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Filing for boards begins Monday...

Spring political races off to fast start

Monday is the first day to file as a candidate for positions on several local boards and a former city councilman has stated his intention to run again for that governing body.

Ron Shaw, who served on the council from 1993-1997, said he will file for Place 4 on the council — a position currently held by long-time council member I.E. Martin. Martin said he will not seek another term.

Shaw has worked for the U.S. Postal Service since 1982 and during his tenure on the council, had a reputation for being thoroughly prepared for each meeting.

"I studied the agenda for each meeting. I developed my own facts and information," said Shaw.

"If a zoning variance was on the agenda, I went to that location and studied it," added Shaw.

A resident of Snyder since 1976, Shaw says he has seen the community in boom times and bust times.

"When I moved here, I lived in a motel because of a housing shortage. All you have to do now is look around to see that there is not a housing shortage today," said Shaw.



Ron Shaw

"We must continue to seek ways to diversify our economy," said Shaw.

"City governments across Texas are facing their share of challenges. Big cities, medium cities and small cities have problems. All you have to do is pick up a newspaper to find out about them," said Shaw.

"In times like these, Snyder needs experienced leadership and I offer that experience," said Shaw.

Martin has served on the council for 11 years and was a driving force behind the organization of the S.T.A.R. Program.

"It's just time to let someone else do the job," said Martin.

Other terms on the council expiring are those of Vernest Tippens, David Harrell and James Ashley.

On the Snyder school board, Janet Stribling said she would not seek another term.

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

Stribling has served on the school board since 1993.

"I plan on working hard to get elected county judge and if that happens, I would basically be overseeing two major taxing budgets and I don't feel that would be right," said Stribling.

Snyder's school board called its election Thursday night for Place 1 held by Glenn Clarady and Stribling's Place 5 spot, and will meet Tuesday at noon to call the Place 4 position currently held by Mark McCormick.

Besides the city and Snyder ISD, three other entities will hold elections Saturday, May 4.

Western Texas College has called its election, while Ira ISD will call its election Monday, and Hermleigh ISD will follow suit Tuesday.

On the WTC board, the terms of Drew Bullard, Place 1; and Jackie Greene, Place 2; are expiring.

On the Ira school board, Sid Wall, Place 1; Fran Farmer, Place 2; and Lance Autry, Place 3; are up for re-election.

In the Hermleigh ISD race, the places of Tony Lambaren, Burton Sandefur and Larry West will be on the ballot.

West's post is an unexpired term.

The filing period for all local boards extends through March 20. All the elections will be held unless there are no competitive races. If that happens, state law allows the boards to declare an unopposed candidate duly elected.

April 4 is the deadline to register to vote in the May elections and early voting will take place April 17-30.



A SWINGIN' GOOD TIME — Jeremy Miller, Ken Robinson and Jenny Pinson, from left, worked Thursday afternoon to put up a new swing set on the playground at West Elementary. Also working on the set, but not pictured, was Darren Duzan. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rep. Stenholm to be in Snyder

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will be in Snyder Monday for two events.

Rep. Stenholm will be at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College from 11-11:45 a.m., and at the United Way luncheon at noon at the Willow Park Inn.

Rep. Stenholm, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and State Senator Robert Duncan will address the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers meeting Tuesday in Abilene during the organization's annual meeting.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most great theories are drown by one mere little fact."

It's what's inside that counts, you know that inner-strength stuff that sets one man apart from another.

You might identify with these thoughts:

If you can start the day without caffeine or pills,

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and telling people your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,

If you can overlook when people take things out on you, when, through no fault of your own, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without alcohol or nicotine,

If you can sleep without the aid of pills,

Then

You are probably the family dog.

And a reader passed along these tidbits on how to stay young:

—Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

—Keep learning about stuff. An idle mind is the devil's workshop and the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

—Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, that is all you can afford. When they are in college, it's all you can afford. When you're on retirement, simple stuff is all you can afford.

—Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath and people will ask if you are okay.

—Tears happen, but endure, grieve and move on. Be alive while you are alive.

—Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

—Don't take guilt trips. Go visiting – a neighbor, the next county, a foreign country, but not to guilty city.

—Remember that life is not measured by the number of breaths that we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

—Throw out non-essential numbers - things like age, weight and waist size. Let the doctor worry about that stuff. That is why you pay him.

Intoxicated assault nets 10 years

A 20-year-old Snyder man, charged with intoxicated assault following a one-car rollover last August, pleaded guilty Friday in 132nd District Court.

Ysidro Garay Guerra of 2207 Ave. O was driver of a vehicle that overturned about 10:30 p.m. Aug. 24 on the west frontage road of U.S. 84 near the U.S. 180 intersection.

A passenger in the vehicle, Stephen Floyd McKenzie, suffered injuries in the mishap and the Jaws of Life was used to free him from the wreckage. McKenzie was first treated at Cogdell Hospital before being airlifted to a Lubbock hospital.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Guerra to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and participation in the prison system's boot camp program. Guerra also was fined $1,000.

Girl Scouts begin delivering cookies

Girl Scout Cookies are here!

The scouts began delivering orders over Scurry County Saturday to neighbors, family and friends.

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale is a major source of funding for the local scouts, a member of the West Texas Girl Scout Council.

This year's cookies include some of the old favorites and one new flavor — Friendship Circles. Others are Caramel deLites, Shortbread, Lemon Pastry Cremes, Animal Treasures, Thin Mint, Peanut Butter Patties and Peanut Butter Sandwiches.

For those who didn't place an order, the cookies will be on sale for two weeks at various businesses or by calling JoAnn Cearley at 573-3926.

The cost is $3 per box and are being sold by Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior troop members. Funds will be used for maintenance of camp facilities, program activities, leadership training and membership development.



WHAT WILL I WEAR? — SHS Drama Club members Brandy Birkenfeld, Haley Elkins and Bret McClendon, from left, perused the club's wardrobe closet Friday for vintage clothes to wear to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet March 5. Tickets to the annual banquet are $12.50 and the theme this year is "Down Memory Lane." (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—What is the maximum number of students allowed per class in Texas?

A—The state requires one teacher for every 22 students, but waivers are often granted.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 55 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Saturday, 28; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, low 30-35; SE winds 5-10 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy; high lower 60s; S winds 10-20 mph. Sunday night, cloudy, breezy, low around 40.



Vanesta Martinez
Cloudy and Breezy

Sunset:
6:32 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:23 a.m.
Of 46 days in 2002, the sun has shone 43 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.

—James Russell Lowell

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Former Enron workers still looking for work

HOUSTON (AP) — Elisa Hollis figures she can count on one hand those who have found jobs among the 40 people she worked with closely and were laid off 21/2 months ago when former energy giant Enron Corp. filed for bankruptcy.

She's not among them.

"The other 35 of us are still actively looking for something," Hollis said last week as she prepared for a job interview. "This is a very ambitious, hardworking group of people with wonderful attitudes.

"I'm not feeling desperate or depressed. I am feeling dismayed that it's taking this long."

Hollis and others in her situation have resorted to odd jobs, less pay or are starting their own businesses to stay financially afloat.

"You have to do what you have to do to support your family and be a good citizen and not be on the dole," she said.

Former Enron information technology department worker Lissa Boatright decided to turn her love of pets into a business when she got her walking papers.

Unfortunately, her "Happy Tails Pet & House Sitting" has received nowhere near the response she had hoped.

"I just thought it was something I would enjoy," she said. "At this point, I think I'm going to have to go back to work to pay the bills and do my pet service on the side."

She has two clients who together have her caring for a dog and seven cats. She's invested about $700 getting bonded and insured as a pet sitter.

"I haven't put a ton of money into it, but I am basically out of money," she said.

That means, for now, setting up a Web site or listing her business in the Yellow Pages is out. So she's looking for a new job in the medical field, where she worked before accepting a job with Enron a little more than a year ago.

"I feel like I am competing with all the other laid-off Enron employees at this point for the energy jobs, so I'm concentrating on the medical field," she said.

An unscientific Internet survey conducted by a Web site set up for former Enron employees received 607 responses from 4,500 laid off workers. About 71 percent them were still searching for jobs.

Of the 29 percent who have found new employment, 10 percent accepted lower pay while, 12 percent said they were making more now and another 7 percent remained at the same rate.

Jon Pope is to start a new job Monday that could be an improvement over his Enron paycheck. At least immediately, however, it's not full time.

"If they decide they like me, they will switch me to permanent," he said. However, "It could be three months. It could be a year."

Pope said he borrowed money from his parents and deferred his student loan payments to make it through the past few months.

"I was really happy to find something," he said. "I was starting to get a little worried that I would be in financial straits if I didn't find something by the end of March."

Former Enron accountant Sue Nix is feeling the financial bumps of not having a steady paycheck.

She raised five children by herself following her husband's death and figured her job at Enron would leave her set for retirement.

Instead, she now spends her days searching the Internet for job openings. She makes sure her lights or TV are only turned on when needed and worries each time she fills her car's tank with gas.

"My savings account is just about totally gone, yet the bills keep coming," she said. "The only jobs I get called on are so low-paying that even if I took one, I couldn't pay my bills.

"When I started at Enron six years ago, I thought I would be there until I retired," she said. "I feel like we were lied to... Surely they knew what was going on."

Pope said Enron's bankruptcy filing caused him to start asking potential employers questions he hadn't considered before.

Man with box cutters arrested

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A man who tried to board a flight to Las Vegas while carrying two box cutters was arrested Friday at Lambert Airport, federal authorities said.

According to prosecutors, the man said he was in a hurry and had hoped the box cutters wouldn't be found. It wasn't clear why he had them.

"We currently have no reason to believe that this was an attempt to hijack the airplane or commit any terrorist related activity," U.S. Attorney Raymond Gruender said.

The man, Joubin Kalimian, 33, of Great Neck, N.Y., made a brief court appearance Friday in federal court on charges of attempting to carry on an aircraft a concealed, dangerous weapon. It wasn't immediately known if he had an attorney.

Authorities said Kalimian boarded American Airlines flight 2947 from New York's LaGuardia Airport to Las Vegas on Friday. When the airplane made a scheduled stop in St. Louis, Kalimian got off the plane along with other passengers.

Two box cutters were discovered in Kalimian's pocket during a random security check at the gate where he was to reboard the flight to Las Vegas, said airport director Leonard Griggs.

According to Gruender's office, Kalimian later told authorities a third box cutter had been found by a security screener in New York before he boarded the flight to St. Louis.

American and its security screening company at LaGuardia are investigating; one screener has been taken off duty for retraining, the company said in a statement.

Griggs said Kalimian never left the secure concourse area at Lambert.

WTC to offer Community choir class

Western Texas College will offer a Community Choir class beginning March 4 in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre.

The class will meet Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks followed by a performance on Friday, April 26, at the end of the seventh week.

Registration will be held at the first class meeting, March 4. There is no cost for the class, no tryouts, and everyone is invited to participate. For more information, call 573-8511 ext. 234.

2 graduate from HSU

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University announces that Snyder residents Brady Collier and Kevin Hildebrand were among approximately 230 degree candidates that participated in the commencement exercises in December.

Collier received a bachelor of business administration degree from HSU's School of Business, and graduated with honors of cum laude.

Hildebrand received a bachelor of behavioral science degree from HSU's Irvin School of Education.

events

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

27-25-23-32

Bonus number 25

Estimated jackpot: $400,000

Cash Five

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

21-27-30-32-38

Pick 3

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

2-1-0

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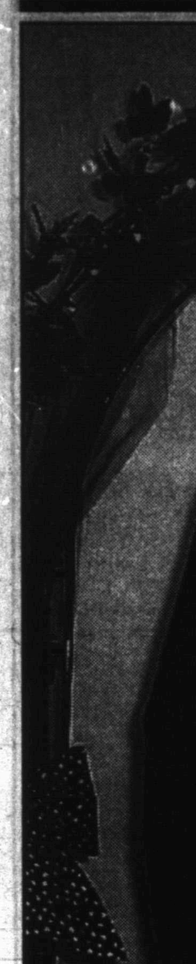
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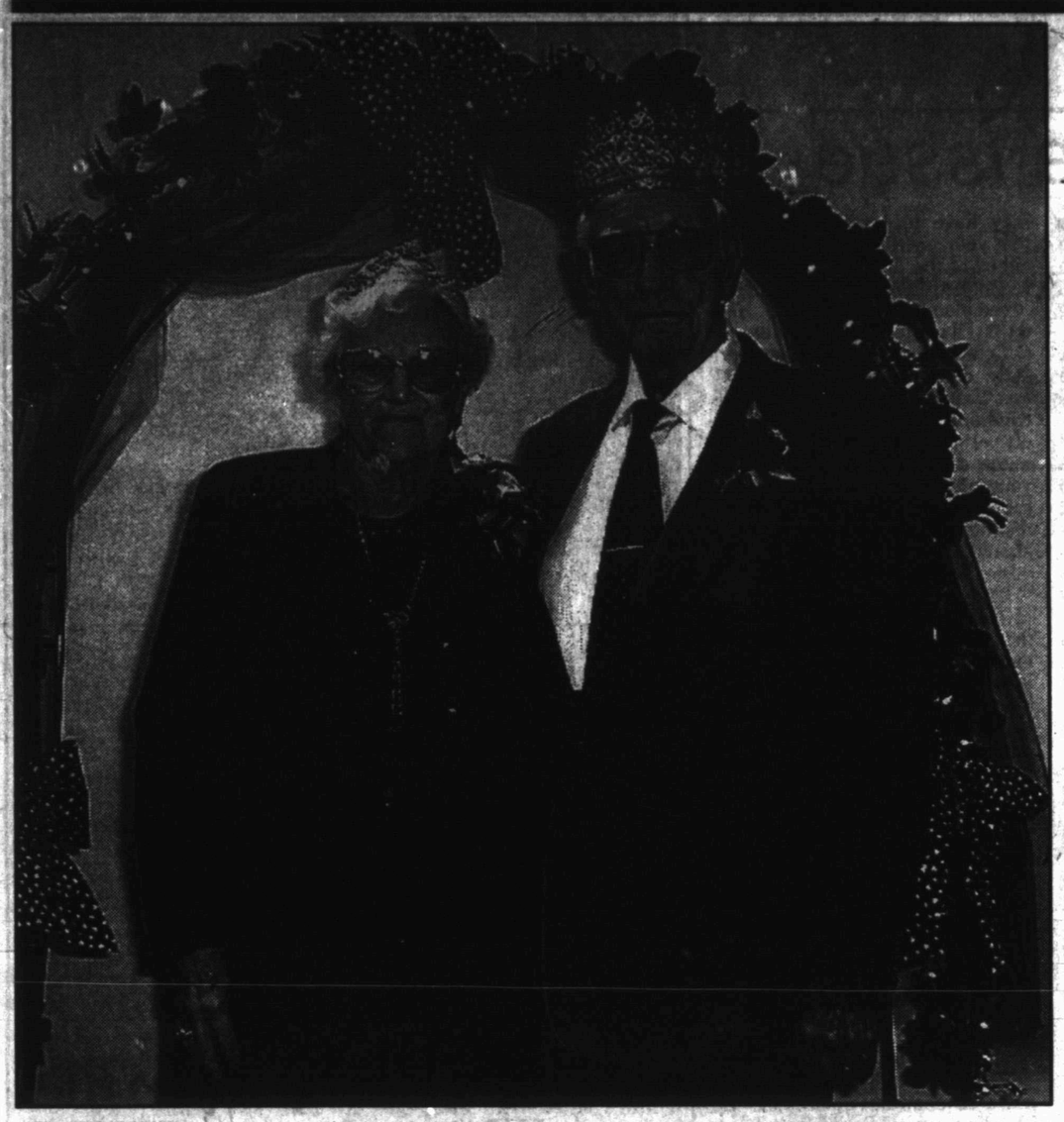
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VALENTINE ROYALTY — Betty and Emerson Armstrong were crowed Valentine queen and king Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Former chairman Lay sold $70M stock back to Enron

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay sold some $70 million of his Enron stock back to the company to repay loans last year, including $16.3 million in the 13 days after he was warned by executive Sherron Watkins of serious accounting problems, an official document shows.

Lay frequently sold blocks of shares — many worth as much as $4 million — from February through October, a period in which the big energy-trading company's stock tumbled from around $78 a share to about $15.

Houston-based Enron Corp. entered the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2 after questions arose about its use of a complex web of partnerships that hid more than $1 billion in debt from investors and securities regulators.

Some of the sales came at a time when Lay was touting Enron's stock and future prospects to employees, assuring them that the company's finances were sound and its books in good shape. "The third quarter is looking great," he messaged an employee on Sept. 26. He had sold $4 million worth of stock to the company on Sept. 4.

Documents released Friday in Austin, meanwhile, show that Lay wrote repeatedly to George W. Bush throughout his governorship, seeking support for legislation benefiting Enron. Many of the letters concerned electricity deregulation and an overhaul of laws to make it harder to bring lawsuits. Others were personal.

Lay, who this week asserted his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refused to testify before Congress, had not previously made the stock-sale information public. He filed it with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as he was required to do this week under a special rule giving officers and directors who make such stock sales to their companies more than a year to disclose them. A copy was provided Friday by his representative.

Added to sales of Enron shares on the open market which he had previously reported, the new filing shows that Lay sold around $100 million of company stock in 2001.

"Mr. Lay remained confident in Enron stock through late 2001," his spokeswoman, Kelly Kimberly, said from Houston. She noted that he was entitled to borrow money from Enron under an agreement, "and he exercised that benefit."

Lay was "surprised" by the rapid decline in the stock, which was his collateral for the loans, Kimberly said, adding that "the vast majority of the proceeds" from the sales went to repay the loans.

Watkins, an accountant who worked in the Enron division that ran the questionable partnerships, warned Lay in a detailed, six-page memo on Aug. 22 that the company could "implode in a wave of accounting scandals."

The next day, Lay's new SEC filing shows, he sold 108,254 Enron shares back to the company at $36.95 each, a transaction worth around $4 million. He followed up with similar amounts on Aug. 24, Aug. 30 and Sept. 4. His next sale of shares to the company, for $1.5 million, wasn't until Oct. 23 — a week after Enron shocked investors by reporting more than $600 million in losses.

Stallone files suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sylvester Stallone has filed a lawsuit alleging that a former business manager told him not to unload more than $7 million in Planet Hollywood stock while telling others that the restaurant chain was headed for bankruptcy.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in Superior Court claims Stallone asked Kenneth Starr, who worked for him between 1997 and 2001, whether he should sell nearly 3 million shares of Planet Hollywood stock.

Stallone said Starr told him "he would be sending the wrong message to the market" if he sold the stock, the lawsuit said.

When the star of "Driven" and "Cliffhanger" finally sold the shares in March 2000, he received less than $300,000.

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Miss America and pageant officials stage show of unity

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Yes, she's had her tribulations serving as Miss America. But Katie Harman says she loves the job.

Yes, Miss America Organization CEO Robert Renneisen Jr. is under fire from state pageant directors, five of whom flew to pageant headquarters last week to complain directly to the pageant's board of directors. But his bosses are satisfied with the job he's doing.

After enduring almost as much bad publicity as the Olympic skating judges, the Miss America Organization moved to defuse controversies over its treatment of Harman and its handling of an uprising by disgruntled state directors.

In a carefully-orchestrated show of support, five members of the pageant's board of directors attended a news conference Friday and 18 state pageant representatives participated by conference call as Harman and Renneisen fielded questions.

The news conference came in response to media reports about a Feb. 3 letter written by Harman's parents complaining about their treatment — and Harman's — at the hands of pageant officials and employees.

In the letter, Glen and Darla Harman of Gresham, Ore., complained Harman had been asked to pay bills for clothing alterations and a post-crowning party, that they had been treated rudely by the Miss America Organization and that Harman felt she wasn't getting enough bookings.

Harman, 21, said she didn't know her parents were writing a letter until after it had been sent.

"They care about me and they were concerned about mistreatment, or mismanagement," Harman said. "I was never mistreated. I'll tell you that honestly, up front."

At times choking back tears, Harman said other Miss Americas have shared her frustrations with the day-to-day difficulties of life on the road. But she never thought about quitting.

Then she called the mother of Miss America 1998 Kate Shindle to the podium. Maggie Shindle said the parents of Miss America have no preparation for their year in the limelight.

"It's housekeeping, it's philosophy, it's management, it's bills. By the time parents figure things out, it's over," she said.

Renneisen, a former casino executive who took over the pageant two years ago, has characterized the state pageant directors' complaints as the work of a handful of disaffected people who don't like the changes he has made.

The directors of the Illinois, Oregon, South Carolina, California and Texas pageants, together with about 10 other people, made a four-hour presentation to the Miss America Organization's board Feb. 4. They complained about missed sponsorship opportunities, unreturned telephone calls from pageant headquarters and other internal beefs.

The 16-member board is in the process of evaluating the complaints, said board member David Sparenberg.

He said Renneisen had the board's blessing in soliciting proposals from other venues to hold the pageant and that they were pleased with his job performance.

"He's been very open with us. Unlike his predecessors, Bob is not an autocratic person," he said.

Rappers asked to shun violent lyrics

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, joined by Russell Simmons and other prominent hip-hop figures, called on rap artists to move away from explicitly violent lyrics.

Farrakhan, who also condemned the U.S. war on terrorism, told a receptive, sometimes raucous audience Thursday that rappers owe poor and minority communities more than many of them have given.

"From the suffering of our people came rap," Farrakhan said. "That should make you a servant of those that produced you. That should make you a servant of the 'hood."

Children "can't read Dick and Jane, but they can recite your raps," he continued. "The question is, what are you feeding them?"

More than 300 people, including rappers Boo-Yaa Tribe, Kurupt and DJ Quik, packed into a hotel conference room for his speech, and Simmons and others seconded the message.

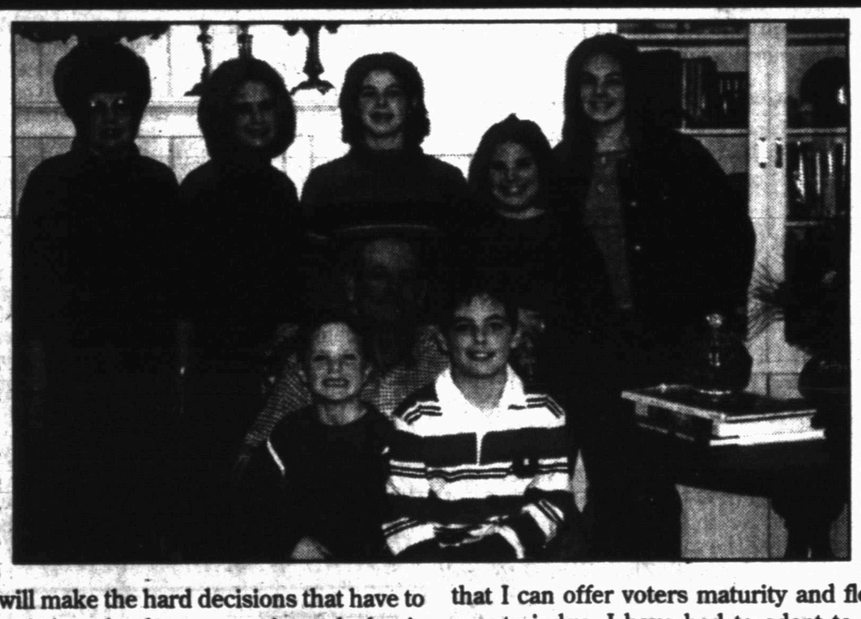
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Long On Business Experience

Crenwelge says he believes his 39 years of business experience would be helpful to the running of county government. He says, "I also understand basic government, having served on various boards."

Committed To Our Community

Ted served 15 years on the Snyder ISD board of trustees, including three years as president. He served five years on the board of managers of Cogdell Hospital and also served as chairman of that board.

Today, he is a vice president of the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He served three years starting in 1984 and was reappointed in 1995.

He is also a past member of the Scurry County Farm Bureau board and is currently a director of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Seasoned Decision Maker

Ted grew up in Houston and earned his business degree from Texas Christian University. He moved to Snyder in 1961 and worked for one year at Snyder National Bank before going into farming.

In addition to his agriculture business, he has served as a director of Snyder National Bank since 1980. "In addition to my business background, I feel that I can offer voters maturity and flexibility in the office of county judge. I have had to adapt to changing conditions to survive in agriculture."

Ted has been a member of the Snyder Lions Club for 28 years, and he worked in Snyder youth league baseball for nine years.

Strong Family Values

Ted and his wife, Jane, have two married children. Scott and his wife, Lana, have three children. Carrie and her husband, Elliott Cox, also have three children. They are members of First Baptist Church.

Elect Ted Crenwelge for county judge in the March 12 Republican Primary. Early voting begins February 25.

I would appreciate your vote.
Ted

Political ad paid for by Ted Crenwelge, 2709 28th, Snyder, Texas 79549

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Brain testing is a delicate issue

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following a motor vehicle accident, I had an MRI scan of my neck and brain. The test indicated that one of the anterior cerebral arteries had collapsed - not plugged, but collapsed. I had no symptoms. Six months later, I returned to my family physician for a routine exam. I asked him about repeating the MRI to see if the collapsed site had closed any more. He said "no" because, in a situation such as this, surgery is not indicated unless there are neurological symptoms - and an operation is risky anyway. He recommended a "wait and see" approach. This has me worried. Should I contact the neurologist who initially discovered the collapse?

DEAR READER: This is a highly technical question upon which I am not qualified to comment. So my answer is "yes," contact the neurologist. Permit me to make some observations about this situation, however.

Modern medical testing often reveals information that is unexpected, unwanted and unimportant. Moreover, it can be downright confusing. For example, you may have had a "collapsed" cerebral artery for years. I am not quite sure why it is collapsed but this is an open question that should be resolved.

Second, the brain has an astounding ability to compensate for accidents, injuries and poor circulation. I feel confident in reassuring you that other brain arteries have taken over the job of making up for the "collapse."

Third, brain surgery is serious, tricky and often associated with complications. Consequently, I wouldn't submit to such an operation unless my independence and health depended on it, and I had a reasonable expectation of cure. In your case, there are no symptoms, so surgery seems out of the question.

Fourth, if a person is not a candidate for subsequent therapy, why should he subject himself to expensive, inconvenient (and sometimes dangerous) testing? For instance, what's the point in having a repeat MRI that won't make any difference in the long run? If there has been further "collapse" of the artery, you're not likely to consider surgery; the other arteries are compensating. So why bother?

Nonetheless, as I mentioned before, you should obtain a neurological opinion because this is not my specialty. Based on the limited information you supplied, I'd be surprised if the neurologist chose further testing. But in complex situations such as this, the issue has yet to be resolved. Let me know what you decide.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suspect that my husband has been unfaithful, and I'm worried about whether he might have infected me with a sexually transmitted disease. Is there an over-all test for STDs?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, no. There are now over 30 STDs that have been recognized. Each one requires a specific test. Because this is obviously a complicated issue, I urge you to discuss your concerns with your gynecologist. Such a specialist, who knows you, will perform an examination and counsel you about what further testing would be appropriate.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a retired nurse, age 70, with chronic anemia. My hematocrit consistently stays under 30, despite months of iron therapy. I've had gastroscopy and colonoscopy - normal, no internal bleeding. I have diabetes, heart problems and hypertension, all treated successfully. I'm tired and my doctor doesn't seem to know where to proceed from here. Can you help?

DEAR READER: I'll try. As I have written before, the causes of anemia can be reduced to three categories: too few red blood cells are being formed in the bone marrow, there is loss of blood or the body is destroying red cells at a rate exceeding their production.

The hematocrit is an easy and accurate way to diagnose anemia. It measures the percentage of blood cells in the total blood volume. In most instances, healthy patients have hematocrits between 40 and 50. That is, about half the blood consists of cells; the remaining 50 percent is fluid. Your hematocrit of 30 is clearly too low.

Your doctor banked on iron deficiency as a cause of your anemia. Without adequate iron in your diet, the bone marrow cannot manufacture enough red corpuscles to keep the hematocrit in the 40-50 range. Unfortunately, your doctor gambled and lost; iron deficiency is not necessarily your problem.

In addition, he checked you for internal bleeding, an extremely common cause of anemia in older adults. Once more, he struck out.

Based on my observations, you may have incorrectly concluded that your anemia is not caused by either of the first two categories I mentioned (diminished production of red blood cells, blood loss). Hold on — I'll get to that in a minute.

Could your body be inappropriately destroying your red cells? Yes. Called hemolytic anemia, this condition may be caused by a variety of medications and autoimmune diseases. Without a doubt, your physician should investigate these possibilities with additional testing. As the same time, he should - I believe - return to categories one and two.

One of the major complications of diabetes is kidney disease. As the kidneys become progressively inefficient in clearing waste products from the body, the level of blood urea nitrogen (BUN) rises. In the process, it depresses the bone marrow. Thus, chronic anemia is often a consequence of kidney damage. This possibility should be investigated by further testing.

Now to category two. Blood loss is a major cause of anemia in surgical patients and accident victims. However, most people do not appreciate that it is probably the most common cause of anemia in women (during their reproductive years) who have excessive menstrual bleeding. Also, hidden intestinal blood loss (from ulcers, growths and other abnormalities) must be considered, because the bleeding may be intermittent. Therefore, without checking your stools for blood, your doctor cannot really know if this is your problem - even with the normal bowel studies that you had.

I'm sorry for the length of my answer, but I wanted you to appreciate how complex a seemingly simple disorder is. The evaluation of an anemic patient is a lot like police work: Sometimes the clues are unambiguous, but at other times they are subtle and challenging to interpret.

In your case, I believe that more investigation is paramount. At the very least, you need a serum iron test, a BUN (and creatinine to double-check), a test for hemolytic anemia and its causes and a series of stool analyses for blood.

Finally, you may need to see a hematologist for a bone marrow examination. While there are literally dozens of causes for anemia - including sickle cell disease, leukemia, enzyme deficiencies and other more rare conditions - the bone marrow exam may well tell the tale.

Sit down with your doctor for a strategy session. Show him my answer to your question, if you choose. But, most important, get to the bottom of your anemia. The hematologist may, in the final analysis, be your best resource.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You've never mentioned charcoal tablets for controlling intestinal gas. I obtain substantial relief by taking four of the pills a day, when needed. Is there any harm in this?

DEAR READER: Charcoal tablets are harmless and often do reduce troublesome gas build-up in the colon. If they work for you, go ahead and use them. I've had greater success, however, with over-the-counter compounds that contain simethicone.

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

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Municipal Bonds Offer an Array of Benefits

If you're looking for an investment with multiple benefits, and you happen to be civic-minded, you might want to consider municipal bonds. They've got a lot to offer.

Municipal bonds, or "munis," are issued in two main categories: general obligation bonds and revenue bonds. General obligation bonds finance the ongoing activities of state and local governments, while revenue bonds pay for specific projects, such as airports, hospitals and other civic institutions.

Thus, when you invest in a muni, you're supporting a valuable project or service in your own state or community. And beyond that, you get some key advantages, including the following:

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•**Diversification** — If your portfolio is heavily weighted toward equities, munis can bring you a valuable element of diversification. Municipal bonds are impervious to many of the economic factors that cause volatility in the price of stocks. So, municipal bond prices generally do not move together with stock prices.

•**Stability** — Municipal bonds are among the most secure investments you can own. The default rate on munis — especially general obligation bonds — is typically quite low.

Virtually all municipal bonds offer the above benefits. But beyond these similarities, variations do exist in the municipal bond market. Your choice of bonds depends, to a great extend, on your goals and investment personality. For example, longer-term munis — those bonds that mature in 10 years or more — will generally provide a higher rate than short-term bonds. Yet, prices of the long-term offerings also may fluctuate more.

You may want to consider owning a variety of short-, intermediate- and long-term munis. This type of portfolio — known as a bond "ladder" — can help you in all types of interest-rate environments. When market rates are down, you'll have your long-term bonds locking in higher rates. But if market rates are up you can use the proceeds of your short-term bonds to reinvest in issues with higher rates.

Finally, when you're shopping for municipal bonds, look for quality — or higher by the major rating agencies.

A financial professional can help you determine if municipal bonds are right for your individual situation, and, if so, how you should go about investing in them. So, you may want to start exploring munis soon. You'll be helping your community — and yourself.



PLEADING FOR FORGIVENESS — Aime Row, left, as Bella pleads for her grandmother, played by Raylene Marlow, to forgive her in this scene from *Lost in Yonkers* which openes Thursday night at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Neil Simon's play will openThursday at WTC

Neil Simons' comedy-drama, *Lost in Yonkers*, debuts at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre.

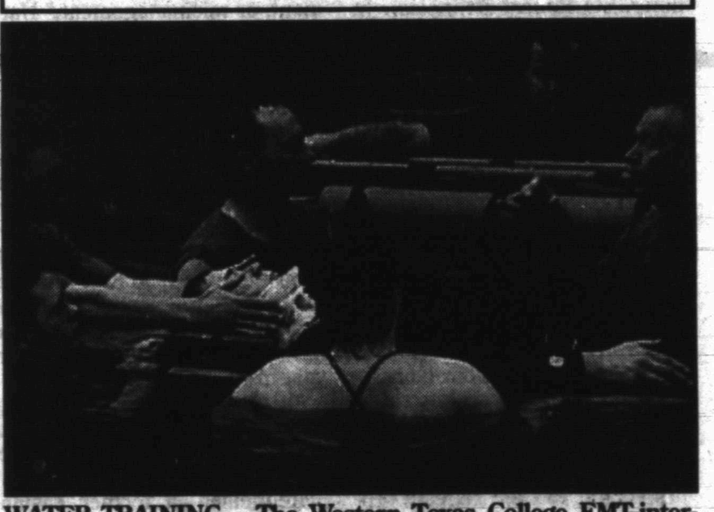
Performances will continue at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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

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

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

The director is Ray Newton.



WATER TRAINING – The Western Texas College EMT-intermediate students underwent water rescue and helicopter training Saturday, Feb. 9. (Contributed Photo)

EMT students at WTC receive special training

The Western Texas College EMT-intermediate students underwent water rescue and helicopter training Saturday, Feb. 9. The morning class, instructed by Billy Evans, covered diving injuries, near drowning, and water related trauma injuries. The students practiced immobilizing and caring for patients while in the water.

In the afternoon the course was directed toward helicopter-landing zone preparation and packaging a patient to be transported by helicopter. AirMed 1 from San Angelo flew in and landed at Western Texas College where they conducted the helicopter training.

Students were acquainted with the specific hazards of helicopter transport and patient care. WTC specializes in this type of hands-on training in the different types of emergency care.

Court has upheld stalking conviction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A state appellate court has upheld the stalking conviction of an Ohio man who sent hundreds of letters, e-mails and packages to Gwyneth Paltrow and showed up at her parents' home.

Dante Michael Soiu was convicted in December 2000 of stalking the 29-year-old Oscar-winning actress.

On Thursday, the 2nd District Court of Appeals ruled there was "no merit" to his claim there was insufficient evidence to prove he intended to cause fear.

After his conviction, Soiu, 51, was found to be insane and was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Robert P. O'Neill to a high-security psychiatric hospital.



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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

Americans set U.S. record for medals

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Oh, Canada — it took four days, but your figure skating pair finally collected their gold medal. And say, did you see — the Americans took three more medals, and have already enjoyed their best Winter Games ever.

The U.S. hockey team continued that American hot streak Friday night, riding the goaltending of Mike Dunham to a 6-0 victory over Finland in its Salt Lake City debut.

The worst judging scandal in Winter Olympics history was finally resolved Friday, with Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier declared co-gold medalists with the Russian winners.

Pelletier and Sale both agreed that they had earned the medal in Monday's competition. But Sale said the way it was handled — a news conference announcement, rather than an on-ice presentation — took something away that will be lost forever.

"You bet," Sale said. "That's what every Olympian dreams of, and that's all I've dreamt of my whole life. ... I was prepared for it, emotionally and physically.

"And you bet, I was cheated out of that big-time."

The International Olympic Committee, acting on a recommendation from the International Skating Union, announced the unusual double medals.

The ISU suspended a French judge, Marie-Reine Le Gougne, after an investigation determined there was unspecified "misconduct" in her decision favoring Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze.

"There is no evidence of Russian involvement in the incident," said ISU head Ottavio Cinquanta. The Russian pair will keep their gold medals.

The investigation was continuing, he said.

While IOC President Jacques Rogge praised the decision as "one of justice and fairness," the head of the Russian Figure Skating Federation criticized the process.

"This is an unprecedented decision that turned out to be a result of pressure by the North American press, and turned out in favor of the fanatically loyal" fans, Valentin Piseyev told Russia's NTV television.

Far from the dueling news conferences, the American Olympians continued their record-setting games by adding three more medals.

The Americans rolled a lucky 7 — as in seven straight days of collecting at least one medal — as they again exploited the home field advantage they held for the first time since Lake Placid in 1980.

"I got the bronze here in front of all my friends and family and all the American people," said snowboarder Chris Klug, bronze medalist in the parallel giant slalom. "They're awesome."

Klug's medal was the 14th earned by the Americans in the first week of competition, one more than its previous Winter Games best set eight years ago in Lillehammer, Norway, and equaled in 1998 in Nagano, Japan.

In the luge doubles, the U.S. team swept to a silver and a bronze — equaling their previous best effort, and giving Chris Thorpe his second medal in as many Olympics.

Germany remained atop the top of the medals chart with 16 (5 gold, 7 silver, 4 bronze). The Americans were second with 14 (3-6-5), followed by the 10 medals of Norway (5-5-0) and Austria (1-2-7).

For the second straight Olympics, the American luge teams finished 2-3 — just missing out on an elusive gold. The Americans have never won a luge gold in either singles or doubles.

That didn't matter to the silver medal team of Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin, who made up for a poor first run to wind up in second. They were followed by Chris Thorpe and Clay Ives, who won the bronze and immediately announced their retirement.

"It is our last race," said Thorpe, a four-time Olympian who became only the second slider to win Olympic medals with different partners. He won at Nagano with Gordie Sheer, who retired two years ago.

The gold went to Olympic rookies Patric Leitner and Alexander Resch of Germany. Since luge was added to the Winter Olympics in 1964, the Germans have won nine of the 11 doubles gold medals.

Nineteen months ago, Chris Klug was a liver transplant patient. On Friday, he was an Olympic medalist.

"It's a miracle," Klug said after taking the bronze medal in the men's snowboarding giant slalom. "I'm so lucky to be here today. And for it to have turned out like this is pretty special."

Philipp Schoch of Switzerland, the second-slowest rider in qualifying Thursday, won the gold, defeating Sweden's Richard Richardsson, who took silver.

After winning his bronze, Klug hit his fist against his heart, then pointed over to his father, his girlfriend and the dozens of other overwhelmed friends and family who came to see him.

The start of the REAL Olympic hockey tournament — the one with the NHL players — ended its first day with the Americans rolling to a 6-0 victory over Finland.

The U.S. team, led by 1980 "Miracle on Ice" coach Herb Brooks, defeated the 1998 bronze medalist. The Americans, who did not win a medal in Nagano, were led Friday by John LeClair's three goals and Mike Dunham's 23 saves.

While the Americans opened with a win, the Canadians began with a thud.

The Canadian team, with executive director Wayne Gretzky watching in dismay, were walloped 5-2 by Sweden as a shaky Curtis Joseph allowed four goals in the second period — an inauspicious start for a team seeking its first gold medal since 1952.

The Russians, led by a goal and an assist from NHL star Sergei Fedorov, beat Belarus 6-4. All but one of the Russians play in the NHL; Belarus is the only remaining team with no NHL forwards in its lineup.

The defending gold medalists, the Czech Republic, relied on Jaromir Jagr and goalie Dominik Hasek in an easy 8-2 victory over Germany. Jagr has two goals and two assists.

Russian Larissa Lazutina won a silver medal in the women's cross-country pursuit, bringing her overall Winter Games total to 9 — just one short of a Winter Olympic record held by former Soviet cross-country skier Raisa Smetanina.

The gold went to surprise winner Olga Danilova of Russia, while the bronze went to Canadian Beckie Scott.

The first part of the ice dancing competition came off without so much as the threat of a lawsuit, with the favorites — Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat of France — in first place.

Irina Lobacheva and Ilia Averbukh of Russia were second, with reigning world champions Barbara Fusar Poli and Mauricio Margaglio of Italy in third.

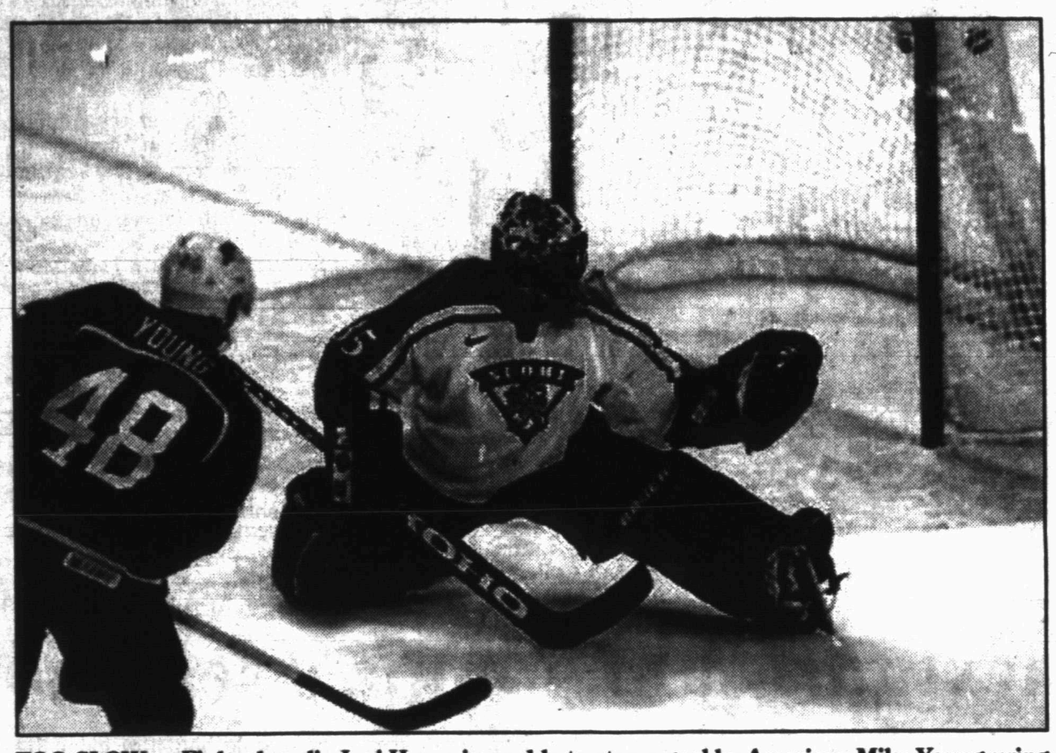
Four-time U.S. champions Naomi Lang and Peter Tchernyshev were tied for 11th after the two compulsories, worth a total 20 percent of the final score. The other Americans, Beata Handra and Charles Sinek, were 20th.

The U.S. men's curling team beat winless France 8-3 on Friday, keeping the Americans in contention at the Olympic tournament with a 3-3 record.

In other games, Finland beat Britain 6-4, Canada beat Germany 9-7 and Norway beat Denmark 9-4. The Canadians lead the men's tournament at 5-1 while Norway is 4-1.

In late men's games Canada beat Switzerland 7-2, Sweden beat France 9-6, Denmark beat Britain 6-5 and Norway beat Finland 6-5.

In women's curling, Great Britain defeated previously unbeaten Switzerland, 7-4. Undefeated Canada won its sixth straight game, 8-4, over Germany. Sweden edged Japan 8-7, and Norway beat Russia 5-4.



TOO SLOW — Finland goalie Jani Hume is unable to stop a goal by American Mike Young uring the second period of play Friday night. (AP Photo)



CROWD FAVORITE — The Jamaica-1 sled speeds down the track Friday during a training run for the two-man bobsled event. (AP Photo)

Medal Count

By The Associated Press
(Through Friday, Feb. 15)
(33 total medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	5	7	4	16
United States	3	6	5	14
Norway	5	5	0	10
Austria	1	2	7	10
Russia	3	4	2	9
France	2	2	1	5
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
Finland	2	1	1	4
Italy	2	1	1	4
Canada	2	0	2	4
Sweden	0	1	2	3
Spain	2	0	0	2
Netherlands	1	1	0	2
South Korea	1	1	0	2
Estonia	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
Croatia	1	0	0	1
Bulgaria	0	0	1	1
China	0	0	1	1
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1

Television Schedule

SATURDAY
MSNBC, 8-10 a.m.
First week review.
NBC, noon-5 p.m.
Bobsled: Two-man, initial runs. Women's hockey: USA vs. Finland. Biathlon: Men's 12.5km pursuit; Women's 10km pursuit. Curling: Preliminaries.
CNBC, 5:30-11 p.m.
Men's hockey: Finland vs. Qualifier 1. Women's hockey: Canada vs. Sweden. Curling: Preliminaries.
NBC, 7-10 p.m.
Skiing: Men's Super-G. Short track speed skating: Men's 1000m finals; Women's 500m finals. Freestyle skiing: Men's and women's aerials qualification. Speed skating: Men's 1000m.
NBC, 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
Men's hockey: USA vs. Russia.
Events not televised
Women's hockey: Germany vs. China. Short track speed skating: Women's 3000m relay preliminaries.

SUNDAY
MSNBC, 8-10 a.m.
First week review.
CNBC, 5-11 p.m.
Men's hockey: Sweden vs. Czech Republic; Canada vs. Qualifier 2. Curling: Preliminaries.
NBC, 6-10 p.m.
Figure skating: Dance original. Skiing: Women's Super-G. Speed skating: Women's 1000m. Bobsled: Two-man, final runs. Cross-country skiing: Men's 4x10km relay.
NBC, 10:35-11:05 p.m.
Highlights.
Events not televised
Women's hockey: Classification round, two games TBA.

MONDAY
NBC, noon-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Qualifier 1 vs. USA; Russia vs. Finland.
CNBC, 5-11 p.m.
Men's hockey: Czech Republic vs. Canada; Qualifier 2 vs. Sweden. Curling: Preliminaries.
NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Figure skating: Dance free. Ski jumping: Team K120 finals. Freestyle skiing: Women's aerials finals. Biathlog: Women's 4x7.5km relay.
NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.

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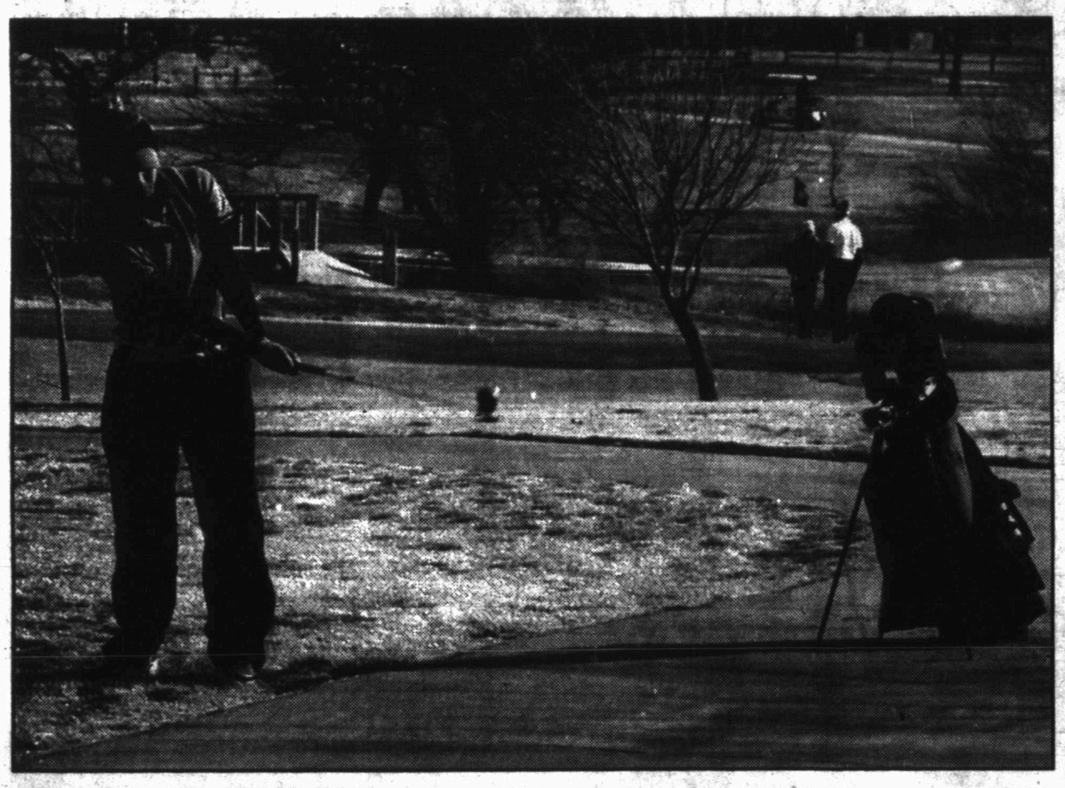
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SPORTS



AVOIDING TROUBLE — Snyder's Hailey Putnam chips over the cart path Saturday morning during the final round of the Snyder Girls Invitational at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers sit second after rough first round

Playing on one of their home courses Friday in the Snyder Invitational, the Lady Tigers got a wake-up call from the Andrews Lady Mustangs.

Two weeks after edging Andrews for the San Angelo tourney title, the Lady Tigers struggled their way around Snyder Country Club for an opening-round 351, a full 13 strokes off the pace of the first-place Lady Mustangs.

"I'd say it's more than a little disappointing," said SHS coach Matt Glenn. "That kind of play won't get it done for us in district. We have to learn to be ready to play our very best every time we step on the course."

Andrews, anchored by an 80 from Ashley Robb, fired a 338 on Friday, followed by Snyder. San Angelo Central sat third with a 356 heading into Saturday's final round at Western Texas College.

Central's Amy Young posted the low round of the day with a 76.

Snyder's Andra Lancaster was third in the individual standings with an 82, and Lauren Day was fifth with an 85.

Hailey Putnam and Kellie Dodson recorded a pair of 92s for Snyder, and Katie Kerley came in with a 95.

"I don't remember the last time we posted a score like that out here," Glenn said. "We just didn't get it done today. It's as simple as that."

In Division II, Snyder II tallied an opening-round 400 at the college to lead all teams. Abilene Wylie was second at 414, followed by Big Spring with a 416.

Snyder's Paige Smith fired an 82 to grab the individual lead, and Catherine Whitworth's 95 was fourth best.

Cami Trout turned in a 110 for the Lady Tigers. Kendra Martinez carded a 113, and Brooke Jackson finished with a 118.

Division II teams were to have played their final round Saturday at the country club.

SNYDER GIRLS INVITATIONAL

Division I

Team standings: 1. Andrews 338, 2. Snyder 351, 3. San Angelo Central 356, 4. Abilene Cooper 387, 5. Lubbock Coronado 390, 6. Lamesa 395, 7. Plainview 398, 8. Abilene High 420, 9. Brownfield 457.

Individual standings: 1. Amy Young, San Angelo Central, 76; 2. Ashley Robb, Andrews, 80; 3. Andra Lancaster, Snyder, 82; 4. Megan Hall, Andrews, 84; 5. Lauren Day, Snyder, 85.

Other Andrews: Jessica Thurston 88, Vanessa Fuganti 86, Halli Richards 94.

Other Snyder: Katie Kerley 95, Hailey Putnam 92, Kellie Dodson 92.

Other San Angelo Central: Mendy Black 93, Lisa Terrazas 96, Sarah Reyes 96, Heather Stout 91.

Abilene Cooper: Erin McPherson 96, Sarah Gentry 106, Clarissa Nix 94, Barbara Sohn 98, Cathy Clyburn 99.

Lubbock Coronado: Laura Hunter 94, Jamie Schurr 103, Shelby Garcia 92, Kimberly Namken 109, Danielle Jonus 101.

Lamesa: Kortney Britt 95, Leslie Finch 100, Corley Hodges 101, Liz Villalobos 111, Michelle Boardman 99.

Plainview: Ali Pohlmeir 95, Jessica Newman 93, Melissa Higgins 94, Hayley Pierce 116, Lauren Gilleland 121.

Abilene High: Caitlin Willis 98, Katherine Cox 104, Casilea Calderon 108, Kaitlyn Lillick 119, Terrell Black 110.

Brownfield: Jessica Tate 104, Hillary Swain 106, Jennifer Wilson 123, Kasey Lowe 124.

Division II

Team standings: 1. Snyder II 400, 2. Abilene Wylie 414, 3. Big Spring 416, 4. Lake View 424, 5. Lubbock Monterey 438, 6. Levelland 456, 7. Abilene High II 462, 8. Lubbock High 463, 9. Abilene Cooper II 474.

Individual standings: 1. Paige Smith, Snyder, 82; 2. Chandra Hayes, Abilene Wylie, 91; 3. Rachel Gee, Big Spring, 94; 4. Catherine Whitworth, Snyder, 95; 5. (tie) Jessica Harbin, Abilene Wylie and Ashleigh Hoffman, Lake View, 96.

Other Snyder II: Cami Trout 110, Brooke Jackson 118, Kendra Martinez 113.

Other Abilene Wylie: Darby Beal 107, Trudy Holloway 120, Cara Emmett 120.

Other Big Spring: Jessica Hicks 112, Angela Payne 105, Kate Smiley 105, Kelli Warruaten 118.

Other Lake View: Kelli Cooper 106, Fallon Bradford 99, Shawnna Vance 141, Brittany Gotschall 123.

Lubbock Monterey: Paige Wilkins 104, Emily Arledge 112, Kyla Drake 105, Krisa Darnell 132, Natalie Nix 117.

Levelland: Amber Pinkert 118, Lori Barnard 109, Lindsey Stansifer 113, Whitney Capps 116, Jessica Reeves 137.

Abilene High II: Melissa Boyd 117, Robin Lozano 120, Lauren Goodnight 112, Keely Coston 113, Alyssa Morrison 123.

Lubbock High: Amanda Acreman 97, Brittany Castro 120, Kristen Lewallan 108, Shelbi Wallace 138.

Abilene Cooper II: Jenna Hall 98, Stephanie Sparks 120, Nydia Grey 121, Lana Givens 135.

Mariucci next target of Tampa's search

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay's search for a coach has a new, surprising target.

San Francisco's Steve Mariucci was granted permission Friday to meet with the sons of Malcolm Glazer about their interest in making him the Buccaneers' coach and general manager.

While it's not surprising that the Glazers would be attracted to a candidate with Mariucci's credentials, the 49ers coach has two years remaining on his contract.

That means to land him, Tampa Bay would have to compensate San Francisco with draft picks, players, cash or a combination of the three.

"We gave Steve permission to go and talk to Tampa Bay because this is an opportunity that is unique," 49ers general manager Terry Donahue said. "If it had just been for a head coaching position, my own personal belief, is that we would not have granted that position."

The Bucs have been without a coach since firing Tony Dungy on Jan. 14. The need for a general manager is the result of the way the Glazers have conducted the search for Dungy's successor.

Tampa Bay officials had no comment on the latest development, other than to confirm that Joel and Bryan Glazer will meet with Mariucci at an undisclosed location within a "couple of days."

Mariucci is at least the eighth candidate the Glazers have approached in the past month.

Bill Parcells turned down an offer to come out of retirement, general manager Rich McKay made an unsuccessful bid to lure Jon Gruden from the Oakland Raiders, and the Glazers vetoed McKay's plan to hire former Baltimore assistant Marvin Lewis last week.

McKay, who also interviewed LSU's Nick Saban, Pittsburgh Steelers offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey and former Washington Redskins coach Norv Turner, was infuriated by the decision to not give the job to Lewis.

The embattled general manager interviewed Thursday for the Atlanta Falcons' GM job, and the Bucs' interest in Mariucci all but assures McKay will not remain with the team.

The Glazers resumed the coaching search this week without input from McKay, meeting with Maryland's Ralph Friedgen, who withdrew his name from consideration the following day.

Joel Glazer contacted the 49ers Thursday night and Mariucci received permission to talk to the Bucs after meeting Friday with Donahue, who also consulted with 49ers owners John and Denise York.

"Steve has done an outstanding job here for us. We would like him to stay as our coach," Donahue said. "I think that Steve's success is going to cause this kind of reaction and interest from other people, both now and in the future."

Donahue expects Mariucci to make a decision about his future early next week.

Mariucci has a 47-36 record, including 2-3 in the postseason, in five seasons with the 49ers. San Francisco went 12-4 this season, making the playoffs but losing in the first round to the Green Bay Packers.

Last month, Mariucci turned down an opportunity to become the coach at Notre Dame.

Snyder boys lead field at Big Country Invitational

ABILENE — In howling winds at Diamondback Golf Club, the Snyder Tigers went out and blew away the field in the first round of the Big Country Invitational.

Snyder fired a 303 Friday to lead a host of Class 5A teams heading into Saturday's final round at Maxwell Municipal.

The Tigers made the turn at 155 before carding a 148 coming in to build a 12-stroke advantage over Odessa Permian and Midland Lee. Host Abilene Cooper was tied for fourth with Odessa High at 320.

Britt Sharrock and Zach Starnes posted a pair of 74s to pace Snyder. Clinton Calmes tallied a 75. Stafford Gray turned in an 80, and Matt McCormick finished with an 83.

Sports Briefs

SHS baseball game moved to 4 p.m.

The Snyder Tigers' baseball game scheduled for Monday in Midland has been moved up to 4 p.m. The contest will be played at Zachary Field.

Groundhog golf tournament set

The Groundhog Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 23-24 at Snyder Country Club. Format is two-man scramble, and cost is $80 per team. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Padres outfielder killed in wreck

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — San Diego Padres outfielder Mike Darr was killed when his car rolled over on a highway in Phoenix near the team's spring training camp. He was 25.

Another passenger in the vehicle — 23-year-old Duane Johnson, of Reno, Nev. — also was killed. Authorities said Darr was driving and alcohol appeared to be a factor in the one-car accident, which occurred at 2 a.m. MST (4 a.m. EST), just hours before the Padres began training for the 2002 season.

Darr was San Diego's opening day center fielder in 2001, his first full big league season, and started 69 games.

Darr played well defensively but didn't have much power, hitting just two homers last year. However, both were game-winners in the Padres' last at-bat. He batted .277 with 34 RBIs.

Darr is survived by his wife, Natalie, and two sons, Mike Jr. and Matthew.

Ben Howard, a minor league pitcher for the Padres, was treated at the scene for scrapes and bruises and released.

Catalanotto, Rangers agree on deal

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Frank Catalanotto agreed to a $2.3 million, one-year contract with Texas and avoided a salary arbitration hearing.

Catalanotto, an infielder and outfielder, batted .330, fifth-best in the American League last year, with 11 homers and 54 RBIs in 133 games for the Rangers. He had the AL's 10th-best on-base percentage at .391.

Hill, Quigley lead Verizon Classic

LUTZ, Fla. (AP) — Mike Hill just missed becoming the youngest player to match his age in senior tour history, shooting a 7-under 64 for a share of the first-round lead at the Verizon Classic.

The 63-year-old Hill was tied with Dana Quigley, and Bruce Summerhays was one shot back. Hale Irwin, coming off his record 33rd senior title last week, opened with a 70.

Gary Player holds the age record with a 64 in the 2000 BellSouth Senior Classic.

NCAA Basketball

MEN

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EAST

Brown 52, Columbia 41
Cent. Connecticut St. 83, Wagner 69
Hartford 80, Stony Brook 73, OT
Penn 78, Harvard 51
Princeton 79, Dartmouth 68
Rider 64, Manhattan 62
UMBC 111, Long Island U. 108, OT
Yale 80, Cornell 65

SOUTH

No major team scores reported from the SOUTH.

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 89, Southern Miss. 37

SOUTHWEST

No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.

FAR WEST

Idaho St. 79, Montana 64

WOMEN

EAST

Columbia 59, Brown 58
Cornell 60, Yale 51
Dartmouth 76, Princeton 57
George Washington 63, Dayton 56
Hartford 56, Stony Brook 46
Harvard 59, Penn 55
La Salle 63, Xavier 58
Massachusetts 64, Temple 56, OT
Saint Joseph's 77, Rhode Island 67

SOUTH

N.C. Charlotte 69, UAB 49
Old Dominion 72, N.C.-Wilmington 40
South Florida 63, East Carolina 56
TCU 65, Memphis 59

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 63, Marquette 53
Creighton 75, N. Iowa 65
DePaul 83, Louisville 81, OT
Drake 71, Bradley 60
Evansville 77, Illinois St. 71, OT
Houston 79, Saint Louis 71, OT
Indiana St. 71, S. Illinois 49

SOUTHWEST

No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.

FAR WEST

Idaho 64, Cal St.-Fullerton 46
Long Beach St. 77, Pacific 73
Loyola Marymount 63, Gonzaga 49
Montana 74, Idaho St. 61
Pepperdine 100, Portland 77
San Francisco 87, Santa Clara 79
St. Mary's, Cal. 87, San Diego 65
UC Irvine 67, CS Northridge 52
UC Santa Barbara 76, UC Riverside 51

Big 12 Basketball

MEN

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Kansas	11	0	1.000	22	2	.917
Oklahoma	8	3	.727	19	4	.826
Texas	7	4	.636	16	8	.667
Missouri	7	4	.636	18	8	.692
Texas Tech	6	5	.545	17	6	.739
Oklahoma St.	6	5	.545	19	6	.760
Colorado	4	7	.364	13	9	.591
Nebraska	4	7	.364	11	11	.500
Baylor	4	7	.364	14	10	.583
Kansas St.	4	7	.364	10	12	.455
Texas A&M	3	8	.273	9	16	.360
Iowa St.	2	9	.182	10	15	.400

Saturday's games

Texas Tech at Colorado
Kansas State at Oklahoma
Baylor at Kansas
Oklahoma State at Texas A&M
Nebraska at Iowa State

Sunday's game

Texas at Missouri

Monday's game

Iowa State at Kansas

Tuesday's game

Oklahoma at Baylor

Wednesday's games

Missouri at Texas Tech
Oklahoma State at Texas
Nebraska at Texas A&M
Colorado at Kansas State

WOMEN

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	11	1	.917	21	2	.913
Kansas St.	9	4	.692	21	5	.808
Colorado	9	4	.692	19	7	.731
Baylor	8	4	.667	20	4	.833
Texas	7	4	.636	16	6	.727
Iowa St.	7	5	.583	19	5	.792
Texas Tech	6	7	.462	14	9	.609
Missouri	5	6	.455	14	8	.636
Texas A&M	4	7	.364	12	11	.522
Nebraska	4	8	.333	14	10	.583
Oklahoma St.	4	8	.333	12	13	.480
Kansas	0	12	.000	5	20	.200

Saturday's games

Nebraska at Oklahoma
Texas at Baylor
Missouri at Texas A&M

Sunday's games

Wisconsin at Texas Tech
Kansas State at Kansas
Iowa State at Oklahoma State

Tuesday's games

Texas A&M at Texas Tech
Oklahoma at Texas

Wednesday's games

Iowa State at Missouri
Colorado at Baylor
Oklahoma State at Nebraska

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SPORTS

Bulldogs win final tune-up

JAYTON — In their final tune-up prior to Tuesday's bi-district playoff, the Ira Bulldogs picked up their 20th consecutive victory.

Seventh-ranked Ira knocked off Benjamin, 62-50, pushing its record to 23-3 heading into the postseason.

The Bulldogs held a 31-17 halftime advantage, but were leading by only nine to start the fourth quarter.

After surrendering 21 points in the third, Ira limited Benjamin to only 12 in the final frame to preserve the victory.

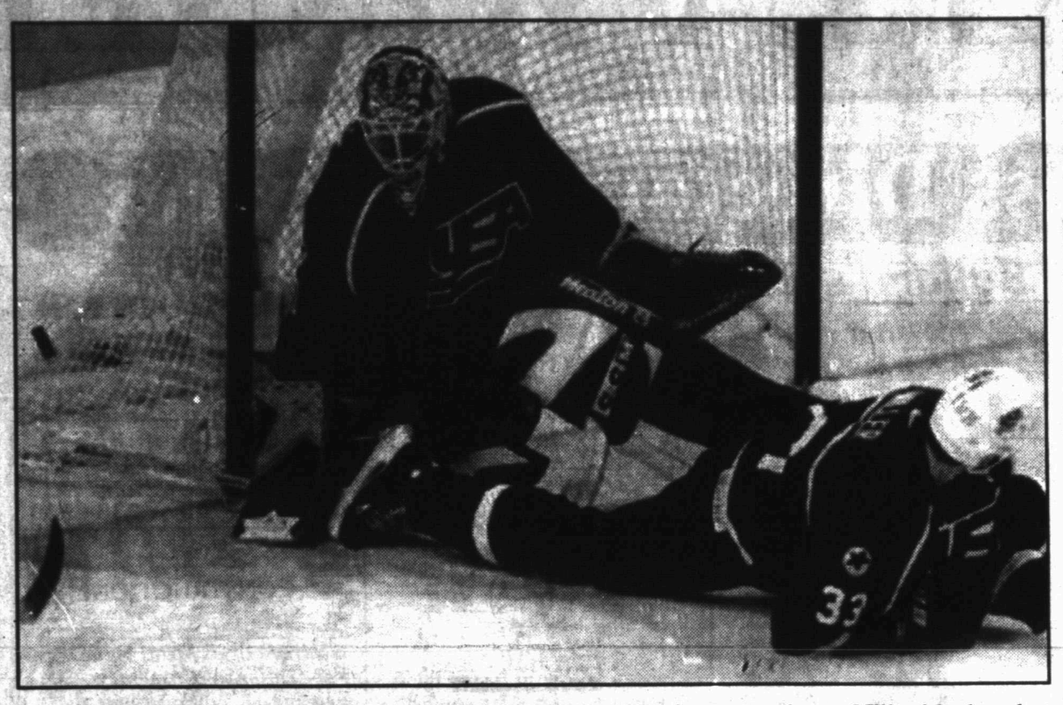
"This was a good practice game for us, because Benjamin is very similar to Blackwell," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "They play the same type of zone defense, and they have similar type players.

"It's great to win 20 in a row, but I told the kids after the game that all of that goes out the door. Everybody's 0-0 now, and we have a tough road ahead of us."

Nathan Smith poured in 22 points, and Eric Dickerhoff added 16 to fuel the Bulldogs.

Jase Olvera drained nine points. Cade Tucker posted eight. Jake Barnes registered six, and Jess Wall chipped in one.

Ira squares off with Blackwell in the bi-district round at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel High School.



SHUTTING THE DOOR — U.S. goalie Mike Dunham and defenseman Aaron Miller block a shot during Friday night's victory over Finland. For a wrap-up of Friday's Olympic events, see Page 5. (AP Photo)

Duncan, Spurs rally to top Golden State

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are starting the second half of the season much like the first half, and Tim Duncan has a lot to do with it.

Duncan scored 10 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter to lead San Antonio back from a 12-point deficit in Friday night's 108-99 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

"He's just going to get better, too," said Spurs center David Robinson, who added 16 points. "He understands his responsibility as a franchise player in making others around him better."

The Spurs won 20 of their first 24 games, but went 10-13 before the All-Star break. They've won two of three on the road since, and now head home for a three-game stretch.

Antonio Daniels added 20 points — one off his career high — as San Antonio beat the Warriors for the 15th consecutive time.

"I thought we continued to get solid as the game went on," Duncan said. "We cleaned it up in the second half and got some stops to give ourselves a chance to win down the stretch."

Jason Richardson scored a career-high 28 points for the Warriors, who were attempting to win two straight for the first time since Dec. 22-26. Antawn Jamison added 26 points, and Bobby Sura had 17.

"I think our inexperience showed up when they were making their run," Warriors coach Brian Winters said. "They're a veteran team and they took advantage of that."

The Spurs went on a 13-0 run to go up 92-85. Danny Ferry, in his second game back from a strained back, hit a short jumper with 8:20 remaining to give San Antonio its first lead since the middle of the first quarter. Golden State never made a serious run afterward, despite drawing within five points in the final minute.

"I feel better when we win ugly like we did," Robinson said. "For some reason it fits into our personality. We get stronger when we win like this."

Duncan grabbed 11 rebounds for his NBA-leading 42nd double-double and came within two assists of his second career triple-double.

"Tim Duncan is one of the top five, maybe the top three, players in this league," Winters said. "I'm not surprised by what he does."

The Warriors led 76-64 after Jamison made three free throws with 4:40 left in the third quarter, but settled for an 82-77 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Spurs outscored Golden State 32-11 in the 12 minutes following Jamison's free throws.

"Tim took over in the second half," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Richardson made eight of his 10 shots in the first half, scoring 19 points as the Warriors opened a 59-54 halftime edge.

The Spurs are 3-14 when trailing going into the third period.

Gun used in shooting believed to be owned by ex-NBA player

ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Authorities believe the shotgun used in the fatal shooting of a limousine driver at Jayson Williams' estate belonged to the former NBA star.

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Steven C. Lember said Friday it appeared that the shotgun was one of several Williams kept at his 65-acre estate.

"I can't tell you specifically what the purpose of the shotgun was, but it was clearly a shotgun, and it belonged on the property," Lember told The Associated Press. "We have reason to believe it was one of a number of shotguns owned by Mr. Williams."

Lember wouldn't elaborate.

Limousine driver Costas Christofi, 55, was found with a shotgun wound to his chest at 2:54 a.m. Thursday inside a bedroom in the home, about 30 miles northwest of Trenton. The death was first reported to authorities as a suicide but was later classified as suspicious after a preliminary investigation by the medical examiner.

Lember said an autopsy was scheduled for Friday and results might not be available for weeks. He did not anticipate any immediate criminal charges.

Once one of the NBA's best rebounders, the 6-foot-10 Williams retired in 1999 after a nine-year career cut short by leg injuries. He now works for NBC Sports as an NBA studio analyst.

He played with the Philadelphia 76ers and New Jersey Nets, averaging 7.3 points and 7.5 rebounds for his career. He was an All-Star in 1997-98.

No one answered the phone Friday at Williams' house, a 40-room mansion that has an indoor pool, bowling alley and movie theater. The property also has a skeet shooting range.

Williams' lawyer, Joseph Hayden, said Christofi's death was an "unfortunate accident."

"It's my belief the prosecutor's office investigation is at an early stage, and we will certainly have a dialogue with them to show them what we believe is innocence," Hayden said.

Christofi had been hired by Williams to transport friends from a charity sporting event featuring the Harlem Globetrotters in Bethlehem, Pa., to a restaurant in Hunterdon County, and then to Williams' home.

Hayden said Williams was giving his guests a tour of his home when Christofi was shot. The lawyer did not elaborate, citing the ongoing investigation.

"It was an accident," Hayden said. "It probably happened 10 minutes into the tour."

Sam Nenna, owner of Seventy Eight Limousines, where Christofi worked, said it was not uncommon for drivers to take customers from place to place and wait overnight. Nenna would not say if Williams had hired Christofi to do so that night.

"I want to get to the bottom of this," Nenna said. "I'm very happy to see they deemed it wasn't a suicide."

The limousine driver had an extensive criminal record, including multiple convictions for burglary and receiving stolen property, according to the state Corrections Department. He was last paroled in December 1988, according to Corrections spokeswoman Deirdre Fedkenheuer.

Lember said it appeared Williams had invited Christofi inside the house, and that officials had found "no evidence of wrongdoing or foul play" on the part of the driver.

Williams, his brother Vincent and about 10 guests were in Williams' home at the time of the shooting, Lember said.

'Japanese Tiger' leads at Riviera

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Toru Taniguchi of Japan wants to join the PGA Tour without having to go through qualifying school. The best way is to win, and he certainly appeared headed in that direction Friday in the Nissan Open.

Despite his only bogey in the first two rounds, the 34-year-old known as the "Japanese Tiger" had a 4-under 67 and a one-stroke lead going into the weekend.

"I'm very happy and surprised to be in front," he said through a translator.

Taniguchi was at 133, one stroke ahead of Jesper Parnevik, Len Mattiace, Brad Faxon and Scott McCarron.

Faxon had a 67 at Riviera Country Club, scene of his greatest PGA Tour round in 1995, when he had a 28 on the front nine and closed with a 63 in the PGA Championship to earn a spot on the Ryder Cup team.

McCarron, who played Riviera about once a month while going to UCLA, drove the 305-yard 10th green and holed a 36-foot eagle putt on his way to a 65.

Parnevik had six birdies and four bogeys in a fun-packed round of 69, while Mattiace birdied his last four holes for a 65.

Bob Tway had a 68 and was another stroke back, while David Duval showed once again that nothing beats a clear head. He has a history of performing well after taking time off, and a 69 on a clear, breezy day off Sunset Boulevard left him only three strokes back.

And just about everyone was still in the picture. Those who made the cut were only nine strokes out of the lead. That includes Robert Allenby, who had a 66 and was at 139. He avoided becoming the fifth straight defending champion to miss the cut.

Sergio Garcia had a 67 and was at 140.

They refer to Taniguchi as "Tiger" on the Japanese tour because he pumps his fist whenever he makes birdie.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	33	17	.660	—
Boston	30	22	.577	4
Washington	27	23	.540	6
Orlando	26	25	.510	7½
Philadelphia	25	25	.500	8
Miami	20	29	.408	12½
New York	20	30	.400	13
Central Division				
Milwaukee	28	21	.571	—
Detroit	28	22	.560	½
Toronto	29	24	.547	1
Charlotte	25	25	.500	3½
Indiana	25	27	.481	4½
Atlanta	18	33	.353	11
Cleveland	17	33	.340	11½
Chicago	12	38	.240	16½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	36	15	.706	—
Minnesota	34	17	.667	2
San Antonio	33	18	.647	3
Utah	28	24	.539	8½
Houston	17	33	.340	18½
Denver	16	32	.333	18½
Memphis	14	37	.275	22
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	39	12	.765	—
L.A. Lakers	35	14	.714	3
Portland	26	24	.520	12½
Seattle	25	25	.500	13½
Phoenix	25	26	.490	14
L.A. Clippers	25	27	.481	14½
Golden State	15	33	.312	22½

Friday's Games
Utah 94, Toronto 85
Charlotte 116, Indiana 106
Detroit 101, New York 90
Denver 99, Minnesota 98
Miami 90, Milwaukee 88, OT
New Jersey 106, Chicago 81
Washington 97, Phoenix 96
Boston 107, Portland 104
Atlanta 93, L.A. Lakers 90
San Antonio 108, Golden State 99

Saturday's Games
Orlando at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Denver at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 2 p.m.
Memphis at Charlotte, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 2 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 4:30 p.m.
Utah at New York, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Girls Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
Area
Abilene 71, EP Coronado 55
Lubbock Coronado 74, EP Hanks 46
Mansfield 42, Coppell 38
Euless Trinity 48, Lewisville Marcus 42
Amarillo 74, EP Eastwood 62
Lubbock Monterey (23-8) vs. EP Andress (28-1)
Duncanville 69, McKinney 38
Weatherford 63, Cedar Hill 43
Regional Quarterfinals
Abilene (24-6) vs. Lubbock Coronado (19-8)
Mansfield (29-3) vs. Euless Trinity (32-4)
Amarillo (29-4) vs. Lubbock Monterey or (24-8) EP Andress (29-1)
Duncanville (31-4) vs. Weatherford (29-2)

CLASS 4A
Region I
Area
Plainview 89, EP Riverside 47
Lubbock Estacado 74, Clint 32
Granbury 72, Azle 44
Southlake Carroll 81, Cleburne 40
Canyon 85, EP Ysleta 12
Amarillo Palo Duro (24-10) vs. EP Burgess (16-10)
FW Wyatt 47, Grapevine 45
Stephenville 50, Wichita Falls 44
Regional Quarterfinals
Plainview (30-1) vs. Lubbock Estacado (25-8)
Granbury (29-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (25-6)
Canyon (28-1) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (24-10) or EP Burgess (17-10)
FW Wyatt (23-5) vs. Stephenville (23-9)

CLASS 3A
Region I
Area
Amarillo River Road 76, Alpine 55
Shallowater 42, Lamesa 29
Vernon 72, Hillsboro 66
Decatur 70, Glen Rose 60
Muleshoe 44, Slaton 31
Perryton 69, Midland Greenwood 40
Merkel 53, Breckenridge 48
Ballinger 46, Springtown 36
Regional Quarterfinals
Amarillo River Road (21-11) vs. Shallowater (27-4)
Vernon (21-6) vs. Decatur (25-4)
Muleshoe (27-5) vs. Perryton (29-2)
Merkel (19-11) vs. Ballinger (24-8)

CLASS 2A
Region I
Area
Post 61, Ozona 27
Wall 40, Colorado City 34
Abernathy 64, Anson 54
Canadian 51, Memphis 44
Seagraves 70, McCamey 31
Tahoka 45, Reagan County 40
Lockney 64, Electra 59
Floydada 63, Haskell 29
Regional Quarterfinals
Post (23-2) vs. Wall (24-2)
Abernathy (21-8) vs. Canadian (24-8)
Seagraves (29-1) vs. Tahoka (14-15)
Lockney (22-7) vs. Floydada (21-6)

CLASS A
Division I, Region I
Area
Sudan 32, Stratford 23
Robert Lee 38, Iraan 34
Smyer 65, Vega 64 (OT)
Roby 45, Garden City 39
Regional Semifinal
Sudan (28-5) vs. Robert Lee (25-4)
Smyer (25-4) vs. Roby (20-11)

CLASS A
Division II, Region II
Area
Borden County 62, Fort Davis 6
Utopia 49, Veribest 38
Buena Vista (16-14) vs. Grady (20-10)
Brookesmith 38, D'Hanis 30
Regional Semifinals
Borden County (27-5) vs. Utopia (23-4)
Buena Vista (17-14) or Grady (21-10) vs. Brookesmith (21-9)

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Philadelphia	33	15	6	3	75	176	128
N.Y. Islanders	29	19	6	3	67	168	157
New Jersey	25	21	9	3	62	143	137
N.Y. Rangers	27	25	4	3	61	164	178
Pittsburgh	22	26	6	4	54	134	164
Northeast Division							
Boston	32	16	4	7	75	176	142
Toronto	31	18	5	4	71	172	145
Ottawa	29	18	7	4	69	182	145
Montreal	24	23	8	3	59	148	153
Buffalo	23	26	7	1	54	149	148
Southeast Division							
Carolina	24	21	11	5	64	161	175
Washington	23	26	9	1	56	159	178
Tampa Bay	20	30	6	2	48	113	143
Florida	17	34	5	3	42	123	179
Atlanta	14	34	7	4	39	138	209
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Detroit	41	11	6	2	90	186	126
Chicago	33	18	9	0	75	169	157
St. Louis	31	18	6	3	71	181	131
Nashville	23	25	10	0	56	143	148
Columbus	15	33	8	2	40	117	170
Northwest Division							
Colorado	33	20	6	1	73	158	125
Edmonton	26	23	10	2	64	152	144
Vancouver	28	25	5	2	63	178	155
Calgary	23	24	8	3	57	136	155
Minnesota	18	27	10	5	51	135	175
Pacific Division							
San Jose	30	17	7	3	70	168	139
Los Angeles	27	20	8	3	65	155	135
Dallas	26	20	7	4	63	153	148
Phoenix	25	22	8	4	62	150	159
Anaheim	21	31	6	3	51	135	154

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Olympic Break
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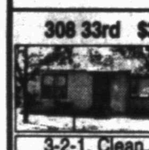
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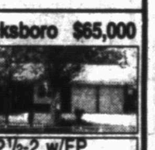
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2803 El Paso 4-2	$99T	1706 37th 2-2-2, office, assume	$49T
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2301 43rd 3-2, living + den	$69.5T	West 180 3-1-2	$31.5T
3605 40th 3-2-2, Nice	$68.5T	Hwy 84 in Hermeigh 3-2	$29.9T
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3502 Kerrville 3-2-2	$66.5T	300 34th 4-2-cp-RV	$27T
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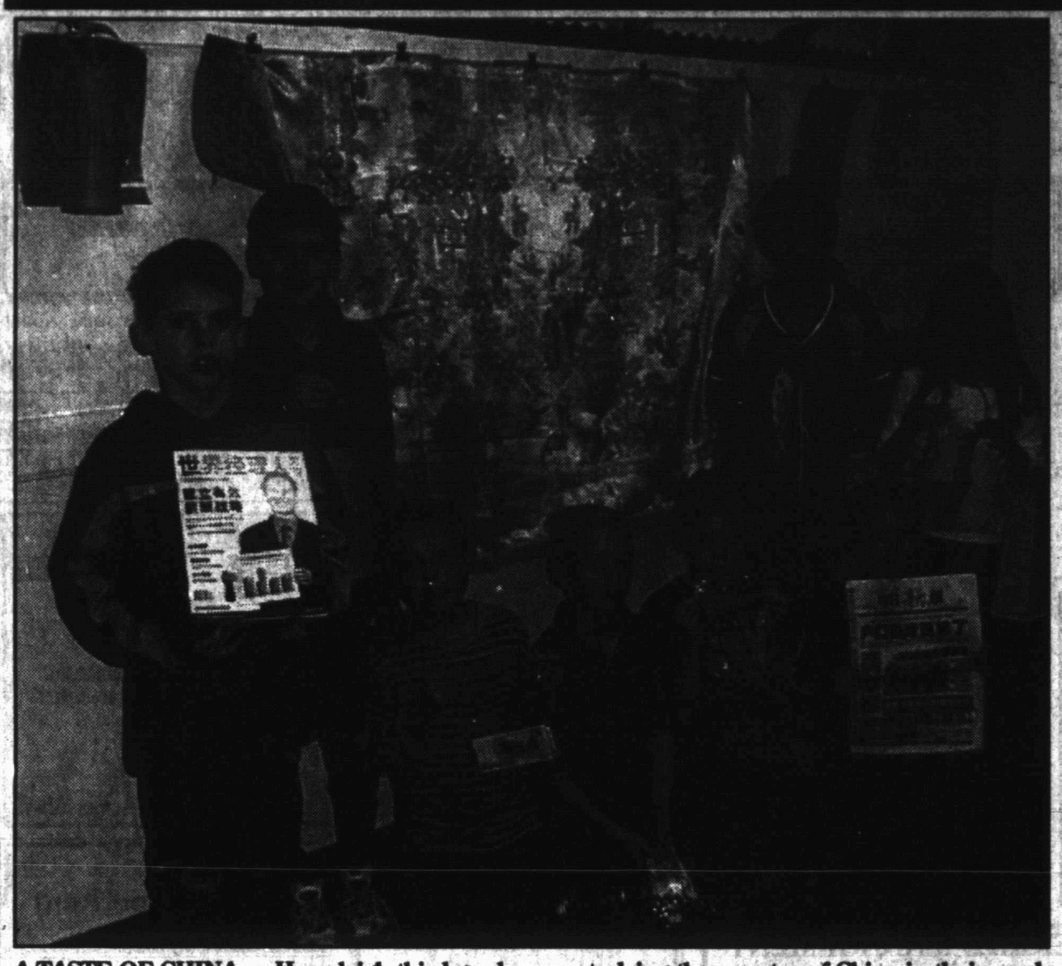


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A TASTE OF CHINA — Hermleigh third grades are studying the country of China in their reading and social studies classes. The students have examined Chinese currency, Chinese tapestry, and McDonald's Happy Meals toys from China. The students have also studied various Chinese newspapers and magazines. Joyce Lionberger is the teacher. Students pictured are top row from left, Gavin Gray, Jacob Nachlinger, Gloria Ramirez, Lori Garcia; bottom row, Jordan Williamson, Duncan Sorrells, Gavin Gray, Matt Williams. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Florida prison guards acquitted

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — Three former prison guards were acquitted Friday on charges they stomped an inmate to death in his cell to keep him from exposing brutality behind bars.

The jury deliberated for 31/2 hours before returning its verdict in the murder trial of Capt. Timothy Thornton, 36, and Sgts. J.D. Griffis and Charles Brown, both 28. The men hugged their attorneys and cried after the verdicts were read.

All three had been charged with second-degree murder, conspiracy to commit aggravated battery, battery on an inmate, and official misconduct in the July 17, 1999, slaying of death row inmate Frank Valdes at Florida State Prison. The men could have received life sentences if convicted.

"They knew there wasn't any justice to this, but they did it. They wasted the taxpayers' dollars," Griffis said outside the courtroom.

Valdes, 36, was found dead after what prosecutors allege were two violent confrontations with guards. He had 22 broken ribs and other fractures and internal injuries, and his upper body was covered with boot prints.

Prosecutors said he was beaten to keep him from talking to reporters about mistreatment of inmates.

The inmate's ex-wife, Wanda, sobbed when she heard the verdict.

"How on earth can you get a fair trial where everybody is a guard or is related to a guard?" she said. "I want the next ones to pay for what they did. There's no way around it, they have to answer to God."

Five other corrections officers are to be tried later in Valdes' death. Defense lawyers had argued during the trial that some of those guards may have been responsible for killing Valdes.

Prosecutor Greg McMahon countered Friday that only a limited number of guards had access to Valdes.

Defense attorneys had also argued that some of Valdes' injuries were caused by his climbing the bars in his cell and throwing himself onto the floor and his bunk.

"There's no evidence these gentlemen did anything but do their jobs," said defense attorney Gloria Fletcher.

But two medical examiners who examined Valdes' body determined he was stomped to death.

"Once you get this many rib fractures, you can't breathe," Dr. Ronald Wright, a former South Florida medical examiner, testified.

Valdes was sentenced to death for the 1987 murder of Fred Griffis, 40. He was not related to defendant Jason Griffis.

Fred Griffis a corrections officer at Glades Correctional Institution, was shot to death when Valdes and another man attempted to free an inmate in a prison van outside a West Palm Beach doctor's office.

Third mechanical heart patient dies

HOUSTON (AP) — The third man to receive an experimental self-contained mechanical heart died Friday of complications from a stroke.

Bobby Harrison, who received the implant in a six-hour procedure on Sept. 26, suffered the stroke on Feb. 1.

"Mr. Harrison was a very brave man," O.H. Frazier, chief of cardiopulmonary transplantation at the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, said in a written statement.

"Complications in such a patient are frequently unavoidable, despite our best efforts," Frazier said. "He undertook this not only for himself, but for so many others. Because of his willingness to be part of a new frontier of research, he provided us with new information that will potentially contribute to the saving of lives in the not too distant future."

Harrison, 69, was the world's third recipient of the experimental, manmade pump. His diseased heart was removed and replaced by the AbioCor device. Six people have received the device, and four have died. The AbioCor is manufactured by Abiomed in Danvers, Mass.

The heart is intended for patients with end-stage heart failure who have more than a 70 percent chance of dying within a month.

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May God bless and keep you is our prayer.
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Murder charge possible

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the people killed in a pair of hit-and-run sprees in New York has died from his injuries, which may mean a murder charge for a New Jersey man allegedly behind the wheel.

Ronald Popadich, 39, has been accused of going on a five-day crime rampage that included shooting two people and driving cars into 26 other victims, including the one who died Friday.

Barbara Thompson, a spokeswoman for the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, said prosecutors here would present a case to a grand jury following the death of Neil Spicehandler, 41, of Massapequa Park, N.Y.

Spicehandler, one of 19 people Popadich allegedly hit with his car on Tuesday, died from complications following surgery to repair compound leg fractures, said Jasmine Collazo, a spokeswoman for St. Vincent's Hospital.

Popadich, of Garfield, N.J., is already facing attempted murder and other charges in the Sunday shooting of Lisa Gotkin, 40, also of Garfield. He appeared in court Friday in Hackensack, N.J., to face those charges.

His attorney, public defender Melody Merola, entered an innocent plea for her client, but left without commenting to reporters.

Law enforcement sources have said Popadich has confessed to shooting Gotkin, shooting a cab driver Wednesday, and driving the car in the hit-and-run sprees in Manhattan on Tuesday and Thursday.

Q & A

New campaign

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about substance abuse.

Body Cam Close-Ups Take Viewers Along for an Olympic Ride in New Ad Campaign from Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

Three U.S. Olympians Featured in New Public-Service Campaign.

Defying a physical injury that will keep him out of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, U.S. Olympian and downhill skier Chad Fleischer will be seen in action and on his skis as the Olympics get underway in Salt Lake City — thanks to a new 30-second television commercial from the Partnership for a Drug-Free America (PDFA). Fleischer is part of a new campaign, which also includes U.S. Olympians speed skater Apolo Ohno and snowboarder Rosey Fletcher that breaks nationally this week.

With a body camera inches from his face as he darts down the slopes somewhere beyond the legal speed limit, Fleischer, reflecting on his preparation for the games says: "I haven't had a vacation ... potato chip ... candy .... or fast food in two-and-a-half-years. Do you think I'd ever mess with drugs?" pausing before knocking on the lens of the camera, to say, "Helloooo..."

The 30-second ads were created by McCann-Erickson, New York, and will run in paid media prior to and during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Each ad will end with one-word that describes their "anti-drug" — why they don't use drugs. Chad's anti-drug "Commitment" closes the ad. "The production of these ads was not easy," said Lucia Grillo, producer, McCann. "We filmed in Colorado Springs during Olympic training and literally attached a camera to each athlete. There wasn't a lot of snow on the ground, so the production crew had their work set out for them.

Unfortunately, one crew member broke a leg as he ran down the mountain in front of Chad. Looking at the end result though, I think he'd think it was worth it." Two of the three athletes featured in the ads, Rosey Fletcher and Apolo Ohno, will compete in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. After not qualifying for the 1998 Winter Olympics, Ohno has trained hard and became the World Cup Champion for 2001-2001.

Rosey exceeded expectations as a female snowboarder and Chad began skiing at 10 years of age and has been part of two U.S. Olympic teams. Rosey begins her ad by saying, "I don't remember the last time I went to a party. I don't train twice a day to look good for the guys." Her comments are heard over a blue-grass version of The National Anthem. Her final comment to viewers is, "You know why I don't do drugs? Because I've got one song stuck in my head," referring to the song an Olympian hears upon winning a gold medal. The ad ends with Rosey's anti-drug, "Snowboarding."

"I'm really excited to be featured in the Partnership for Drug-Free America campaign," said U.S. Olympian Rosey Fletcher. "I think it's so important that young kids know that they will never reach their dreams if they do drugs." Finally, Apolo Ohno who is going for a gold in speed skating, asks a few questions in his ad to provide background on his accomplishments: "Am I A speed skater? Yes. Did I skate when they said I couldn't skate? Yes. Did I skate my way to a World Cup victory? Yes. Could I have skated this far if I'd ever done drugs? Pleasssse." The ad closes with Apolo's anti-drug, "Determination."

"The true power of these ads is that these athletes have something authentic and personal to say about why drugs are not (and never have been) a part of their lives," said Bea Bartolotta, SVP, director of creative development, PDFA. "Each was chosen for their obvious athletic abilities, but more importantly because they are, in their own way, inspirational, and genuine role models to the young people we're trying to reach."

The ads will begin running on national television and will air during shows such as 7th Heaven, Sabrina The Teenage Witch and MTV's Total Request Live as part of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. This effort is a federally funded media campaign that has the bi-partisan support of Congress. This article was provided by Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Afghan: Gunmen fire on peacekeepers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Gunmen opened fire Saturday on an observation post manned by members of the international security force in a third day of violence that heightened fears about security in the Afghan capital.

It was the first time the peacekeepers, who now number about 4,500 troops, have come under fire since they deployed in Kabul the day before the new government took power Dec 22. The six British peacekeepers, among whom no injuries were reported, returned fire.

Meanwhile, a Cabinet minister killed in a violent and mysterious attack Thursday was buried in a muddy Kabul cemetery, where interim leader Hamid Karzai offered prayers that Afghanistan would be delivered from "the culture of the knife and the gun."

After Saturday's shooting, peacekeepers and Afghan police searched the area and found a dead person and five injured in a nearby house, said British Col. Richard Barrons, the peacekeepers' chief of staff.

But the casualties' connection to the shooting was not clear. Barrons refused to say what caused the one death and said that the five injuries were not from gunshot wounds. The troops also found a car damaged by gunfire, he said.

The shooting followed two days of violence that cast doubt on the interim administration's ability to keep order in post-Taliban Afghanistan. Aviation and tourism minister Abdul Rahman was slain at Kabul's airport. On Friday, 50 Afghans and five peacekeepers were injured — none seriously — in a melee at what was billed as a goodwill soccer match.

Rahman's coffin, draped in the Afghan flag and strewn with flowers, was carried from a mosque to a cemetery in southern Kabul. Karzai, flanked by his foreign, interior and defense ministers, marched before the casket.

"This is a very bad thing to happen to our nation, to our new government, this killing," said mourner Mohammed Mohaqaq, shaking his head. "We are not at all ready for more problems like this."

Several thousand people gathered at a cemetery in the south of Kabul to see the coffin lowered into the muddy earth, listening quietly as Karzai said the death showed the need for Afghanistan to move away from its violence-shadowed past.

"This event is proof once again that the culture of the knife and gun is something we should save the people from, and see the way to peace," Karzai told the crowd. "With God's help in the future, no one will do these kinds of things any more. We hope God will help the people of Afghanistan."

The slain man's brother, Naser, appealed to Karzai: "Please capture the people who did this."

Witnesses and initial official accounts said Rahman was killed by a mob of would-be Muslim pilgrims furious over delayed flights to Saudi Arabia.

UW awards luncheon slated Monday

The United Way will present the Jack Smartt Award during a Dutch-treat luncheon beginning at 11:45 a.m. Monday at the Willow Park Inn.

The award will be presented to an individual, or individuals that have shown exemplary service in helping reach and exceed the United Way's goal of $80,000 for 2002.

At the last report meeting, a total of $91,766.08 was reported as pledged from a goal of $80,000.

Agencies benefited by United Way are Scurry County Boys and Girls Club; Snyder Child Day Care Center; Gateway Family Services; Girl Scouts, West Texas Council; Boy Scouts, Buffalo Trail Council; Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Scurry County Food Cupboard and American Red Cross of Southwest Texas.

Officers include Stephen Covey, president; Peggy Vernon, first vice president; Joan Bunch, second vice president; Zola Schlegel, treasurer; Leslie Cooley, recording secretary; and Rana Anderson, executive secretary.

Presidents' Day prompts local closings

Presidents' Day will be observed Monday by local financial institutions.

Snyder post office also will observe the holiday. Mail will not be delivered but it will be placed in boxes.

The Scurry County courthouse will be closed, but city hall will remain open.

Also closing is the Scurry County Senior Center and meals will not be delivered.

The Scurry County Library closed Saturday and will resume regular hours Tuesday.

Three persons arrested for alcohol violations

Arrests

Deputies arrested a 70-year-old man Friday morning on a Nolan County warrant for theft by check.

A 35-year-old man was taken into custody on 19th Street Friday on warrants for motion to revoke probation, assault and family violence.

Snyder officers arrested three subjects, including two minors, early Saturday morning on alcohol-related charges.

Taken into custody were a 19-year-old female for driving while intoxicated, a 21-year-old man for public intoxication and another 19-year-old female for consuming alcohol as a minor.

The trio was transported to the county jail from the 3400 block of Avenue U and the vehicle was towed.

Assault

A woman contacted officers at 8:30 a.m. Friday to report that she was harassed Thursday night at the VFW. An officer spoke with the woman and advised an offense report for Class C assault would be submitted.

Theft

Don Schattel reported a theft of auto parts from his property on U.S. 84 northeast of Snyder Friday. A deputy was dispatched to the location and advised a report for Class A theft would be filed.

Just before 2 a.m. Saturday Maria Barron reported the theft of a portable CD player from her mother's vehicle.

Disturbance

Officers responded to Snyder One-Stop at 3 a.m. Saturday on a report of a disturbance in front of the store. Several subjects were contacted.

Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence Friday in reference to problems she is having with her deceased husband's son.

A man contacted officers for a close patrol Friday night after hearing his dogs barking.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off at 2:50 p.m. Friday.

Obituaries

Gerald Walton

1921-2002

Gerald Walton of Snyder died Friday, Feb. 15, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Service for Mr. Walton, 80, is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Gerald Walton

Born on Aug. 1, 1921 in Snyder, he married Maggie Ornetha Inman on Sept. 11, 1942 in Snyder. She died Jan. 24, 1993. He married Pauline Withers on Dec. 28, 1996 in Snyder.

Mr. Walton was a member of the First Baptist Church. Living most of his life in Snyder, he had also lived in Houston, Fort Worth, Morton and Denver, Colo. Mr. Walton had worked for Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co. and the U.S. Postal Service. He was also a lumber salesman.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Walton of Snyder; a daughter, Keitha Warren of Argyle, Tex.; two sons, Jack Walton of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Gary Walton of Shirtz, Tex.; four stepsons, Billy McArthur of Leander, David McArthur and Bobby McArthur, both of Austin and Michael McArthur of Midland; one stepdaughter, Elaine Smith of Austin; two brothers, Waylon Walton of Snyder and Dale Walton of Tucson, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four step grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held 6:30-7:30 Saturday evening at the funeral home.

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Dwain Camp

1932-2002

Dwain Camp, 69, lifetime resident of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. David Phillips, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.



Dwain Camp

Born on May 18, 1932 in Snyder, he married Patricia Joyce Elder on Dec. 19, 1949 in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Ruby Camp; one brother, Sonny Boy Camp; and an uncle, Sam Camp.

Survivors include his wife Patricia "Pat" Camp of Snyder; a son, Stephen Allen Camp of Snyder; two daughters, Mary Gwen Sherman of Dayton and Terri Lyn Sanders of Rayne, La; four sisters, Doris Stokes, Rita Robbins and Pam Black of Snyder, and Mickie Wyatt of Abilene; a brother, Joe Camp of Cedar Creek; three granddaughters, Sabrina Fontenot of DeRidder, La., Patricia Thompson of Pine Prairie, La., and Judy Garza of Snyder; five grandsons, Johnathan Sorrells of Baytown, Johnnie Sanders of Ville Platte, La., Louis Sanders of Rayne, La., and Nathan Sorrells and Paul Camp, both of Snyder; eight great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Frances Veasey

1918-2002

ABILENE — Frances Lee "Meme" Veasey, a Snyder native, died Friday, Feb. 15, at an Abilene nursing home.

Graveside service for Mrs. Veasey, 83, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa with Jimmy Jack officiating. Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She married Aubie R. Burns in 1933. He died in 1939. She married Frank Veasey on Dec. 29, 1940. He died in 1976. Mrs. Veasey was also preceded in death by her parents, Dee and Flora Coker Hull.

Moving to Abilene from Fort Worth in 1976, she was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Bobbie Windland of Abilene; a sister, Bobbie Dee McKinnon of Abilene; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Jackie Plymell

1926-2002

LUBBOCK — Jackie Sanford Plymell, former Snyder resident, died Thursday, Feb. 14.

Memorial service for Mr. Plymell, 75, was to be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Monsignor Curtis Halfmann officiating and the Rev. Tom McGovern assisting. Services were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He was born on Sept. 9, 1926 in Paradise and attended school there. He married Joann Marie Horkan on April 14, 1956 in Snyder. He lived in Snyder for 10 years, moving to Lubbock in 1964. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was employed by Southwestern Bell.

Mr. Plymell, a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, was a past member of St. Elizabeth's Parent Teacher organization, the Elks Lodge, Telephone Pioneers and the VFW.

A son, Edward Joseph Plymell preceded him in death, on Feb. 22, 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Joann Plymell of Lubbock; a son, Danny Plymell of Jacksonville, N.C.; two daughters, Mary Ann Briesh of Lubbock and Jody Holland of Midland; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Road No. 3 Lubbock, 79416, or South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

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ONGOINGS

Missionaries return for visit

Pat and Charlie Reynolds, missionaries to Guatemala, will be at the Word is Life Deliverance Church at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The public is invited. Reynolds is a former deputy sheriff and peace justice in Snyder.

Technology students booster meeting

The Technology Student Association booster meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday in the SHS shop building. Parents and business representatives are invited. A fundraiser and the banquet will be discussed.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Kingdom of the Last Days" followed by "Music in the Christian Worship."

Tiger baseball booster club

The Snyder Tiger baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the athletic film room. Parents of all high school players need to attend to discuss the Snyder tournament.

Jury call cancelled

A jury panel summoned for Tuesday in 132nd District Court has been cancelled, according to District Clerk Trina Rodgers.

Ira TAAS testing

Ira schools will administer TAAS tests starting Tuesday with the writing test for 4th and 8th grades and exit level for grade 10. Wednesday is the exit level math and Thursday is the exit level reading.

Team captain meeting

There will be a meeting for Relay for Life team captains at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at city hall.

Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City, 1025 E. 15th.

Free income tax help

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

First Church of Nazarene series

Snyder First Church of Nazarene will be discussing "The Doctrine of Holiness" during a five-week series beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

State board candidate here

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

Vocational nurses graduation

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

FBC services televised

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

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool hours:

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

ESL, GED classes

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

Ira school's 58th reunion

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

Kiwanis pancake day

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

FBC support groups

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

American Legion spring convention

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

Windbreak trees

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

Discovery School

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

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Retired Air Force sergeant pleads innocent

ALEXANDRIA, Va. AP) — A man accused of conspiring to spy for Iraq's Saddam Hussein pleaded innocent to federal charges Friday and his lawyer asked for a jury trial.

Attorney Nina Ginsberg entered the plea on behalf of 39-year-old Brian Patrick Regan before U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton in a brief appearance.

It wasn't his first appearance here in court in this Washington suburb.

The retired Air Force sergeant had been charged with attempted espionage on behalf of an unidentified country last October, and pleaded innocent to that charge.

No trial date had been set on the earlier charge and the indictment announced Thursday by the Justice Department superseded the earlier one.

In the 10-count indictment made public this week, Regan was accused of attempting to hand over U.S. secrets, not only to Saddam, but to China and Libya as well.

Wearing a green prison jumpsuit, Regan said nothing during Friday's court appearance, sitting quietly at his lawyer's side.

"We enter a plea of not guilty and request a trial by jury," Ginsberg told the court.

Regan had pleaded innocent last November to a charge of attempting to give classified U.S. information to another country. That indictment did not identify the country, but intelligence sources said at the time that it was Libya.

"We believe we had a serious defense before the superseding indictment and we continue to believe in that defense," Ginsberg said Friday.

The re-indictment of Regan asserted that the retired Air Force sergeant, who went on to become a civilian government employee, asked for $13 million from Saddam in exchange for sensitive U.S. military secrets.

Regan could face the death penalty on two counts in the indictment handed up by a federal grand jury in Alexandria.

Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson declined to say whether Regan turned over any secret or otherwise classified information to foreign governments. Thompson also declined to say whether Regan actually delivered the letter he is accused of writing to Saddam.

Prosecutors said Regan wrote personally to Saddam sometime between 1999 and 2001 and asked for $13 million in Swiss currency to provide information about U.S. satellites and other military secrets. Prosecutors said he offered to send a sample of secrets for $1 million, and offered additional information afterward for $3 million and $5 million payments.

Court records indicated that Regan carried debts of at least $53,000 earlier this year.

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Monday
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Tuesday
Chili con carne w/beans
Cheese stick
Sliced onion
Chilled pears
Peanut butter chewey

Wednesday
Braised pork chop
Baked potato
Green beans
Cucumber/onion salad
Pineapple pudding

Thursday
Creole steak
Wild rice
Chopped broccoli
Peaches & cottage cheese
Cherry cobbler

Friday
Crispy baked fish
Baked beans
Crinkle cut fries
Orange whip
Ranger cookie

Senior News

Volunteers are asked to have volunteer hours recorded at the center by Feb. 28 in order to receive full credit at the Recognition Banquet on March 22.

Volunteers are needed for the home-delivered meal program. Meals are delivered from 11 a.m. to noon approximately, depending on the number of meals to be delivered. Five routes require 15 volunteers per day. Volunteers assist on a regular basis but sometimes they can't come. Volunteers can help once a week, once a month or as a substitute. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Bernhard Bartels again volunteers to help seniors file their income tax returns. He is available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday. His office is located at the center at 2603 Ave. M.

New residents, new retirees and new senior citizens (age 60) are encouraged to visit the center.

Monday

The Scurry County Senior Center will be closed in observance of President's Day. The AARP monthly meeting has been canceled.

Tuesday

Beginning at 10 a.m., senior citizens may participate in eighty-eight at the center or swimnastics at Western Texas College' swimming pool in the physical education building.

The Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain in the center dining room at 11 a.m. Juanita Ellington leads daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Golden Kiwanis will meet for the noon meal and business.

Wednesday

Ladies are invited to play pool at 9 a.m. Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 for exercise. Line dancing and clogging practice begins at 1 p.m. in the dining room.

Thursday

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m., and continues throughout the morning. Lonice Hall, a volunteer, will be available to teach newcomers this craft. Seniors may participate in the swimnastics at WTC from 10-11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the center dining room from 10-11 a.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m., Seniors may participate in eighty-eight or exercise at 11 a.m.

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Two SHS speech students qualify for state

Snyder High School speech students continue their winning ways.

Jaci Smith and Will Davis have both qualified for the Texas Forensic Association State meet (TFA) slated Feb. 28-March 2 in Lubbock.

Prairie TFA speech tournament, Jaci Smith finished sixth in United States extemporaneous and Will Davis earned fourth in foreign extemporaneous.

Josh Kemp advanced to semi-finals in U.S. extemp and Scott Gilliland advanced to semi-finals

Kemp was third and Paula Fritz advanced to the semi-finals.

Foreign extemp speaking: Will Davis finished in third place and Molly Mason came in sixth.

Humorous interpretation: Clark Reed placed eighth.

Dramatic interpretation: Clark Reed advanced to semi-finals.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Will Davis placed fifth.

Speech students also competed in the Monahans Tournament on Jan. 26.

U.S. extemp speaking: Jaci Smith came in sixth and Jacinda Judah advanced to semi-finals.

Prose interpretation: Cole McLeod, Joanna Burk and Sara Cantu all advanced to the semi-finals.

Poetry: Blake Robertson placed eighth and Erin Cooley and Clark Reed both advanced to the semi-finals.

Humorous interpretation: Clark Reed placed fifth.

Duet acting: Joanna Burk and Clark Reed placed fifth. Paul Jackson and Erin Cooley advanced to the semi-finals.

Sponsors are Lynda McCormack and Ron Hester.



STATE QUALIFIERS — Will Davis and Jaci Smith have qualified for the state Texas Forensic Association state meet slated Feb. 28-March 2 in Lubbock. Davis will compete in foreign extemporaneous speaking and Smith in United States extemporaneous speaking. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Smith qualified in United States extemporaneous speaking and Davis will compete in foreign extemporaneous speaking.

Also for the first time since 1981, a Snyder High School cross-examination debate team has placed at the district contest. Before that it was 1972.

In District 4-A action, Molly Mason and Austin McCormack tied for third place Monday at Levelland High School and will be the second alternative to the state UIL meet to be held during spring break March 11-15.

Molly Haire and Josh Kemp placed fifth at district.

In last weekend's Grand Prairie TFA state meet in March. Josh Kemp and Will Davis. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman) in U.S. extemp and oratory. Thirty-nine schools competed in the tournament.

Snyder High School speech students also won third place sweepstakes out of 23 schools in San Angelo's Tournament on Feb. 2.

Prose interpretation: Erin Cooley placed sixth. Blake Robertson, Sara Cantu and Clark Reed all advanced to the semi-finals.

Poetry interpretation: Erin Cooley, Blake Robertson, Sara Cantu and Clark Reed advanced to semi-finals.

U.S. extemp speaking: Jaci Smith won first and advanced to TFA state meet in March. Josh



C-X DEBATE – Four Snyder High School students competed in the District 4-A cross examination debate on Monday. From left are Austin McCormack, Molly Mason, Molly Haire and Josh Kemp. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



LAKEVIEW RESULTS — Snyder High School speech students placed third in San Angelo Lakeview's tournament. Front row from left, Blake Robertson, Sara Cantu, Paula Fritz, Erin Cooley and Jaci Smith; back row, Molly Mason, Clark Reed, Josh Kemp and Will Davis. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MONAHANS MEET — These Snyder High School students either placed or advanced to the semi-finals in the Monahans Speech Tournament. They include front row, from left, Blake Robertson, Paul Jackson, Erin Cooley, Jaci Smith; back row, Clark Reed, Joanna Burk and Cole McLeod. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



GRAND PRAIRIE RESULTS — These three Snyder High School students competed in Grand Prairie High School's TFA speech tournament. From left are Will Davis, Jaci Smith and Josh Kemp. Scott Gilliland is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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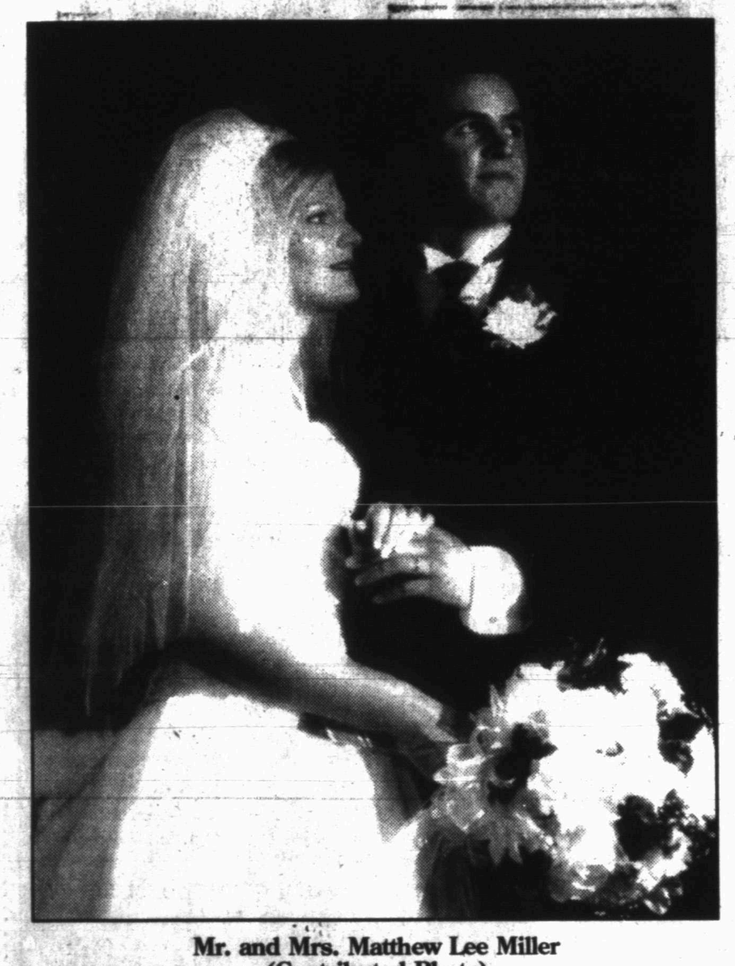
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Lee, Miller pledge vows in double-ring ceremony

LUBBOCK — Rebekah Elizabeth Lee of Lubbock and Matthew Lee Miller of Floydada were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 8 in Southcrest Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jack Lee, the bride's father and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Shamrock, Texas, officiated in the sanctuary decorated with the Christmas theme. Poinsettia trees, lighted garland and wreaths graced the area and at center stage stood an arch covered in Christmas greenery and lights. Each pew was marked with white tulle and satin bows centered with poinsettias, eucalyptus and holly.

The groom's parents are Vick and Connie Miller of Snyder and the bride's parents are Rev. Jack and Donna Lee of Shamrock.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lee Miller
(Contributed Photo)

Christmas selections were played prior to the ceremony. Pachabel's "Canon in D" was played during the bridesmaids entrance, followed by the "Bridal March," played by LeAnn Malone of Shamrock. "The Parent's Prayer" was sung by Beth Donaldson of Lubbock.

The bride wore a formal gown with a fitted bodice and dropped waist embellished with seed pearls and crystals. The skirt bottom and chapel-length train was bordered with seed pearls and crystal accents. Shoulder-length veil was held by a crystal accented head band.

The bride carried a bouquet of white poinsettias, white roses with green eucalyptus and holly with red berries, accented with pearls and ribbon.

Matron of honor was Elaine Garrison of Shallowater. Bridesmaids included Chay Lee, the bride's sister of Andrews, Tammy Miller, the groom's sister-in-law of Lubbock. Their floor-length dresses were deep red brushed satin and they wore matching shoes. They carried small bouquets similar to the bride's.

Flower girl was Kelsey Miller of Lubbock, niece of the groom and Jaxon Lee, nephew of the bride from Andrews was ring bearer.

Best man was Eric McClendon of Tulsa, Okla., and groomsmen were Benny Miller, the groom's brother of Lubbock and Kenny Miller, another brother from Clyde.

Male attire included black tuxedos with deep red vests and ties. Each wore a red and white rose boutonniere.

Kim Phillips of Wellington registered guests at a table decorated with a crystal framed engagement picture of the couple and a crystal candle pedestal accented with a white bow and holly and red berries.

A reception was held in the church parlor. The bride's table was covered with white floor-length cloths with tulle bows tied at the corners. A Christmas topiary covered with cheese and olives and a fruit tray were placed on the table along with a crystal bowl holding cranberry punch.

During the reception, bubbles and candy canes were handed out to guests by Taylor Lee, nephew of the bride from Andrews, and Tanner Miller, nephew of the groom from Clyde. The four-tiered cake had white pearl icing and was topped with a red rose and holly. Serving were Kristi Folk of Wellington, and Kelly Fongate and Susan Short, both of Lubbock.

The groom's table held a casket-shaped red velvet cake with silver icing. Also served were coffee, nuts and Danish wedding cookies. Serving were Dana Miller, sister-in-law of the groom from Clyde, Brandi Wolf, a cousin from Snyder, and Misty Williamson of Lubbock.

After their honeymoon trip to Aspen, Colo., they are at home in Floydada where the groom is a funeral director for Moore-Rose-White Funeral Homes of Floydada and Lockney. The bride, a 1995 graduate of Canadian High School and 1999 graduate of Texas Tech University, is also employed at the funeral homes. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1999 graduate of Dallas Institute of Funeral Services.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-16-02
♠ A 10 4 3
♥ A K 5 3 2
♦ A K
♣ A Q

West
♠ 7 2
♥ Q J
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K J 10 7 4 3

East
♠ K Q 9 8 6 5
♥ 6 4
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ —

South
♠ J
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 9 8 6 5 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	1 ♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	2 ♠
3 ♣	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
4 ♣	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
4 ♥	Dbl.	Redbl.	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002

A disaster of even worse proportions

By Phillip Alder

Experts do have monumental disasters at times. There have been so many that David Bird put together "Famous Bridge Disasters" (Cassell), which has just been republished.

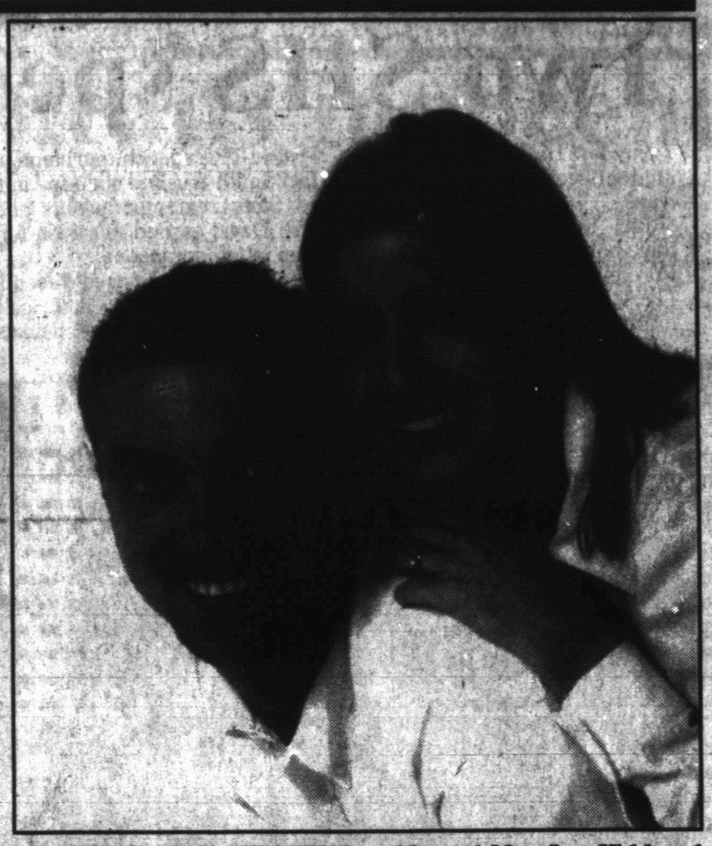
This deal was board nine of the Iceland-Indonesia quarterfinal at the 1996 World Team Olympiad in Rhodes.

At one table, the Indonesian South reached six hearts doubled by South. East ruffed away dummy's club queen at trick one; and in the fullness of time, declarer went one down.

Here, North's artificial one-club opening promised 16-plus points. East's one-diamond overcall showed a two-suiter with either spades and diamonds or hearts and clubs. South's three clubs seems misguided; and when three no-trump was doubled, he ran to four clubs. Now surely West should have passed and collected the penalty, but he greedily doubled. South tried four hearts. West doubled again, and North felt he had sufficient trump support to redouble.

The declarer was Jon Baldursson of Iceland. After winning trick one with dummy's spade ace, if he had drawn two rounds of trumps, he would have won two overtricks for plus 1,280. If he had just cashed one round of trumps, he would have made the contract for plus 880. However, declarer crossed to hand with a spade ruff, then took the club finesse. Disaster! East ruffed the club queen and returned the spade queen, West overruffing declarer. Another club ruff by East was followed by another spade ruff and overruff for one down and minus 200.

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PLANNING APRIL WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kidd and Gary Kasparek announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Lynn Kasparek, to Randall Lynn Robertson. Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Corky Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Robertson of San Angelo. Rachel is a system analyst at Valor Telecommunications and Randy is a supervisor at Verizon. The couple will be married April 6 in San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Pancakes
Bacon
Juice

Tuesday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Cinnamon Toast

Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Hash Browns

Thursday
Waffles
Fruit

Friday
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Beef Enchiladas
Rice
Beans
Sopapillas

Tuesday
Barbecued Sausage
Black-eyed Peas
Okra
Corn Bread
Oreo Cookies

Wednesday
Fish
Macaroni Salad
Pork & Beans
Cheese Rolls
Banana Pudding

Thursday
Chicken Spaghetti
Salad
Corn
Italian Bread
Ice Cream

Friday
Patty Melt
Tater Tots
Beans
Grapes

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Oatmeal
Toast

Tuesday
Juice
Cheese Toast

Wednesday
Juice
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Patty

Thursday
Juice
Pancake Pups

Friday
Out for Student Holiday

LUNCH

Monday
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Chilled Peaches

Tuesday
Barbecued German Sausage
Parsley Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Orange Cake

Wednesday
Enchiladas/Chili/Cheese
Tossed Salad
Pinto Beans
Crackers
Pears

Thursday
Salmon Patty
Potato Wedges
Cole Slaw
Hot Rolls
Peanut Butter Bars

Snyder

All meals are served with milk. Breakfasts also offer juice.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST (East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)

Monday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams

Tuesday
Donut Holes

Wednesday
Biscuit & Jelly

Thursday
Fruit Muffin

Friday
No School

(Other Schools)

Monday
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Tuesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Wednesday
Sausage & Egg in a Biscuit or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Thursday
Pancakes w/Sausage
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH

Monday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Crème Corn
Chilled Peaches

Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Crunchy Corn Dog
Corn on the Cob
Celery Sticks
w/Peanut Butter
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Wednesday
Nacho Grande or
Chicken Cheese Quesadilla
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Pineapple Tidbits

Thursday
"Fighting Tiger"
Cheeseburger or
Patty Melt
Buffalo French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Cup
Chocolate Pudding

Help in restoring historic homes

By The Associated Press

Oakwood, Ohio, resident Andy Pruitt has these suggestions for restoring a historic home:

—Establish a realistic time frame. Proper restoration takes a lot of time.

—Prioritize jobs. Start by stabilizing ongoing problems, such as structural issues, roof leaks and encroaching plants and trees.

—Learn as much as possible before and during the process from professionals as well as neighbors. "We discovered that our neighbor had saved the original garage door from our house which was thrown out many years ago by the previous owners," said Pruitt.

—He also recommends finding the community's network of local restoration people and talking to them — frequently.

"Most local contractors do not understand restoration. Find ones that do," Pruitt advises. "Watch and learn when they do their work, then you can continue the project yourself."

Blueprints for your house may be available from a local archive or from the Old House Journal Restoration Directory.

—Whenever possible, repair original elements rather than replacing them. If you must replace, do so with materials and style consistent with the original architecture. This will give a more aesthetic as well as durable result.

Bridge Scores

Monte West directed all games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Feb. 8

North-South
1. Louise Thompson, Nona Morrison.
2. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
3. Ann Davis, Monte West

East-West
1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
3. Paula Gilbert, Nonnie Ward.

Sunday, Feb. 10

No game

Tuesday, Feb. 12

1. Billisue Stuard, Jane Hinton.
2. Louise Thompson, Monte West.
3. Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison.
4. Christine Stuard, Margaret Birdwell.

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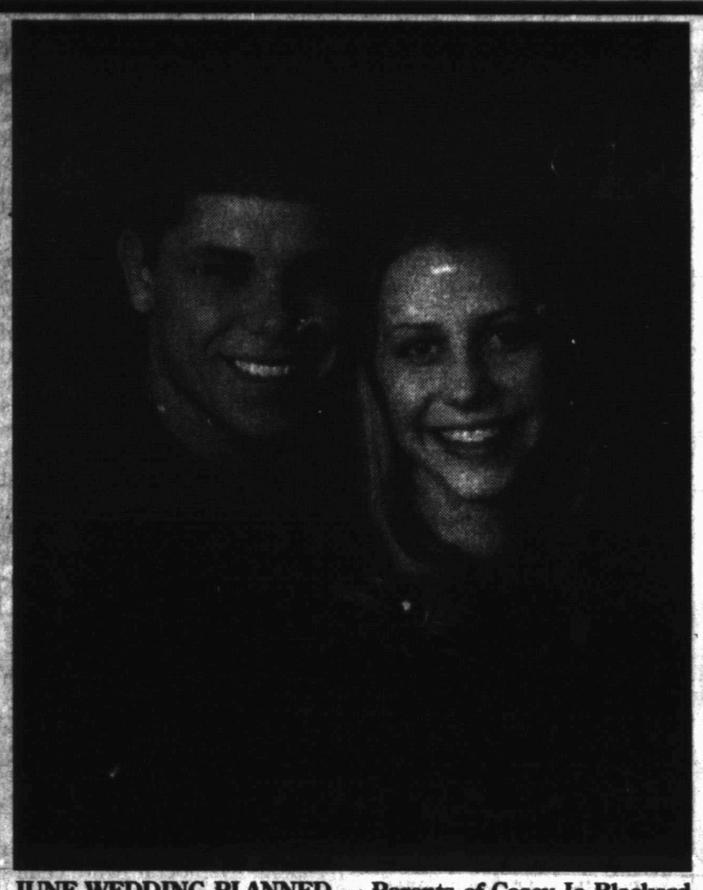
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JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Jerry and Suzette Martin of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michelle Renee Martin, to Christopher Val Bird. He is the son of Val and Rebecca Bird of Fort Worth. They will exchange vows at 5 p.m. on June 15 in the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)



JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Parents of Casey Jo Blackard and Terry Joe Jamison announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. They are planning a 10:30 a.m. ceremony on June 1 in First United Methodist Church. Parents of the bride-elect are Lonnie and Susan Blackard of Hermleigh and the future groom's parents are Perry and Shari Jamison of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT — Terry and Janet Hood of Belton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Hope Ann Hood of Belton, to Zachariah Shine Highfield of Temple. They are planning a May 4 wedding in the First Baptist Church of Belton. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Belinda Culp of Temple and Ricky Highfield of Gillette, Wyo. He is the grandson of Shirley Giddens of Snyder and the late Roy Giddens, and Betty Morris, also of Snyder, and the late Albert (Shine) Highfield. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 574-1292 or 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Gateway Family Services; parenting discussion group focusing on variety of parenting issues and special challenges; free of charge; for more information call 573-1822.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; "Insight Into Fine Arts," by Ben Sum, Shane Christian, instructors at WTC; hostesses, Jo Flynn and Tizzy Hall; 4 p.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 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 appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Library News

BOOK FEATURE

Forgotten Eagle: Wiley Post, America's Heroic Aviation Pioneer, by Bryan B. Sterling.

This is a portrait of Wiley Post. He circled the earth alone in a single-engine plane. His life is recreated here, from his poverty-stricken childhood in Texas to a brief career in armed robbery to his mysterious death in 1935.

NEW AUDIOTAPES

Hard Tack and Coffee: or the Unwritten Story of Army Life, by John D. Billings.

Birds of Prey by J.A. Jance.

When Shadows Fall, by Patricia Rushford.

Arizona Clan, Zane Grey.

Daze of Our Wives, by Dave Meurer.

Justice: Crimes, Trials and Punishments, by Dominick Dunne.

Every Little Thing About You, by Lori Wick.

NEW NON-FICTION

12 Year Gardener: Simple Strategies for Extending Your Growing Season, by Jeff Ashton.

Patently Female: from AXT to TV Dubbers: Stories of Wimen Inventors and Their Breakthrough Ideas, by Ethlie Vare.

Parent's Guide to the Internet, by Ilene Raymond.

Decisions, Decisions: the Art of Effective Decision Making, by David Welch.

Mozart's Brain and the Fighter Pilot: Unleashing Your Brain's Potential, by Richard Restak.

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10 a.m. to 5 p.m.–Sat.

Preacher marries 50 couples

GEORGETOWN, Colo. (AP) — When the Rev. Harry Heilmanz faced 50 men and 50 women about to exchange wedding vows, many had cold feet.

His words of comfort?

"The Bible says, 'Let the two come together so they may be warmer than one,'" he told the marrying couples, gathering atop the Loveland Basin ski area, 12,500 feet above sea level.

Twenty couples tied the knot on Valentine's Day, and 30 reaffirmed their vows.

"We're here at the Continental Divide, at the closest to God you can get," said Carol Tijm of Golden, Colo.

She wore a white evening gown and carried ski poles wrapped in satin and bouquets adorning the handles. Her new husband, Peter, wore a white-tie tuxedo.

Both get-ups had plenty of room for ski boots.

It was the 11th year of the Mountaintop Wedding Ceremony at Loveland, about 40 miles west of Denver. After the ceremony, the couples skied through a veil of snow flurries and down the slope.

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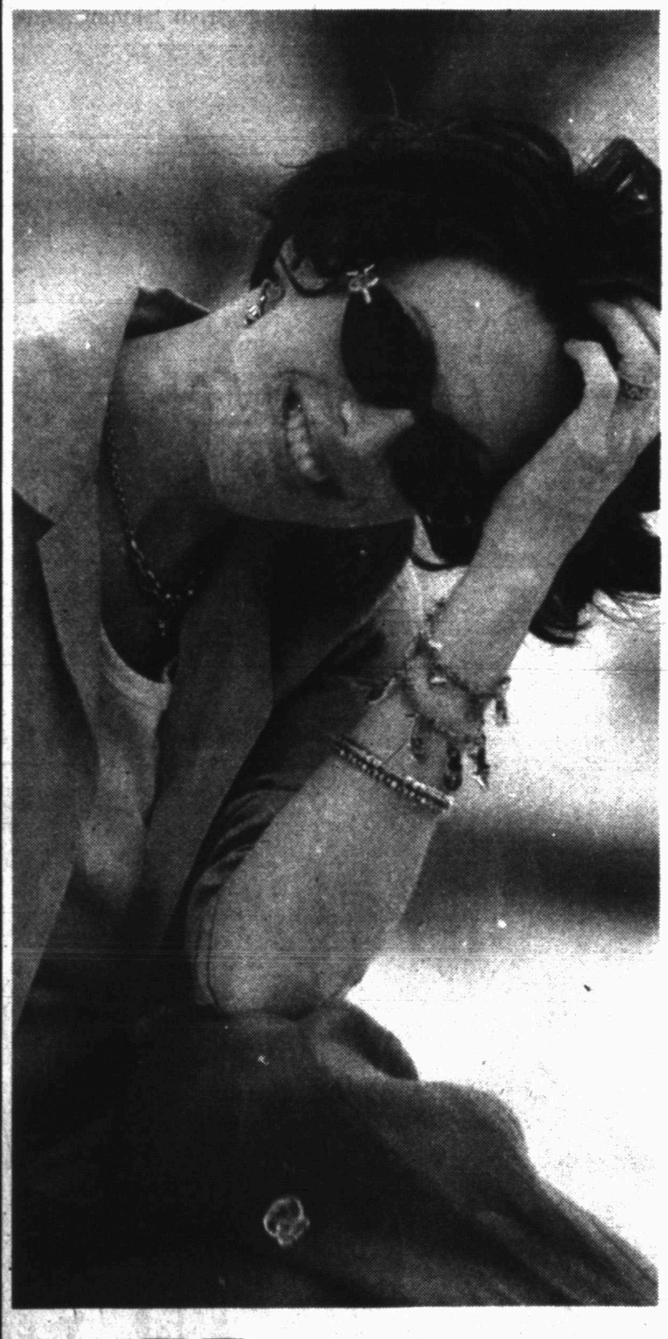
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Man wants public college to change to private school

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — A businessman who built an Oregon wood products mill into an international conglomerate is offering a small public technical college $75 million to slip off the golden handcuffs of state funding and go private.

If Oregon Institute of Technology drops out of the Oregon University System, the move would apparently be unprecedented in modern U.S. history.

Dick Wendt is not saying why he is so interested in OIT — he did not attend the school — or exactly what he hopes to accomplish. He has refused interviews.

He has held closed-door discussions with school officials and persuaded some that going private could help 3,100-student OIT reach its full potential by freeing it from the constant threat of state budget cuts and restrictions on the classes it can offer.

The 70-year-old Wendt is chairman of Jeld-Wen Inc., which is No. 102 on the Forbes 500 list of private U.S. corporations and sells doors, windows, educational materials for Third World classrooms, and resort time-shares.

He is known for pushing welfare recipients to work, supporting privatization of Social Security, and giving generously to support medicine, performing arts and American Indian culture.

OIT President Martha Anne Dow said she feels a responsibility to give the idea serious consideration because of state funding cutbacks. "It is a very tight time in higher education right now," she said.

A move to go private would need the approval of the state Board of Higher Education, the Legislature and the governor.

Joe Cox, chancellor of the Oregon University System, said the question is: "Is it in the best interest of Oregon?"

Some faculty and students are leery of Wendt and his offer of $75 million in Jeld-Wen stock.

The businessman has not expressed any desire to have the school named after him, and it will remain the Oregon Institute of Technology, said OIT spokesman Gary Willhide.

"I wonder what's in it for him," said Deanna Ross, a 19-year-old freshman studying X-ray technology.

Ed Silling, a communications professor, said: "I see him as a combination of John Calvin, the religious reformer, and (Harry Potter villain) Lord Voldemort, 'He Who Must Not Be Named.'"

OIT offers classes in engineering and computer and medical technology. It was founded after World War II as the Oregon Vocational School in an old Marine Corps hospital, and joined the state university system in 1960 — the same year Wendt took over the Klamath Falls mall that became the foundation of his $2 billion-a-year business.

In the 1990s, deep budget cuts forced OIT to raise tuition and cut football and some academic programs, causing a decline in enrollment.

College presidents frustrated with shaky state funding regularly debate the idea of going private. But Jon Fulle of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities said the closest instance of a public college going private might be the College of William and Mary, which lost its funding from the British crown during the American Revolution.

As OIT's president envisions it, OIT would buy the $95 million campus from the state for $1.

The state would lose a valuable asset but would be freed from a financial obligation.

Yellowstone staff given oxygen masks

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the western gate into Yellowstone National Park, snowmobiles back up by the dozens — sometimes hundreds — to zoom around the park.

The gasoline-fired engines belch so much exhaust into the mountain air that on still, windless days a blue haze settles over the gate.

For years, park workers have complained of sore throats, runny noses and burning eyes. To help, fresh air is pumped into their enclosed kiosks.

Now the National Park Service is providing respirators for workers. The first six sets arrived Thursday.

Jon Catton, a spokesman for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a nonprofit group that favors restricting snowmobile access, said he is horrified by the image of park workers wearing respirators.

"It's sad. Rangers forced to stay indoors, behind glass? Or to wear respirators, because the air in our first national park is not healthy to breathe? That's just profoundly sad," Catton said.

Yellowstone is one of the nation's signature parks, featuring abundant wildlife, geysers, lakes and streams. Its 2.2 million acres stretch from the rocky northwest corner of Wyoming into southern Montana and eastern Idaho.

Concerns about pollution prompted the National Park Service to issue a rule in 2000 banning snowmobiles from the park, phasing them out over several years. The ban included snowmobiles in Grand Teton National Park, south of Yellowstone, and the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Highway, an 82-mile road linking the parks.

But last year, the Bush administration put a hold on the ban to settle a lawsuit brought by snowmobile manufacturers and the state of Wyoming, which wants to protect tourism dollars.

The Bush administration agreed to conduct a second environmental study of the impact snowmobiles have on wildlife, air quality and noise.

Options in a draft proposal range from banning snowmobiles altogether to capping the number that could enter the park each day, instituting tighter emission controls for them. The final version of the plan is expected next week.

The Yellowstone snowmobile season runs from December to mid-March. Presidents Day weekend is one of the busiest of the season, drawing 900 to 1,200 snowmobilers a day to the western gate, one of three gates through which snowmobilers may ride.

If the wind is up, the exhaust won't be a problem this weekend, ranger Robert Seibert said. But if the air is cold and still, gate workers will don the respirators, he said.

"This is just not a reasonable set of working conditions that our employees should be facing without some protection," Seibert said. "I don't think anybody's looking forward to this."

The Park Service has tried to reduce air pollution at the western gate this season by selling snowmobile passes in West Yellowstone, Mont., the closest town to a park entrance. The idea is that if riders already have passes they won't have to line up at the gate, idling their engines.

It has helped — a little.

"Machines are moving through the gates more smoothly than in the past, but even with that employees are experiencing these symptoms," said Marsha Karle, a National Park Service spokeswoman in Yellowstone.

On the Net:

Greater Yellowstone Coalition: http://www.greateryellowstone.org

National Park Service: http://www.nps.gov

Yellowstone National Park: http://www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm

Veneman denies allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee chairman on Friday accused Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman of urging Canadian officials to lobby against congressional farm legislation. Veneman denied the allegation.

Sen. Kent Conrad, a North Dakota Democrat who chairs the Senate Budget Committee, based his accusation on a quote attributed in a news account to a spokesman for Canadian Agriculture Minister Lyle Vanclief.

"We now have the secretary of agriculture of the United States asking ... an official of a foreign government to come to Washington to lobby the United States Congress against the farm bill that is designed to help American farmers," Conrad told the Senate. "What is she thinking of?"

Conrad then released a letter he wrote to President Bush, asking him to "renounce any effort by your administration to invite the Canadian government to lobby against the U.S. farm bill."

Veneman immediately responded with a letter to Conrad denying the allegation and telling the senator that he should have checked with her first.

"Senator, we could have easily cleared up this miscommunication through a simple phone call. I would appreciate that courtesy in the future," Veneman wrote.

She said Vanclief has personally apologized "for these inaccurate statements made by his staff."

Vanclief's staff did not immediately return a phone call Friday.

The Senate this week passed a farm bill that would authorize a 26 percent increase in spending on agriculture, nutrition and conservation programs over the next five years. The Bush administration says the Democratic bill could encourage overproduction of crops and undermine U.S. efforts to lower trade barriers to U.S. exports.

It was Veneman's second run-in this year with a North Dakota lawmaker. Last month, Democratic Rep. Earl Pomeroy said during a radio talk show in his home state that Veneman should leave office. Veneman called the congressman later, and her spokesman described the conservation as cordial. An aide to Pomeroy denied that he was seeking her resignation.

Conrad's allegation came the same day that the Bush administration announced that it was siding with North Dakota's wheat farmers in a long-running trade dispute with Canada.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said the administration would consider several responses, including a request to the World Trade Organization for intervention. U.S. Wheat Associates, the wheat industry's trade arm, praised the announcement.

On the Net:

Agriculture Department: http://www.usda.gov

Three Head Start teachers receive CDAs

Three Scurry County Head Start teachers - Jennifer Morin, Lucindy Johnson and Tracey Zamora — have been recognized.

All have been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition for their work with young children.

Scurry County Head Start is a program offered through Scurry Community Services.

The credentials were awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession

Morin began her career as a Snyder Daycare teacher on Nov. 10, 2000, and she became a Head Start teacher in September 2001 for the three and four-year-old class.

Johnson worked for Scurry County Daycare before she became a Head Start teacher in October. Zamora has been a Head Start teacher since August of 2000.

Morin, Johnson and Zamora have attended child development conferences and workshops and they are currently enrolled at Western Texas College to complete their Associate Degrees in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education.

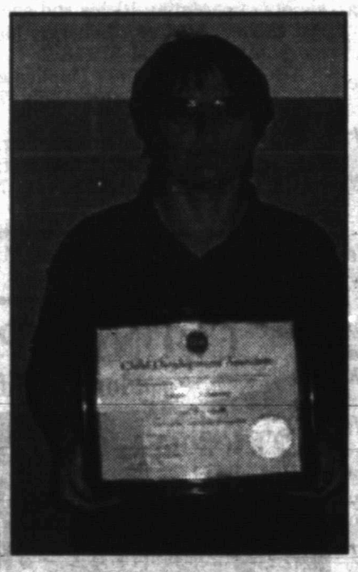
Morin is a Snyder native and graduate of Snyder High School. She is the daughter of Maggie and Lupe Morin Jr. of Snyder. She and Jason Rodriguez have one son, Julian Cyrus Rodriguez.

Johnson, a Snyder native, and her husband, David, have two children. Katherine, 14, is an eighth grader at Snyder Junior High School and John, 10, is a fifth grader at Northeast. She is the daughter of Don and Carol Schattel of Snyder.

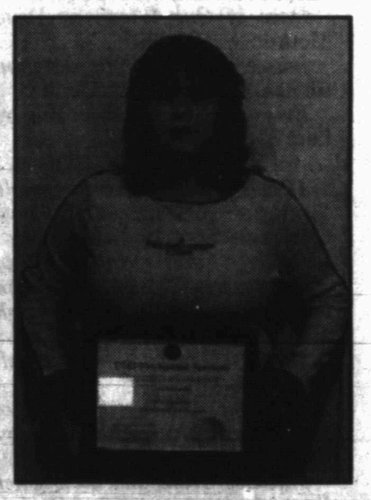
Zamora has a daughter, Ragan Rice, who attends the Early Head Start Program. She is a Snyder native and a graduate of SHS. She is the daughter of Mary Martinez of Snyder and Albert Zamora of Grand Prairie.



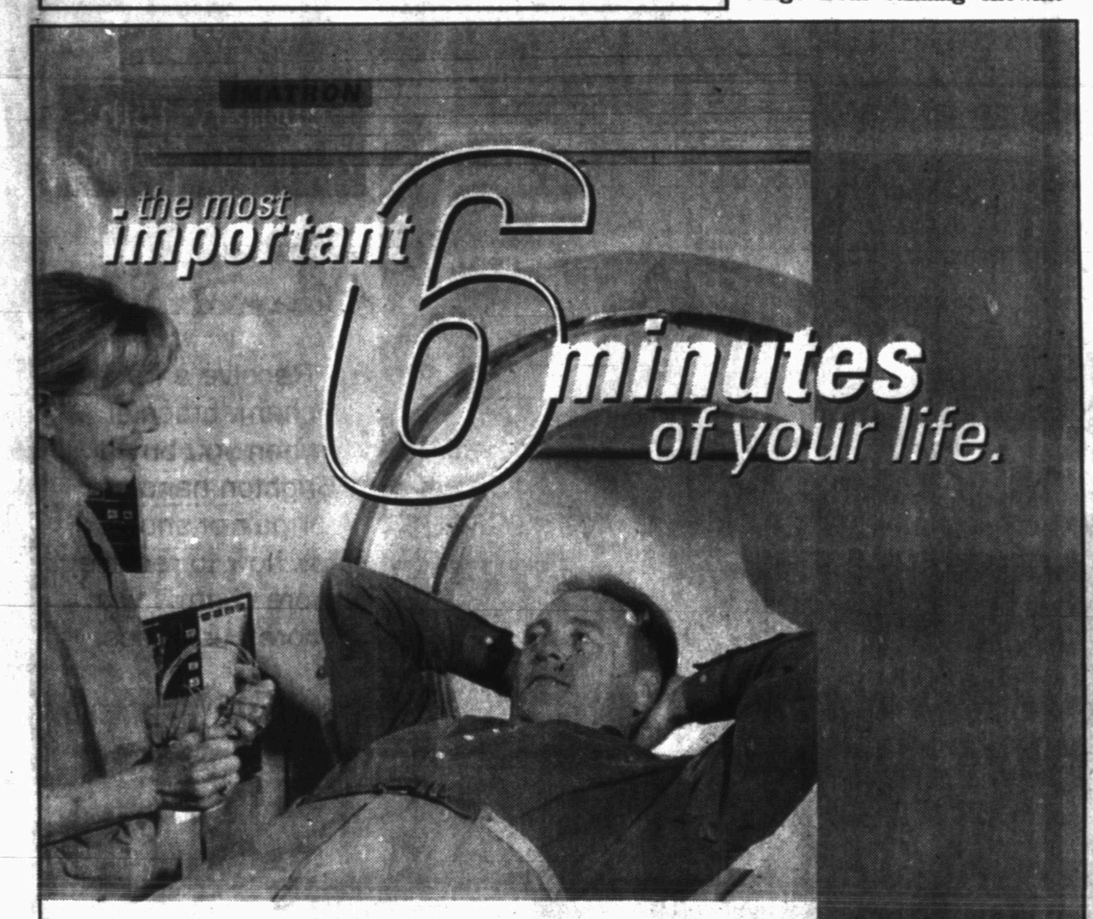
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ELEMENTARY COUNSELORS — Snyder ISD recognized elementary counselors last week. From left are Dixie Haggard, director of special programs; Peggy Williams, counselor for Central, East and West PPCD; Debbie Shaw, Stanfield counselor; Robin Kidd, Northeast and West sixth grade counselor; and Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SISD counselors recognized

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), was celebrated Feb. 4-8 to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors with U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact that counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The special week honoring school counselors provides recognition for school counselors who "implement comprehensive school counseling program, a vital part of the educational process for all students as they meet the challenges of the 21st century," according to Gayle Lomax, Snyder ISD superintendent.

Lomax cited school counselors for being actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; for working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenge of raising children in today's world; for focusing on positive ways to enhance students' social /personal, educational and career development; and working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. Professional school counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in guidance and counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.

"Every day, school counselors work with school counseling programs that address the personal/social, academic and career needs of all students," said Pamela Gabbard, ASCA president. "Their ultimate goal is to enable all students to achieve success in school and to become responsible and productive members of our society."

More than 14,000 school counselors nationwide participated in the National School Counseling Week. Any parent or other community member with specific questions or concerns about school counseling programs should contact the individual counselor at his/her school. More general information can also be found on ASCA's Web site, www.schoolcounselor.org.

The America School Counselor Association is the national organization representing the school counseling profession. ASCA focuses on providing professional development, enhancing school counseling programs and researching effective school counseling practices. With One Vision One Voice, ASCA emphasizes in commitments to all school counselors and all students.

Snyder ISD presented plaques of appreciation to counselors Charles Haggard, SHS; Debbie Phillips, SHS; Janell Jones, SHS; Sylvia Sapsky, SJHS; Peggy Williams, Central Elementary; Robin Kidd, Humble-Smith; Debbie Shaw, Stanfield; Dixie Haggard, director of special programs; and Dr. Melissa W. Jones, assistant superintendent.



COUNSELORS — Snyder ISD recognized high school and junior high school counselors last week. From left are Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent; Janell Jones and Charles Haggard, high school counselors; Dixie Haggard, director of special programs. Sylvia Sapsky, junior high counselor; and Debbie Phillips, high school counselor, are not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Slaughterhouse that imports Mexican workers criticized

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The AFL-CIO and the steelworkers union are seeking to block a slaughterhouse from importing workers from Mexico, questioning the need for foreign labor during a time of rising U.S. unemployment.

Sam Kane Beef Processors has asked the Labor Department for an extension of a work permit letting it bring workers in from Mexico.

The unions criticized the company's starting pay of $6.18 per hour.

"We're not interested in having a large employer bring in workers and lowering the standards. How is somebody supposed to get a decent job if that's the standard?" said Mark Pitt, a Pittsburgh-based organizer for the United Steelworkers of America.

The unions accused Sam Kane Beef of keeping the Mexican workers captive by confiscating their legal documents. They also said the company sends workers injured on the job back to Mexico.

A company official acknowledged that workers' visas and passports are held, but said it was done for safekeeping and to prevent Mexican nationals from getting jobs illegally with other employers.

Jerry Kane, president and chief operating officer of Sam Kane Beef, said the company has sent only one worker back to Mexico, and that was for treatment of a mass in his chest that could have been cancer.

Kane told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the company spent thousands of dollars on the man's diagnosis.

Kane also acknowledged that the company deducts money from workers' paychecks for housing costs. He said some workers live in motels because of a housing shortage, and the motels prefer to be paid directly by the company.

The local Mexican consul, Francisco Gonzalez De Cossio, said he has not heard complaints from the workers either during his tours of the slaughterhouse or at the consulate.

The company began importing workers last June under a Labor Department permit that expires March 9.

Kane said the company can't find enough Americans willing to work in the plant. The company recently posted 300 job openings, a step required to get a permit to hire up to 300 Mexicans.

Judge releases public comments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only five of the 47 public comments on the Microsoft antitrust case released by the Justice Department on Friday are in support of the government's settlement with the software giant.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, who is due to hold a trial next month to decide whether to approve the settlement, said she planned to read the comments before deciding.

Reached last year, the settlement would prevent Microsoft from retaliating against partners for using non-Microsoft products, require the company to disclose some of its software blueprints so software developers can make compatible products and make it easier to remove extra Windows features.

The Justice Department, complying with a judge's request, only released those comments on the settlement that it described as "major" — those with long, detailed arguments — on the department's Web site.

The department has said it received about 30,000 comments, mostly via e-mail. The rest of the letters will be published on the Internet and on CD-ROMs.

After reviewing all the comments, Justice had said they were 2-to-1 against the settlement.

Among those messages released Friday, sentiment was definitely against Microsoft.

"The computer industry, especially the software industry, used to be a very vibrant exciting space with a large number of competing technologies and solutions," wrote Mark Alexander, a technology professional in Scarsdale, N.Y. "The fact that Microsoft believes that to compete it needs to 'cut off the air supply' of potential competitors is a method that should be eliminated."

Representatives of the Justice Department and Microsoft did not immediately return calls seeking reaction to the tally.

Companies, interest groups, academics, current and former senators as well as the public at large were represented in the comments.

"The precise terms of the settlement create a series of artful technical loopholes vitiating the primary intention" of repairing competition in the industry, wrote Eben Moglen, a law professor at Columbia University.

The five comments in favor of the settlement were from: New York University economist Nicholas Economides; the Washington Legal Foundation; Joseph L. Bast of the libertarian Heartland Institute; and pro-Microsoft groups Association for Competitive Technology and the Computing Technology Industry Association.

Several Microsoft rivals sounded off against the settlement, including AOL Time Warner, Sun Microsystems, Sony, RealNetworks and SBC Communications.

Advocates of the "open-source" software movement, frequently lambasted by Microsoft as being a danger to intellectual property, sent several comments released Friday. Consumer activists like the Consumer Federation of America and Ralph Nader also wrote to criticize the settlement.

On the Net:
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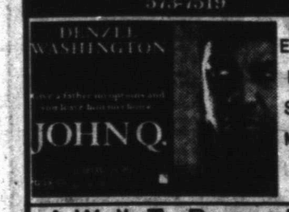
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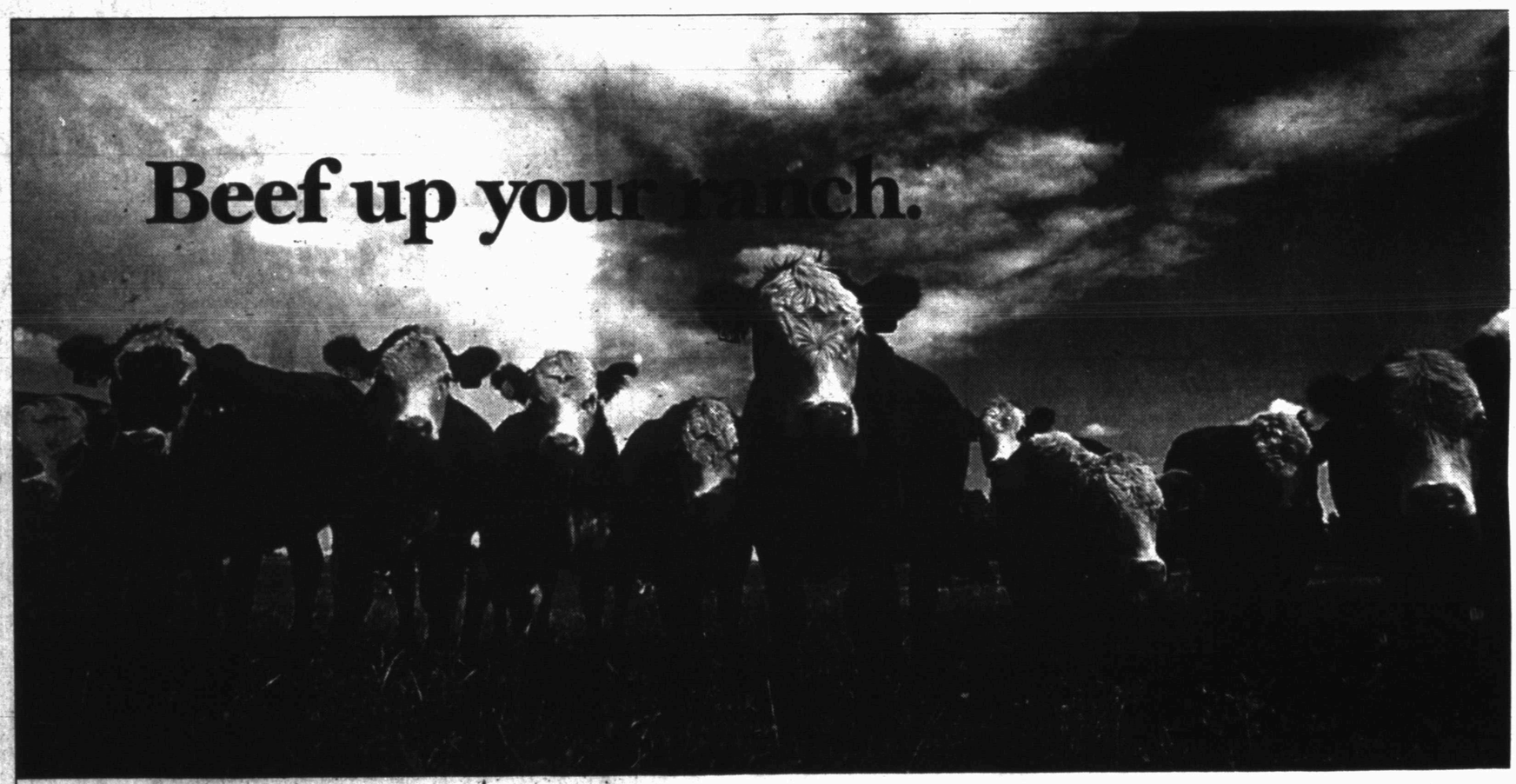
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Study: Advanced material covered too quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accelerated high school courses in math and science cover a "smorgasbord" of material too quickly and superficially, sacrificing students' in-depth understanding of a few important topics, a new government study said.

The study, by the National Academies of Science and Engineering, took two years to look at the College Board's Advanced Placement math and science courses, which are taken each year by thousands of high school students for college credit. The study also looked at the International Baccalaureate courses, offered by a separate organization of the same name.

"The primary aim of programs such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate should be to help students achieve deep understanding of the content and unifying ideas of a science or math discipline," said Jerry P. Gollub, a physics professor at Haverford College and a leader of the committee that looked at the courses.

He said the Advanced Placement chemistry course, for instance, should afford students not just an understanding of atoms, but should give them a chance to "experiment, critically analyze information, argue about ideas, and solve problems," he said. "Simply exposing students to advanced material or duplicating college courses is not by itself a satisfactory goal."

The committee also said schools should make such courses available to more minority students and those in rural and inner-city schools.

The study, released Thursday, looked at Advanced Placement in chemistry, biology, physics, and mathematics. It said the courses' tendency to cover an "excessive" number of topics sacrifices hands-on, practical lessons. While covering so much material quickly may be appropriate for college-level work, the study said, younger high school students often learn best through problem solving and discussion, not rote memorization of facts.

The study also said the New York-based College Board and the International Baccalaureate Organization, located in Geneva, Switzerland, should give more training to Advanced Placement teachers, many of whom aren't qualified to teach the advanced courses.

It also said schools should begin preparing students for such courses as early as junior high school, since many students come to them without having taken required preparatory courses.

College Board spokeswoman Chiara Coletti, who had seen a summary of the study, said the organization agrees with most of its recommendations, but said the College Board has already begun changing courses, such as calculus, to make them more in-depth.

"We're in agreement in much that they say, and have shared some of those opinions long before they were doing the study," she said.

She said much of the problem stems from colleges' requirements for incoming freshmen.

"First-year courses in those subjects tend to be rather broad, and we do have an obligation to reflect what is taught in college," she said.

Coletti added, "We believe that discussion can go on, and much discussion does go on all the time about the AP courses and the tests. We would not have a problem with adding depth over breadth."

Coletti also said the College Board has long tried to increase the number of low-income students taking the courses, more than tripling such figures since 1992.

The advanced courses, first developed in 1955, are the most prevalent high school courses for accelerated students. There are 11 courses in math and science alone.

Originally offered only to a few students, the courses are now offered in about 62 percent of high schools.

College Board: http://www.collegeboard.com/
National Academies: http://www.nationalacademies.org/

Twenty-first art competition set for high schools

Congressman Charles Stenholm announced plans for the 21st annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th District.

Last year's winning entries, from across the nation, currently hang in the Cannon tunnel in the nation's Capitol. This exhibit represents the combined efforts of the members who conducted their local contests and the students who participated. The Artistic Discovery program provides members the opportunity to showcase the talent of their creative high school constituents.

Students in grades nine through 12 from Comanche, Erath, Eastland, Hood and Somervell Counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in Stephenville, April 3. Students may obtain release forms and further information at their local high school. Entries should be brought to Stephenville High School by 4 p.m. April 2.

Other regional shows will be held in Abilene, Big Spring, Brownwood, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, and San Angelo. Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch in Abilene, April 27. Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host this honor's brunch.

Artwork must be no larger than 22-inch by 32-inch framed (framing not required) and two-dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings, collages, computer art, or photography. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include, but is not limited to landscapes.

For more information, contact Stenholm's Stamford office at 915-773-3623 or Mary Waters at Stephenville High School.

Public Records

Filed in District Court

Doug Neff, individually and as next friend of Jeanna Neff, a minor, vs. Cindy Herridge, individually and as next friend of Cody Shane Nowlain, a minor, and Progressive County Mutual Insurance Company, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

Weldon Key and Leroy Key, Trustees of the Opal Key Irrevocable Trust and as independent co-trustees of the Estate of Opal Key, vs. Jimmie Joe Key, notice of non-suit.

Deed Records

Sara Helen Elam to John E. Connel, Lot 4 in Block 5 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

David Botts to Duane Seay, the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 23 of the Blankenship Addition.

Alfred and Ethel Louise Beaver to Linda Compton Wright, 5.0 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 212, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Elwanda Stewart Nachlinger to Jeffrey Dee Stewart, tract one being 10.0 acres out of Tract 50 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract two being 4.32 acres out of Tract 50 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey.

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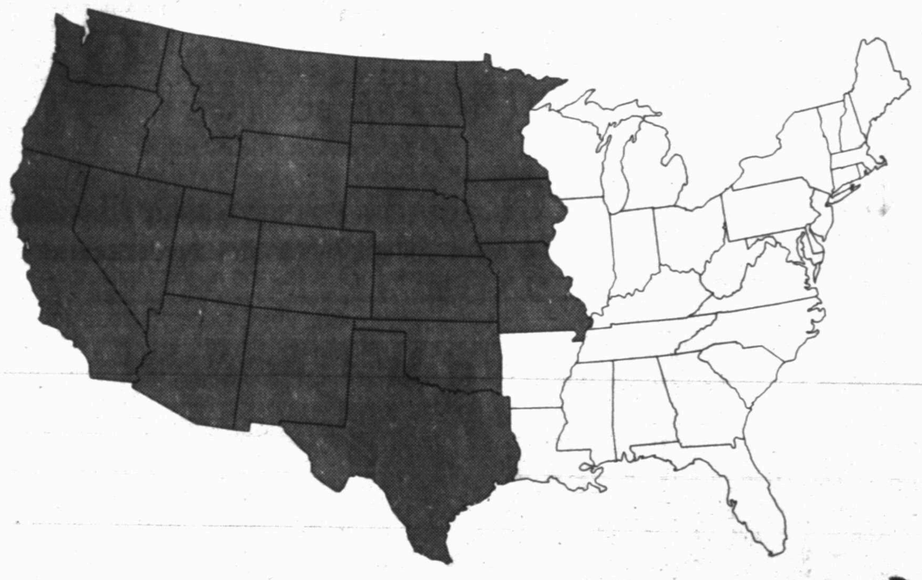
Nancy Brown to First National Bank of Abilene, Trustee of The Clara Brown Real Estate Marital Trust, tract one being Sections 439, 440, 450, 449, 495 and 496, all in Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being Section 441 and the north one-half of Section 392, both in Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Scurry County Court

There were 45 cases heard in Scurry County Court during November, December and January.

The 20 cases heard on November 14 included a 38-year-old male who pleaded guilty to DWI. He was fined $250, $236 in court costs — probated for one year and DWI school.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to theft. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, $210.25 court costs and $200 restitution.

A 35-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. H e was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus one-year driver's license suspension and $211 in court costs.

A 32-year-old male pleaded guilty to evading arrest. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and $235. Court costs.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced 30 days in jail plus $236 court costs.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to theft. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus $210.25 court costs and $1,100 restitution.

A 20-year-old female pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. She was sentenced to 10 days jail time and $211 court costs.

A 30-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to revoke probation DWI. He was sentenced to 3 days in jail plus $224.25 court costs and a $500 fine.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to criminal trespass. He was fined $200 plus 60 days jail time probated for one year and $236 court costs.

A 33-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of prohibited weapon. He was sentenced to 30 days jail time probated for six months plus $236 court costs and fined $200.

A 37-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus 180 days driver's license suspension and $210.25 court costs.

A 26-year-old male pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was sentenced to one-year deferred probation plus a $750 fine and court costs of $236.

A 24-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year, $236 court costs plus a fine of $250.

A 74-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus 90 days driver's license suspension and court costs of $211.

A 28-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to days in jail and court costs of $210.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation plus $236 court costs and a fine of $100.

A 53-year-old male pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was sentenced to one year deferred probation, $236 court costs plus a $1,000 fine.

A 22-year-old female pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. She was sentenced to six months deferred probation court costs of $235.25 and a fine of $100.

A 41-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated 18 months plus DWI school, $236 court costs and a $500 fine.

A 31-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year, $236 court costs and a $100 fine.]

On Dec. 5, four cases were heard including a 42-year-old female who pleaded guilty to DWI. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus 90 days driver's license suspension and $211 court costs.

A 32-year-old male pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was sentenced to one-year deferred probation plus $236 court costs and a $300 fine.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to adjudicate guilt (accident involving damage to a vehicle. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and $235.25 court costs.

A 35-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to one-year deferred probation plus $236 court costs and a fine $100.

Nine cases were heard on Dec. 12. Included in those cases were a 23-year-old male who pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was sentenced to one-year deferred probation plus $235.25 court costs and a fine of $750.

A 33-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail plus 180 days driver's license suspension and $211 court costs.

A 27-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year, $236 court costs and a $100 fine.

A 35-year-old male pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was sentenced to two years deferred probation plus a fine of $1,500 and $211 in court costs.

A 23-yea-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year plus DWI school, $236 in court costs and a $500 fine.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus $211 in court costs.

A 24-year-old female pleaded guilty to DWI. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail in jail and 365 days driver's license suspension plus $211 court costs.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus $211 court costs.

A 24-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus $201 in court costs.

Twelve cases were heard on Jan. 9. The cases included a 40-year-old male who pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus 180 days driver's license suspension plus $211.

A 29-year-old male pleaded guilty to use of inhalants. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus 180-days driver's license suspension, $201 in court costs.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 5 days in jail plus 90 days driver's license suspension and $211 in court costs.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to adjudicate guilt. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus $235.25.

A 28-year-old female pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. She was sentenced to 5 days in jail and $201 in court costs.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and $211 court costs.

A 27-year-old male pleaded guilty to evading arrest. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail and $211 in court costs.

A 30-year-old male pleaded guilty to assault, He was sentenced 20 days in jail probated for one year and court costs of $236.

A 21-year-old female pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail and $211 in court costs.

A 21-year-old female pleaded guilty to failure to identify. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail and $211 in court costs.

A 49-year-old male pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was sentenced to one-year deferred probation, $211 court costs plus a fine of $1,500.

White House tours resume on limited basis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tours of the White House resumed on a limited basis Friday for the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks, with first lady Laura Bush exchanging smiles and handshakes with dozens of wide-eyed, giggling school children.

"It's been sad and lonely without the voices of America here," Mrs. Bush said before greeting more than 100 students in a White House foyer.

Reopening to tours is a very important symbol, she said. "But I don't think it's a symbol that we are totally back to normal yet, as evidenced by the FBI alerts earlier this week."

White House tours had been suspended since the terrorist attacks as a precaution. For now, tours will be limited only to school groups that first make a request through a member of Congress.

Visitors must provide birth dates and Social Security numbers as part of a security background check.

"We're going to begin it with this; we'll see how it goes, hopefully more can be done," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "The president and Mrs. Bush would dearly love to be able to allow more visitors to come."

Mrs. Bush greeted students from the Aurora, Ill., school district and Bertie Backus Middle School in Washington. Also taking the tour was the family of Sarah Clark, a teacher at Backus who died on the hijacked plane that hit the Pentagon.

"The White House is an extraordinary symbol and it should be accessible," said Clark's fiance, John Milton Wesley. Clark was on her way to California with a student for a field trip when the terrorists struck.

The White House will welcome up to 800 students per day, from grades 4 through 12, for the self-guided tours.

After shaking hands with Mrs. Bush, Aurora eighth-grader Emma Sarbu told her she was visiting Capitol Hill and going shopping afterward.

"The tour was awesome. We were treated like celebrities," Sarbu said.

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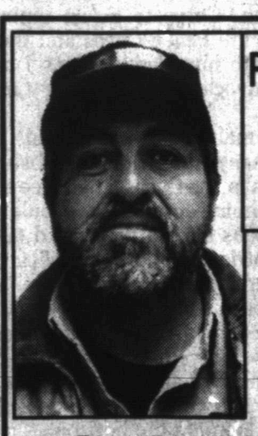
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FRANK YNGUANZO

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Frank Ynguanzo was born in Corpus Christi and went to school in Fluvanna, TX where he graduated in 1976. Frank and his wife Emily were married in 1983. Emily also is an employee with the City ofSnyder. Frank and Emily have two children. Erica, 17 years old and Joseph, 16 years old. Frank began working for the City of Snyder on June 3, 1998 as a Heavy Equipment Operator at the Landfill. Frank's hobby is spending time with his family. Frank was nominated by his fellow employees because he is very dedicated and reliable, and the Landfill is short 2 people and Frank is always ready to fill in whenever needed.

Date Books

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002

Today is the 47th day of 2002, and the 58th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 600, Pope Gregory the Great decrees that the phrase "God bless you" is the proper response to someone sneezing.

On this day in 1659, the first known check is written. Now on display at Westminster Abbey, the check was written for the sum of 400 pounds.

On this day in 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held their first-ever meeting in New York City. The first Exalted Ruler was George W. Thompson.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hugh Beaumont (1909-1982), actor; Sonny Bono (1935-1998), singer/congressman; Tracy Morrow (aka Ice-T) (1958 —, rap artist/actor, is 44; John McEnroe (1959 —), tennis player, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: The Los Angeles Lakers' Wilt Chamberlain becomes the first player in NBA history to reach 30,000 points, thanks to a goaltending call on Phoenix's Neal Walk. Coincidentally, a goaltending call on Chamberlain late in the contest costs his team the game, 110-109.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I guess there's a little part of me that's like, 'Wouldn't it have been nice if I'd received that adulation?' Well, I'm not as nice a guy as Wayne Gretzky." — John McEnroe

TODAY'S MOON: Between the new moon (Feb. 12) and the first quarter(Feb. 20).

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002

Today is the 48th day of 2002, and the 59th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1801, The U.S. House of Representatives voted in a special election to determine a winner between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, who finished the 1801 Presidential race tied in electoral votes. The House elects Jefferson, who thus became the second U.S. President.

On this date in 1854, the British Empire formally recognizes the independence of South Africa, which had previously been referred to as the Orange Free State.

On this date in 1913, Oregon passes the first minimum-wage law in the U.S.

On this date in 1933, Sen. Blaine of Wisconsin introduces an amendment to repeal the Prohibition (18th) Amendment to the Constitution. It passes 63-23 in the Senate, and 289-121 in the House. Thirty-nine states later ratified it, with only North Carolina and South Carolina dissenting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Red Barber (1908 — 1992), sports broadcaster; Hal Holbrook (1925 —), actor, is 77; Alan Bates (1934 —), actor, is 68; Jim Brown (1936 —), football player, is 66; Rene Russo (1954 —), actress, is 48; Michael Jordan (1963 —), basketball player, is 39; Denise Richards (1972 —), actress, is 30; Billie Joe Armstrong (1972 —), musician, is 30; Jerry O'Connell (1974 —), actor, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this date in 1943, legendary New York Yankees outfielder Joe DiMaggio enlists in the U.S. Army.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The game is my wife. It demands loyalty and responsibility, and it gives me back fulfillment and peace." — Michael Jordan.

TODAY'S MOON: Between the new moon (Feb. 12) and the first quarter(Feb. 20).

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DNA evidence implicates man

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — DNA tests that a man hoped would clear him in a 1999 rape and stabbing instead implicated him in that case and a second rape, prosecutors said.

Marshall Thomas' lawyer had ordered the tests in an attempt to prove that blood found on Thomas' pants was his own, not the victim's.

But the tests implicated Thomas, 44, in the crime and in a second, unsolved attack, prosecutor Eric Rhein said Thursday.

Thomas has been in jail since shortly after the 1999 crime.

His lawyer, Todd Schultz, did not immediately return calls Friday.

Stone visiting Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — Oliver Stone is in Cuba to research a possible documentary about the island, a producer with the project said.

The 55-year-old director arrived in Havana on Wednesday night and planned to stay for a week, producer Fernando Sulichin told The Associated Press. He offered no additional details.

Stone, who won Academy Awards for "Platoon" and "Born on the Fourth of July," met President Fidel Castro during a 1987 visit here for the screening of one of his earlier films, "Salvador."

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North of Forty by Red Green

Uncovering the cover-up

I used to be kind of handy around the house. Fixing doors and windows and refinishing rec rooms, that kind of thing. I don't do much of that anymore, and I'll tell you why. It's not because the jobs have gotten more difficult. It's because I've run out of energy to do the cover-up work.

I'm not talking about the job itself. I'm talking about the repairs you have to make to the repairs. Adding yet another strip of molding to cover that gap around the window you just replaced.

Trying to clean the paint overspray off the refrigerator door and then eventually having to buy a large-enough 'fridge magnet to cover it. Putting in lower wattage light bulbs so your poor workmanship is hidden under the cover of darkness.

Or in the absolute worst case, having to lie to a professional repairman about what was done and who done it. One of the most painful revelations as we get older is that we're running out of time to correct our mistakes. Thank goodness my wife is willing to help me in that area.

LOCAL AMNESTY

I saw an item on the news this week in which a person in the nation's capital had broken the law but had not been arrested or even charged because the individual was an ambassador from another country and, as such, was granted diplomatic immunity.

I discussed the situation with my neighbor, who's a college professor and has tenure, which means that no matter how badly he screws up his job, they can't fire him. So I'm thinking these rules should apply to marriage and family. Once you've been married for 15 years, you should be given tenure.

You can't be fired. You can't even be downsized unless your doctor recommends it. And once you become grandparents, you should be granted diplomatic immunity and cannot be punished for spoiling your grandchildren. Hopefully these changes would put an end to elderly divorcees being disciplined by their own children. Bad news for "The Jerry Springer Show."

MORE LIFE LESSONS

Life continues to be full of surprises, but the surprises change as we age. Here are a few I've noticed of late:

— People in front of me drive too slowly. People behind me drive too fast.

— Before I eat spicy food, I have to think about what I'll be doing the next day.

— Belts are no longer used to hold my pants up. They're now used to hold my stomach in.

— It's easier to listen to gossip than to read the newspaper.

— Daylight-saving time is not enough for me. We need to turn the clocks ahead every night.

— I'm noticing that the world has a lot more young people and a lot fewer old people than it did when I was in my 20s.

A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

I have an idea that I think will better prepare couples to spend their lives together. Before you get married, go down to the police station, and, while you're checking the rap sheet on each other, find the police artist and ask him for a favor.

This guy has a special computer that enables him to take an old picture of a suspect and then age it to give the police a better idea of what the perp looks like now. Get him to do a similar thing for each of you.

Have him look at you today and then generate a picture of what you'll both look like in 50 years. It's better to know now. You'll be ready for the horrible truth, and it'll make you think twice about getting glasses later.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "You know times have changed when you spend Father's Day helping your son bleach his hair." — **Red Green**

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Letter to the Editor

Why come to America

Dear Editor:

It must be extremely difficult for those who come to America to forget their homeland. But all Americans except the Indians came from some other culture. But I ask one question, why did you come to America?

As I sit here in my country
Where I can pray and be free
I remember I am English, Irish, German
All are honorable you must agree.
As are all races of man made by God
But to remain free I must an American be
Otherwise I will be miserable.
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A poet I am not as you can see.
My allegiance is to America
Land to which all flee.
I hope you can American be.

A loyal American
Surry Gillum

Eventful time

Dear Editor:

January was a very eventful month for me and my household. Beginning Jan. 11, I was airlifted to Abilene Regional Hospital after I was seen in the emergency room at Cogdell Hospital. The physicians, nurses, technicians, admitting staff at Cogdell Hospital were so attentive and Home Health has been wonderful.

After a week in the Abilene Hospital I was scheduled for heart surgery the following week. Everything went so well and I am home recovering.

The calls from my co-workers, friends, neighbors were so uplifting, the visits, cards, prayers and food made an intense time so much easier to bear. However I was contacted please know how much I appreciate each of you.

Snyder is a very special place and we are happy to be here. May God bless each of you and again my thanks to all.

Mae Cole

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American Statesman

Amtrak funding

Faced with the financial derailment of the nation's rail-passenger system, a congressionally appointed panel has concluded that Amtrak can never be a commercial success and should be scrapped. The Amtrak Reform Council, in a report issued last week, recommended that the rail-passenger business be turned over instead to a complicated patchwork of private operators.

The council's plan studiously ignores the real causes of Amtrak's plight, and so misses the obvious solution.

What's needed for a successful rail-passenger system in the United States is money, not structural re-shuffling. Amtrak needs money for capital investment and money for operating shortfalls. But Congress for 30 years has shortchanged its rail-passenger creation in pursuit of a delusion that — unlike any other rail-passenger system in the world — it could be self-sufficient on its ticket revenues.

Amtrak's financial prospects, always made untenable by skimpy congressional support, have become life-threatening. The system's management has put Congress and the public on notice that unless it can get $1.2 billion in the 2003 budget year (the presidential budget suggests less than half that amount), the system will be cut back to nothing outside the Northeast Corridor on Oct. 1. That means no long-distance trains anywhere west of Washington, including the thriving Texas Eagle, the Chicago-San Antonio train that daily serves Austin.

Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has always been a reliable friend to the national rail-passenger system, but she's said that without the long-distance routes, she can no longer support Amtrak. That's a good indication that the proposed retrenchment would spell Amtrak's end.

San Antonio Express News

Bush's relationship with Arafat

President Bush was entirely correct to rebuff the call by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to sever ties with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Sharon made the request during his visit to the United States this week.

Bush's approach of pressuring Arafat to fight terrorism is a more appropriate path for this nation.

Arafat obviously has become an ineffective leader for the Palestinian people but, at this point, he is the only one they have.

Should Bush and the American people have a choice, they undoubtedly would prefer to deal with a different Israeli leader as well. But the Israeli people have elected Sharon, and, thus, this nation must try to deal with him.

The truth is that the Israeli and Palestinian people probably will face the current sad and murky plight until both sides have new leadership. That is an outcome this nation does not control.

But cutting off relations with Arafat, as this nation learned in the 1980s, would offer no constructive solution.

The San Angelo Standard Times

Paying for public education

Paying for public education is one of the most important functions of state government, and one of the most difficult.

Lawmakers relearn that lesson every time they try to improve the existing system, and learned it again in Austin in recent weeks as an interim committee heard testimony and weighed proposals.

Not surprisingly, no magical answer has emerged. Indeed, it would be surprising if the Legislature were to adopt a new funding formula in the next session, because traditionally action only has come when the courts forced it.

That will happen again in four years, one education consultant warned lawmakers recently, as a substantial majority of districts bump up against the $1.50 per $100 valuation tax cap. The result, many say, is that it would effectively be a state income tax, which is prohibited by the constitution.

Presumably lawmakers could simply raise the cap, thus allowing the continuation of the current plan that equalizes funding by having wealthy school districts send money to poorer ones. But in some of the more interesting testimony given at a hearing, one expert put into figures the argument against higher property taxes that ordinary citizens feel in their bones.

Malcolm Richards, director of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, said that property taxes have increased 367 percent in the past two decades. Moreover, school property taxes have risen from 49 percent of all property taxes levied in 1981 to 58 percent last year. Richards argues convincingly that the high rate adversely affects property values.

A few proposed changes surfaced at the hearings. State Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, suggested that experts should determine how much a basic education costs, and then the state would fund that entire amount. Local districts could add whatever they want.

But that would lead to precisely the kind of disparity that the courts found unconstitutional in the 1970s.

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, said the state should pay the entire cost, which is the right goal. But he didn't say how that could be done. And it must be noted that George W. Bush, when he was an extremely popular governor, tried to shift the funding burden back to Austin and was unsuccessful.

The Odessa American

Bush's call for volunteer work

The spirit of volunteerism could be ruined by forced duties.

President Bush's announcement that he has formed the USA Freedom Corps to be an umbrella for AmeriCorps, the Senior Corps, the Peace Corps and the newly formed Citizen Corps (to help with homeland security) has already convinced some longtime advocates of mandatory national service that their day has come.

National service has the ring of a call to higher duty that, on its face, many Americans will rush to embrace. However, in all of its various forms this is a bad idea that Americans who value freedom and genuine community should resist.

Citizens should pause and take a deeper look at true service, true patriotism and the implications of mandatory service.

Several congressmen have already introduced legislation to bring back some form of the military draft. With sour memories of the inequities of the draft during Vietnam still alive and with Defense Secretary Rumsfeld's comment that conscription is not really needed and maybe not desirable in the specialized military of the 21st century such proposals are not likely to have "legs." But others loom on the horizon.

Last fall two Republican congressmen, Nick Smith of Michigan and Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania, introduced a "Universal Military Training and Service Act." It would require all males aged 18 to 22 to "receive basic military training and education as a member of the armed forces" for "not less than six months," with possible extensions and a continuing "call-back" obligation.

Those with religious or moral objections to military service would be required to participate in "a national service program."

Saints and Sinners by George R. Plagenz

Mother knows best

After President Bush choked on a pretzel recently, he recalled that his mother had told him as a boy to "always chew your food thoroughly before you swallow it."

Many of us had parents who told us the same thing. "Chew it good," my father repeated at the dinner table when we were growing up. He was following the advice of a food faddist named Fletcher who recommended chewing each mouthful 40 times before swallowing it. His method was known as "Fletcherizing."

The Rev. Sylvester Graham, a 19th-century Presbyterian minister best remembered for Graham crackers, taught that food should be cool and chewed slowly and thoroughly.

If the president's mother was like most mothers, she also advised young George W. and his brother, Jeb, to "eat your vegetables" — an injunction that fell on deaf ears with her husband, the former president, who made famous the line, "I hate broccoli."

But more people (adults as well as children) are eating their vegetables today. The fear that mad cow disease could spread from England to this country, contaminating the meat supply, turned many toward vegetarianism.

There is another reason for the switch away from meat. The threat of a world food shortage in the 1960s raised the specter of compulsory vegetarianism. "Toward the end of the 20th century," said the director of the New York Board of Nutrition, "the United States will have to divert a large proportion of grain from animal feeds to direct human consumption."

It was pointed out that "when grain is passed through the stomach of an animal and we eat the meat, it takes about eight acres to produce as much food as we could get from one acre if we ate the food directly from the farmlands."

The food shortage never reached a critical stage here, but then environmentalists, with their eye on the future, began encouraging people to eat less meat. The last time the country went on a vegetarian kick was in the 19th century, but it was not the result of food shortages. Just the opposite.

"A cheap, abundant food supply and a robust habit of life sent our ancestors off on a gastronomic binge which knew no limits," said Gerald Carson in his book, "The Cornflake Crusade" (Ayer Co. Publishing, 1976).

The book tells the story of the food faddists — mostly clergymen and members of the evangelical sects — who brought ready-to-eat breakfast foods into the American home. Gluttony and the frying pan were ruining the American stomach. Midday dinner consisted of two meats, gravies, pickles, vegetables, cheese, bread and butter, topped off by pudding or pie.

The 19th-century man would have scorned the modern breakfast of orange juice, cereal, toast and coffee. He wanted two meats, bread and potatoes, pickles, and sometimes eggs, toast, hot cakes, biscuits and coffee.

The manner of eating was no more delicate than the quantity of food consumed. The American gentleman of the times, wrote Carson, "ate with blinding speed, shoveling his victuals in with his knife and afterwards cleaning his teeth with his pocketknife."

Vegetarians fall into several categories — those who eat no meat, those who eat a little meat and those who eat fish, but no meat. Their numbers have included Socrates, Plato, da Vinci, Einstein, Gandhi, John Milton, Robert Cummings, Gloria Swanson, the Beatles and George Bernard Shaw. Shaw, who lived to 94, became a vegetarian at the age of 25 and remained healthy throughout his life.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Runaway's good fortune is passed on to his kids

DEAR ABBY: I had to respond to the letter about runaways and the comment, "... and Johnny isn't going to stop acting out no matter how much everyone wishes differently."

Johnny knows only what he has learned at home. He is repeating his parents' example. Kids don't run away from love. They run from hell.

Abby, I was a four-time runaway. The fourth time, at age 12, was the charm. I never went back to hell again, which is what my home life was. Fortune smiled on me — I landed in a beautiful home for years. I graduated from high school and college with both B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Along the way, I went to California State Mental Hygiene Clinic for five years at $2 a session. What a bargain that was; the results made me the man I became. How sad we no longer have those clinics. Instead we have crime and prisons.

I raised my own family without corporal punishment or abuse. My four adult children grew up with an arm around their shoulders and hugs and reminders every day that they were dearly loved. It's gratifying to see them repeating that behavior in raising their own six children — my precious grandchildren. — "OLD RUNAWAY"

DEAR "OLD RUNAWAY": I wish everyone could find the inner stregth you did. Your experience proves that, with help, the pattern of abuse does not have to repeat itself from generation to generation. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was also a runaway. It was scary being alone in a strange town. I became involved with people I now would never associate with. After four months of trying to make it on my own, I went back home — and back to the same old problems.

Now that I am older, I'd never recommend running away. You can get counseling, either at school or your local mental health center. If you can't afford it, you will be charged according to your income, or at a very low rate.

I am still going to therapy for the things my parents did to me. I have made some good choices now and have raised a beautiful daughter.

For you teens who are reading this, please try to get help. If your friends aren't enough, take Dear Abby's advice — or learn from my story. There is always hope. —BEEN THERE IN OGDEN, UTAH

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DEAR ABBY: I have been taking college classes on and off for 15 years and will finally graduate in May. I will be the first college graduate in my family. I love my husband, but he has not been supportive of my goals. He's said many times that he is not interested in what goes on in my college classes.

My problem is, I need to choose an escort to walk with me during commencement. Even though my husband is the logical choice, I feel he doesn't care.

A true source of encouragement and support has been my father-in-law, "Max." Not only has Max paid for my college, he asks about it regularly and is very proud of my high grade-point average.

Abby, this may seem like an easy question for you, but I want to do the right thing. Who would you choose? — COLLEGE GRAD IN THE GARDEN STATE

DEAR COLLEGE GRAD: Ask Max. He's given you maximum support — emotionally as well as financially. I am sure he will be thrilled to escort you, and it's a thoughtful way for you to acknowledge all he has done for you.

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DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a mother whose daughter was a "plain Jane," constantly overlooked by boys who preferred her beautiful friend. That letter has stayed with me because I was a plain Jane compared to my best friend in high school. I'll call her Lisa. Lisa had more boys lined up than you can count. Every boy wanted to date her.

Luckily for me, my self-esteem has never been dependent upon my looks. As a result, my life has been 100 percent easier than my beautiful friend's has been. I have always thought of myself as funny and smart. Therefore, I WAS funny and smart around boys.

Lisa has struggled with anorexia since puberty. She has had a string of scummy boyfriends who treated her horribly. I have enjoyed honest, relaxed, fun-filled relationships with boys from high school through the present. I am now 22.

I implore the parents of girls to make sure their daughters feel valued for their intelligence and talent. Girls need to know it's OK to exploit their strengths. Parents can do that by making sure that their daughters know that being smart, athletic and funny are wonderful traits.

There is no reason why a mother should worry that her daughter is a plain Jane. It doesn't help matters to reinforce the idea that looks are everything. It's far more important to help a girl become a strong, confident person. The boys will discover her soon enough. — FABULOUS JANE, FAIRFAX, VA.

DEAR FABULOUS JANE: You and I were blessed with mothers who taught us early and often to value ourselves for the strengths and resources every girl has. However, many girls do not know how to appreciate and use their gifts and talents in pursuit of their goals.

The fact is, each one of us has qualities and abilities unique and genuinely beautiful, and far more important than makeup and clothing.

Last spring, I hosted a live Internet chat for the government's Girl Power! campaign at www.girlpower.gov. Girl Power! was created to help girls make it from childhood to adolescence without turning to unhealthy eating habits, drugs, depression or obsessions with unrealistic images of how they should look and act. It features Bodywise pages to help girls make the most of their physical and intellectual abilities, and feel good about who and what they are. Feeling good about oneself is a key ingredient for beauty.

There was once a neglected and unwanted little girl who often worried that she was a "plain Jane" or worse, but she made the most of what she had. Later on, she said this: "No one ever told me I was pretty when I was a child. All little girls should be told they're pretty, even if they aren't." We remember her as Marilyn Monroe, as pretty as any girl ever was.

So, a thought for the day: If you're an adult, make sure every girl you care about knows that she's smart and pretty and valued, and tell her why you think so. The secret to being beautiful is feeling beautiful; the secret to being successful is knowing that success is within your reach.

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DEAR ABBY: My father remarried eight years ago when I was 26. I have never figured out how to introduce his wife. She never filled a "motherly" role for me. I feel odd introducing her as my stepmother, so I end up saying, "This is my father and his wife, Blanche." I think she feels slighted by my approach. Do you have any appropriate suggestions? — NAME CALLER IN TEXAS

DEAR NAME CALLER: Ask Blanche what she would like to be called. It will make future introductions less awkward for you and other members of your family.

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World's young people query Powell about some hot issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking a step beyond the Bush administration, Secretary of State Colin Powell boldly encouraged the use of condoms by the sexually active during an interview with young MTV watchers from across the globe.

Powell was put on the spot by Daniela Sirtori, 19, a Roman Catholic in Milan, Italy. She wanted Powell to describe his thoughts about her church's stance on condom use. He grinned widely before answering.

"I certainly respect the views of the Holy Father and the Catholic Church," said Powell, who answered questions Thursday through a satellite link. "In my own judgment, condoms are a way to prevent infection, and therefore, I not only support their use, I encourage their use among people who are sexually active."

In making the comment, Powell waded into waters that the Bush administration has avoided. Bush health officials have advocated abstinence education along with other sexual education, but Bush has not spoken directly in favor of condom use.

At the State Department, deputy spokesman Philip Reeker said Powell and his wife have been very strong supporters of an organization called "Best Friends," which encourages abstinence in young people.

"Abstinence is an important part of health education for young people," Reeker said. "Secretary Powell believes that, the president believes that, the American government believes that. That's an important part of our policy.

"For those that are sexually active however, and there are those who are sexually active, as the secretary said, our dialogue encourages use of condoms as part of the solution to the HIV/AIDS crisis, which is a serious crisis affecting, and potentially affecting, millions of people all over the globe," Reeker said.

Powell said during the teleconference: "It is important that the whole international community come together, speak candidly about it, forget about taboos, forget about conservative ideas with respect to what you should tell young people about," Powell said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president does not object to what Powell said about condoms. "There's, of course, a group of people who are going to be sexually active no matter what anybody in the government, or anybody's family, says about abstinence. The president's point is they both need to be highlighted," Fleischer said.

As for Powell's remarks about taboos and conservative ideas, Fleischer said the secretary was speaking in a theological, rather than political, context.

The remarks brought instant criticism from some conservative groups.

"Colin Powell is the secretary of state, not the secretary of health," said James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family. "He is talking about a subject he doesn't understand. He clearly doesn't understand the science regarding condom efficacy."

Powell also fielded other questions about his personal views and was asked why he once said, "I ain't that black."

After a pause, Powell noted his relatively light complexion, but said he's black enough to have been thrown out of whites-only establishments while growing up in America, pre-civil rights.

"I consider myself an African-American, a black man," Powell said during the teleconference. "As I go about my job, what I say to people is, 'I'm the American secretary of state.' I don't say 'I'm the black secretary of state,' because it implies, 'Gee, is there a white one somewhere?'"

Race was one of the easier questions Powell fielded from 260 young people seated in studios in Washington; London; Moscow; Cairo, Egypt; New Delhi, India; Milan, Italy; and Sao Paulo, Brazil. Tougher ones were about AIDS, Iraq, the Middle East and the war on terror.

Ida Norheim-Hagtun, a 19-year-old Norwegian who was in the London studio, minced no words in asking Powell: "How do you feel about representing a country commonly perceived as the Satan of contemporary politics?"

"Seen as what?" Powell asked. "Satan? Oh."

Taken aback, he gathered his wits and fired back: "Far from being the great Satan, I would say we are the great protector."

Cleveland stockbroker back in custody

CLEVELAND (AP) — A judge denied bond Friday for a stockbroker who became a fugitive for a month after admitting he'd defrauded his clients.

U.S. Magistrate Judge William Baughman rejected defense arguments that Frank Gruttadauria, 44, should be released with electronic home monitoring.

In an affidavit, the FBI said Gruttadauria kept phony records for about 100 accounts held by 25 families. He allegedly reported inflated account values of $277 million over 15 years while working for several firms, including SG Cowen Corp. and Lehman Brothers.

He was charged with making false statements to a financial institution. Additional charges were possible, authorities said.

Around the time he fled on Jan. 11, the stockbroker left a note for the FBI admitting he mishandled his clients' accounts, authorities said. He had been renting an apartment in Colorado using the name of a friend who lost millions in the alleged scheme, they said.

Gruttadauria's lawyer, Roger Synenberg, said the stockbroker decided he didn't want to live on the run and returned to Cleveland, where for two days he secretly watched his children from outside his estranged wife's suburban home. He surrendered Feb. 9.

FCC appeals ruling blocking records release

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission on Friday appealed a court ruling blocking it from releasing documents that showed Democrats gave labor union donors veto power over campaign activities.

The FEC contends much of the information about its inquiry into political coordination between the Democratic National Committee and the AFL-CIO is already in the public domain, and citizens have a right to examine the documents.

The commission is appealing a Dec. 19 ruling by U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler ordering the documents kept private.

Kessler, siding with the union and Democrats, said there must be a claim of illegal activity for the court to consider revealing the names of union officials involved in the investigation.

The DNC and the AFL-CIO contend most of the thousands of pages of records contain proprietary information, including employees' names and details on campaign strategy.

The Associated Press reported in July that the documents showed AFL-CIO representatives served on state party steering committees to help approve or reject Democratic campaign activities.

The FEC began investigating the coordinated campaign activities in the 1996 elections after Republicans complained that the union illegally spent up to $35 million to help Democrats, working too closely with the party on ads and other campaign activities the money financed.

The commission ultimately determined that the ties between the DNC and the AFL-CIO were close but legal under a federal court decision setting a stricter standard for illegal coordination.

The FEC routinely releases documents from closed cases. In all, the commission planned to release at least 36,000 pages.

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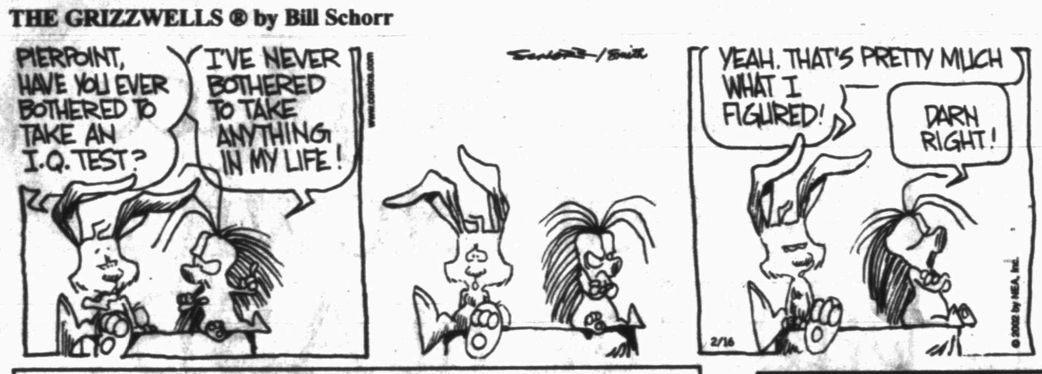
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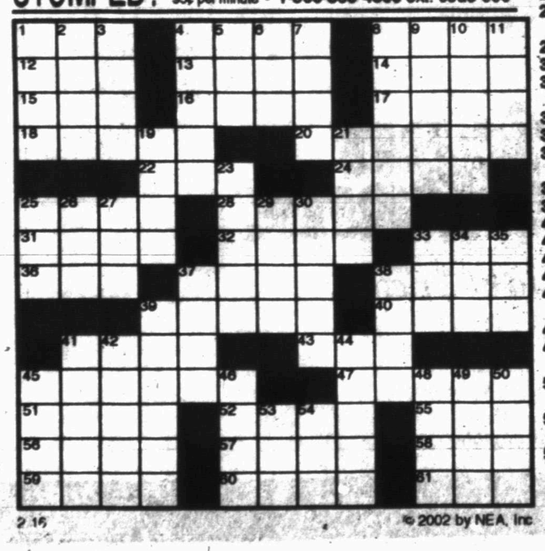
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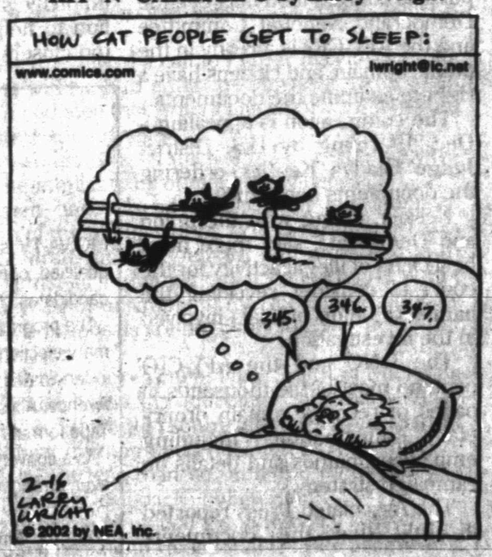
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Subsistence hunters would get priority

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Gov. Tony Knowles proposed a constitutional amendment that would give priority in the use of fish, game and other natural resources to Alaskans who hunt and fish for subsistence.

If approved, it would bring Alaska into compliance with federal law and allow the state to regain control of hunting and fishing on federal lands and waters in Alaska.

"The vast majority of Alaskans are united in demanding the opportunity to vote to protect the subsistence way of life," Knowles said Thursday in announcing the measure.

He called on the Legislature to vote to put the matter on the November ballot. Administration officials concede it will be a tough sell before the Legislature.

Drilling rights debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers hope to make a deal with oil companies, allowing them to swap their drilling rights off the central California coast for those in the Gulf of Mexico.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said Thursday that she and Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., will introduce legislation to allow the companies to recoup huge investments in offshore oil leases in California from Ventura County to southern San Luis Obispo County.

Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., whose district would be most affected by new drilling, will sponsor a similar bill in the House of Representatives.

The Senate bill would permanently ban drilling in 40 tracts off the California coast and turn them into ecological preserves.

The swap could cost the government up to $2.8 billion. Boxer said she hopes to introduce the legislation as part of a broad energy bill the Senate will take up in early March.

Boxer, Capps and 30 other California lawmakers on Thursday also filed legal documents in a lawsuit over the leases. A federal judge last year halted all oil and natural gas exploration, siding with California officials who adamantly oppose new drilling and who argued that the state has authority to restrict new exploration.

The decision left oil companies wondering whether they simply would lose the money they have invested.

The Bush administration recently decided to appeal last year's court ruling, arguing that the lease owners' property rights are at stake. The lawmakers oppose the appeal.

Boxer's legislation would require all the lease holders to agree to the swap and to end all outstanding lawsuits.

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If you get involved in a collective endeavor with others in the year ahead keep in mind that conditions and people are always changing. Go with the flow and the rewards will come with it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'll start out being that clear thinking person you always are, but somewhere along the way today everything could get murky. That'll be the time to call it quits. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 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) — If you're pulled into some sort of social involvement today where betting become a factor, don't get drawn into high stakes. Keep your wagers small and harmless.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There are a number of your objectives that will be achievable today. Unfortunately, however, you might not be of the mindset to do what it takes to attain them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could even the score today when an opportunity arises to distort something said by a person you dislike. If you do, you are not apt to like yourself too much and collect guilt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't assume everyone does business in the same manner as those with whom you're familiar. If you deal today with someone with whom you've never previously dealt, be on your toes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — What starts out as pooling your resources together for a simple cause today could get out of hand and develop into something objectionable. It'll only take one person to cause the feud.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Everything will go along smoothly today, until you run into someone whose ideas and philosophy clashes with yours. Don't engage in a conversation with this person in the first place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — People don't change, so don't naively expect too much from a person whose past history shows she or he is not the cooperative type. This individual will run true to form.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Although you'll want company today, what could throw a monkey wrench into your socializing desires is to do nothing about drawing friends to you. Make some plans and call pals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you start a project today, be certain you'll have the mental fortitude to finish it. If you get bored along the way, chances are it'll never get finished and be an eyesore for a long time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Getting together with friends or family could be a lot of fun today, so long as you don't venture onto subjects about which you have opposite opinions. Then it could be war.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — That cooperation you're expecting among family members is likely to be rather sparse in your household today, so don't expect any in the first place, and you won't be disappointed.

Monday, Feb. 18, 2002

Something pertaining to your work or career for which you've been hoping has an excellent chance of fulfilling itself in the year ahead. Do your part to help bring it into being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — In situations where you need to be emphatic, you could be wishy-washy instead. Faint touches won't suffice where bold strokes are required. Be stalwart when called for. 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) — This could be one of those days when your imagination runs rampant, and you envision only negative outcomes in all of your affairs. Sullenness will produce depression, not protection.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Those glasses you're wearing at this time could be distorting your ability to discern what is of value to you and what isn't. Today's appealing items could end up being merely dust collectors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Rather than behave in a way that you think might impress others, let the real you emerge. You will be perceived as disingenuous if you are phony. It will hurt your image, not enhance it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unfortunately, as you attempt to sort out your thinking, you might reveal thoughts to someone who can't recognize what shouldn't be repeated to others. Be careful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A little self-examination could be in order today. If you haven't been as cordial as you should toward someone with whom you have to rub shoulders, straighten up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your associates will perceive indecisiveness — being wishy-washy or stalling on your part. Have good reasons to tell them why you're holding out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you have any doubts in your mind as to how to handle a certain job that you're charged with doing , ask as many probing questions as necessary to clarify the task at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A leopard isn't about to change his or her spots, so when in the company of someone who has a history of being deceitful, keep your guard up. Don't be naive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Sometimes it's easier to promise people anything in order to get them off of your back, and this could happen to you today. Insincere commitments could lead to serious problems down the line.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your attention span early in the day may leave a lot to be desired. You might want to wait until later to tackle any task that needs undivided focus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Unless you're on your toes, and diligent about your spending habits this could turn out to be an expensive day for you. Be protective of your resources.

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Bentsen accused of helping kill bill

HOUSTON (AP) — The campaign for Republican John Cornyn, seeking a U.S. Senate seat, has accused Democratic U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen of helping kill an amendment to a bill that would have required federal regulation of Enron Corp.'s energy derivatives.

"The Democrats have been looking for a quid pro quo in the Enron affair. This appears to be it," said Cornyn spokesman David Beckwith.

Bentsen countered that Beckwith is a political "hired gun" engaged in "slash-and-burn" politics.

Bentsen said he was a co-sponsor of the commodities bill, which reflected the position of the Clinton administration and ultimately was carried in the Senate by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

"To make an inference of quid pro quo as Mr. Beckwith is trying to do is pretty distasteful," Bentsen told the Houston Chronicle for its Friday editions. "In this lame attempt to tie this (legislation to Enron), what goes unsaid is the real story is that Enron's problems had little or nothing to do with its energy trading business."

Former Enron Chairman Ken Lay contributed $1,000 to Bentsen's campaign fund a month before the vote on the derivatives amendment was taken, Beckwith noted. Bentsen has received a total of $42,000 from Enron's political committees and employees. He has said he plans to return $2,000 he received in the current election cycle.

Cornyn, who is Texas attorney general, has received about $188,000 from Enron and intends to keep the money. He recused himself from the state's investigation of Enron.

Bentsen is one of three Democratic front runners seeking the seat being vacated by Gramm, who is retiring. Cornyn is the leading candidate in the Republican primary.

At issue was an exemption to the federal regulation of energy derivatives that was pushed through the Commodities Future Trading Commission in 1992 when Gramm's wife, Wendy, was chairwoman. Wendy Gramm joined the Enron board of directors shortly after the leaving the commission in 1993.

The House Banking Committee debated a commodities bill in July 2000 that would have put the CFTC exemption into law.

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., offered an amendment to remove the energy-derivatives exemption from the bill. The committee rejected the amendment.

Bentsen, "who took issue with Maloney's amendment, suggested the issue would be best addressed in the context of comprehensive electricity deregulation legislation," according to a National Journal's Congressional Daily story handed out by Cornyn's campaign.

He said the debate essentially involved a "turf war" between the CFTC and the New York Mercantile Exchange. He said keeping the status quo benefited all energy trading companies, not just Enron and changes would have driven that business out of the United States.

The bill was enacted into law in December 2000.

Senate in Alabama wants Commandments displayed

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The Alabama Senate voted unanimously to require every public school in the state to post the Ten Commandments along with other historical documents.

Republican Sen. George Callahan, who sponsored the bill, said it aims "to teach our children where our laws come from."

Along with the Ten Commandments, Alabama's 1,445 public schools would have to display the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights.

The measure passed the Senate 28-0 Thursday and still needs the approval of the House and governor. Gov. Don Siegelman, a Democrat, has not said whether he would sign the bill.

On Jan. 31, the Senate approved a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow any state building, including public schools, to display the Ten Commandments. That legislation is awaiting action in the House.

Callahan said that legislation faces serious legal challenges because it displays the Ten Commandments alone.

"When the Ten Commandments are by themselves, people tend to look at them as a religious display and not as a source document for our laws," he said.



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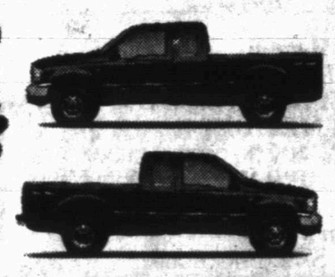
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