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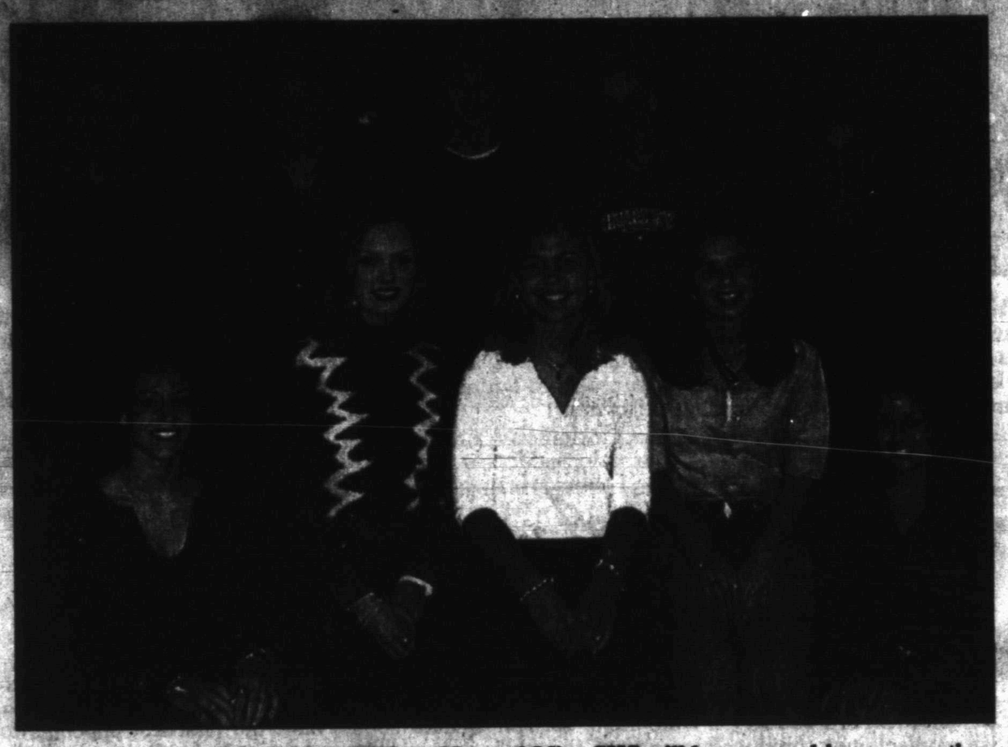
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CORONATION 2002...



MR. AND MISS SHS NOMINEES — Mr. and Miss SHS will be crowned in a coronation Thursday at the Worsham Auditorium where class favorites and club and sports sweethearts will also be recognized. Nominees for Mr. and Miss SHS include (from left) seated, Loryn Brown, Stormy Clark, Vanessa Freeman, Ashley Owen and Kate Wright. Standing are Nick Landes, Wade Pinson, Jay Scott, Tate Thompson and Jason Williams. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ceremony to honor classroom favorites

Snyder High School's annual coronation will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the Jerry P. Worsham Auditorium where Mr. and Miss SHS will be crowned after recognition of class favorites and sweethearts.

Nominees for Miss SHS are Loryn Brown, Stormy Clark, Vanessa Freeman, Ashley Owen and Kate Wright. Mr. SHS nominees are Nick Landes, Wade Pinson, Jay Scott, Tate Thompson and Jason Williams.

Musical entertainment will include *From This Moment On,* by R.J. Sanders and Shannon Chambers, and *I Will Remember You,* by Haley Holmes.

Master of ceremonies will be Brad Vincent, drama instructor.

Winning spelling word familiar to champion

In an unusual twist, the 2002 Scurry County Spelling bee champion spelled her name to claim victory.

In the final round of the bee held this morning at the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College and with two spellers remaining – Megan Crisp, eighth grader, misspelled "rosy." Raven Luna, fourth grader, correctly spelled "spruce" and then "raven," the next word on the list, to win.

Luna, who was the runner-up in East's bee, is the daughter of Delia Rodriguez and Robert Luna. Crisp's parents are Valerie and Bert Crisp. She won the junior high bee.

The bee consisted of 10 rounds with serious spelling getting underway at 9:33 a.m., following introductions, the drawings of numbers for contestants, explanation of rules and a practice round.

Two spellers were eliminated in the first round. Four more fell in round two and then two missed a word each in round three. Two spellers were eliminated in the fourth round. One speller missed a word in round five and no one was eliminated in round six. The seventh round had one speller miss and two more were eliminated in round eight. Only Crisp and Luna remained in rounds nine and 10.

Luna now advances to the regional bee March 9 at the McInturff Center in Lubbock.

Contestants included fourth through eight graders from Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools.

Rebekah Thornton, fifth grade teacher at Northeast, pronounced the words. Helpers from Western Texas College's English Department included Janet Halbert, head judge; Dr. Ed Barkowsky, dictionary and recording judge; and Matthew Rose and Melanie Graf, judges.

Contestants represented the first and second place winners at each campus bee. The exception was Ira where the first place elementary bee winner, sixth grader Kaci Waller, did not compete because of a stock show conflict.

Laura Juarez, sixth grader who finished third, substituted for Waller.

Also competing were fifth grader Dusty Holt, the second place elementary bee winner.

Spellers representing Ira Junior High were two eighth graders – Terryn Autry who won the campus bee, and Jordan Lollar, who was the runner-up.

Two fourth graders represented Hermleigh Elementary. They included first place campus winner Naomi Arellano and Dustin Dacus, campus runner-up.

Junior high representatives included eighth grader Samantha Berry, first place campus winner, and Alicia Culp, seventh grader and runner-up.

Northeast's top speller, fifth grader Jared Cave, and runner-up Ashley Hagins, also a fifth grader, were in the spell-off.

Representing East besides Luna was fourth grader Jonathan Kerr who was the campus winner.

West winners who competed in the spell-off included sixth graders Devin Davidson and Adam Calvert. Davidson won the campus bee. Calvert was the runner-up.

In addition to Crisp, Daniela Garcia also represented Snyder Junior High School. She was the runner-up in the campus bee.

Jonathan Kerr, winner of East Elementary's campus bee, also competed.



TOP SPELLER — Fourth grader Raven Luna, left, won Scurry County's Spelling Bee this morning at Western Texas College. The runner-up is eighth grader Megan Crisp. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying and driving too fast. You have to drive fast to be first in line to order or get the bargains."

Probably another sign that things are returning to normal in the U.S. is our ability to laugh once again.

Inept criminals help in this regard. Take for example, these stories from the Texas State Trooper magazine and the Texas Parks and Wildlife newsletter.

—When an 18-year-old decided to enter the safecracking business in California, he apparently picked the wrong safe.

After spending the night in an unsuccessful attempt to open a vault door, he left the owner a brief note, "Good safe."

A detective took the note to a lab where fingerprints were identified as those of an El Cajon resident who was appearing in court soon on another charge. When the case was settled, officers were waiting on the attempted burglary charge.

—Two game wardens in Chambers County were returning from a training session when they heard a report to be on the lookout for a man in a vehicle on I-10 who was exposing himself to female motorists.

As it turned out, the vehicle was right in front of the game wardens. They pulled him over and contacted local authorities. While searching the vehicle, they found a deer carcass. The man now faces charges of untagged deer and possession of deer with the sex removed.

—A Utah man must have been looking for a spot in the DWI hall of fame – or the local cemetery.

He was arrested after an unusual crash. Officers observed the inebriated driver weaving in and out of traffic. When they tried to stop him, he drove onto a sidewalk and then straight up a sharply-angled steel guy wire supporting a power pole.

The vehicle went an estimated 50 feet up the wire before losing its balance and falling to the ground, upside down.

The driver was uninjured, apparently because he was so well sedated. Two hours after the crash, medical personnel said the man's blood alcohol content was six times above the legal limit.

—Locally, we wondered about the two teens from Big Spring who wanted to drive so badly they wouldn't stop for law enforcement officials in a chase that ended near the Scurry County Courthouse.

When that age, we were more interested in parking than driving.

County coliseum...

Banners to be used to raise money for annex improvements

Scurry County Coliseum manager Whit Parks said Tuesday local businesses can expect to hear from him soon — if they haven't already.

Parks sent letters last week to Snyder businesses offering the opportunity to advertise via billboards in the facility's annex.

"We are trying to raise money for improvements without tapping the county's budget," Parks said. "So far things are going well with good response from the community and area businesses. I'm tickled to death with how things are going."

Parks said the four-foot by eight-foot billboards will hang on rails around the annex. The annual fee for the signs is $500.

"This money is going to make our arena a lot better," Parks said. "We plan to purchase new chutes and other equipment that will not only make the facility look better, but will also improve the safety of the annex."

Parks said he plans to follow up on the letters with a visit to each business that received one.

"I'm trying to get out and see them all face to face," he said. "I want to make sure they know that they are going to see their money going to work."

Larger companies also could be approached as corporate sponsors for the coliseum and events to be held inside, Parks said.

"We're considering talking to some bigger companies like Coca-Cola to have them help sponsor events in the coliseum," he said. "We just decided to try some new things to generate some revenue and now we're ready to get rolling."

Parks added that the coliseum and annex facilities are being booked often and he believes it will only get busier. Businesses interested in becoming a sponsor can contact Parks at the coliseum office or call 573-9811.

Lindh pleads innocent to conspiracy

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — John Walker Lindh pleaded innocent today to a 10-count federal indictment that charged him with conspiring to kill Americans while a Taliban soldier, and aiding Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

"Not guilty, sir," Lindh said after U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III asked, "How do you plead to all the charges."

His parents, John Lindh and Nancy Walker, were there for the arraignment, as they had been for his previous court appearances. Also present were Johnny and Gail Spann, the parents of CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann, who was killed in a prison uprising in Mazar e-Sharif.

Lindh no longer has the shaved head that he had in his initial appearances and his black hair, still closely cropped, was starting to grow back. He was clean-shaven, a sharp contrast from televised images of him from Aghanistan.

ASK US

Q—What is the storage capacity of all the water towers in Snyder?

A—1.3 million gallons.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 53; low, 27; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 31; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, low near 30; SE winds 5-10 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy, high 60-65; light S winds, then SW 10-20 mph. Thursday night, cloudy, low 30-35.



Vanessa Martinez
Cloudy

Sunset:
6:29 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:26 a.m.
Of 43 days in 2002, the sun has shone 40 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It's a very short trip. While alive, live.
—Malcolm Forbes

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Hit-and-run driver sought

NEW YORK (AP) — Police searched today for the driver of a car who injured 19 people — including a 10-year-old girl — in a series of hit-and-run accidents in Manhattan. The pedestrians suffered minor injuries.

The ordeal began Tuesday afternoon, when a man driving a Buick Regal with New Jersey license plates hit three people in a crosswalk at 34th Street near Pennsylvania Station, police department spokesman Sgt. James Foley said.

"He came flying down 34th and took the corner hard, man," Trey Barnes, 26, told the Daily News. "I saw two people fly up into the air."

A police officer on patrol stopped the vehicle, but as he approached, the driver took off southbound on Seventh Avenue.



VALENTINE DAY — Valentine Day for veterans at Big Spring's VA Hospital will be a little cheerier thanks to West sixth graders in Jo Ann Williams' and Beverly Robertson's social studies classes who made special valentines for them. Mrs. Bettsey Robertson and Mrs. Paula Hatfield will deliver them. Students pictured from left are Mark Aguilar, Mark Maynard and Randy Stansell. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Scurrying Around Snyder

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

Ever since Richard Cadbury, a British confectioner, produced the first box of Valentine's chocolate in 1868, sweethearts around the world have been known to swoon when receiving this now-traditional Saint Valentine's Day gift.

This year on Feb. 14, an estimated 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be exchanged in the United States alone.

The ancient Mayan and Aztec civilizations discovered the delights of coca as long ago as AD600. They prized the beverage chocolatl, which was made from roasted cocoa beans, water and spices, such as chili pepper. Coca beans also served as currency for early Mayans. Four beans could buy a pumpkin, 100 a slave.

When Spanish conquistador Hernando Cortes came upon Mexico and the Aztec Empire in 1517, Emperor Montezuma served the Spaniard chocolatl in a golden goblet. After Cortes introduced the beverage to his homeland in 1528, it soon became a fashionable drink of the rich. Spanish monks soon replaced the chili pepper with other ingredients, such as cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar. The Spanish guarded their new beverage, and it took nearly a century for chocolate to spread across Europe.

Chocolate remained a beverage until early Victorian times, when an English company perfected a technique for making "eating chocolate."

Today, Europeans seem to have the heartiest appetites for chocolate. In Switzerland the average per capita consumption is 22.4 pounds, tops in the world close behind are Germany, Belgium, Denmark and Great Britain. The United States ranks ninth, at 12.2 pounds per person.

So when you present that box of chocolate to your sweetheart, just remember that you are doing your part to maintain or country's per capita consumption level!

Excerpts from an article by Joseph F. Wilkinson in The Rotarian, February 2002.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
18-21-16-17
Bonus number 5
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
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A basket of kitchen related goodies will be auctioned at approximately 6 p.m.

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In the Napoleonic era, it took about four hours to send a message from Paris to Rome by semaphore.

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LOCAL BAND WINS — Johnny Rodriguez, a member of Conjunto Mi Gusto, holds the trophy the band won Sunday at the annual Battle of Bands held at the Fat Sunday Carnival in Lubbock. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder band wins top award

One of Snyder's bands, Conjunto Mi Gusto, beat out five bands Sunday to win the battle of the bands at the Fat Sunday Carnival in Lubbock. The annual event is sponsored by area Catholic churches.

The event took place at Fourth Street and Toledo.

Conjunto Mi Gusto was named the top band in 1998 and won second place in 1999. The group did not compete in 2000 or 2001.

Members include Johnny Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez Jr., Carlos Serrano, Santo Ruiz, Humberto Sanchez and Jordan Rodriguez.

Conjunto Mi Gusto will play at the VFW club on Thursday, Valentine's Day.

McAllen hospital owes large debt

McALLEN (AP) — Mission Hospital Inc. and the city of Mission are negotiating payment of a long-ignored 1981 debt of more than $400,000.

Officials from the city and hospital said they knew of the $406,000 debt from the sale of a building and equipment, but no one at the city had pursued repayment until independent auditors started going over the hospital's books and contacted the city.

The money owed by the privately-owned hospital is from the 1981 sale of the original city-owned Mission Municipal Hospital building, property and equipment.

City finance director Steve Austin said in a story in today's editions of The Monitor in McAllen that the city auditors have long been aware of the debt but were never able to act on it.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen retreats to boyfriend's to escape stepfather's abuse

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school. My mother is married to an alcoholic who periodically gets very drunk and screams unprintable things at me until I'm huddled crying on the floor. He hates me and has threatened to hurt me on at least two occasions. He refuses to get counseling or go to AA. Mom has been present during some of these episodes.

About a year ago, I started dating a guy who is very supportive. Because of the situation at my house, I have started going to his house every day after school and returning as late as possible. Sometimes I tell Mom the truth about where I am; sometimes I tell her I'm working late at school. I am editor in chief of our school paper, so this isn't unusual.

Abby, I know my mother is very hurt by the fact I'm never home. She gets angry and accuses me of avoiding home because I don't want to do chores. How can she say that when she knows how her husband treats me? I am under so much stress my grades are starting to drop. What can I do to make her less upset? How can I spend more time with her before I leave for college? Please help. — **TORN IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR TORN: Your mother blames your absence on an unwillingness to do household chores because she's in denial about how her husband's drinking and temper have affected you. If she can place blame on you, she won't have to address her failure as a parent to protect you from his abuse.

I see nothing to be gained by lying to her. She bears some of the responsibility for this. Tell her where you're spending your time and why. Explain that your boyfriend's house is a safer place for you because you don't have to fear threats and verbal abuse.

If you want to spend more time with your mother before you leave for college, do it away from the house. An excellent place for both of you to start would be Al-Anon. It is listed in your local phone book. As for your dropping grades, I urge you to find a teacher or counselor at school in whom you can confide. Talking it out will help — and in one more semester you'll be away from the pressure. I wish you much success.

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DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed your annual New Year's piece, "Just for Today," based on the original credo of Al-Anon. Something about the idea of trying each day to be a better person in 2002 prompted me to spontaneously call my long-estranged brother, "Phil." He lives only 30 miles from me, but he's always been millions of miles away emotionally.

Four years my junior, Phil and I never bonded as children. Our father was harsh and rejecting. He was a driven workaholic who never displayed affection, nor did our mother. I married just as Phil graduated from high school. We saw very little of each other after that.

It has come to me in these golden years of my life that inclusiveness is better than exclusiveness, forgiveness is better than resentment, and civil communication is better than silence.

I made the call. We chatted on a somewhat superficial level, but I'm glad I did it. Now if my brother ever wishes to call me, he knows he will get a warm, positive response. Many thanks for the reminder, Abby. — **JOYCE IN SACRAMENTO**

DEAR JOYCE: You started the year off right, extending your hand in friendship. Bravo! Whatever will be, will be.

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Nolan Ryan was the first major-league baseball player to earn a salary of $1 million. He started earning that amount playing for the Houston Astros in 1979.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 357 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 7 sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $1 better. Trading and demand were good.

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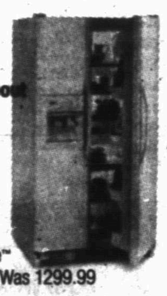
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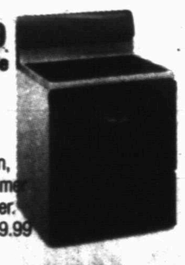


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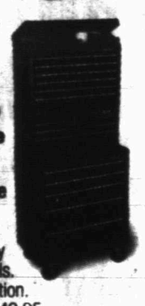


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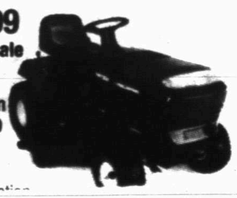
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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

Speed skaters add two medals to U.S. total

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Officially, it's the XIX Winter Games — which may be one X too many.

Moguls skier Travis Mayer, sailing down the bumpy course on the last run of the day, grabbed a silver medal Tuesday in yet another of the X-Games crossover sports that the Americans have dominated at the Salt Lake City Olympics — six medals in all.

But just when it seemed that the X-treme youngsters were having all the fun, American Casey FitzRandolph grabbed a gold and teammate Kip Carpenter a bronze in the 500 meter speedskating. FitzRandolph's close encounter with a lane pylon caused a brief scare, but couldn't keep him from victory in his second Olympics.

The U.S. team, through four days of competition, has an Olympics-high 9 medals: 3 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze. The U.S. snowboarders have captured four medals, including a gold, while Shannon Bahrke won a silver in the women's moguls.

"If you would have told me a few months ago that I would even make the Olympics, I wouldn't have believed you," fellow moguls medalist Mayer said. "It's something I never expected."

But it wasn't a good day for defending U.S. gold medalists. Mayer's teammate, Jonny Moseley, wound up in fourth place despite a scintillating run that included a near-perfect delivery of his gravity-challenging Dinner Roll.

"I thought it was a gold medal run," Moseley said afterward.

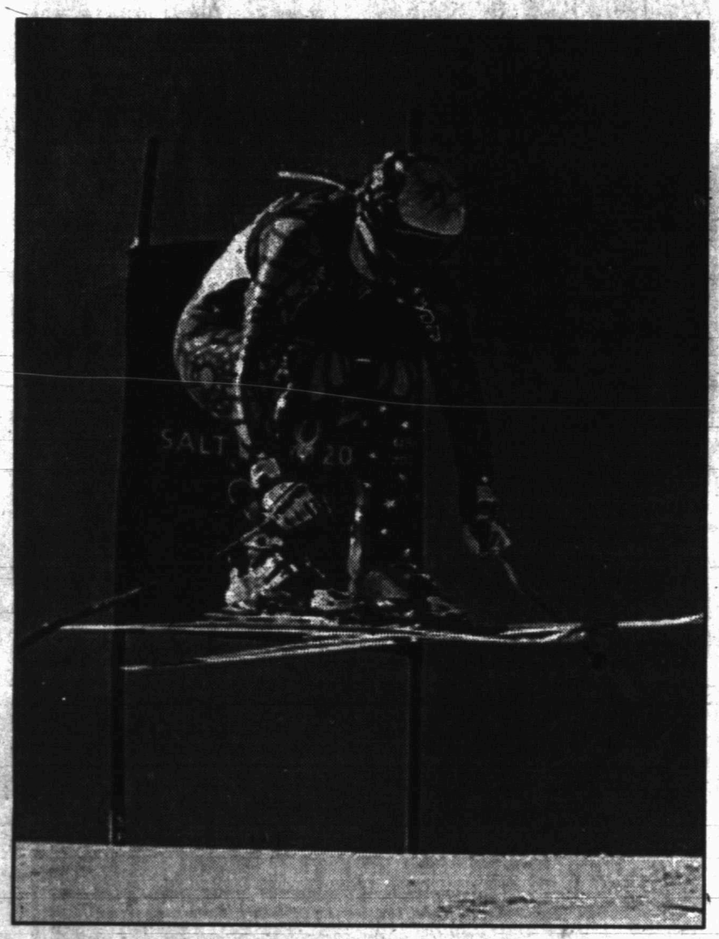
And Picabo Street, in her last Olympics, didn't come close to becoming the first American woman to win three Olympic skiing medals. Street, who won gold four years ago in the super giant slalom, finished 16th in the downhill — the event where she took a silver in 1994.

Mayer, just 19, was so unsure of his Olympic chances that he told his family not to buy any tickets. His performance would have lifted them out of their seats anyway.

"To do so well at home is obviously more enjoyable," said Mayer, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., who enjoyed the rabid U.S. fan support that has marked the games.

Janne Lahtela of Finland won the moguls gold and Richard Gay of France got the bronze.

The Americans have won at least one medal per day, and are just four short of their previous Winter Games high of 13 medals. Trailing the Americans on the medal board: Austria with 7 (1 gold, 1 silver, 5 bronze), along with Germany's 6 (2-3-1) and Norway's 6 (3-3-0).



LIFT OFF — American Picabo Street flies through a gate Tuesday during the women's downhill competition at Snowbasin. Street closed the curtain on her career with a 16th place finish in her final downhill. (AP Photo)

It wobbled into his path, nearly taking him down — a small orange pylon, about the only thing between FitzRandolph and his gold medal in the 500-meter speed skating event.

Briefly knocked off-stride by the cone — it was kicked in harm's way by his teammate Carpenter — FitzRandolph recovered and collected America's third gold of the games.

He took his victory lap while waving an American flag, as many in the crowd waved their own Stars and Stripes back at him. "Nobody Beats CaseyFitz," read one sign.

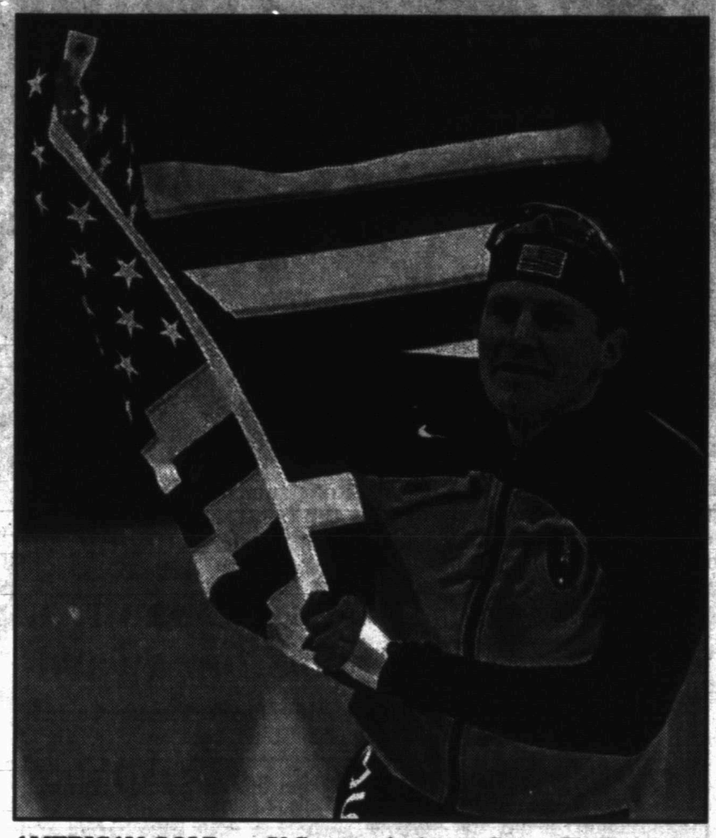
FitzRandolph, 27, edged 1998 champion Hiroyasu Shimizu of Japan by 0.03 seconds. Carpenter's bronze gave the U.S. speedskaters three medals through the first three events at the Utah Olympic Oval.

Street's downhill demise, in her comeback from a wicked crash that severely injured both her legs, was not all that surprising. But the winner was: Carole Montillet of France, who had never won a World Cup downhill.

Montillet had a nearly mistake-free run to top Isolde Kostner of Italy, who won silver, and bronze medalist Renate Goetschl of Austria.

Street, now 30 and at the end of her career, was still happy with her final race.

"What a great way to go out before a crowd like this," she said. "It's crazy good."



AMERICAN GOLD — U.S. speed skater Casey FitzRandolph carries a flag around the track Tuesday after capturing the gold medal in the men's 500m event. (AP Photo)

American figure skater Todd Eldredge, making an improbable Olympic comeback at 30, hit the ice twice in finishing ninth in the men's short program — an abrupt end to the six-time national champion's hope of a medal. After the program, the only American with a realistic medal shot was third-place finisher Tim Goebel.

Russian Alexei Yagudin was the leader heading into Thursday night's free skate, with Japan's Takeshi Honda in second.

The defending gold medalist U.S. women's hockey team jumped to an early 2-0 lead, then went on to a 10-0 victory over Germany in its opening game. Karyn Bye, who opened the scoring, had two goals along with Laurie Baker as the Americans racked up a 57-8 advantage in shots on goal.

In another women's opener, Finland beat China 4-0.

On the men's side, Germany advanced past the Olympic hockey preliminary round with its third straight victory, a 4-1 win over Latvia. Austria defeated Slovakia 3-2, but neither team will advance.

With two runs down and two to go, American luge competitor Becky Wilczak was in fourth place with a shot at medal. She trails three Germans going into Wednesday's final runs. In first was two-time defending world champion Sylke Otto.

A pair of Americans, cheered by a boisterous crowd of 19,200, qualified for the finals in the 120-meter ski jump. Alan Alborn, who lives in Park City, and Clint Jones were among those advancing to Wednesday's two-round final.

Alborn's eighth place finish was the best American showing.

Poland's Adam Malysz, the bronze medal winner at 90 meters, was the leader after qualifying. Other qualifiers included Simon Ammann of Switzerland, this year's 90-meter gold medalist, and defending champion Kazuyoshi Funaki of Japan.

Bente Skari won Norway's first individual Olympic gold medal ever in cross-country skiing, edging Olga Danilova of Russia by 2.5 seconds in a dramatic finish to the women's 10-kilometer race.

Skari, 29, was victorious on a sunny day in the high-altitude trails of Soldier Hollow. Russian Julija Tchepalova took the bronze.

On Tuesday afternoon, in the men's 15-kilometer race, Andrus Veerpalu of Estonia won the gold medal. Frode Estil of Norway won the silver, and Jaak Mae of Estonia won the bronze.

The U.S. women's curling team opened its Olympic campaign with an 8-7 victory over Japan. In other matches, Switzerland beat Russia 7-6, while Canada defeated Norway 6-5. Switzerland and Canada improved to 2-0. Sweden beat Britain, 7-4.

Medal Count

By The Associated Press
(Through Tuesday, Feb. 12)
(19 total medal events)

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

Television Schedule

WEDNESDAY

MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Biathlon: Women's 7.5km sprint. Women's hockey: Russia vs. Canada. Curling: Preliminaries.

NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Biathlon: Men's 10km sprint.

CNBC, 5-11 p.m.
Men's hockey: Switzerland vs. Belarus; France vs. Ukraine. Curling: Preliminaries.

NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Men's combined. Luge: Women's singles, final runs. Speed skating: Women's 500m preliminaries. Ski jumping: Individual K120 finals. Short track speed skating: Women's 1500m finals.

NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.

Events not televised
Women's hockey: Sweden vs. Kazakhstan. Short track speed skating: Men's 1000m and 5000m relay preliminaries.

THURSDAY

MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Men's 10km combined pursuit classical and freestyle. Curling: Preliminaries.

NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Snowboarding: Women's parallel giant slalom qualification.

CNBC, 5-11 p.m.
Women's hockey: China vs. USA. Curling: Preliminaries.

NBC, 7-11 p.m.
Skiing: Women's combined. Figure skating: Men's free program. Speed skating: Women's 500m finals. Snowboarding: Men's parallel giant slalom qualification. Nordic combined: Team K90.

NBC, 11:05 p.m.-1:05 a.m.
Highlights.

Events not televised
Men's hockey: Classification round, three games TBA. Women's hockey: Finland vs. Germany.

FRIDAY

MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Russia vs. Qualifier 1. Cross-country skiing: Women's 5km combined pursuit classical and freestyle. Curling: Preliminaries.

NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Snowboarding: Men's and women's parallel giant slalom.

CNBC, 5 p.m.-midnight
Men's hockey: Canada vs. Sweden; Czech Republic vs. Qualifier 2; Finland vs. USA.

NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Figure skating: Dance compulsory. Snowboarding: Men's and women's parallel giant slalom. Men's hockey: Finland vs. USA. Luge: Doubles. Nordic combined: Team 4x5km relay.

NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Men's hockey: Finland vs. USA

Events not televised
Women's hockey: Kazakhstan vs. Russia.

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.

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SPORTS



TWO FOR THE TIGERS — Snyder senior Corey Clay (42) shoots over Lake View's Sean Wheeler (52), while Josh Mendoza (34) looks on during Tuesday's district finale at San Angelo. The Chiefs rallied in the fourth quarter for a 64-51 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers struggle late, drop finale to Chiefs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Like a heavyweight boxer, the Lake View Chiefs took the Snyder Tigers' best shot midway through their battle, then delivered the knockout punch in the final round.

Lake View scored 31 points in the fourth quarter to knock off Snyder, 64-51, in the District 4-4A finale Tuesday night at Chief Gym.

The 31 points were the most the Tigers surrendered in one quarter this season, and the victory was the Chiefs' first in district play since January of last year.

"The pace of the game wasn't in our favor in the fourth quarter," said SHS coach Bud Birks. "We kept turning the ball over, and they kept pushing it up the floor. They made the plays they needed to win the game."

After Snyder held Lake View to only six points in the third quarter, the Tigers were in control with a 38-33 lead.

The Chiefs quickly turned the tide in the first minute of the final frame.

Three pointers from Vance Montgomery and Thomas Pena, and another three-point play by post Sean Wheeler completed a 9-0 Lake View run that included two Snyder turnovers.

The Tigers stormed back with buckets from Chris McLeod and Nick Landes, followed by two free throws from T.J. Jones that capped a 9-2 Snyder run and gave it a 47-46 lead with 3:31 remaining.

It was the last time the Tigers saw the lead.

Lake View's Robert Robinson came off the bench to bury a pair of long-range buckets, and the Chiefs never looked back. Lake View outscored Snyder, 18-4, in the last three minutes for the 64-51 final tally.

"They got on a roll, and we couldn't slow them down," said Birks. "We stopped executing on the offensive end, and it resulted in turnovers and bad shots. Lake View turned almost every mistake into points."

Snyder held the advantage in rebounds, 36-25, but committed 18 turnovers, 11 of them in the second half.

Montgomery posted 17 points, and Wheeler finished with 16 to lead Lake View's effort.

McLeod drained 17 points, and Corey Clay added 10 for Snyder.

The Tigers, 4-10 in league play, finished the season with an overall record of 8-21.

In other district games Tuesday night, Frenship knocked off Plainview, 63-59, to grab the final playoff berth. Andrews outlasted Levelland, 77-76 in overtime. Estacado rolled over Big Spring, 78-43.

Estacado advances as the district champion, with Levelland earning the runner-up spot.

Snyder	**14**	**10**	**14**	**13 —**	**51**
Lake View	**10**	**17**	**06**	**31 —**	**64**

Snyder
Mendoza 2-7 1-3 5, Landes 1-5 0-0 2, Clay 5-6 0-1 10, McLeod 7-16 2-2 17, Bedell 0-2 1-2 1, Scott 1-2 0-0 2, Driggers 1-5 2-2 4, Thompson 2-6 3-4 7, Jones 0-2 3-4 3. **Totals 19-51 12-18 51.**
Lake View
Mason 1-5 0-1 2, Dendle 0-0 0-0 0, Wheeler 7-13 2-4 16, Pena 3-5 2-2 10, Ramirez 2-5 3-4 7, Walker 0-1 0-0 0, Robinson 2-6 0-0 6, Montgomery 5-15 5-8 17, Smith 1-4 4-7 6, Hall 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 21-55 16-26 64.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (McLeod), Lake View 6 (Pena 2, Robinson 2, Montgomery 2). Rebounds: Snyder 36 (Landes 8), Lake View 25 (Wheeler 14). Total fouls: Snyder 22, Lake View 17. Fouled out — None.

	District		Season	
Team	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Estacado	**13**	**1**	**28**	**6**
Levelland	**10**	**4**	**19**	**15**
Frenship	**9**	**5**	**21**	**10**
Plainview	**9**	**5**	**17**	**12**
Andrews	**6**	**8**	**15**	**14**
Snyder	**4**	**10**	**8**	**21**
Big Spring	**4**	**10**	**12**	**18**
Lake View	**1**	**13**	**7**	**23**

Tuesday's results: Lake View 64, Snyder 51; Estacado 78, Big Spring 43; Andrews 77, Levelland 76 (OT); Frenship 63, Plainview 59.

Ira rolls over Roscoe in playoff tune-up

IRA — From the looks of their second-half performance Tuesday night, the Ira Bulldogs are ready for a playoff run.

Ira outscored Roscoe, 41-18, in the second half to cruise to a 77-52 victory in a boys Class A practice game at Bulldog Gym.

"This game and the one against Ranger are the best back-to-back games we've played all season," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "Hopefully, we're peaking at the right time."

The seventh-ranked Bulldogs, which improved to 22-3 on the year, have one tune-up left before opening the postseason campaign. Ira meets Benjamin at Jayton on Friday in another practice tilt at 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs square off with Blackwell in a bi-district playoff at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel High School.

Against Roscoe, the Bulldogs tallied 36 first-half points but couldn't pull away from the Plowboys. Ira held a slim two-point advantage at the break, but turned up the pressure defensively in the second half.

The Bulldogs limited Roscoe to only nine points in each of the last two quarters to take control.

"We played great defense in the second half," Edwards stated. "Roscoe shot only 26 percent in the second half, and we had a bunch of steals. The guys were anticipating well, and stepping in the passing lanes."

Eric Dickerhoff dropped in 18 points, Nathan Smith poured in 16, and Jake Barnes added 15 more to pace Ira.

Cade Tucker posted 11 points. Jess Wall drained seven, and Jase Olvera registered six. Todd Wall and Cole Shafer finished with two points apiece.

Nash leads Mavericks past Sonics

SEATTLE (AP) — Steve Nash's game for the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night was unmanageable for the Seattle SuperSonics.

"He's a shooter and he's a good player," the Sonics' Gary Payton said after Nash hit his first four 3-point shots and finish with 28 points in a 112-106 victory.

Nash had 15 points in the first period and shot 9-for-15, leaving Seattle coach Nate McMillan talking about Nash's improvement in his sixth season in the NBA.

Juwan Howard and Dirk Nowitzki each had 21 points for Dallas.

Payton scored 10 of his 17 points in the final quarter, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Sonics' fourth loss in the last five home games. Rashard Lewis scored 25 points and Brent Barry 20 for Seattle, which also got 18 points and 12 rebounds from Vin Baker.

The Mavs went ahead to stay, 100-98, with 3:58 left.

Robert Lee, Roby win playoff games

After squaring off with each other in a district playoff, Robert Lee and Roby returned to Scurry County Coliseum to notch a pair of girls bi-district victories Tuesday night.

Robert Lee knocked off Rotan, 51-44, and Roby downed Crosbyton, 53-42, to advance to the area round of the Class A Division II playoffs.

Robert Lee moves on to face Iraan, a 51-35 winner over Wink in the first round.

Roby meets Garden City, which toppled Fort Hancock, 47-26.

Girls High School Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
EP Coronado 45, EP Americas 40
Abilene High (23-5), bye
Lubbock Coronado 58, Midland High 45
EP Hanks (20-8), bye
Coppell 55, Carrollton Creekview 45
Mansfield (28-3), bye
Euless Trinity 55, Arlington Lamar 44
Lewisville Marcus (22-9), bye
EP Eastwood 50, EP Jefferson 39
Amarillo (28-4), bye
Lubbock Monterey 65, Abilene Cooper 59 (OT)
EP Andress (28-1), bye
McKinney 49, Keller Fossil Ridge 42
Duncanville (30-4), bye
Cedar Hill 40, South Grand Prairie 39
Weatherford (28-2), bye
CLASS 4A
Region I
EP Riverside 43, San Elizario 34
Plainview (29-1), bye
Lubbock Estacado 39, Canyon Randall 37 (OT)
Clint, bye
Azle 65, NRH Birdville 59
Granbury (28-4), bye
Cleburne 66, FW Southwest 38
Southlake Carroll (24-6), bye
EP Ysleta 39, Canutillo 38
Canyon (27-1), bye
Amarillo Palo Duro 60, Levelland 45
El Paso Burgess, bye
Grapevine 78, WF Hirschi 48
FW Wyatt (22-5), bye
Stephenville 60, FW South Hills 26
Wichita Falls (18-4), bye
CLASS 3A
Region I
Amarillo River Road 52, Littlefield 44
Alpine, bye
Lamesa 58, Monahans 40
Shallowater, bye
Vernon 53, Sweetwater 51
Hillsboro, bye
Glen Rose 71, Kennedale 42
Decatur (24-4), bye
Muleshoe 62, Dalhart 46
Slaton, bye
Midland Greenwood 60, Kermit 28
Perryton, bye
Merkel 45, Graham 29
Breckenridge, bye
Springtown 59, Whitney 39
Ballinger, bye
CLASS 2A
Region I
Ozona 43, Sonora 41
Post, bye
Colorado City 33, New Deal 28
Wall, bye
Abernathy 56, Clarendon 37
Anson, bye
Memphis 60, Olney 59
Canadian, bye
McCamey 49, Mason 45 (OT)
Seagraves (26-1), bye
Stanton (17-14) vs. Tahoka (12-15)
Reagan County, bye
Lockney 60, Sunray 51
Electra, bye
Haskell 41, Holliday 39
Floydada (20-6), bye
CLASS A
Division I, Region I
Stratford 53, Shamrock 42
Sudan 50, Lorenzo 33
Robert Lee 51, Rotan 44
Iraan 51, Wink 35
Vega 59, Gruver 58
Smyer 63, Farwell 52
Roby 53, Crosbyton 42
Garden City 47, Fort Hancock 26
CLASS A
Division II, Region II
Fort Davis vs. Sanderson
Borden County 71, Highland 35
Veribest 53, Rochelle 42
Utopia 65, Lometa 23
Buena Vista 51, Dell City 45
Grady (19-10) vs. Blackwell (20-4)
Brookesmith 53, Santa Anna 31
D'Hanis vs. Mullin

Big 12 Basketball

MEN

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Kansas	11	0	1.000	22	2	.917
Oklahoma	8	2	.800	19	3	.864
Texas	7	4	.636	16	8	.667
Missouri	6	4	.600	17	8	.680
Texas Tech	6	5	.545	17	6	.739
Oklahoma St.	5	5	.500	18	6	.750
Colorado	4	6	.400	13	8	.619
Nebraska	4	6	.400	11	10	.524
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.	1	9	.100	9	15	.375

Tuesday's results
Texas Tech 90, Baylor 65
Kansas State 69, Texas A&M 38
Wednesday's games
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State
Missouri at Nebraska
Colorado at Iowa State
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

WOMEN

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	10	1	.909	20	2	.909
Kansas St.	9	3	.750	21	4	.840
Colorado	8	4	.667	18	7	.720
Texas	7	4	.636	16	8	.727
Baylor	7	4	.636	19	4	.826
Iowa St.	7	5	.583	19	5	.792
Texas Tech	6	6	.500	14	8	.636
Missouri	5	5	.500	14	7	.667
Texas A&M	4	6	.400	12	10	.545
Oklahoma St.	3	8	.273	11	13	.458
Nebraska	3	8	.273	13	10	.565
Kansas	0	11	.000	5	19	.208

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

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	32	16	.667	—
Boston	29	21	.580	4
Washington	26	22	.542	6
Orlando	26	24	.520	7
Philadelphia	25	24	.510	7½
New York	19	29	.396	13
Miami	18	29	.383	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	28	19	.596	—
Toronto	29	22	.569	1
Detroit	26	22	.542	2½
Indiana	25	26	.490	5
Charlotte	23	25	.479	5½
Atlanta	17	33	.340	12½
Cleveland	16	33	.326	13
Chicago	12	36	.250	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	36	14	.720	—
Minnesota	33	16	.674	2½
San Antonio	31	18	.633	4½
Utah	26	24	.520	10
Houston	17	33	.340	19
Denver	14	32	.304	20
Memphis	14	36	.280	22

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	38	12	.760	—
L.A. Lakers	34	13	.723	2½
Portland	25	23	.521	12
Phoenix	25	24	.510	12½
Seattle	25	24	.510	12½
L.A. Clippers	25	26	.490	13½
Golden State	14	32	.304	22

Tuesday's Games
Utah 98, Indiana 82
Cleveland 99, Toronto 81
Atlanta 105, New Jersey 103
Phoenix 99, Detroit 71
Orlando 122, New York 114
Chicago 96, Milwaukee 92
Houston 85, Memphis 78
Boston 110, Denver 93
Dallas 112, Seattle 106
Sacramento 99, San Antonio 86
L.A. Lakers 103, Washington 94
Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

The call is going out for enlistments into 2002's "Texas Brigades," a group of wildlife-oriented youth camps aimed at cadets 13-17-years-old. The camps use bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer and wild turkey as vehicles to equip young people with communications skills and leadership development in an outdoor setting. The skills cadets learn in the fast-paced summer camps are invaluable regardless of their future career goals.

"This year marks the 10th year of the Brigade concept," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and founder of the Brigades. "These camps continue to grow in popularity, not only in Texas, but in at least five other states. We've combined the Bobwhite, Buckskin and Feather Force Brigade into the overarching "Texas Brigades" as the camps have continued to expand.

The two Buckskin Brigades' dates and locations are: South Texas, 3rd Battalion, La Pryor, June 2-6; and North Texas, 1st Battalion, Lueders, July 21-25. Dates and locations for the two Bobwhite Brigades are: Rolling Plains, 10th Battalion, Lueders, June 22-26; and South Texas, 5th Battalion, Campbellton, July 14-18. The East Texas "Feather Forces" Brigade, 6th Battalion, July 28-Aug. 1 at Broadus, centers around quail and turkey.

"Oftentimes after I've given a talk somewhere, kids and parents ask me about possible careers in wildlife management. While our primary objective is not to be training our Brigade cadets as future wildlife biologists, they do have a great opportunity to rub elbows with the 'who's who' of Texas wildlife professionals," said Dr. Rollins. "To that end, many have a chance to get a real taste of a wildlife-oriented career track.

Rollins said after graduating, each cadet is expected to present educational programs in his or her home county.

"These programs make a positive, long-term impact on the youth who really get involved. I hear it from their college instructors, parents and others who are introduced to the Brigades through the students' efforts.

"The camps themselves have received several state and national awards, as have some of the cadets who've been trained," said Dr. Rollins. "For example, two of our recent cadets, John and Drew McEachem, twins from Paducah, were named Outstanding Youth Conservationists by the Sportsmen's Conservation of Texas.

"I believe 2002 is going to be a 'hit high gear' year for the Texas Brigades Wildlife Camps. We've been successful in enlisting a number of corporate sponsors and the enthusiasm among the adults involved in putting on the camps continues to be one of 'gung ho.'"

The camps' sponsors include Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA National Resources Conservation Service Quail Unlimited, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, private businesses and landowners.

Tuition for camps is $200 per cadet. Organizers are willing to help cadets find scholarships for at least half of the tuition. Applications are available in .pdf format at http://texnat.tamu.edu or www.texadsbrigades. org. Applications are due by April 15. Send them to Helen Holdsworth, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230.

For further information contact Dr. Dale Rollins at 915-653-or e-mail him at d-rollins@tamu.edu or contact Helen Holdsworth, San Antonio-based Texas Brigades executive director at 210-487-8578 or e-mail at h-holdsworth@tamu.edu.

AG Talk

By Charlie Stenholm, Congressman 17th District

Senate Action on the Farm Bill

Last week the Senate once again began working on the farm bill, after failing to move forward with an economic stimulus package.

The Senate version of the farm bill would set farm policy and spending levels for five years. The House version, passed last October, is a 10-year farm bill.

Last Thursday, the Senate passed a controversial amendment that would limit annual government payments to farmers from a maximum of $500,000 to $275,000.

There is widespread opposition to payment limitations and the passage of this amendment creates problems for different regions of the country.

Lawmakers from the southern states are concerned about the impact on our producers. For example, it costs more to produce cotton and rice in the south than it does to grow wheat and corn in the northern plains states.

The House farm bill passed by the House of Representatives had a payment limit of $550,000. Another amendment passed by the Senate will require that farms have a planting history to be eligible to participate in commodity programs.

Specifically, land that has not had a crop on it during the past five years would not be eligible to receive government assistance.

President Introduces FY 2003 Budget

Last week, President Bush submitted his budget for fiscal year (FY) 2003. Under this proposal, total USDA spending for FY 2003 would decline from the spending levels for the current fiscal year.

However, the president's budget would provide an increase of $131 million in funding to protect agriculture and the nation's food supply, in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

I am pleased to report that the president's budget does include $73.5 billion in spending over the years 2002-2011 for a new farm bill.

There has been some question about funding for the farm bill, given the nation's move back toward deficit spending. The president requested a $216 million increase in spending for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Unfortunately, the president's budget proposed a $43 million reduction in funding for boll weevil eradication, and this is something that will need to be addressed in the months ahead.

Elimination of Funding for the Small Watershed Program

Another unfortunate surprise in the president's budget was the elimination of funding for the Small Watershed Program, a program that has been very successful in Texas and other parts of the country.

The bureaucrats at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) have never really cared much for this program, probably for the same reason that they don't care for the rural electric system.

This year, they finally succeeded in convincing the White House not to include funding, despite its popularity in the countryside.

The OMB folks don't feel that the cost-benefit ratios for the Small Watershed Program projects make economic sense. And I have to admit, these cost-benefit ratios can appear to be high since they often times include flood control or drinking water supply projects in areas with low population levels.

Nevertheless, the backlog of requests for approved Small Watershed Program projects stood at $1.6 billion at the beginning of this fiscal year.

The OMB is arguing that states and localities can come up with the funding for these projects on their own and don't need federal assistance.

I was also disappointed that the budget did not contain funding for watershed project dam rehabilitation.

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Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-13-02
♠ A J 2
♥ —
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A K Q 10 8 5 2

West
♠ 10 6
♥ A 9 8 5 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ 9 4 3

East
♠ 5
♥ K Q J 10 7 3
♦ A K 9 8
♣ 7 6

South
♠ K Q 9 8 7 4 3
♥ 6 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦!	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002

An imaginative effort that did not backfire

By Phillip Alder

Ambrose Bierce, in his Devil's Dictionary, defines imagination as a warehouse of facts, with poet and liar in joint ownership.

There are imaginative bridge experts. Some play the cards with such flair that they make or defeat contracts one thinks would fail or succeed. Chagas, Garozzo and Zia come immediately to mind.

There are also players with an imaginative bent in the bidding. This deal occurred many years ago, and was reported by one of the participants, B.J. Becker. Looking only at the West hand, what would you lead against six spades doubled?

Because his side was vulnerable, South, Mr. Becker, started with a cautious weak two-bid. With a seven-card suit, it is normal to open three. Now North, Harold Ogust, might have jumped straight to six spades, leaving West to guess the lead (if East didn't bid seven hearts, of course). But Ogust decided to try to inhibit a diamond lead by responding with a forcing three diamonds! Finally, when Mr. Becker bid five spades, Ogust probably decided that a diamond lead would defeat even five spades, so he might as well raise to six.

Now the spotlight fell on West. East had made a Lightner Double, asking for a lead of dummy's first-bid suit. However, West, thinking his partner had made a pure penalty double, unimaginatively led the heart ace. Mr. Becker ruffed in the dummy, drew trumps, and ran the clubs for an overtrick: plus 1,860.

Trust your partner. If he is wrong, at least you win the post-mortem.

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CEUs offered for producers Tuesday

A total of 5 Continuing Education Units (1 laws and regs. 1 PM, and 3 general) will be offered at the Sandyland Agricultural Conference, Tuesday. It will be held in Seminole at the Gaines County Civic Building. The conference is offered free to producers.

Speakers for the conference are Steven Boston, chief of the pesticide program, TDA; Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist, Texas Cooperative Extension; Dr. Randy Boman, Extension agronomist, Texas Cooperative Extension; Dr. Peter Dotray, assistant profession, weeds/herbicides, Texas Cooperative Extension; Darrell Dusk, zone manager, Western High Plains Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension economist, Texas Cooperative Extension; Clyde Crumley, Llano Estacado Water District; JoKirk Newbrough, County Extension Agent IPM, Gains County; and Terry Millican, County Extension Agent, Gains County.

For more information, contact Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent at 573-5423.

Date Book

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002

Today is the 44th day of 2002, and the 55th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1542: Catherine Howard, the fifth wife of Henry VIII, loses her head not long after two of her accused lovers fall victim to the same demise.

On this day in 1943, Allied forces begin a massive air strike against the German forces in Dresden, Germany.

On this day in 1966, the Rolling Stones appear for the first time on the "Ed Sullivan Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Leopold Godowsky (1870-1938), pianist and composer; Chuck Yeager (1923-), American test pilot, is 79; Stockard Channing (1944-), actress, is 58; Peter Gabriel (1950-), singer, songwriter, composer, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Ice skater Dorothy Hamill starts to cry just before her freestyle routine at the Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, after seeing a sign in the stands that says, "Which of the West? Dorothy!"

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Rules are made for people who aren't willing to make up their own." — Chuck Yeager

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 12) and first quarter (Feb. 20).

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Music influences fashion

NEW YORK (AP) — Popular music has a history of influencing fashion, and 'N Sync's Chris Kirkpatrick is keeping that synergy alive.

Kirkpatrick's clothing line, FuMan Skeeto, had its runway debut Monday night at Girls Rule, one of the shows of New York Fashion Week, which ends Friday.

FuMan Skeeto was inspired by the vintage-chic styles of New York and one-of-a-kind boutiques in Los Angeles, the 30-year-old singer explained in a statement.

"No matter what is on the young female's agenda, FuMan Skeeto is her ... 24-hour clothing," Kirkpatrick said. As is the custom for most designers, he came out at the end of the show to take a bow.

The collection features loose velour and French terry tops and jackets, chenille patch jeans and novelty T-shirts, including one with "Available" printed on the front.

Tom Julian, trend analyst for Fallon Worldwide advertising agency, said Kirkpatrick is on the right track, but needs to link his stardom to the label.

"When you look at the logo, you don't know it's him and his name," Julian said. "That might be a conscious decision but to focus more on his face will help sell the line in the competitive zone of music and urban wear."

Darren Hayes, the voice of Savage Garden, performed during the Girls Rule show, which also featured collections by teen-oriented fashion labels Planet Yumthing, Smashing Grandpa and Dollhouse.

Female 'Terminator' is in new movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger will have some female curves thrown at him in "Terminator 3: The Rise of the Machines."

"The idea of the female terminator is great," Schwarzenegger told reporters. "She will have additional powers that Robert Patrick in 'Terminator 2' did not have.

"She will have control over machines and over anything mechanical, therefore including myself. So you will sometimes see me as the villain and sometimes as a terminator that tried to save the world."

"Terminator 3" is scheduled for release in 2003.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Constipation and menstruation

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 19. Every time I get my period, I become terribly constipated. My mother thinks I'm making this up and that if I sit on the toilet and strain (which gives me hemorrhoids), everything will be all right. She believes that using a laxative could be addicting.

My regular doctor is a really old man who has always been nasty to me, so I can't ask him.

Please help me with this problem. I'll bet there are a lot of girls out there who have this problem and are wondering about it.

DEAR READER: Constipation is not a common accompaniment of menstruation. However, it does appear to be a problem for many women. I don't know the reason for this; perhaps the constipation is related to the normal hormone variations that are part and parcel of the menstrual cycle.

In any case, menstrual constipation is not an issue that will disappear if women will simply sit on the john and strain. There's more to it than that.

I believe that you should check with a gynecologist, especially since you feel you can't talk to your regular doctor. Meanwhile, I suggest the following:

Increase your fluid intake during your menstruation. An extra 18 to 24 ounces of water or juice per day may help you to achieve regularity.

Try more fiber. Metamucil, Citrucel and other products add bulk to the stool, making evacuation less difficult.

Consider a stool softener, such as Colace, either with or without a laxative. These products are available without a prescription and are safe for chronic consumption.

Use a laxative. I suggest a non-oily product, such as Milk of Magnesia, Senocot and others. When used intermittently, only when needed, these over-the-counter remedies do not lead to any health problems or habituation.

Oil-based laxatives can cause bowel problems and vitamin deficiencies if used indiscriminately and for long periods. You're probably better off with one (or more) of the options I mentioned. And, oh, I almost forgot, a great, safe and effective laxative is 8 ounces of hot prune juice every morning.

Let me know which option you choose and how effective it is.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report, "Constipation and Diarrhea." 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 67 and can hear a periodic whooshing of pulse in my ears. This is driving me crazy. My carotid ultrasound showed no blockage. A stress test revealed no heart problems but did indicate that I have premature ventricular contractions. Could the PVCs be the cause of my problem?

DEAR READER: Absolutely. Although audible pulsations are often the result of arterial blockage in the neck (carotid arteries) or in the brain, they are often the consequence of frequent forceful heartbeats, as can occur with PVCs, harmless intermittent cardiac contractions of no importance.

Your physician, who is to be congratulated for seeking out the cause of your symptoms, is the best judge of whether this common occurrence should be treated, left alone or investigated further. I suggest that you return to your doctor for a discussion of what should - or should not - be considered as a next step. If, for example, your system is especially sensitive to stimulants, such as caffeine, you may choose to limit your consumption of coffee, tea and soda. On the other hand, if more testing is appropriate, your physician can advise you.

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ConAgra recalls mislabeled ravioli

WASHINGTON (AP) — ConAgra Products is recalling 386,000 pounds of canned ravioli because the labels do not declare that the product contains soy protein, a common allergen.

The company, based in Milton, Pa., became aware of the mislabeling after customers called to complain, the Agriculture Department said. It was unclear whether anyone became ill after eating the ravioli.

The product being recalled is 15-ounce cans of "Chef BOYARDEE 99% fat Free CHEESE Ravioli in Tomato Sauce." The cans contain 15 ounces of beef ravioli. The bottom of each can bears the establishment code "794" and the code "J17101 RF."

The ravioli cans were sold nationwide and exported to Haiti, Guatemala and Bermuda.

People with questions can call ConAgra at 1-800-414-2500.

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Chewing gum was originally made from chicle, the sap of the sapodilla tree.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	25.10	24.25	24.41	—.39
AOL TimeWrn	28.54	27.79	28.01	+ .33
AT&T Corp s	16.26	15.76	16.17	+ .30
Albertsons	29.16	28.63	28.71	—.37
Alltel	56.70	55.71	56.27	+ .06
AmEl Pw	42.14	41.32	41.84	+ .33
AndrkPtr	48.26	47.45	47.74	—.66
ATMOS Egy	21.69	21.50	21.67	+ .19
Aviall	7.25	7.07	7.21	+ .16
BP PLC	47.27	46.92	47.21	+ .51
BakerHughes	34.31	33.35	33.42	—.56
Bank of Amer	62.74	61.12	62.27	+ 1.21
BellSouth	39.28	38.80	39.20	+ .15
vjBeth Steel	.40	.37	.39	+ .02
BurlNoSFe	28.08	27.67	27.85	+ .09
Caterpillar	51.14	50.11	50.73	+ .49
ChevronTex	82.25	81.55	82.00	+ .31
Citigroup	46.15	45.10	45.81	+ .66
CocaCola	46.32	45.51	46.21	+ .10
ColgatePal	54.85	54.29	54.30	—.30
ComclMetals	36.17	35.91	36.08	+ .28
Cooperin	35.35	33.50	33.90	—.94
DaimlrChry	38.60	37.98	38.19	+ .80
DeltaAirl	34.00	33.04	33.30	—.24
Dillards Inc	17.20	16.29	17.20	+ .95
DowChem	30.69	30.09	30.49	+ .56
DuPont	44.39	43.90	44.23	+ .09
EastmanChem	40.00	39.30	39.98	+ .58
EstKodak	28.30	27.97	28.08	+ .40
EDS Corp	59.95	59.00	59.80	+ 1.20
Entergy	41.12	40.80	40.90	—.07
ExxonMobil s	38.56	38.12	38.37	—.03
FootLocker	15.50	15.11	15.32	+ .27
GenDynam	88.45	87.91	88.25	+ .07
GenElec	37.94	37.50	37.85	+ .35
GenMills	47.08	46.40	46.80	+ .17
GenMotors	50.83	49.50	50.75	+ 1.68
GaPacific	25.20	24.45	24.87	+ .35
Goodrich	27.56	27.05	27.52	+ .37
Goodyear s	24.85	24.45	24.75	+ .29
GtAtlPac	25.47	24.99	25.45	+ .53
Halliburtn	14.95	14.45	14.84	+ .28
Hanson ADS	31.45	31.04	31.04	—.16
HartleHanks	29.82	29.10	29.57	+ .46
HomeDepot	51.73	50.50	51.41	+ 1.10
Honeywellntl	33.40	32.62	33.21	+ .29
IBM	107.50	106.12	107.21	+ .64
IntlPaper	44.25	43.50	44.20	+ .73
JohnsonJn s	58.89	57.95	58.57	+ 1.27
vjK mart	.98	.94	.94	—.02
KinderMorg	50.35	50.00	50.30	+ .10
Kroger Co	20.85	20.63	20.78	—.07
LockheedM	53.41	52.91	52.99	—.01
Lowes Cos s	46.49	45.50	46.43	+ .90
Lubys	6.09	6.06	6.09	
LucentTech	6.09	5.94	5.99	
MarathonOil	27.49	27.12	27.19	—.30
MayDeptStr	35.90	35.40	35.66	+ .15
Medtronic	48.50	47.90	48.29	
Motorola	13.67	13.29	13.48	+ .08
NCR Corp	42.35	41.80	42.15	+ .62
Navistar	39.97	39.35	39.97	+ .52
PNM Rescs	27.05	26.59	26.62	—.08
Penney JC	24.22	23.69	24.02	+ .43
PepBoys	14.70	14.34	14.60	+ .30
PepsiCo	49.70	48.88	49.65	+ .63
Pharmacia	39.90	39.50	39.55	—.15
PhelpDodge	37.94	36.79	37.94	+ 1.58
PhilipPet	57.30	56.80	57.26	—.15
PilgrmPrd B	12.35	12.20	12.30	—.01
Praxair	57.70	57.35	57.35	—.15
ProctGamb	83.73	83.02	83.25	—.30
RadioShack	29.33	28.90	29.10	+ .37
ReliantEngy	23.00	22.66	22.66	—.01
RoyalDut	49.61	49.22	49.38	—.10
SBC Comm	36.64	35.88	36.60	+ .55
SaraLee	21.20	20.90	21.00	—.12
Scripps EW	74.51	72.75	73.80	+ 1.15
SearsRoeb	53.66	53.00	53.46	+ .52
SherwinW	26.95	26.00	26.71	+ .83
SouthernCo s	25.21	24.91	25.07	+ .16
SwstAirl	19.21	19.06	19.17	+ .09
SprintFON	14.75	14.46	14.51	—.09
SprintPCS	12.19	11.90	11.98	—.01
Sunoco inc	38.00	37.68	37.71	—.34
TXU Corp	51.24	50.56	51.01	+ .36
TmplelnInland	56.14	55.20	56.01	+ 1.01
TexInd	37.54	37.33	37.38	—.10
TexasInst	32.72	31.80	32.34	+ .52
Textron	44.41	43.10	44.15	+ .81
TriconGlbR	55.29	54.45	55.27	+ 1.60
TrinityInds	22.54	22.29	22.50	+ .21
TylerTech	4.10	4.00	4.07	+ .12
UnionPacif	60.97	60.50	60.78	—.19
USSteel	19.00	18.52	18.89	+ .47
UnitedTech	69.85	68.20	69.55	+ 1.40
Unocal	34.60	34.26	34.34	—.32
VerizonComm	45.40	45.01	45.30	—.03
WalMart	60.72	60.00	60.58	+ .48
WellsFargo	46.89	46.16	46.72	+ .30
WstnGasRs	30.05	29.65	30.04	+ .09
WinnDixie	14.05	13.74	13.99	+ .22
Xerox Cp	10.95	10.70	10.89	+ .15

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ACROSS

1 Shut loudly
5 Gathered leaves
10 Rum cocktail (2 wds.)
12 Northern lights
13 Made a speech
14 Prepares clams
15 Make a salary
16 USN rank
18 Santa —, CA
19 Type of canoe
21 Lout
25 Skeptics
29 Audibly
30 Pleiades' pursuer
32 RC rival
33 Urban home
34 Landed property
37 Work, as clay
38 Dingbats
40 Adult males
43 Frat letter
44 Import vehicle
48 Like a sponge
50 Tusked animal
52 High spirits
53 Collision
54 Wrist opposite
55 Egg yellow

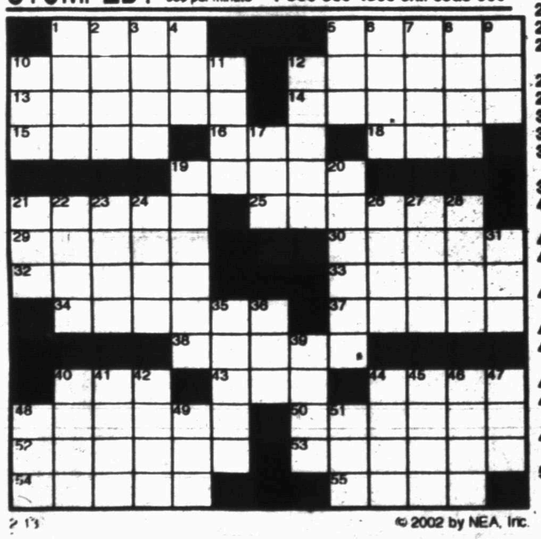
DOWN

1 First name in cheesecake
2 Polygraph flunker
3 Memo abbr.
4 Sultry West
5 Muddy track
6 Locality
7 Zen paradox
8 Writer Bombeck
9 "— Rheingold"
10 Skier Tommy
11 Seed of a plan
12 Mineral analysis
17 Big Apple inits.
19 Brown bear
20 Taps
21 Jabber
22 Away from the wind
23 Bouncee
24 Expel
26 — horse (locomotive)
27 Movie
28 Fizzy drink
31 Doze off
35 — -turvy
36 Dawn goddess
39 Fuzzy fruit
40 Sigh loudly
41 Estrada of TV
42 Playwright — Coward
44 Mighty Dog rival
45 River in Asia
46 Barnyard fowl
47 Adherent
48 Ernie Els' grp.
49 Salt Lake City player
51 Beth and Jo's sister

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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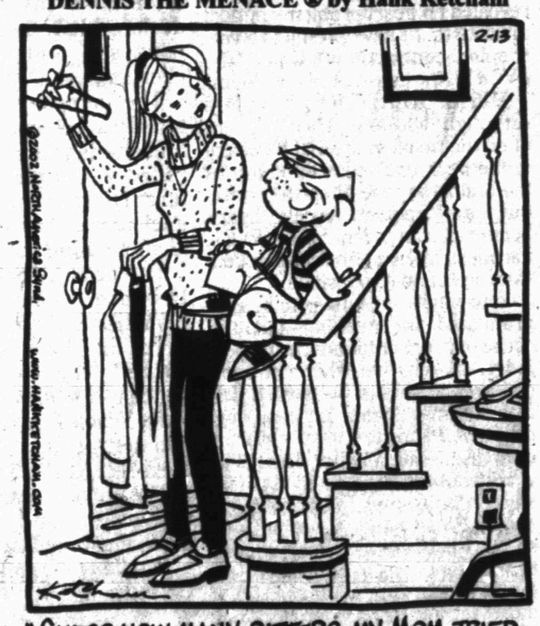


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"GUESS HOW MANY SITTERS MY MOM TRIED BEFORE SHE GOT YOU."

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

LA International terminal shut down

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A noise detection instrument at a Los Angeles International Airport terminal triggered an evacuation today after someone reported seeing a suspicious container in shrubs near an entrance.

The international terminal was evacuated for about an hour while the object, used to monitor sound levels at the airport, was examined, said police Officer Guillermo Campos.

"We quickly determined it was not dangerous," Campos said. The measuring device was apparently left in the planter by an employee, he said.

As the terminal was being cleared, hundreds of travelers leaving the building as police cars and the bomb squad filled the area.

Other airport buildings remained open for arrivals and departures during the emergency. No flights were diverted, although some may have been delayed, officials said.

The evacuation came a day after the FBI's most recent warning about possible terrorist activity in the United States.

The agency warned of a possible attack "on or around" Tuesday, based on information obtained from interviews by U.S. officials with detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in Afghanistan.

"We certainly want to err on the side of caution," police Lt. Horace Frank said.

The same terminal was evacuated on Dec. 25 after someone reported finding a "suspicious package" that turned out to be wrapped Christmas presents.

Bush refuses to rule out attack on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today declined to rule out a military attack as a means of toppling Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, saying the United States will do what it must to defend itself and that Saddam "needs to understand I am serious."

After meeting with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, Bush acknowledged that he is considering various options to deal with Saddam, but he would not reveal what those options are or whether they involved military action.

"I will keep them close to my vest," Bush said. "President Saddam Hussein needs to understand I am serious about defending our country."

Bush also said any alliance between terrorist organizations and terror-supporting nations with a history of pursuing nuclear or other destructive weapons would be "devastating for those of us who fight for freedom," and the United States would not tolerate it.

"We, the free world, must make it clear to these nations they have a choice to make," Bush said. "I will keep all options available if they don't make the choice."

CIA Director George Tenet is said to favor a plan that relies heavily on covert action, rather than an open military campaign.

In fact, the Central Intelligence Agency already is authorized to try to destabilize the Baghdad government.

Secretary of State Colin Powell suggested Tuesday, apparently in jest, that "natural causes" might be the solution. Powell, 64, noted Saddam was the same age but said he did not appear to be in as good condition.

Powell and other senior administration officials said the preference is to bring down Saddam with political and diplomatic measures.

"The president is not asking for a war budget," Powell told the Senate Budget Committee.

Referring to Iran and North Korea, as well as Iraq, Powell said: "As a prudence, we should be examining options with respect to all these countries, but in the first instance, diplomatic and political means."

Last week, Powell told Congress that the United States might have to act unilaterally to bring about a "regime change" in Baghdad.

Powell has taken the lead in making the public case for ousting Saddam. He frequently cites the Iraqi president's refusal to expose suspect weapons sites to U.N. inspection. And Powell says the Iraqi people deserve a better government.

Two men in truck arrested near Pentagon after alert

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two men in a tow truck carrying fake identification were arrested near the Pentagon after ignoring signs that prohibit commercial vehicles on that road, law enforcement officials said.

One of the men, Imad Hamed, was to appear in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., today on a charge of document identification fraud, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

The other man detained after the incident Monday night is in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The men also had been charged with state traffic violations, said Virginia State Police spokeswoman Lucy Caldwell.

It was not immediately clear whether the men resembled those named Monday by the FBI as possible conspirators in a terrorist attack to be carried out this week, she said. A Justice Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a check of immigration records indicates that none of the 18 men named Monday had ever been in the United States.

"Their motivations are still unclear," Caldwell said today morning, referring to those arrested near the Pentagon.

The men were carrying a number of fake identification papers, Caldwell said. The state filed traffic charges, which included possession of a suspended driver's license and possession of a fictitious license, Caldwell said.

Federal officials were releasing little information today. Spokesmen for the Department of Justice and the FBI did not return calls for comment. The INS is trying to determine whether immigration rules had been violated.

Obituaries

Sam Camp

1921-2002

George Thurman "Sam" Camp, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Camp, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. David Phillips, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Sam Camp

Born Dec. 22, 1921 in Hermleigh, he had lived in Snyder for 22 years and previously had lived in Tolar and had worked for the City of Granbury as a dozer operator in the city landfill. Mr. Camp was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Lee and Lily Mae Newman Camp; and three brothers, Junior, Henry and Alvin Camp.

Survivors include a sister, Rosemary Blackwell of Austin; four nieces, Dot Stokes, Pam Black and Rita Robbins, all of Snyder, and Mickee Wyatt of Abilene; and two nephews, Dwain Camp of Snyder and Joe Camp of Cedar Creek; and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Martha Jackson

1908-2002

COLEMAN – Martha Laura Lane Jackson, the aunt of Sue Goodwin of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Holiday Hill Nursing Home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jackson, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Elm Street Church of Christ with Joe Hailey and Donald Ross Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the City of Coleman Cemetery under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home.

Born July 19, 1908 in Falls County, she married Sherman Fredrick Jackson on Dec. 19, 1925 in Gouldbusk. He died in 1983.

A lifelong resident of Coleman County, she was a homemaker, seamstress and a member of the Elm Street Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Scott and Elizabeth Rice Lane; a daughter, Martha Sue Jackson; two sons, Kenneth Ray Jackson and Fred Lane Jackson; and one grandson.

Survivors also include two daughters, Iris Jo Chenault of Sweeney and Karen Drake of Abilene; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Darla Chance

1941-2002

SWEETWATER — Darla Chance, the mother of Leslea Chance of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Chance, 61, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Travis Monday officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories.

Born Jan. 1, 1941 in Sweetwater, she was self-employed in a housecleaning service and worked as a correctional officer in Colorado City.

She was preceded in death by her father, B.F. Gee on March 9, 1975; and her mother, Marguerite Leslie Gee on Feb. 9, 1996.

Survivors include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Barry and Shelly Chance of Levelland, Kerry Chance of Stephenville and Jason Chance of Lubbock; another daughter, Paige Chance of Stephenville; a sister and brother-in-law, Gaylon and Tom Neatherlin of Abilene; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Jerrie Gee of Sweetwater; two grandsons, Spencer Chance and Cameron Chance, both of Levelland.

Memorials may be sent to the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation, 3505 Gaston Avenue in Dallas, 75246.

Two juveniles arrested for not attending school

Arrests

Officers arrested two juveniles at the Justice of the Peace office Tuesday afternoon.

Both of the boys taken into custody were 17 years old and were arrested for failure to attend school.

Theft

Gary Scott requested an officer at 700 20th Street Tuesday morning in reference to someone removing a city water meter. Officers responded and advised a report for theft of services would be filed.

Noise disturbance

Officers responded to the 2800 block of Ave. M at 11 a.m. Tuesday on a report of dogs barking constantly. A report was filed and a citation was issued to the animal's owner.

Close patrols

Tonya Hestand requested a close patrol of her residence Tuesday night after finding a light on inside her van.

Juan Hernandez called 9-1-1 at 1 a.m. today reporting someone tapping on his bedroom window. Officers were dispatched to his residence on 20th Place and advised a close patrol would be maintained through the night.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off in the amount of $25.01 at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday. A description of the vehicle was given and the driver later returned to pay for the gas.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ash Wednesday service

First Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church will have a joint Ash Wednesday service at 7 this evening at First Christian Church.

Illusionist to perform

Illusionist James Pfau will perform at 7 tonight in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Ira. The performance will be preceded at 6:30 by a brisket meal.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 8 tonight. in the school cafeteria.

FBC services televised

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

Ira School spring pictures

Ira's Spring casual and friendship picture proofs have been passed out to students. Orders for these as well as orders for each class group picture must be turned in by Thursday. Students not must turn proofs back in to Becky Hudgins.

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.

Discovery School fundraiser

Discovery School is selling tickets for a drawing for dinner for two at the Spanish Inn and a movie rental, plus a second drawing for six six-inch subs from Subway. The drawing will be Thursday, and tickets are $1 each. All proceeds go to Discovery School.

Candidate's luncheon

State Representative candidate Scott Campbell will hold a Dutch treat luncheon at noon Thursday at The Spanish Inn. The public is invited.

Drew Darby press conference

State Representative candidate Drew Darby will hold a press conference at 3:45 p.m. Thursday at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. The candidate will focus on his plan to improve water resources for District 72.

Child safety seat check

The Scurry and Borden county extension service's child safety task force will conduct a child safety seat check from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday at United Supermarket. A safety team from Texas A&M will perform the inspections.

GED pre-registration and test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the first GED test of 2002 will be from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Thursday in the GED testing center, Building 7B, on the Western Texas College campus. The math segment will begin at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

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.

St. Elizabeth fish fry

The annual St. Elizabeth fish fry is Friday from 5:30-8 p.m. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12. Tickets will be sold at the door and proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Valentine dance

Towle Park barn will be the site of a Valentine dance for high school age and up from 8 p.m. until midnight Friday. Cost is $3 per person or $5 per couple.

Rep. Stenholm in Snyder

Congressman Charles Stenholm will be in Snyder from 11-11:45 a.m. Monday at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus. The public is invited.

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.

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.

Vocational nurses graduation

The vocational nursing program at Western Texas College will hold a graduation and pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited.

Relay for Life

Team captains and team members are needed for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be held April 19-20 at Tiger Stadium. Contact Ann Everett, 573-3270; or Gabby Scott, 573-3230.

Adult basic education classes

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

Seniors swimnastics

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

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Former student releases hostages unharmed

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — A former student claiming to have a bomb held nearly two dozen students and an associate professor hostage Tuesday before releasing them unharmed, authorities said.

Twenty-three people were in the religious studies classroom at Fairfield University when the suspect walked in, said Nancy Habetz, a spokeswoman for the Roman Catholic school in southwestern Connecticut

Some 300 students were evacuated from the building.

"He told us he had a bomb and he wanted to get his views across," said one of the students, senior Ripton Marini of Rochester, N.Y. "He seriously, actually, was very nice the entire time."

The suspect, identified by police as Patrick Arbelo, 24, freed the hostages a few at a time throughout the evening. He gave himself up about an hour after the last student was released.

Fairfield First Selectman Kenneth Flatto said the package Arbelo claimed was an explosive device was left in the classroom and was being examined by a bomb squad.

Police said Arbelo, who graduated from the school last year, was to be arraigned today in Bridgeport. He was not immediately charged. Authorities didn't say why he took the hostages or whether he made any demands.

However, WCBS-TV in New York said the suspect ordered one of the hostages to call the station, demanding that a statement be read over the air. The statement, which station spokeswoman Karen Mateo described as "rambling and anti-Semitic," was not broadcast.

Stephen Kriso, 26, of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., said he roomed with Arbelo during the 1996-97 school year. Kriso, president of the university's New Jersey alumni club, said Arbelo sometimes appeared paranoid but never exhibited any violent behavior.

"He used to talk about the New World Order and the concepts of the Freemasons, and storing things in his attic in the event of a takeover by a group like the Freemasons," Kriso said. "He was basically a hermit."

The religious studies class, "Voices of Medieval Women," is taught by Elizabeth A. Dreyer, an associate professor. Her husband, John Bennett, spoke to his wife after her release.

"She's OK, she says the man is clearly disturbed, and she said she wants to see me," he said.

Evening classes were canceled and students held a prayer service in one of the residence halls, student Joni Saunders said.

The school, founded in 1942, has about 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Fairfield is about 20 miles from the New York state line.

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Astro-graph

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Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002

Through your experiences of the past few years, you could have a better understanding in the year ahead of yourself and the events that govern your life. This is going to help you immensely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Whether you're purchasing for business purposes or personal ones, your instincts for spotting bargains could be keener than usual today. Be sure to allocate some time for shopping. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY.10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Lately you could have had a lot of issues or the needs of others occupying your attention. However, today it's important you devote some time to your personal needs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Even if it requires a bit of a sacrifice on your part today, you'll do whatever it takes to assist others who are in need of your help. Your responsive nature will be appreciated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Involvements with others could either make or break you today. Fortunately, you'll realize the key to successful relationships is to deal with others in a kindly fashion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Regroup your forces today and go after objectives that you found were a bit too difficult to attain in the past. Chances are you can achieve now what eluded you before.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Sever all restraints on your thinking today and seek out creative involvements that enable you to use your full powers of imagination and enterprise. Therein lies your success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — We all learn by teaching others, and today this could become very apparent to you when you're called upon to help an associate sort out a complicated problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're likely to reach out quicker today in response to the emotional needs of others than you will their material desires. Good for you. You've got your head screwed on straight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — No one will have to peer over your shoulder today to prod you to perform your responsibilities and do a good job. Your self-pride will influence your productivity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — At times there is nothing wrong with being in love with love, and today may be one of those days. There is ample room in this abrasive world for another romanticist.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Family members won't object to you being a take-charge person today and assume authority over a household situation. They know what you're doing will make their lives easier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Try to go someplace different today, not necessarily distant, but where you can experience the unfamiliar. A change of venue could do much to regenerate your outlook.

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