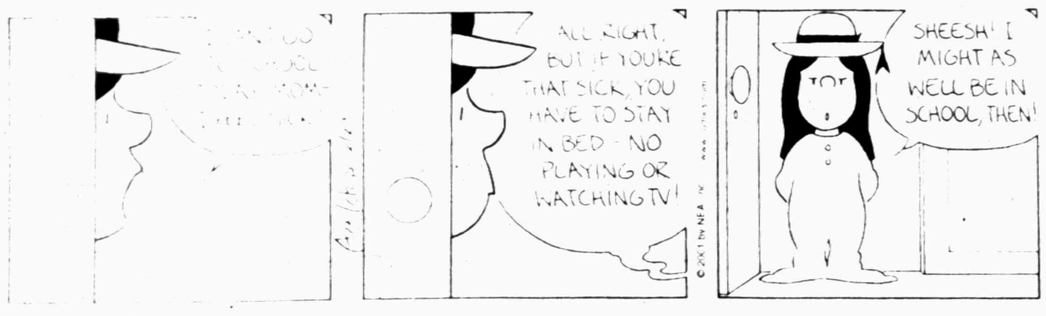

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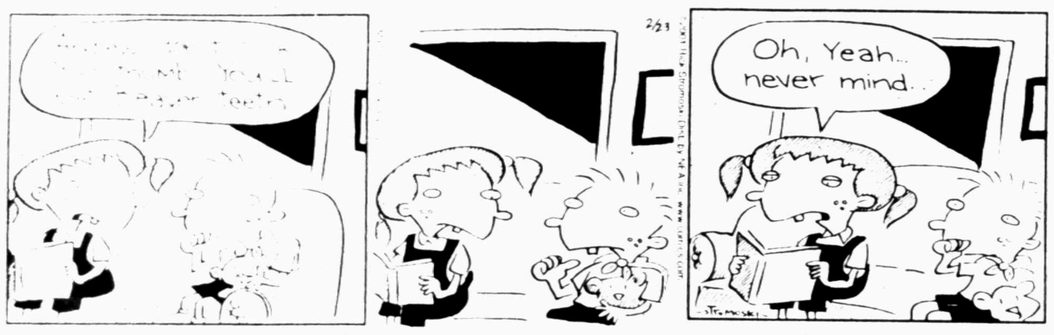

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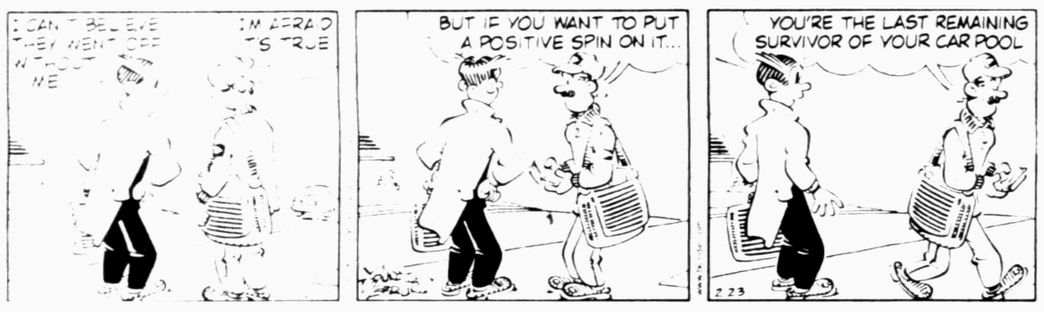

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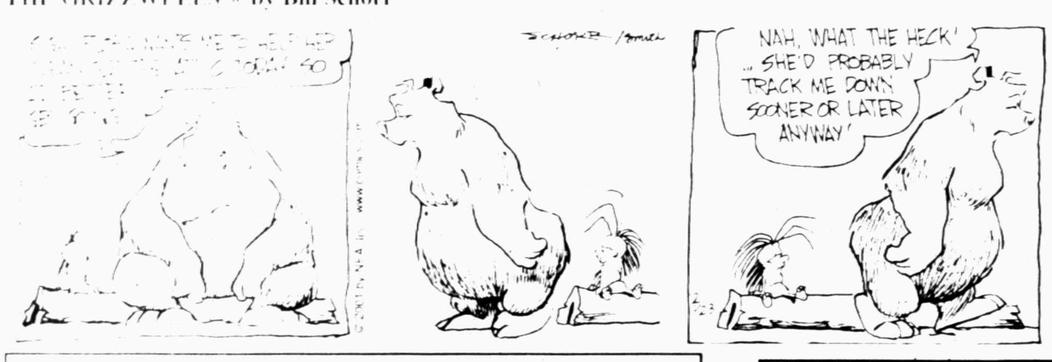

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Realm
7 Member of the clergy
13 — quintuplets
14 Large arteries
15 Facet
16 Winter melon
17 "Of course!"
18 — Haw
20 Sun. speech
21 Altered the constitution
25 Bargains (sl.)
28 Mother of pearl
32 Have dinner at home (2 wds.)
33 Sing like Bing
34 Started a poker pot
35 Tipping
36 Shawl
37 White wine
39 Sleeper at times
41 Genetic material (abbr.)
44 Victory symbol
45 Guido's high note
48 Crystalline gem
51 Makes a fencing move
54 Hunting dog
55 Plaza Hotel girl
56 Clothes holder
57 Briefer

DOWN

1 WWII event
2 River in France
3 Cleaning tools
4 One (Scot.)
5 Business abbr.
6 Under
7 Stepped
8 Brown kiwi
9 Apr. 15 addressee
10 Greek letters
11 Knows (Sp.)
12 Russian r[illegible]ler
19 Annapolis grad
21 Astray
22 Fixer
23 Put into a package
24 Freshwater fish
25 Afternoon parties
26 Desire
27 Director Preminger
29 Wind spirally
30 Bakery buy
31 Grafted (heraldry)
37 Actress West
38 Breakfast food
40 Turn inside out
41 Round platter
42 Christmas carol
43 Singing voice
45 Protection
46 — majesty
47 Jacob's son
49 "— My Party"
50 Golf peg
52 "Gran" finish
53 Neither's partner

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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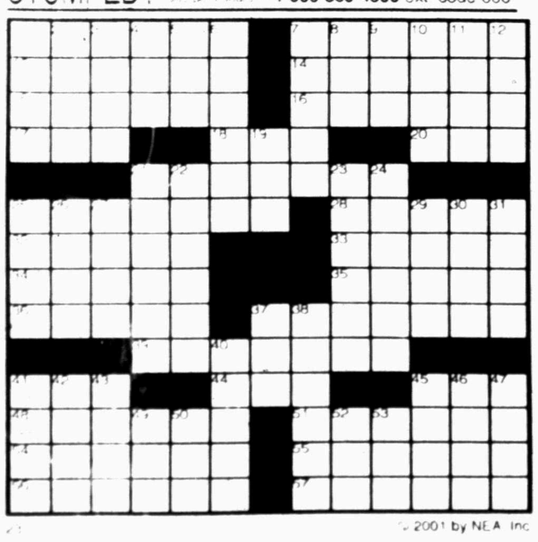

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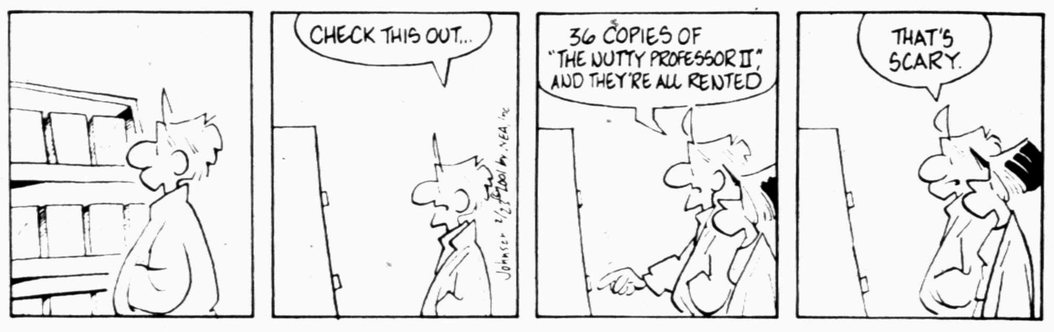

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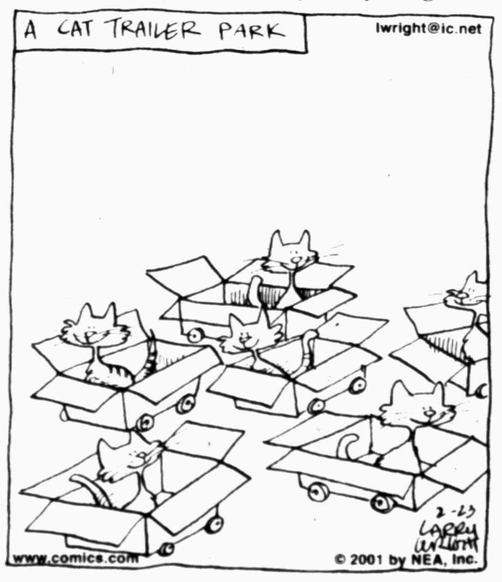

Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"I SAID... IF MISTER ROGERS LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, HE WOULDA RETIRED A LONG TIME AGO!"

SPORTS

Tigers drop opener to SA Central, 2-0

SAN ANGELO — In the season opener, the Snyder Tigers' offense matched the weather.

Snyder never got its bats heated up on a cold, dreary day at Nathan Donsky Field, falling to San Angelo Central, 2-0, in the opening round of the Best of the West Classic.

Snyder, now 0-1 on the season, was to have faced El Paso Coronado this morning, but rain forced all tournament games to be temporarily postponed.

Against the Bobcats, the Tigers got solid pitching from junior Tito Alaniz. The left hander surrendered only three hits, and the Tigers made three errors behind him.

At the plate, Snyder mustered only four hits, with Brooks Nunley notching two of them. Doubles from Nunley and Brandon McGuire were the Tigers' only extra base hits of the day.

Central jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second inning. A leadoff double started the frame, and the runner later scored on a sacrifice bunt.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Bobcats extended the margin to 2-0, with a little help from the Tigers. Central posted its second run on a walk, two passed balls and an error.

Snyder never got its offense going, as it got just one runner past second base. The Tigers never had a runner in scoring position with fewer than two outs until McGuire's one-out double in the seventh.

The threat was short lived, however, as Alaniz struck out looking on a 3-2 count to end the game.

In Thursday's other first-round games, El Paso Coronado downed Lake View. Lubbock High defeated Canyon Randall, and El Paso Coronado knocked off Del Rio.

The Tigers are slated for back-to-back games today. Snyder will face Del Rio immediately following its match-up with El Paso Coronado.

SHS tracksters ready for first meet

After success at last year's district and regional track meets, the Snyder Tigers are trying to build on what they've started, while the Lady Tigers are hoping to take a step in that direction.

Snyder High School's track and field teams get their first taste of competition today and Saturday at Frenship High School's ABC Relays in Wolfforth.

The Snyder boys are coming off a season in which they came up only a few points short of the district title, but still managed to send athletes to the regional and state meets.

Chad Rogers is in his second and final year as boys' track coach at SHS, after being named as the Tigers' new head football coach and athletic director last month.

Rogers turned the Tigers' track program around last season, and expects more success this year.

"We had a really great year," said Rogers. "It was special, because nobody expected us to do that well. The kids got a taste of what it's like to be successful, and I think it's making them work even harder this year."

Seniors Mark Medley and Jared Thornhill will lead the Tigers in the field events. Medley advanced to the state meet last year in the shot put, while Thornhill made it to Austin in the pole vault.

On the track, state-qualifier Rudy Martinez will anchor Snyder in the distance races, with Wade Pinson, Matthew Grimmett and Josh Arizmendi pacing the squad in the sprints and hurdles.

On the girls' side, the Lady Tigers have a new coach and a new attitude. Snyder native Todd Pollard, who spent the last few years at Colorado City, is in his first year at the helm of the SHS girls' track program.

Pollard's first obstacle was low participation. The number of Lady Tiger tracksters has been in the single digits the past few seasons, but numbers are already up heading into the first meet.

"Snyder has struggled to get girls out for track in the past, and it's been that way at a lot of schools," Pollard said. "So we have taken fresh start with the whole program, and there's new attitude about girls' track at Snyder High School. We have more girls competing, and we're looking excited about the season."

Following this weekend's meet at Frenship, both Snyder squads will be in competition again March 3 at Abilene Wylie's Bulldog Relays.

Senior League in search of board members

Snyder Senior Little League is in need of board members for the upcoming season.

An organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Caprock Securities to discuss the situation. Anyone interested in helping with the league is urged to attend.

"We have lost several board members since last season," said Sid Wall. "Some have moved, and others no longer have kids playing in the league. We really need some help, and would be very grateful to anyone who wants to help out."

Snyder Senior Little League, which consists of players from ages 13-16, will begin play in early May.

Earnhardt's seatbelt was broken

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt's lap belt was found broken after the crash that killed him near the finish line of the Daytona 500, NASCAR officials said Friday.

Earnhardt, 49, might have survived Sunday's crash if the cloth belt had held, a doctor said.

"A broken left lap seat belt came apart," NASCAR president Mike Helton said. "We don't know how, when or where, yet. We will continue our investigation."

Dr. Steve Bohannon, head of emergency medical services at Daytona International Speedway, speculated that with the broken belt, Earnhardt's body could have been thrown forward and to the right, thrusting him into the steering wheel.

Bohannon, who tried to save Earnhardt's life as the driver sat slumped in the wreckage, said Earnhardt's chin might have hit the steering wheel, causing the major head injury that killed him on impact. A skull fracture ran from the front to the back of his brain.

"Mr. Earnhardt more than likely contacted the steering wheel with his face," Bohannon said.

"If his restraint system — his belts — had held, he would have had a much better chance of survival," he said.

Like most drivers at the 500 Sunday, Earnhardt had shunned the use of the U-shaped HANS device — for Head And Neck Support — which many drivers find bulky and uncomfortable.

"I do support further neck and head restraints, but I'm not convinced the HANS device would have made a difference in this case," Bohannon said.

Richard Childress, Earnhardt's longtime car owner, said the seat belts were standard and were new when the car was built last November.

Gary Nelson, the Winston Cup director, showed a similar lap belt, part of a five-point harness, and described how the webbing near the lower left buckle, holding the lap belt atop the car frame, came apart.

He would not say how the material came apart or whether it was cut, frayed or damaged in any other way.

"All we know conclusively is the belt came apart," Nelson said. "We've never seen it, we've talked to people in the business, and they say they've never seen it in 52 years of NASCAR racing."

June Jones critical after hitting concrete pillar

HONOLULU (AP) — Concerned fans flooded phone lines to the hospital where Hawaii football coach June Jones was improving, but still in critical condition, after a car crash.

Jones, who directed the biggest one-year turnaround in NCAA history, drove into a concrete pillar on a freeway Thursday. Jones was driving alone near Honolulu International Airport when his car ran off the roadway and crossed about 200 feet of dirt and grass before hitting the pillar supporting the Kamehameha Highway overpass.

Doctors said Jones' condition stabilized after surgery to his abdomen and chest, and a CAT scan showed his brain to be functioning normally despite what police said was a major head injury.

The 48-year-old former NFL quarterback and head coach became an island her o two years ago when he turned down a multimillion-dollar contract to continue coaching the San Diego Chargers to take the coaching job at Hawaii. He was a quarterback for the school in the early 1970s.

So strong was the outpouring of concern from fans Thursday that The Queen's Medical Center pleaded for the public to wait for updates on his condition to be released and not to tie up the hospital's phone lines.

"It's love and aloha," hospital spokesman Lynn Kenton said, "but also it's a hospital with patients."

Added Hawaii athletic director Hugh Yoshida, "We all understand what June means to our community and all the good things he has done, not only for the university, but for the entire state of Hawaii."

Dr. Neil Fergusson, the trauma surgeon who operated on Jones at The Queen's Medical Center, said Jones underwent two two-hour operations, the first to stop abdominal bleeding and the second to repair his aorta — the heart vessel that feeds blood to the entire body.

Jones was unconscious and unresponsive when paramedics reached the scene of the accident, police traffic Sgt. David Talon said.

The seat belts were unfastened when police reached the scene, and the car's air bag was deployed, Talon said. The front of the car was demolished, the windshield shattered and the steering column bent upward. There were no skid marks behind the wrecked car.

Jones remained unconscious after surgery, but Fergusson said he expected the coach to regain consciousness because of the good results from his CAT scan.

Police said they had not determined what caused the crash.

Girls' High School Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I Tournament
at Lubbock Christian University

Amarillo (30-2) vs. DeSoto (32-3), 6 p.m. today

Lubbock Coronado (25-6) vs. Mansfield (32-1), 7:30 p.m. today

CLASS 4A
Region I Tournament
at Howard College

Plainview (32-1) vs. Cleburne (26-6), 6 p.m. today

Canyon (28-1) vs. FW Wyatt (24-6), 8 p.m. today

CLASS 3A
Region I Tournament
at United Spirit Arena, Lubbock

Shallowater (29-4) vs. Decatur (21-7), 7 p.m. today

Perryton (28-5) vs. Abilene Wylie (29-2), 8:30 p.m. today

CLASS 2A
Region I Tournament
at Abilene Christian University

Wall (31-2) vs. Friona (24-8), 6 p.m. today

Coahoma (24-8) vs. Hale Center (21-10), 8 p.m. today

CLASS A-DIVISION I
Regions I-II Semi-State Tournament
at Odessa College

Sudan (27-3) vs. Smyer (28-2), 6 p.m. today

Windthorst (30-1) vs. Santo (25-8), 8 p.m. today

CLASS A-DIVISION II
Regions I-II Semi-State Tournament
at Midwestern State University

Whitharral (25-6) vs. Nazareth (29-4), 5:30 p.m. today

Borden County (19-13) vs. Brookesmith (30-3), 7:30 p.m. today

Boys' High School Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I

Area

EP Franklin (17-16) vs. Odessa High (21-7), 7:30 p.m. today, Sul Ross State

San Angelo Central (29-7) vs. EP Eastwood (28-3), 6 p.m. today, Monahans HS

Flower Mound Marcus (21-10) vs. Cedar Hill (31-2), 8:30 p.m. today, Grand Praine HS

Hurst L.D. Bell (22-11) vs. The Colony (27-1), 7:30 p.m. today, Coppell HS

EP Montwood (25-7) vs. Lubbock Coronado (14-17), 7 p.m. today, Pecos HS

Midland Lee (18-11) vs. EP Andress (20-13), 6 p.m. today, Alpine HS

Carrolton Creekview (14-16) vs. Duncanville (26-6), 7:30 p.m. today, Arlington HS

South Grand Prairie (17-14) vs. Coppell (22-9), 7:30 p.m. today, Arlington Lamar HS

CLASS 4A
Region I

Area

EP Parkland (22-8) vs. Lubbock Estacado (24-10), 8 p.m. today, Monahans HS

Hereford (28-4) vs. Fabens (22-8), 7:30 p.m. today, Midland Greenwood HS

Justin Northwest (18-12) vs. North Crowley (28-4), 8 p.m. today, North Mansfield HS

Cleburne (19-11) vs. Southlake Carroll (25-6), 7 p.m. today, Grand Prairie HS

San Elizario (20-12) vs. Canyon Randall (30-1), 7 p.m. today, Odessa Permian HS

Canyon (19-11) vs. EP Ysleta (23-9), 6 p.m. Saturday, Monahans HS

WF Rider (21-10) vs. FW Dunbar (29-3), 10 a.m. Saturday, University of North Texas

FW Southwest (21-11) vs. Burkburnett (25-7), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Burleson HS

CLASS 3A
Region I

Area

Cooper (15-16) vs. Crane (16-11), 8 p.m. today, Andrews HS

Lamesa (21-8) vs. Dimmitt (22-7), 7 p.m. today, Lubbock Christian University

Ballinger (23-4) vs. Hillsboro (20-6), 7:30 p.m. today, Dublin HS

Springtown (20-10) vs. Graham (27-2), 7 p.m. today, Weatherford HS

Shallowater (17-12) vs. Seminole (28-4), 8:30 p.m. today, Lubbock Monterey HS

Perryton XX, Denver City XX

Decatur XX, Glen Rose XX

Kennedale (21-10) vs. Sweetwater (18-12), 8 p.m. today, Cisco HS

CLASS 2A
Region I

Area

Reagan County (21-9) vs. Idalou (18-7), 7 p.m. today, Lamesa Middle School

Plains (23-8) vs. Wall (18-12), 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Howard College

Lockney (19-12) vs. Olney (21-4), 6 p.m. today, Frenship HS

Hamlin (12-10) vs. West Texas (25-4), 7 p.m. today, Floydada HS

Sonora (8-8) vs. Colorado City (25-4), 7 p.m. today, San Angelo Central HS

Stanton (12-6) vs. Ozona (18-8), 7:30 p.m. today, San Angelo Grape Creek HS

Abernathy (19-9) vs. Holliday (18-11), 7:30 p.m. today, Abilene Wylie HS

Haskell (14-15) vs. Hale Center (25-7), 6 p.m. today, Merkel HS

CLASS A-DIVISION I
Region I Sectional Tournament
at South Plains College

Stratford (15-4) vs. Petersburg (20-8), 10 a.m. today

Roscoe (8-5) vs. Irion County (26-5), 11:30 a.m. today

Gruver (14-9) vs. Lorenzo (26-4), 6 p.m. today

Bronte (21-4) vs. Wink (21-6), 7:30 p.m. today

Region II Sectional Tournament
at Wilkerson-Greines AC, Ft. Worth

Paducah (21-5) vs. Petrolia (24-5), 2 p.m. today

Brock (30-2) vs. Wortham (24-5), 4 p.m. today

Munday (22-7) vs. Era (21-9), 6 p.m. today

Lipan (28-5) vs. Frost (23-6), 8 p.m. today

CLASS A-DIVISION II
Region I Sectional Tournament
at Canyon HS

Hartley (18-9) vs. Happy (17-12), 6 p.m. today

Whitharral (10-8) vs. New Home (26-4), 8 p.m. today

at Lubbock Coronado HS

Texline (13-12) vs. Nazareth (21-9), 6 p.m. today

Jayton (22-5) vs. Ropes (19-9), 7:30 p.m. today

Region II Sectional Tournament
at McMurry University

Balmorhea (18-3) vs. Westbrook (22-3), 6 p.m. today

Panther Creek (11-4) vs. D'Hanis (20-3), 8 p.m. today

at Abilene HS

Grandfalls-Royalty (16-8) vs. Blackwell (14-5), 6 p.m. today

Brookesmith (17-12) vs. Utopia (15-9), 7:30 p.m. today

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Golf

Snyder varsity boys at Midland Invitational

Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater Invitational

Tennis

Snyder at Odessa Invitational

Baseball

Snyder varsity at San Angelo tourney

Snyder JV Gold at Abilene tourney

Snyder JV Black at Midland tourney

Softball

Snyder at Abilene tourney

Basketball

Borden County girls vs. Brookesmith, at Wichita Falls, 7:30

SATURDAY

Track

Snyder boys & girls at Frenship's ABC Relays

Golf

Snyder varsity boys at Midland Invitational

Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater Invitational

Tennis

Snyder at Odessa Invitational

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National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	41	14	.745	—
New York	31	22	.585	9
Miami	32	23	.582	9
Orlando	28	24	.538	11½
Boston	24	31	.436	17
New Jersey	19	37	.339	22½
Washington	13	42	.236	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	20	.615	—
Charlotte	29	26	.527	4½
Toronto	28	26	.519	5
Indiana	23	28	.451	8½
Cleveland	21	31	.404	11
Detroit	21	33	.389	12
Atlanta	18	36	.333	15
Chicago	8	45	.151	24½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	16	.692	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	1½
Dallas	34	21	.618	3½
Minnesota	32	23	.582	5½
Houston	29	26	.527	8½
Denver	28	28	.500	10
Vancouver	18	37	.327	19½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	38	17	.691	—
Sacramento	35	17	.673	1½
L.A. Lakers	35	18	.660	2
Phoenix	32	21	.604	5
Seattle	29	26	.527	9
L.A. Clippers	19	38	.333	20
Golden State	15	39	.278	22½

Thursday's Games

Sacramento 114, Washington 110

Charlotte 93, Golden State 91

Utah 90, Portland 84

L.A. Clippers 93, Chicago 80

Dallas 98, Boston 91

Friday's Games

Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Orlando at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.

Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Sacramento at New York, 12:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Indiana, 3 p.m.

Utah at Phoenix, 3 p.m.

Golden State at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

Washington at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

Cleveland at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Friday 9-12
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Sports Briefs

Ground Hog golf tourney

The Ground Hog Open will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man scramble.

The field will be pre-flighted by total handicap, with a five-shot maximum differential between players. Play will begin at 1 p.m. both days.

Junior golf applications

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

Little League managers

Snyder Little League is accepting applications for Major League managers. Applications are available at Caprock Securities, and must be completed by Monday. For more information, call 573-8058.

Football booster club

Snyder High School football booster club will meet March 5 at 7 p.m. in the SHS student center. All parents of junior high and high school players are urged to attend.

Head Coach Chad Rogers, will be joined by Asst. Coach Chris Henson and other staff members to discuss the 2001 football season.

Alabama officially on notice

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — The University of Alabama was formally notified that the NCAA is investigating allegations of recruiting violations in its football program.

The NCAA's preliminary letter of inquiry said it is investigating whether university representatives offered inducements to prospective players and provided extra benefits to those enrolled from 1997 to 2000, as well as "potential academic impropriety."

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By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is colostomy necessary?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is a temporary colostomy standard procedure for a ruptured intestine? What can happen if the procedure isn't done?

DEAR READER: When surgeons perform a colostomy, they divide a portion of the large intestine and position the open bowel so that fecal matter drains through the incision in the skin; waste products are collected in a bag that is periodically emptied. The purpose of such an operation is twofold: to re-route feces around an obstruction (such as a tumor) or to rest the segment of bowel below the colostomy.

In the situation you mention, part of the intestinal wall perforated, or popped open, spilling waste into the abdominal cavity, leading to peritonitis. This damaged portion had to be surgically repaired to prevent further fecal leakage. After the defect was fixed, it had to be given time to heal. The healing process would be impeded if stool continued to flow over the repaired surface. Therefore, surgeons created a second opening, above the perforation, to permit drainage.

After several days, when the perforation has had a chance to heal, the colostomy is reversed, the two segments of bowel are reattached, the skin wound is sewn up, and the patient returns to normal. This is termed a temporary colostomy and is often a standard part of surgery to repair a damaged intestine. Without the colostomy, another perforation could occur at the site of the original injury; infection and intestinal blockage could result.

Colostomies are, as you know, sometimes permanent. If a patient requires extensive removal of colon or rectal tissue (because of cancer or infection), the normal process of evacuation is disrupted, and a colostomy may be the only way for the patient to expel waste material. In such a case, the surgeon makes a permanent artificial opening, called a stoma, in the abdominal wall. Although an inconvenience to most patients, this procedure is often life-saving. To help people cope with colostomies, stomal associations act as support groups. Representatives of these organizations are available through most hospitals.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Although I walk three miles a day, about half way through my hike, my knees begin to hurt. I know that I have arthritis — my parents did too — but I wonder if my exercise program is damaging my joints.

DEAR READER: Pain is nature's way of telling us that something is wrong. While we should pay attention to this message, I discourage people from allowing the pain to run their lives. Knee pain while walking could certainly reflect arthritis, but it could also be a symptom of cartilage injury, bursitis, gout, or tendon inflammation. I believe that you need a diagnosis, because many causes of non-arthritic knee pain are curable. See your doctor, who can start the testing and refer you to a specialist if needed.

If your medical evaluation shows that your pain is indeed the result of arthritis, you may be helped by anti-inflammatory medication or physical therapy. In any case, unless your discomfort is severe, I doubt that you are damaging your joints by continuing your exercising. Not all aches and pains signify a serious condition. Once you have been cleared to do so, continue your regular exercise program.

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Artist may continue using Barbie dolls

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An artist can continue using Barbie dolls in his photographic renderings, some of which depict dolls posed in sexual positions, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a decision denying a request by toymaker Mattel for a preliminary injunction pending a fall trial.

The company had sought to bar Tom Forsythe from using the doll in his photographs and from selling the photos as postcards. Mattel's lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, accuses Forsythe of copyright and trademark infringement.

The Utah artist maintains he has fair use based on artistic expression and free speech rights.

Forsythe uses Barbies to "to critique the materialistic and gender-oppressive values he believes the doll embodies," according to a statement Thursday from the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which is representing Forsythe.

Mattel wanted the court to order Forsythe to hand over all the negatives of his work so they could be destroyed.

"Trademarks are our most valuable asset as a company because consumers associate them with superior play quality and value," said Mattel spokeswoman Lisa Marie Bongiovanni.

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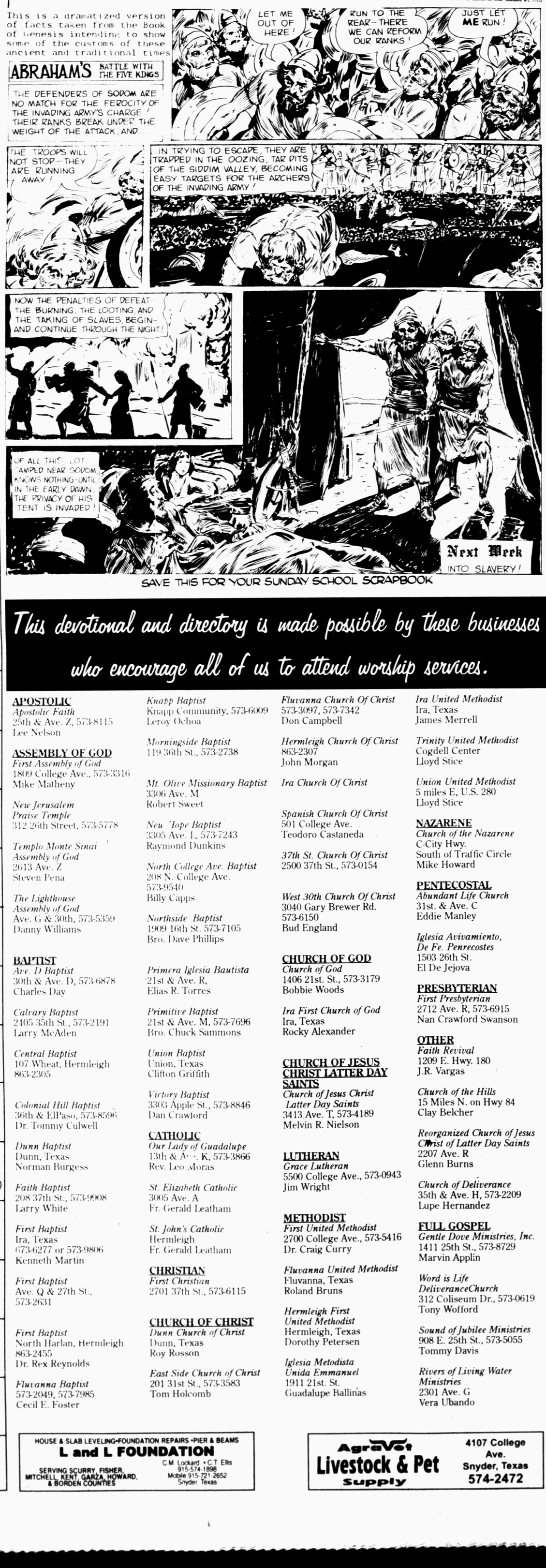

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Bush and Blair to meet today

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are going into their first meeting facing plenty of issues that could test the "special relationship" between their countries.

Bush and Blair were holding their first face-to-face session today in bucolic mountains at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland. The hope was that the face time would help them establish a solid friendship "before they have to address issues as they come up," said Bush's national security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

The issues already have come up. The two leaders are getting together after their recent joint action to contain Iraq's military and amid questions on how they should view Russia's sketchy plan for a missile defense system and whether a possible European defense force will ruffle feathers in NATO.

Before helicoptering to Camp David, Bush reached out to another ally, telephoning Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit Friday morning to talk briefly about that country's currency crisis. Bush "expressed his ongoing support for Turkey's economic policy," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

Blair gave no indication in an interview Friday with ABC's "Good Morning America" that he is ready to ease pressure on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. "The thing that always surprises me is how short people's memories are," Blair said.

"This is somebody who after all killed thousands of his own people with chemical weapons, who launched a war against Iran where a million people died, who then launched another war against Kuwait."

U.S. and British planes have stepped up attacks on Iraqi radar sites because "in January Iraq made more attacks on allied planes than in the whole of last year," Blair said.

Beyond international issues are the political contrasts between Bush, a conservative Republican, and Blair, head of Britain's Labor Party who patterned himself after Bush's predecessor, Bill Clinton.

Teen suspects charged as adults

NEW CASTLE, Ind. (AP) — The younger of two teen-age suspects in the slaying of two Dartmouth College professors will quickly return to New Hampshire to face charges, possibly as a juvenile, lawyers said.

James Parker was expected to waive further extradition proceedings at a hearing in Indiana today and return to New Hampshire by the weekend, Henry County Prosecutor Kit Crane said.

Douglas Brown, a lawyer for the Parker family, said the defense will request that the 16-year-old be tried as a juvenile.

"He's a boy. This case is a long way from resolution," Brown told the Boston Herald.

Parker and his alleged accomplice, Robert Tulloch, 17, both have been charged as adults with murder in the Jan. 27 stabbing deaths of Half and Susanne Zantop at their Hanover, N.H., home.

The two boys were arrested Monday at a truck stop in New Castle while trying to hitchhike across the country. Tulloch has already returned to New Hampshire after waiving extradition.

Citing unidentified sources, ABC News' "Prime Time Thursday" reported that investigators found literature in Tulloch's bedroom related to neo-Nazism, white supremacy and Holocaust revisionism. Holocaust revisionists believe the slaughter of millions of Jews and others by Nazis during World War II never happened.

The day the German-born professors were killed is Holocaust Remembrance Day in Germany. Friends have said the Zantops were passionate about politics and believed strongly that Germany should face up to its Nazi past.

Authorities have refused to discuss a motive or any connection between the Chelsea, Vt., boys and the victims. Half Zantop, 62, taught earth sciences at Dartmouth, and his wife, Susanne Zantop, 55, was chairwoman of the German studies department.

On Wednesday, an affidavit released by authorities alleged that Parker's father, John Parker, waited about eight hours before notifying police that his son had fled Chelsea. It said he saw his son drive away from their Chelsea home about 3 a.m. last Friday, then followed the boy to Tulloch's home.

The affidavit, signed by New Hampshire State Police Sgt. Robert Bruno, says the father then returned home and found a note from his son asking him not to alert police. Parker didn't call police until about 11 a.m., according to the affidavit.

Brown denied the elder Parker had given the teens a "head start" and said he had alerted authorities as soon as it became clear his son was not coming home as he had promised.

Brown said Parker did not believe the boy was considered a suspect in the murders at the time.

Insurance rates will go up in spite of effort to lower them

DALLAS (AP) — Many of Texas' largest auto insurance companies have opted to raise rates this year despite a move by the state's top insurance regulator to force rates down slightly.

Filings by the 10 largest insurance companies last month indicate that seven are raising premiums statewide in 2001.

Three companies lowered rates slightly, but not as much as the 1.3 percent reduction recommended by state Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor.

The increases have prompted the Texas Department of Insurance to examine whether the higher rates being charged by some of the companies are justified.

The commissioner can direct companies to revise their premiums if he feels they are excessive.

Insurers are given some leeway in setting their premiums, which under state law may be as much as 30 percent above or below the standard — or "benchmark" — rates set by the commissioner.

But the vast majority of companies in Texas charge more than the state benchmarks, which are supposed to reflect rates that allow them to earn a reasonable profit.

Consumer groups said they are not surprised by the rate increases.

"For the past five years, insurance companies have been making hundreds of millions of dollars in excess profits in Texas," D.J. Powers, a lawyer for the Center for Economic Justice and former general counsel for the Texas Department of Insurance, said in Friday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

The center represents low-income consumers and small businesses in insurance matters.

"We are seeing the largest profits that insurance companies have ever made in Texas, and yet every year we see them charge higher rates," he said.

Farmers Insurance, for example, raised rates at two of the top 10 companies it owns.

Obituaries

Martha Price

1914-2001

Martha Bess Price, a resident of Snyder the past year, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Price, 86, was set for 4:30 p.m. today in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Martha Price

Born Sept. 20, 1914 in Cisco, she was married to John E. Price who owned Oil Well Machine and Tool Company in San Angelo. Mr. Price died in 1971.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Mosely and Martha Johnson.

A longtime resident of San Angelo, Mrs. Price was a homemaker, a member of the West Texas A&M Mothers Club, the Shannon Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and the College Hills Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack H. and Mary Dee Price of Snyder and Thomas C. and Linda Price of Trophy Club; two granddaughters, Deidre Price McCoy of San Angelo, and her husband, Dusty, and Jill K. Price of Austin; and a great-grandson, Blue Price McCoy of San Angelo.

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More health research funds will be sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today he will ask Congress to increase funds for health research by nearly $3 billion for the coming fiscal year.

Meeting in the Roosevelt Room with top aides — his "budget review board," he called them — Bush said the budget blueprint he will send to Capitol Hill on Wednesday will "prioritize the health care needs."

"We recognize the federal government plays a very important role in researching cures for disease and therefore our budget increases the (National Institutes of Health) budget for 2002 by $2.8 billion — the largest increase in that department's history," the president said.

The current NIH budget is $20.4 billion, the White House said.

Bush met with Vice President Dick Cheney, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, chief economic adviser Larry Lindsey, Office of Management and Budget Director Mitch Daniels and other senior advisers before helicoptering to Camp David for meetings with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Bush will outline his budget for the nation in a State of the Union-styled address to a joint session of Congress Tuesday night. "I'm very much looking forward for the American people to see and hear the budget presentation. It's a practical budget," Bush said.

"The people of this country are going to realize we spent a lot of time on it and they'll realize they've got an administration that is practical, full of common sense."

The White House is methodically winding up for Tuesday's prime-time address, Bush's first as president, and his formal budget transmittal the following day. Bush will use his weekly radio address on Saturday to promote his priorities — tax cuts and education spending — then take his message on the road Wednesday and Thursday with trips to Pittsburgh; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Little Rock, Ark.; and Atlanta.

Births

Shaun and Jennifer Terrell of Snyder announce the birth of a son, Teagan Spencer Terrell, born at 10:20 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. Teagan weighed seven pounds, six ounces.

He was welcomed home by three brothers – Trey, Zeb and Eddie Pool. Grandparents are Joe and Deann Randel of Sweetwater and Faye and Jim Terrell of Amarillo.

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Juvenile shoplifter told to stay away from grocery store

- ***Shoplifter***

At 7:15 p.m. Thursday, officers were called to Davidson's IGA in reference to a juvenile shoplifting in the store. A criminal trespass warning was issued to the juvenile to stay away from the store, but no charges were filed.

- ***Family violence***

An offense report for assault and family violence was filed at 7:15 p.m. Thursday.

- ***DWI***

Misdemeanor driving while intoxicated landed a 38-year-old man in jail at 12:12 a.m. today. Officers arrested the subject in the 1600 block of 25th Street.

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Bake sale

Wal-Mart will have a bake sale from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Enchilada dinner

Ira First Baptist youth set an enchilada dinner at noon Sunday in the fellowship hall. $5 for adults, $3.50, 12 and under; and $20 for a family. Proceeds will benefit summer camp and youth trips.

Enchilada dinner

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

Guest speaker at Ave. D

Dr. Ronnie Yarber of the Southern Baptist of Texas will be guest speaker at 5 p.m. Sunday at Ave. D. Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Pastor Charles Day invites the public to attend.

Mt. Sinai Assembly revival

Mt. Sinai Assembly of God, 2613 Ave. Z, will hold a revival today through Sunday. Bernie Guebara of San Angelo is the evangelist. Weekday services are at 7 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

SHS Baseball boosters

A meeting of the SHS baseball booster club will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the SHS Student Center. Door and yard signs will be made.

AARP meeting

The AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Charles Anderson will be the guest speaker. Anderson has authored several books on Scurry County. All seniors are invited.

United Way luncheon

The annual awards luncheon for the Scurry County United Way will be held at noon Monday at The Shack.

WTC brown bag luncheon

A brown bag luncheon and cultural exchange will be hosted at noon Monday in the Fine Arts Multimedia room at Western Texas College. Student Kamie Stubblefield will present a program on the life of Mary Todd Lincoln. She is a great-great-great-great-niece of the famous First Lady. The public is invited. For details, call 573-8511, ext 394.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "What Gold Would Tell a King," followed by "The Truth Shall Make You Free."

Historical commission meeting

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday at The Shack. The group will make plans for the Texas Independence Day observance March 4 a the Scurry County Museum.

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club game day begins at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427.

Substance abuse class

Monday is the deadline to register for Western Texas College's class on understanding substance abuse that starts Thursday and ends April 26. Class will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays and the cost is $40. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, to reserve a space.

C.H.I.P signup

Parents of children without health insurance are encouraged to investigate the Children's Health Insurance Program between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. Tuesday at the community room at Texas Savings Bank.

Class of 1951 reunion planning

The SHS class of 1951 will hold a planning session at 4 p.m. Tuesday. For location and more information call Patsy Sutton, 573-4359, Islasu Minor, 573-8412, or Anne von Roeder, 573-7485.

Dee Wilson reception

Gateway Family Services board of directors invites the public to a reception honoring executive director Dee Wilson from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Wilson is moving to Abilene to become the executive director of Noah Project Inc.

Hospice dinner

Community Care Hospice staff and volunteers invite all caregivers to a dinner in their honor at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Garden Room of First Baptist Church. Call 573-0212 or 573-4296 to RSVP.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Dave Hanes will give a program on the history of the Cherokee Indians. Everyone is invited.

West family reading night

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

St. Elizabeth fish fry

St. Elizabeth fish fry will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. next Friday in the parish center, 30th and Ave. A. Tickets are $6 with children ages 6-12 eating for $4. Tickets sold at the door. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Kiwanis pancake day

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

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Capitol Highlights

AUSTIN (AP) — Hispanic lawmakers from across South Texas agreed Thursday to form a common front against poverty along the border, promising to increase funding for infrastructure needs and improve education, housing, health and employment within the next 10 years.

It's the first time members of the Senate Hispanic Caucus and the House's Mexican American Legislative Caucus have worked together to help the neglected region spanning from El Paso to Brownsville, said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine.

"We're not working on 37 agendas anymore, we're working on one," he said, surrounded by dozens of senators and representatives who signed the Texas Border Marshall Plan, named after the U.S. plan to rebuild much of Europe after World War II.

"What we see in the Texas border is an area devastated not by war, but by profound neglect," said Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, adding that Hispanics are expected to be the majority in Texas by 2008.

Gallego said the agreement jump starts action to improve federal and state funding along one of the nation's most impoverished regions where nearly 27 percent of residents live below the poverty level and 7.5 percent are unemployed.

The plan proposes repairs to roads and highways, more money for universities, an easier Medicaid application process, increased funding for bilingual adult education, creating a housing trust fund for disadvantaged counties and hooking up all qualified colonia residents to electric, water and wastewater lines.

But the coalition's game plan is still vague, with no specific financial goals.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Texans who are convicted of domestic violence could not possess a firearm for five years, under a bill unanimously approved Thursday by the state Senate.

It also would take away guns from people of the subject of domestic protective orders.

Taking away firearms in those cases will likely save lives, said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas. It would "dramatically reduce the likelihood that a domestic violence incident will result in a murder," he said.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, family violence resulted in 152 murders in 1999, the latest year for which figures were available.

PAYING FOR CRIME

Sens. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and Todd Staples, R-Palestine, have filed a bill that would force the forfeiture of money earned from selling crime memorabilia. Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, has filed similar legislation.

The lawmakers say the bills would eliminate an existing loophole that allows convicted felons and third parties to make profits on the sale of certain memorabilia.

MENINGITIS MEASURE

Texas students and their families would be warned about the deadly, little-known disease known as bacterial meningitis under a bill approved Thursday by the Senate.

The bill calls for information about meningitis, to be distributed to college and public school students and their parents.

COWBOY ROAD

A stretch on Interstate 30 between Dallas and Fort Worth would be designated the Tom Landry Highway, complete with insignias of the former Dallas Cowboy coach's signature hat, under a bill approved Thursday by the Senate.

Landry, who coached the Cowboys for 29 years, died of leukemia in February 2000 at age 75.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He was the Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky and Tiger Woods of this racing sport." — Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, on the death of NASCAR racing legend Dale Earnhardt.

Deadline looms for high-rise in Fort Worth damaged by twister

DALLAS (AP) — A 35-story office tower in downtown Fort Worth that survived a tornado's deadly destruction now faces another battle that could decide whether it is closed and demolished.

Attorneys for the Bank One tower's owners, who have been cited by Fort Worth firefighters for city code violations, and operators of a penthouse restaurant urging the building's repair were scheduled to face off again today in a state district court hearing.

Judge Dana Womack was deciding whether to issue a temporary injunction allowing the Reata restaurant to remain on the skyscraper's 35th floor.

Firefighters who imposed the deadline 10 days ago told officials of Loutex Fort Worth that the building must be vacated at noon unless they comply with city-required safety repairs.

"If we don't have a ruling, we'll have to enforce the order," Jim Tidwell, the department's executive deputy chief, said. "The closest we can come is to not allow anyone else in the building after that time.

"In Reata's case, as people finish their lunches, they'll be escorted from the building," he said.

This week, Loutex officials announced that Fine Line Diversified Realty, an entity of Fort Worth's Bass family, plans to buy the building and tear it down. That contract expires at the end of March, contingent on an end to litigation.

An Oklahoma demolition company's owner said he was contacted Thursday about imploding the high-rise building and had discussed June 1 as the date to have the building completely removed.

The building's owners, who have balked at making expensive renovations to the building, told the Fire Department after several safety mandates that they would make only the repairs necessary for an unoccupied building. Thousands of dollars in fines are accruing daily for noncompliance.

Attorneys for the restaurant sued Loutex after the company announced last summer that it would not repair the building, which had thousands of windows blown out in the March 28 tornado. No one was killed downtown, but there were five other storm-related deaths elsewhere.

Winter weather hampering search for missing helicopter

AMARILLO (AP) — Winter weather, including snowfall, is a concern for crews continuing to search for a Texas Panhandle couple whose helicopter disappeared while they were returning home from their granddaughter's basketball game.

More than a week after Gene and Bobbie Sue Webb failed to arrive home in their Robinson R-22 helicopter, the Civil Air Patrol was still pursuing their trail that led from Gruver to Randall County south of Amarillo.

The fact that the Webbs' helicopter was white with black markings has made the search tougher, said Maj. Rich Simerson, Amarillo CAP squadron commander.

Freezing temperatures, snow and fog have limited search efforts since the Feb. 15 flight failed to arrive and authorities were notified the next day. Snow remained in the region's fields.

"We've checked out quite a few snowbanks," Simerson told the Amarillo Globe-News in Friday's online edition.

He said the search for the Webbs has included 55 sorties and more than 150 flight hours — the largest ever conducted out of the Amarillo squadron of the congressionally chartered nonprofit agency regulated by the Department of Defense.

Air patrol missions are supervised by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center in Langley, Va. The call first went out within Texas, before adjacent wings in New Mexico and Oklahoma were called in to assist.

Fruit growers want shoppers to buy fruit produced in U.S.

EAST WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — Wenatchee Valley fruit growers, frustrated by low prices for apples and pears, want consumers to demand U.S.-grown produce at the supermarket to support the American family farm.

"Our supply of safe, abundant and environmentally friendly food is in jeopardy," said Britt Dudek, president of the Chelan-Douglas Farm Bureau.

About 1,000 farmers and their families, young Future Farmers of America and fruit industry workers paraded through Wenatchee and East Wenatchee on Thursday in their tractors, flatbed trucks and pickups.

"The pear market is following apples right down the tube," Rod Collins, 62, a Peshastin pear grower, said at a post-parade rally at Douglas County Park.

"We're getting about half of what we should get. Every grower in the valley is going in the red. It's been two years in a row. We can't handle much more."

Washington's apple industry — the state's No. 1 crop — has been in decline since 1996, with growers getting less for their apples than it costs to grow them.

"Stop the killing," said one sign on the side of a flatbed truck, carrying a red paint-splattered apple tree with a saw wedged in its trunk.

A portable toilet was labeled with a hand-printed poster that said: "USA fruit market is in here."

"The price is not good for apples, even for pears," said Francisco Sanchez, 35, a Wenatchee Valley farmer. "Nobody knows what to do. We are trying to get people who buy the fruit to understand who gets the money."

Farmers blame a number of factors for the mushy fruit market — huge crops; increased competition from Southern Hemisphere imports; consolidation of retail grocers who wield greater control over the price paid for fruit; diminished export markets and flat domestic consumption.

Jill Zacher, 42, of Wenatchee helps her husband and father-in-law grow cherries, pears, peaches and apples.

"We aren't making what we used to," she said, clutching her daughter's 4-week-old Cashmere kid goat, Squirt, dressed in a sweater and diaper. "In the next couple of years, I think you'll see a lot of orchardists selling out."

The protesters paraded through several grocery store parking lots, handing out information leaflets that showed grocery stores get 66 percent of every apple and pear dollar, while growers get 13 percent, shippers 4 percent and warehouses and marketers 17 percent.

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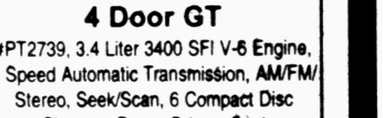
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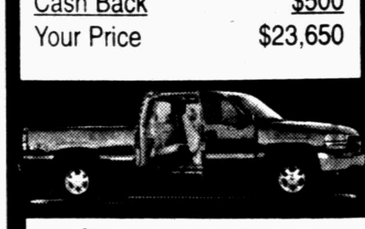

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