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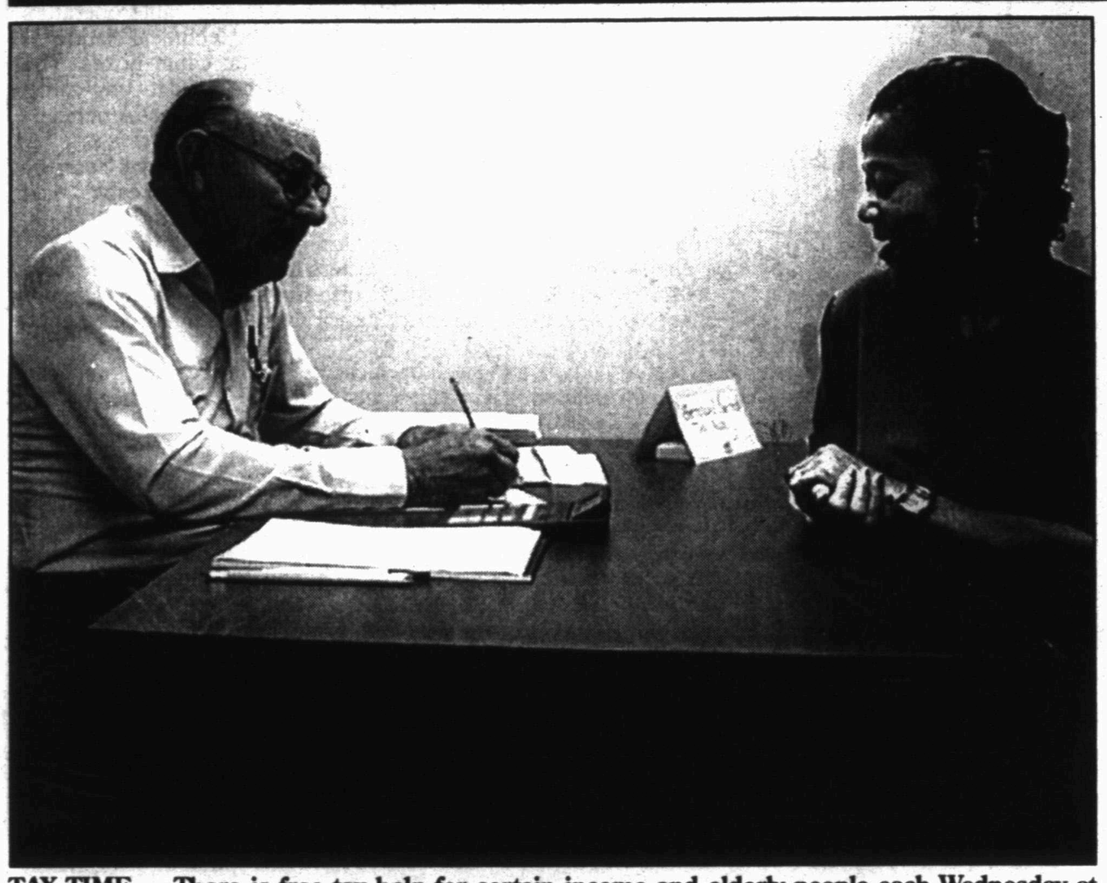
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Home Of Charlie Bell



TAX TIME — There is free tax help for certain income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Scurry County Senior Citizen's Center. Times are 9 a.m. until noon, and 1-3 p.m. Tax aide Bernhard Bartels (left) assists Shirley Wells. (SDN Staff Photo)

For AF flight training...

Lubbock officials want radar unit moved there

A Lubbock-area congressman has joined city of Lubbock officials in voicing concern that the proposed Air Force training area would be detrimental to commercial air traffic.

Lubbock councilman Tye Cooke, in a meeting Wednesday attended by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest and Air Force representatives, suggested that the Lancer military operating area (MOA) southeast of Lubbock that includes Scurry County could cripple commercial and civilian air traffic.

Cooke further suggested that bomber training exercises could inhibit the growth of Lubbock and Lubbock International Airport.

Dwight Williams, airspace manager for Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, said the Air Force proposal to create an eight-county area for B-1 and B-52 bombers remained unchanged.

Williams said the objection raised in Lubbock is not an Air Force concern, but rather a Federal Aviation Agency issue.

Williams said it is possible that the Republican congressman could force a change of plans, but the impact on Snyder would be minimum.

Cooke has suggested that the Air Force move the radar from Snyder to Lubbock.

Williams said if that should happen, it would impact only three of the 33 civilian jobs that are destined for Snyder.

"The bulk of the installation would remain in Snyder," Williams added. The installation would cost $14 million and would have an annual economic impact of $1.7 million.

Lubbock officials complained to the Air Force that they were left out of the planning process, a fact disputed by two Scurry County residents who attended a meeting in Lubbock last year.

Scurry County Airport Manager Rodger Sullenger and Precinct 1 County Commissioner Ralph Trevey attended a meeting at the Lubbock airport last spring in which the Lancer MOA was discussed.

Sullenger said the airport directors and flight operations managers of both the Lubbock and Midland airports were present at the meeting held at Lubbock International Airport.

James Beauchamp, an aide in Rep. Charlie Stenholm's office, said the idea of locating the radar in Lubbock to control both military and civilian air traffic came early in the planning process.

Beauchamp said it was brought up by the Lubbock air traffic controllers group in hopes of upgrading radar equipment in Lubbock. "They then decided they didn't want it because it wasn't the kind of equipment they envisioned."

The Air Force proposal for Realistic Bomber Training Initiatives over Garza, Kent, Lynn, Stonewall, Dawson, Borden, Fisher and Scurry counties has drawn opposition from rural residents who fear that the noise would disrupt livestock operations, hunting and the tranquil rural lifestyle.

In response to questions over noise, the Air Force conducted a fly-over demonstration Feb. 11. Comments over the level of noise has been mixed. One group, led by Fisher County rancher Buster Welch, has threatened a lawsuit to block the training flights.

Williams said the plan remains on target, but admitted that Rep. Combest had landed solidly in support of Lubbock's objections and the congressman said he would oppose funding for the training project. Rep. Stenholm was not invited to the meeting.

The final decision on the Air Force site recommendation is expected early next month. If approved, it would take approximately two years to complete the installation.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "When all is said and done, often not much has been done."

John Lloyd Robinson of Dallas sent it to his mom by e-mail, and Sandra Robinson hand-delivered it to the newspaper.

Entitled, "Are You Busy," it strikes at the heart of the flaws in our society.

"Satan called a convention of his angels. In his opening address he said, 'We can't keep Christians from going to church, reading their Bibles or from forming an intimate, abiding relationship experience in Christ.

"'Let them go to church and have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time...distract them from that vital connection throughout their day.

"'Here's how. Tempt them to spend, spend and borrow, borrow. Persuade wives to work long hours and husbands to work seven days a week so they can afford empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon their home will offer no escape from the pressure.

"'Over-stimulate their minds. Entice them to play the radio or cassette whenever they drive. Keep the TV, VCR and PCs going constantly. This will jam their minds and break their union with Christ.

"'Fill their coffee table with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk, mail order catalogues, sweepstakes and every kind of promotional offering free products, services and false hopes.

"'Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines so that husbands will believe that external beauty is really important, so they'll become dissatisfied. That will fragment families quickly.

"'Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted and unprepared for the coming week.

"'Don't let them out in nature to reflect on God's wonders. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies, instead.

"'Keep them busy, busy, busy. Involve them in gossip and small talk so they may gain troubled consciences and unsettled emotions.

"'Crowd their life with so many good causes that they have no time to seek a higher power. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. Keep 'em busy, busy - rushing here and there...it will work.'"

Trustee candidates file locally, in Hermleigh

The ballot for the Snyder ISD May 6 trustee election received its first candidate Monday afternoon as Mike Levens filed for his second term.

Levens, who was first elected to the school board in 1997, is a regional business manager for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

He and his wife, Marsha, have three children. Jeffrey and Josh are both Snyder High School graduates. Their daughter, Abigail, is an 8th grader at Snyder Junior High.

The Hermleigh ISD ballot also picked up its first candidate as Vance Reynolds filed for his first full term on the Hermleigh board.

The Hermleigh resident currently holds an at-large position on the board.

In filings for the May 6 City Council election, Vernest Tippens has filed for her seventh term for District 1 while James Jenkins has filed for his first full term on the council in District 3. David Harrell has filed for the District 2 spot, held by Jerry Webb who has announced he will not be running again.

Jason Scott Spradlin joined the list Wednesday, filing for the District 4 post, which is held by I.E. Martin.

The WTC trustee election picked up an additional candidate Wednesday morning as John Zalman III filed for Place 6, which is held by R.C. Patton. Patton announced he will not seek another term.

Zalman joins Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood, who have both filed for their second terms. Presswood holds Place 5 and Peterson holds Place 7.

Ira resident Gilbert Sanchez joined Dennis D. Taylor in filing for Place 4 on the Ira school board. Bo Robinson currently holds the position.

Other positions up for re-election include the term of Richard Chambers in Place 3 on the Snyder school board, the term of Dirk Dunn in Place 5 on the Ira School Board, and the terms of Alan Culp and Tim Dacus on the Hermleigh school board.

The filing period ends March 22.

Friday is a day off for Snyder students

Snyder students will be out of school Friday for a staff development day.

Students will release at regular time today and attend as usual on Monday.

Ira schools will be off March 3 for a staff development day.

Probation revocation sends one to prison

So does DWI guilty plea

Two persons will now serve sentences in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following action Tuesday and Wednesday in 132nd District Court.

On Tuesday, District Judge Ernie Armstrong revoked the probation of David Lujan Jr., convicted in 1998 for criminal mischief.

Lujan had pleaded guilty to an Oct. 25, 1998 charge of damaging a city of Snyder police car operated by police officer Mike Duddleston.

The patrol vehicle sustained a broken window, dented door and bent spotlight.

Lujan, 19, of 1401 Ave. K was originally sentenced to two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years. He was also fined $750 and ordered to make restitution in the amount of $2,670.

The state's motion to revoke the probation was based on Lujan's failure to report, to pay monthly probation fees and failure to appear for a probation performance review.

Lujan now will serve two years in a state jail facility.

On Tuesday, Bobby Leroy Escebedo, 37, of Lubbock pleaded guilty to a Sept. 19 offense of felony driving while intoxicated.

Escebedo, who has prior DWI convictions in Mitchell and Lubbock counties, will now serve four years in the state prison system.

A jury called Tuesday to hear the Escebedo DWI case was dismissed after the plea bargain was reached.

Auditor's pay set by judge

District Judge Ernie Armstrong Wednesday signed an order setting the salary of employees in the Scurry County auditor's office.

County Auditor Eddie McHaney's salary was set at $29,439.

The salary of the deputy auditor was set at $18,272 and the assistant auditor's annual salary was set at $17,000.

Hospital board has routine meet today

It was mostly routine business for the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Board this morning as it met for its regular monthly meeting.

Upon the recommendation of the hospital's medical staff, Dr. Bid Cooper asked the board to approve three appointments to the hospital staff, and five re-appointments.

New appointments include Dr. Adusumilli Paparao in the hospital's specialty clinic; Peggy Johnson CRNA, in anesthesiology; and Dr. Daniel Fish of Sweetwater as an emergency room physician.

Re-appointments include Dr. Marcia Odal as an ER physician; Bill Harris CRNA, in anesthesiology; and Dr. Park Joon, Dr. Charlie Sang and Dr. Peter Ho, all in the specialty clinic.

The board unanimously approved all recommendations.

The board also okayed an employee discount plan which gives all full-time hospital employees a 25 percent discount on all services.

Board member Stanley Martin, who also serves as the chairman of the finance committee, said the discount should help the hospital keep employees.

Hospital controller Selina McGuire presented the monthly financial report and said the hospital averaged over 23 patients daily in January, up from 15 daily in December.

In January 1999, the hospital averaged 20 patients daily.

McGuire said the hospital's net income for January was $278,627, up from $27,377 in December.

The hospital's cash balance at the end of January was $2,019,571.

Her report also indicated there were 109 total surgical patients in January as compared to 69 in December.

The board also approved the purchase of a computer system to replace one that is obsolete, and okayed a resolution approving a capital lease line of credit at 5.65 percent for the purchase of radiology equipment.

In his monthly report, Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer reported two physicians currently are being recruited to possibly join the St. Mary Healthcare staff.

Reecer said the two physicians are "very interested" in locating in Snyder.

ASK US

Q—Has the results of the parent survey concerning the SISD calendar ever been released?

A—Yes. It was published in Supt. Gayle Lomax's column in the SDN in January.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 76 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Thursday, 48; no precipitation; total for 2000, .88 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, 20% rain chance. Party cloudy, low around 40. SW wind 10-20 mph; Friday, partly cloudy, windy. High around 65; W wind 20-30 mph

Shelby Carter
Windy

Sunset: 6:39 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:16 a.m.
Of 54 days in 2000, the sun has shone 53 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Curiosity is the beginning of success.

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Knievel jump spotlights East Texas

PALESTINE (AP) — Robbie Knievel's jump over an East Texas locomotive did more than draw millions of TV viewers and cement his reputation as a daredevil.

The show, which aired live on Fox television Wednesday night, gave national recognition to the historic state railroad that runs through the region's scenic piney woods.

Knievel, the son of the famed stunt motorcyclist Evel Knievel, jumped a five-car steam train barreling head-on down the tracks. He soared more than 210 feet in a ramp-to-ramp leap on his motorcycle, an event that drew more than 15,000 spectators to the Texas State Railroad's Palestine Park.

Mark Price, operations superintendent for the railroad, said publicity from the stunt will be a windfall for the park, which is run by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and located about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

"This is giving coast-to-coast publicity for Palestine, the Texas State Railroad and Texas Parks and Wildlife," Price said. "It's absolutely phenomenal."

The Texas State Railroad is the state's only tourist steam train, carrying passengers from spring through fall on daily excursions from Palestine to Rusk, about 30 miles away. Last year, about 40,000 passengers rode the rails.

The 1917 engine that Knievel jumped is one of four steam engines and four antique diesel locomotives run by the railroad.

Price said the railroad has leased equipment to movie production companies before, but never for a live show like Knievel's. The railroad received $55,000 in fees for use of the park, train and tracks.

And the state isn't likely to need a $5 million liability insurance policy it took out in case Knievel was hurt.

After the jump, the stuntman said he wasn't seriously injured, although he had smashed a finger and would likely be sore from a hard landing.

"It turned out perfect," he said. "I went right through the steam. I couldn't do it better."

But Knievel did offer several disclaimers to viewers about the dangers of such stunts.

Texas leads the nation in vehicle-railroad collisions. According to the railroad commission, American drivers are 40 times more likely to be killed in a collision with a train than in a crash with another vehicle.

Knievel readily admits he's not Superman and prays before each jump.

That didn't deter one fan at the jump, who says he tries to imitate Knievel with tricks on his bicycle.

"I have something called the 'Robbie Special,'" said 25-year-old Danny Allen of Corsicana. "But I usually land on my face."

Knievel recently performed two other nationally televised stunts. Last February, he made a motorcycle jump from the roof of one building to the roof of another. In May, he broke his own record by jumping a 200-foot-wide chasm of the Grand Canyon, at the Hualapai Indian Reservation.

The 37-year-old said his next big jump likely will be far away from the Lone Star State.

"I'm looking for a volcano but I

Police not filing charges in boy's death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two psychiatric hospital workers will not face criminal charges in the death of a 9-year-old boy who died after they pinned him to the floor during a violent struggle, police said Wednesday.

San Antonio Police Department Sgt. Rosie Vasquez said homicide investigators believe the two workers at Laurel Ridge Hospital broke no laws.

"The physical force they used to restrain the little boy did not kill him," Vasquez told the San Antonio Express-News. "They followed every rule. He became ill and he did not, unfortunately, survive his illness, and that had nothing to do with how they restrained him."

On Feb. 6, Randy Steele reportedly became violent and scuffled with a mental health worker and a nurse. The boy had been at the facility since Jan. 7.

As staff workers restrained Steele, holding his arms and wrestling him to the floor, he struggled to breathe and began vomiting. He was taken to North Central Baptist Hospital, where he died a day later.

Police decided not to press charges even though the Bexar County medical examiner's office has not released a ruling on what caused the child's death.

The boy's family was baffled by the police department's decision.

"I would be more than disappointed if that is, in fact, their decision. This is not the impression I was given," the boy's grandmother told the Express-News.

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is still conducting its own probe of the death.

Cable industry and television makers reach digital pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — By next year, consumers should be able to buy digital TV sets that work with their cable systems, removing a key hurdle slowing adoption of the new technology.

An agreement between television makers and cable operators announced Wednesday ends an impasse over technical standards that let digital sets communicate with digital cable boxes. The industries expect cable customers should be able to buy cable-ready digital sets within 18 months. About two-thirds of Americans get their television signals via cable.

"With these agreements, many more consumers will soon be able to access the wonders of digital television through cable," said Gary Shapiro, president of the Consumer Electronics Association. "This is yet another giant step forward in the transition to DTV."

Digital television allows broadcasters to squeeze more video and data into existing channel space, offering sharper pictures, more channels, stock quotes or other data transmitted to home computers.

The agreement includes specifications to ensure consumers can get their cable signals on digital sets, said Robert Sachs, head of the National Cable Television Association.

He said the pact should prevent the need for government intervention, but regulators at the Federal Communications Commission said they still may need to step in if two key disputes remained unresolved.

The nation's broadcasting lobby balked at the agreement, saying that it leaves outstanding issues, including the definition of what constitutes a cable-ready receiver.

"This is only a piece of the solution, and represents a transparent attempt by both cable operators and TV manufacturers to avoid an FCC rule desperately needed by consumers," said Dennis Wharton, spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters.

The first high-definition televisions began selling in late 1998, and more than 100 TV stations reaching 50 percent of the American people now offer the option of receiving high-quality digital TV signals. But the pictures are eroded through cable converters to quality not much better than traditional analog TVs. Cable TV customers with digital TV sets always have the option of using rabbit ears to receive broadcasters' digital channels.

FCC chairman Bill Kennard had set an April 1 deadline for a compromise on some issues and said he was circulating draft rules to his colleagues in case the differences were not resolved.

On Wednesday, he praised the industries for deals on the direct connection of digital receivers to cable, and how to pass tuning and schedule information through cable systems so consumers can use them with on-screen program guides. The latter will be increasingly important as digital service greatly expands the number of channels available to consumers.

The "industry agreement on digital TV technical standards will jump start the digital revolution for television," Kennard said.

Two other matters still need to be worked out, Kennard said:

—labeling sets so consumers know whether their digital set connects to other digital appliances, such as a digital VCR.

—copy protection technology to prevent cable shows from being illegally intercepted, or pirated, while still letting consumers make copies for their own use.

Until those matters are resolved, FCC Commissioner Susan Ness warned against declaring "victory when the game's only at halftime."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



A 'hot' new treatment?

DEAR DR. GOTT: If viruses cause cancer and if they can be killed by heating, why not heat up cancer patients' bodies to, say, 110 degrees, keep the brain cool and thereby treat the cancer?

DEAR READER: In theory, such a scheme makes perfect sense. If, somehow, the body could be heated — while preserving delicate, heat-sensitive organs such as the brain — a form of in vivo pasteurization could take place. Viruses, bacteria — even cancer cells — could be cooked.

However, from a practical standpoint, body-heating is not yet technically feasible; it's simply too hazardous. You might be interested to learn that in the 1950s and 1960s, a related technique enjoyed limited popularity. Coley's toxin, an unfiltered mixture of certain bacteria, caused high fever when injected into the body. It was used to treat selected cases of inoperable cancer. Despite the obvious primitiveness of the procedure, some patients were actually cured by this method. However, it fell out of favor when more effective methods of cancer therapy came into vogue. Coley's toxin is no longer used.

The theory of body-heating is attractive, but appears to have passed its prime. As I have written for 30 years, the real breakthrough in cancer treatment will almost certainly come within the next century in the form of gene therapy. I foresee that future children will receive an anti-cancer vaccine along with their usual pediatric immunizations. (The same may hold true for heart disease.) And the adults living after 2100 will marvel at how crude and ineffective today's therapies are. ("Can you believe it, Ellen? They once used to OPERATE on cancer patients!") Don't get me started on this topic, which is one of my favorites. ("I know," Ellen will reply. "Isn't it incredible that medical treatment was so, like, primitive years ago?") Some linguistic annoyances will, like, probably last. Sorry, dude. Awesome.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Ever since childhood, I've had painful stomachaches every few months. My food does not digest or pass out of my stomach. The only way to obtain relief is to regurgitate everything. At one point, my cousin gave me a muscle relaxant pill he was taking for irritable bowel syndrome, and my pain stopped in 30 minutes without the urge to vomit. Should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: The sequence you describe suggests that you are suffering repeated attacks of partial intestinal obstruction or inappropriate intestinal contractions. This could be due to muscle spasms in the stomach and small intestine. Such an ailment is amenable to treatment by a medical professional. Consequently, I believe that you should see a doctor, who can — after an examination and testing — clarify the exact nature of your problem.

I hasten to add that medicine used to control muscle spasms is available only by prescription. I do not encourage you to take your cousin's medicine; despite the initial benefits, it may not be right for you. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Berry's World



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, February 25, 2000

Advancement in your chosen field of endeavor is highly likely in the year ahead because chances are you'll find yourself much more willing to put that bright mind of yours to good work.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) With a creative touch and a dash of imagination, you can accomplish some very big things. Throw the switch today that turns on your bright ideas. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to be open-minded and intellectually mobile today, because being inflexible could definitely work to your disadvantage. This will be especially true in joint ventures.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep emotions out of your decisions today and view things from a logical perspective and your judgments will be good. Allowing your feelings to dominate, however, will make for a rough day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't be reluctant to put yourself out a bit should a pal need some help today. Your greatest feelings of gratification will come from situations where you feel you've done some good.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Begin putting your affairs in order today, because your organizational abilities will be a shade sharper than usual. Use this to your advantage, starting with priority projects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) By guiding your endeavors step by step and leaving no detail neglected, you can bring your important affairs to successful conclusions today. Don't leave anything up to chance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your powers of observation are always very keen, but today they could be even more so. Used productively, this is good. Used to point out the faults of others, this is not good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Chances are your intensity and dedication to make the most out of meager beginnings makes you a winner today. In fact, when in group involvements, you're apt to come out best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Being able to distinguish between taking pride in what you do and being proud purely for vanity's sake will make a difference in how you'll end up feeling about this day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try not to call attention to yourself today while going after personal goals, because outside influences could quickly sidetrack your endeavors and throw you off course.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although you might think you'd enjoy a little solitude today, in reality, you would be much happier participating in activities with friends. Get out and mingle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Total dedication is what is needed today to achieve an important objective of yours, while the quickest way to grind your aims to a halt is to question your convictions.

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Exile over for man

ATLANTA (AP) — A black professor who returned to the United States from England four decades after defying an all-white draft board said he is glad to be home again.

Still, Preston King can't help but feel a sense of loss after 39 years in exile.

"In a way, it's gone. It's over and done with. You don't recover that time," King said Wednesday as he arrived in Georgia for the first time since 1961.

King, 63, came to bury his oldest brother in Albany today. On Monday, he received a presidential pardon for fleeing the country to avoid imprisonment for draft evasion.

Tears streamed down King's face at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, where he was reunited with 20 family members. Some knew him only from pictures and letters.

"This is a wonderful homecoming," he said minutes after his flight from London touched down. "This is my turf. These are my folks. I feel a great sense of love for this terrain."

In 1958, King, who had been granted time by his south Georgia draft board to pursue a master's degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science, was told to report for induction.

The draft board addressed him as "Mr. Preston King" before learning he was black and "Preston" after that. He refused to report for an Army physical until the board addressed him as "Mr.," as they did white draftees. He was eventually convicted of draft evasion.

On Wednesday, King defended his defiance as "a simple issue of common decency and mutual respect.



PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL — Kathy Moore's and Kathy Spoor's third grade classes at Central Elementary presented *Punxsutawney Phil* last week. Mrs. Moore's students (top photo) are from left, bottom row, Dwight Henkell, Heather Steelman, Matthew Sosa, Jordan Wright, Taylor Gibbs, Eric Medrano, Douglas Brunson; second row, Carson Matthies, Shelby Carter, Alex Escobedo, Tilatha Akins, Shelbie Talavera, Zane Berryhill, Julian Dominguez, Chase Alarcon, Ava Reyes, Stephen Luna, David Zalman. Mrs. Spoor's students (bottom photo) top row, from left, Lindsey Cox, Lauren Price, Riley Raschke, Chelsea Young, Charley Stewart, Daisy Rodriguez, Chelsea Castillo, Roxann Renteria, Jessie Thomas, Daniela Allen; on the floor, from left, Lesa Jones, Clint McFatridge, Tommy Vasquez, Chantell McGaha, Jeramy Lindsey, Tony Guerrero, Eric Lindsey. Lecy Blauvelt is not pictured. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Central Awards

Central's Primary Super Kids recognized last week are Orlando Murillo, Jaqueline Rubio, Roxanna Silva, Tamron Wesley, Yesennia Cabrera, Adalberto Jaimes, Mercedez Platero, Ajay Garcia, Jansi Hernandez, Eddie Herrera, Ayeshia Greathouse, Trent Ruiz, Liliana Hernandez, Juan Medina.

Third grade Positive Action Super Kids announced last week include Melanie Hernandez, Kira Bilano, Jaclyn DeLeon, Kalyn Hildreth, Maria Teresa Murillo, Lauren Zamora, Carson Matthies, Chase Guynes, Erica Maldonado, Lindsey Cox, Forest Clayton.

Those receiving Unit Recognition Awards were Lolita Ramos, Mary Jane Alaniz, Nakita Pickerel, Aaron Chaidez, Rubi Jaimes, Tony Perales, Shelby Carter, Brittney Hendricks, Frankie Benitez, Charley Stewart, Rebecca Morin.

Students who earned 25 or more Accelerated Reader points were also recognized. Each received a Principal's Award and a certificate for a child's meal from Burger King.

Students receiving medallions were Leslie Johnston, 207 points, bronze medallion; Rubi Jaimes, 376 points, silver medallion; Maria Teresa Murillo, 211 points, bronze medallion; Brittany Scott, 213 points, bronze medallion; David Strayhorn, 238 points, bronze medallion.

Ira Awards

Ira students with perfect attendance for the fourth six weeks are:

Kindergarten: Travis Hartman, Cristian Ornelas, Brandee Pinkerton, Conner Smith.

First grade: Krystin Baker, Kylor Fine, Kendyl Jackson, Steven Juarez, Isaac Martin, Baily Nickerson, Kellie Pilcher, Brooke Withers.

Second grade: Lindsey Daniel, Olivia Juarez, Rey Juarez, John Martini, Daniel Wooldridge.

Third grade: Austin Calley, Kirk Krop.

Fourth grade: Michael Cox, Josh Hall, Dalton Jackson, Laura Juarez, Tony Martini, Kendyll Pilcher.

Fifth grade: Nickelynn Withers, Corbin Clements, Dustin Farmer, Tyrelle Gilbert.

Sixth grade: Logan Bland, Brittany Dickerhoff, Mandi Green, David Kirk, Joel Lollar, Jordan Lollar, Chad Nickerson.

Seventh grade: Brandon Crane, Kevin Graves, Cody Lomax, Justin Taylor, Brenda Torres.

Eighth grade: Chad Everton, Brandon Graves, Dillon McElvaine, Phil Payne, Lindsey Wilson.

Ninth grade: Colter Brown, Tyler Frey, Celeigh Sterling.

Tenth grade: Jessie Green, Kendra Krop, Cade Tucker, Dani White.

Eleventh grade: Jeremy Bowden, Morgan Clements, Shade Everton, Tosha Walker.

Twelfth grade: Justin Green.

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The elementary class with the highest class attendance is the first grade.

The junior high class with the highest class attendance is the seventh grade.

The high school class with the highest class of attendance is the 10th grade.

Date Book

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000

Today is the 55th day of 2000 and the 65th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, Congress began impeachment proceedings against President Andrew Johnson.

On this day in 1974, Pakistan formally recognized the independence of Bangladesh.

On this day in 1994, comedian Garrett Morris was shot and wounded during a robbery attempt in Los Angeles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilhelm Carl Grimm (1786-1859), folklorist; Winslow Homer (1836-1910), painter; Honus Wagner (1874-1955), baseball great; Chester W. Nimitz (1885-1966), U.S. admiral; Michael Harrington (1928-1989), writer; Renatta Scotto (1933-), operatic soprano, is 67; Michel LeGrand (1932-), composer, is 68.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Finland's ski-jump champion Matti Nykanen won his third gold medal at the Calgary Winter Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "For the urban poor, the police are those who arrest you. In almost any slum, there is a vast conspiracy against the forces of law and order." — Michael Harrington

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 19) and last quarter (Feb. 26).

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Thefts, gas prices on the rise

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Amoco manager Jasmine Many watched the man pump $17 worth of gas into his Grand Am — and then watched as he jumped behind the wheel and raced off without paying.

"He'd even taken off his license plate. He knew what he was doing," Many said Wednesday, hours after the seventh theft at the downtown Indianapolis station in two weeks.

With a gallon of gas averaging $1.41 nationwide, it seems some motorists are exploiting the busy nature of gas stations and convenience stores by taking off without paying for gas.

Gas prices are expected to stay high into the summer travel season, and some analysts even predict pump prices could rise to $1.70 per gallon before the problem eases.

At the Amoco station Wednesday, regular was $1.55 a gallon, while premium commanded $1.75.

Harry Murphy, a spokesman for the Service Station Dealers of America, said there's been a slight increase in gas thefts nationwide, but it's a far cry from the rash of thefts and siphonings during gas shortages in the 1970s.

"They may be going up a smidgen right now, but I haven't heard any hew and cry about it," said Murphy, whose Lanham, Md.-based group represents about 120,000 service stations in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Still, a quick survey of stations across the nation Wednesday suggested a growing problem with gas thefts.

Al Carroll, who owns two gas stations in Shreveport, La., said two motorists stole gas from one of his stations in the past week — the first such thefts he could remember in years. Both customers had big sports utility vehicles. One got away with $22 worth of gas and the second $28 worth.

"I think it's a matter of seeing if they can away with it," Carroll said. "We just caution the cashiers to be extra careful and be on the lookout."

Carroll said regular gas costs $1.38 per gallon at his gas stations. A year ago, the price was about 99 cents per gallon.

In Oklahoma's Muskogee County, where prices are around $1.40 per gallon, reports of people driving off without paying for gas have doubled in recent weeks.

One theft report came in as police dispatcher Stan Mathews explained that the sheriff's office is receiving about seven to eight calls a week.

"They're just taking a tankful right now — wait until the prices get over $2," he said.

In Indiana's Porter County, the increase in thefts has mirrored the rise in gasoline prices, said county Patrolman Timothy Emmons. The agency had been getting about two such thefts a week until last week; now there are about two a day.

"What people don't realize is that theft of gasoline, even if only a few dollars worth, is a felony that can mean up to a three-year jail sentence," Emmons said.

With thefts increasing, some law enforcement agencies plan to step up efforts to catch thieves.

Scott Minier of the Marion County Sheriff's Department said rising gas prices certainly increase the value of the theft.

"Coupled with the fact that some SUVs have 40-gallon tanks, we're talking a lot of money," he said.

Witness testifies Eberling confessed

CLEVELAND (AP) — A woman who once worked with Richard Eberling testified that he had confessed to killing Marilyn Sheppard and hitting her husband on the head with a bucket.

Eberling, the man Sam Reese Sheppard believes killed his mother in 1954, made the confession 29 years later during a late-night conversation, Kathie Collins Dyal testified Wednesday.

Sheppard is suing the state of Ohio claiming his late father, Dr. Sam Sheppard, was wrongfully imprisoned for the beating death of Mrs. Sheppard in the couple's home.

The highly publicized case partly inspired "The Fugitive" television series and movie.

Dyal said Eberling confessed when she was a home health care worker for an elderly widow, Ethel May Durkin. Eberling hired Dyal for the job and later fired her from it.

He later was convicted of killing Durkin, and died in prison while serving a life sentence for that slaying. Eberling never told authorities that he killed Mrs. Sheppard.

Dr. Sheppard, convicted of murder, spent a decade in prison before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the verdict.

2 graduate from Hardin-Simmons

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University announces that Christy Traywick and Raymond Anthony House of Snyder received bachelor degrees during fall commencement exercises Dec. 11.

Traywick received a master of physical therapy degree from the Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics, and House earned a bachelor of behavioral science degree from the Irvin School of Education.

U.S. Santa Cruz profesors approve grades for students

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Professors at the once-iconoclastic University of California, Santa Cruz have taken a giant step toward normalcy by voting for a new requirement: letter grades.

"Grades and GPAs are lingua franca in the world of academe," biology professor Martha Zuniga said. "We owe it to our students to give them an opportunity to be competitive."

The decision, passed by a 154-77 vote by professors Wednesday, stunned students at campus which opened 35 years ago as an experimental alternative to the more conservative University of California schools.

Zuniga said students who don't have a GPA have a hard time getting grants and fellowships.

Students, though, have held demonstrations and spoken at public meetings during the past few months in opposition to grades.

"You are processing us like we are on an assembly line," said Student Union Assembly chair Kirti Srivasta, tears welling in her eyes after the vote.

Instead of letter grades, UC-Santa Cruz has given students narrative essays evaluating their work. Students could get a grade if they want one, but last year, only one in three of the 11,000 students took that option.

The nontraditional grading system has long been a selling point for UC-Santa Cruz, which reported a record 20,000 applications from prospective students for the fall quarter.

In November, 187 faculty members asked the Academic Senate to dump narrative evaluations altogether, saying they are time-consuming.

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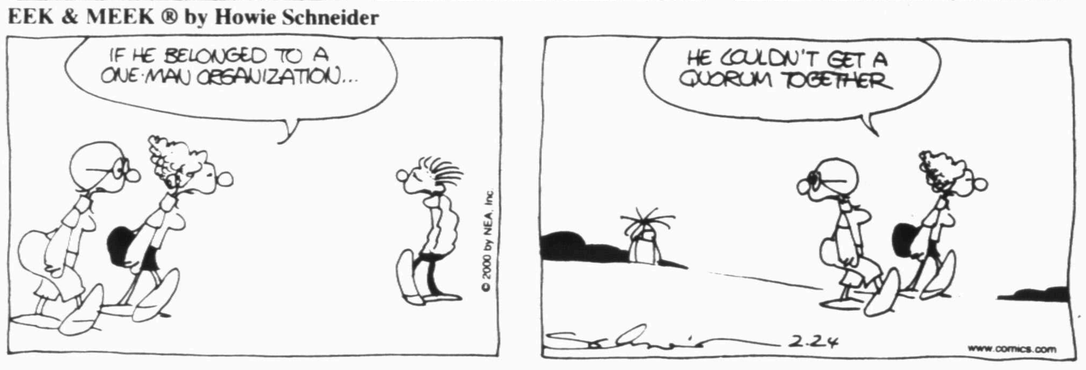
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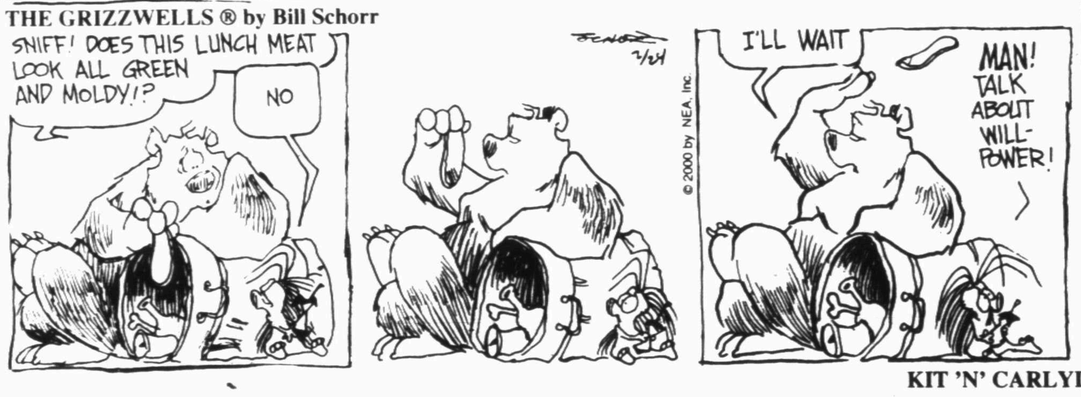
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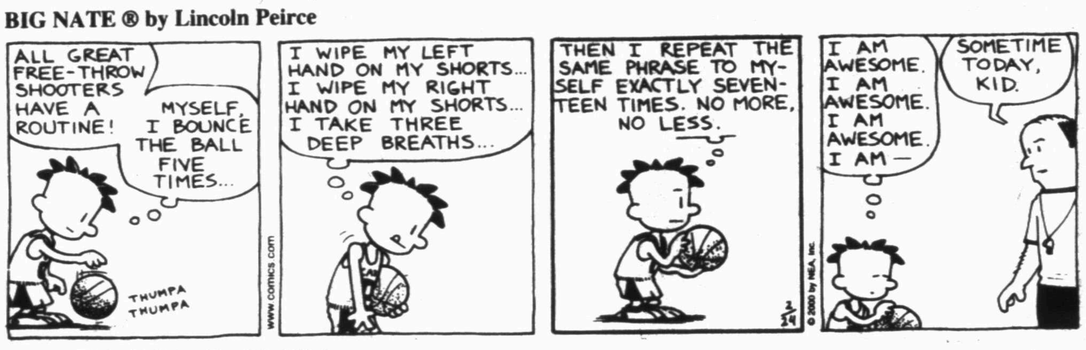
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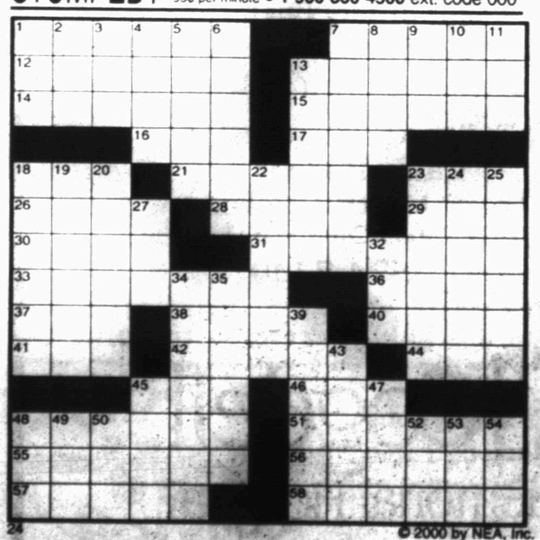
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Carlos Santana receives 8 Grammy awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The comeback of Carlos Santana is triumphantly complete.

The guitar great who had just one minor Grammy to his credit in a 30-year career won eight on Wednesday, tying the record set by Michael Jackson in 1983 for most trophies in one night. Santana's awards included the top honors, record and album of the year.

Santana brought grace, humility and spirituality to a show full of glitz and glamor. The 52-year-old musician known best for his breathtaking guitar work said he set out to make "Supernatural" a radio-friendly record to spread a message of hope.

"If I can do it, people from the ghettos, the barrio, the shantytowns can do it," the Mexican-born Santana said. "I know, because I came from there."

Other top winners at the 42nd annual Grammys included the soul trio TLC, who won two Grammys — for best rhythm 'n' blues for their frank put-down of men, "No Scrubs," and best R&B album for "Fanmail." "No Scrubs" was also named best R&B song.

Eminem won two awards, for best rap solo performance and best rap album.

Country's leading ladies, the Dixie Chicks and Shania Twain, won two Grammys apiece. George Jones, who had a near-fatal traffic wreck last year, won best male country vocal for "Choices."

Tony Bennett, now 73 and enjoying his own commercial resurgence, took the Grammy for traditional pop vocal for his tribute to Duke Ellington.

"This is my ninth Grammy, and boy, I just feel like going back in the recording studio and coming up with another one," he said.

Christina Aguilera staged a mild upset for best new performer over fellow teen queen Britney Spears. Aguilera said she was so sure someone else would win that she did not prepare a speech.

"I was expecting it to go to somebody actually who had more singles out this year, so this is totally, totally unexpected," Aguilera said.

Sting scored his own upset for male pop vocal with "Brand New Day," beating out younger, Latin-influenced singers Marc Anthony and Ricky Martin. Sting also won for pop album.

Santana's wins were clearly no upsets. He was the favorite of the audience, which gave him standing ovations and cheered each time his name was mentioned as a nominee.

"This validates that together, we can heal this planet," he said. "There's so much gossip and sensationalism, it's nice to demonstrate to people that dignity and class can do as well."

Santana's triumph was reminiscent of the Grammys two years ago, when rock veterans Bob Dylan and John Fogerty won top awards. Neither Dylan nor Fogerty, leader of Creedence Clearwater Revival, had won Grammys in their prime years in the 1960s.

Despite continued critical acclaim for Santana, recent records have sold modestly compared to multi-platinum 1970s albums as "Santana" and "Abraxas." A deeply spiritual man who is a longtime devotee of Indian guru Sri Chinmoy, Santana's first words upon winning album of the year were a Hebrew prayer, which translates to: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts."

Santana's other honors included best rock album, pop collaboration with vocals, rock instrumental and pop performance by a duo or group with vocals. With nearly 6 million copies sold, "Supernatural" is the best-selling album for Santana, whose career caught fire after Woodstock in 1969.

Much of the credit for the album's success goes to Santana's musical guests, including fellow guitar veteran Eric Clapton and younger musicians such as Lauryn Hill, Dave Matthews, Everlast, Wyclef Jean and Rob Thomas, who co-wrote and sang on "Smooth," which won record of the year.

Thomas said the collaborations helped introduce Santana's music to younger listeners.

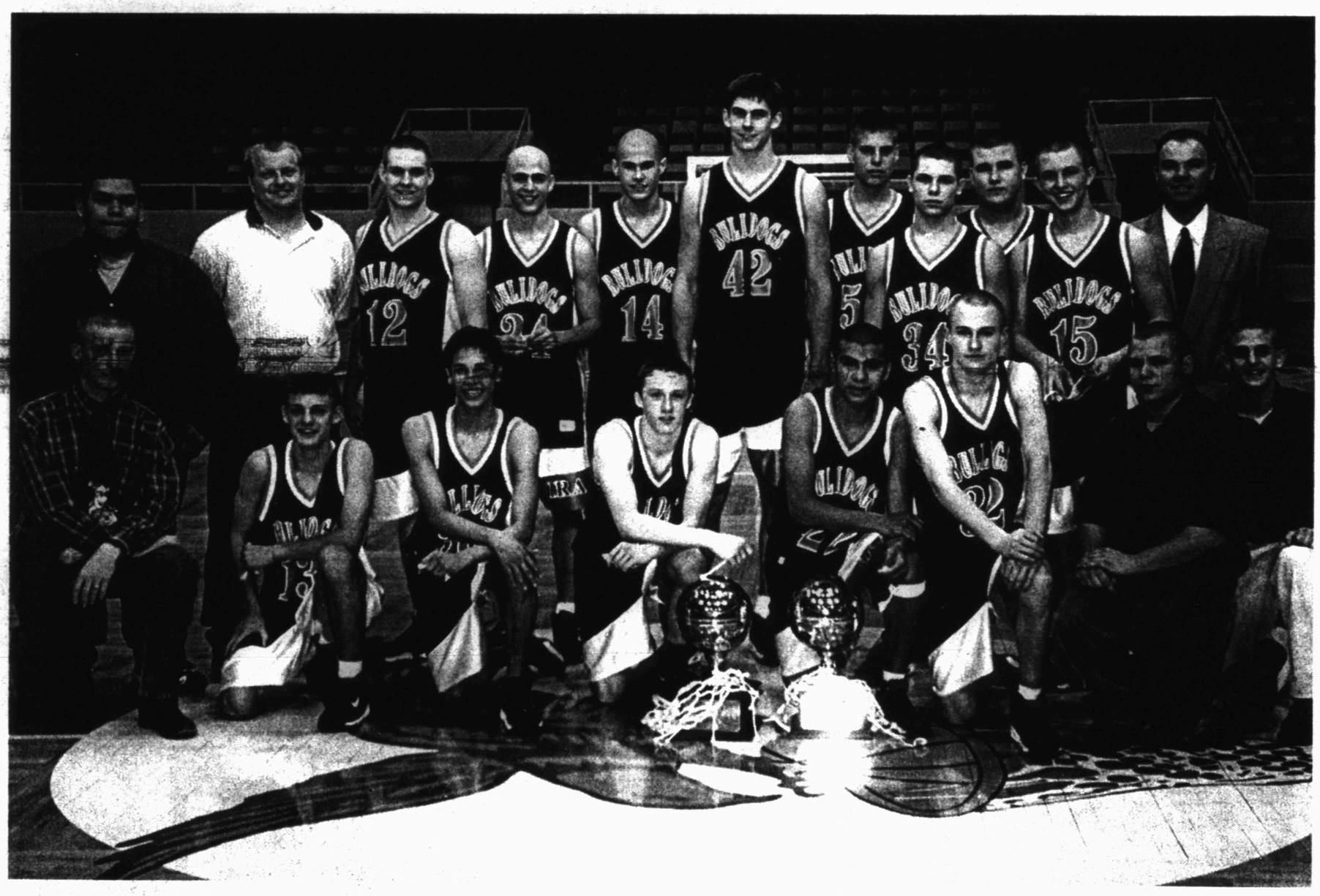
"It's not that I think Carlos had a comeback," Thomas said. "He was just opened up to a few more layers, more ages of people."

Santana heaped praise on his collaborators, thanking Everlast for "writing that incredible spiritual song, 'Put Your Lights On,'" and Thomas for the "wonderful lyrics and performance" on "Smooth."

The guitarist also honored producer Clive Davis, who released "Supernatural" on his Arista label and first signed Santana to Columbia Records in the late 1960s. Santana took the stage side-by-side with Davis to accept the top album Grammy.

"Anytime an artist breaks through, they wonder how long they can last," said Davis.

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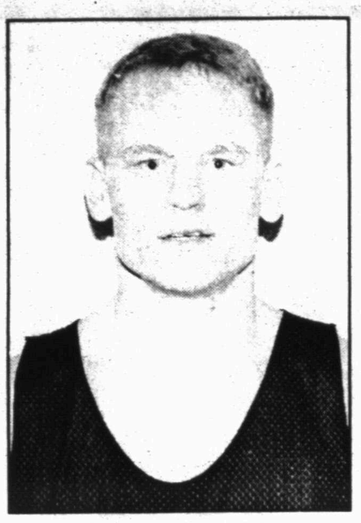
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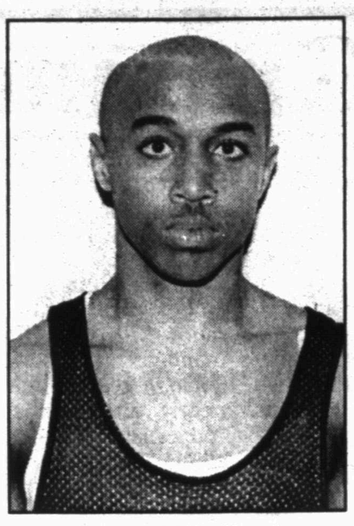
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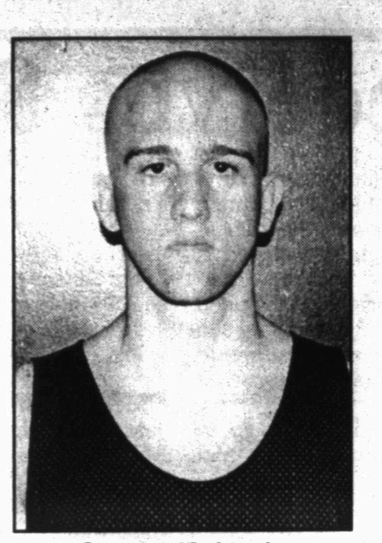
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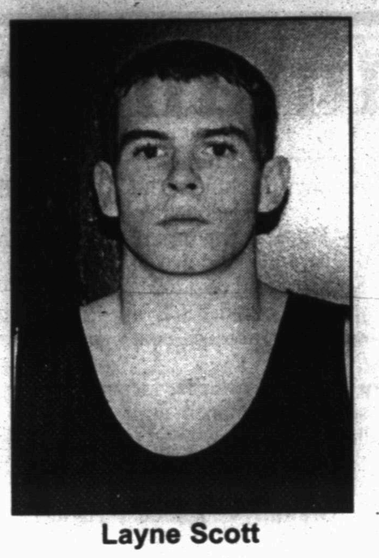
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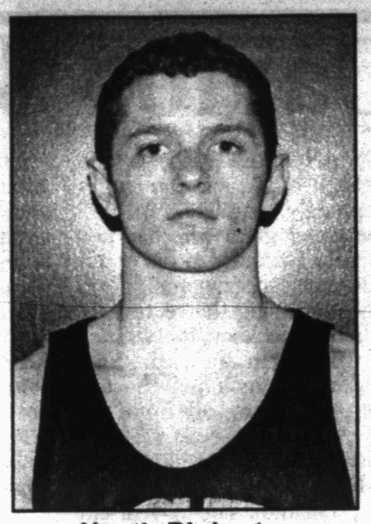
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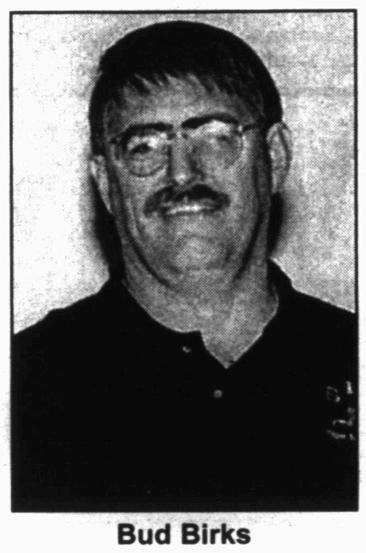

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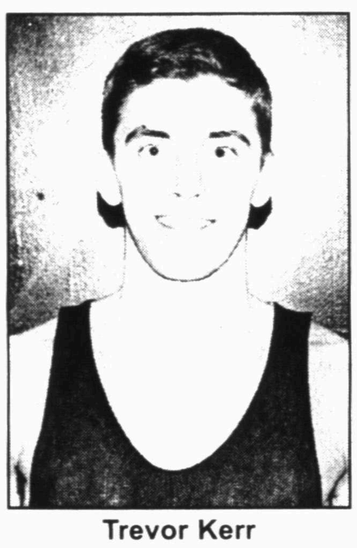

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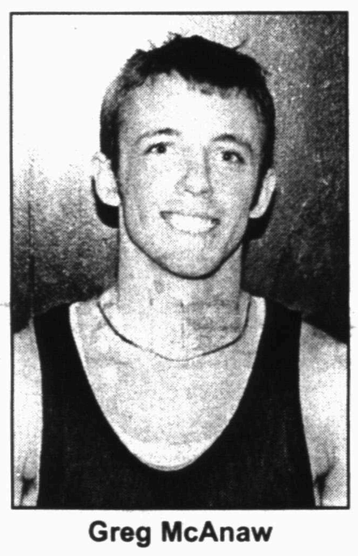


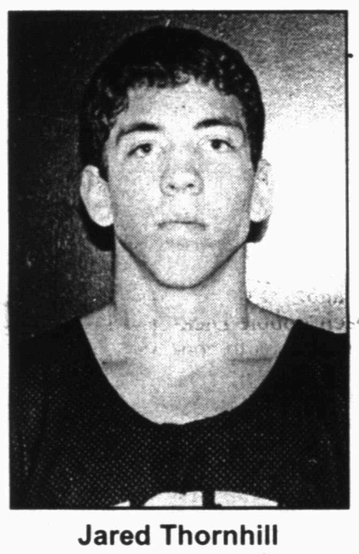
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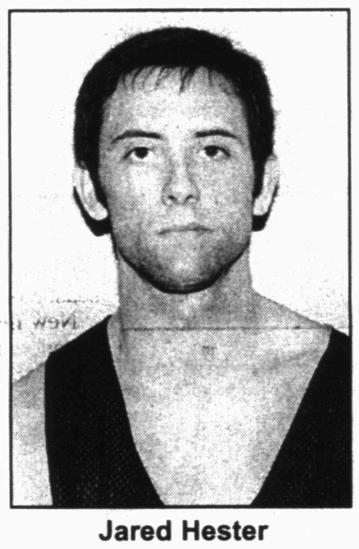
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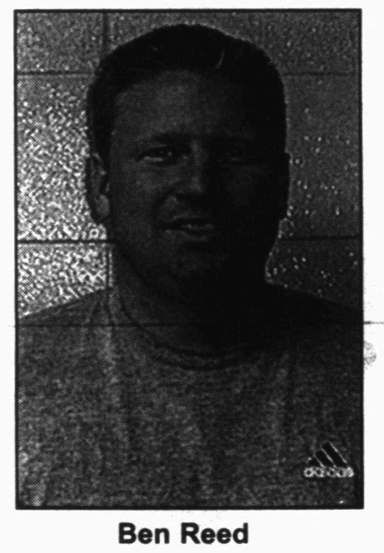

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SPORTS



TIGER FAN APPRECIATION — The Snyder Tigers present an autographed basketball to Michael Barrow prior to the final district home game. The Tigers and their fans hit the road Friday for a bi-district match-up with Wichita Falls Hirschi at 7 p.m. at Cisco High School. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers look to muzzle high-powered Huskies

Snyder has already posted its best record in recent years, and captured its second consecutive district title. Friday night, the Tigers will look to add another jewel to their crown.

Snyder tangles with the Wichita Falls Hirschi Huskies Friday in a Class 4A area playoff at 7 p.m. at Cisco High School.

The Tigers enter the game with a record of 23-10, while the Huskies come in with a mark of 18-13 following their bi-district win over state-ranked Weatherford.

Snyder has been here before. The tigers advanced to the second round last year, before falling to Justin Northwest, and Coach Bud Birks believes that experience should benefit his team tonight.

"The kids that were here last year know what it takes," Birks said. "They know what it takes to prepare for the playoffs, and they understand the intensity level. And this group of kids has been very focused and very intense all year, so this is nothing new to them."

The biggest obstacle facing the Tigers will be a height disadvantage. The Huskies start three players who stand 6-5 or over, and the tall trio is the center of their offense.

"They have a lot of height, and they like to use it," said Birks. "Their kids aren't only big, they're agile and are great jumpers. We have to do a good job of keeping them off the glass, because they really crash the boards."

Snyder has 6-4 Sonny Cumbie and 6-3 Heath Pinkerton to defend two of Hirschi's big men, leaving Greg McAnaw or Jamaal Wofford who both stand 5-9 to guard the other one.

The Tigers will also bring 6-3 Jared Thornhill off the bench to combat the disadvantage. The junior has seen quality minutes this season, but has struggled with foul trouble.

"Obviously the thing that sticks out when you look at Hirschi is match-up problems," Birks stated. "At this level, it's not often that you face a team with three big guys. Our kids will have to stay disciplined and focused to give us our best chance to win."

The Tigers match-up well with the Huskies, in terms of quickness, led at the point guard spot by Jared Hester.

"Jared has been a good match-up for us against any point guard we've faced all year," said Birks. "We've never lost that battle. Jared has held his own against point guard we've faced this year."

The winner of Friday's game advances to face either Denton Ryan, or Stephenville, in the regional quarterfinal on Tuesday.

Snyder Tigers vs. WF Hirschi Huskies
Region I-4A Area Playoff

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Probable Starters (stats)

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G. McAnaw, 5-9 (10.2 pts)	C. Smith, 5-10 (6.2 pts)
J. Wofford, 5-9 (5.8 pts)	A.J. Zollicoffer, 6-5 (8.2 pts)
H. Pinkerton, 6-3 (12.1 pts, 6.2 rebs)	K. Triggs, 6-5 (11 pts, 6.6 rebs)
S. Cumbie, 6-4 (12.2 pts, 8.4 rebs)	L. Pralour, 6-5 (19.2 pts, 10.1 rebs)

Snyder opens tourneys today

Snyder High School opens a pair of tournaments on the diamond today, with the Tiger baseball team and Lady Tiger softball squad in action.

The Tigers were to have faced Del Rio late this morning in the first round of the San Angelo tourney. It would be the Tigers' first non-scrimmage action of the season.

The Lady Tigers, who opened their season last week with a setback to Midland Lee, will square off with Midland High tonight at 6 o'clock in the opening round of the West Texas Classic in Midland.

In San Angelo, the Tigers' strength could be its pitching staff, with Ralph Ramon and Adam Beck likely seeing early action on the mound. After struggling to find consistency on the hill last year, Coach Roland Herrera has high hope for his hurlers this season.

"I really think the strength of our team will be our pitching," Herrera said. "Not just the quality of our pitchers, but our depth. We have more kids who can throw this year, than we've had in the past. Now, if we can just get our bats to come around, then we'll be okay."

The Lady Tigers also have some talented pitchers. Kristen Martinez and Courtney Rinehart return, after doing the bulk of the pitching during Snyder's playoff season of a year ago.

New head coach Robbie Dickenson, who led Coahoma to consecutive state tournament appearances, hopes to have his squad molded into shape by the time district rolls around March 7.

"We've spent a lot of time on fundamentals, so that we can be consistent in the field and at the plate," said Dickenson. "It's early in the season, and there's always a lot of things to work on at this stage. But the girls are working hard, and we can see improvement every day in practice."

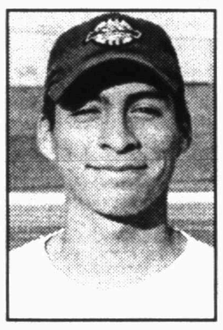
Both tournaments continue Friday and Saturday.

Following this morning's action, the Tigers square off with El Paso Austin this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Snyder netters take third at Big Spring

BIG SPRING — After advancing to the regional tournament in team tennis, Snyder is looking to continue their success this spring.

Snyder netters registered four top-ten finishes at their first event of the season in Big Spring to take third place overall.



Gonzales



Ryan

Leading the way for SHS was Adrian Gonzales and Ryan Gibson who notched fourth place in boys' doubles.

After winning its first match, 6-0, 6-0, the duo advanced all the way to the semifinals, before suffering consecutive setbacks to pair of Lubbock Coronado teams.

The Tigers' other tandem of Justin Guy and Adam Rodgers finished 11th with a 2-2 mark.

In girls' doubles, Whitney Graham and Patricia Vargas teamed up to tie for fifth place with teammates Claire Cotton and Jordan Hardin. The two SHS teams advanced to the fifth-place match, but elected not to compete against each other.

Cozy Jones paced Snyder in singles action, winning her first and last matches to take seventh place, while Natalie Alexander finished 13th.

Allen Smith and Kris Casas shouldered the load in boys' singles, with Smith securing 10th place and Casas taking 12th.

After dropping his first match, Smith rebounded to win his next two, before falling, 7-5, 6-4, to Permian's Joey Baldwin.

Casas got off to a rough start, falling in his first two outings, before posting wins in his next two.

Snyder results

Boys' doubles: Gonzales-Gibson def. Mireles-Downing, Big Spring, 6-0, 6-0; Guy-Rodgers lost to Ballio-Morgan, Permian, 2-6, 1-6; Gonzales-Gibson def. Smiley-Langford, Big Spring, 6-3, 6-2; Guy-Rodgers def. Morgan-Riley, Carlsbad, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; Gonzales-Gibson lost to Anderson-George, Coronado, 2-6, 4-6; Guy-Rodgers lost to Gilmore-Webb, Midland, 2-6, 0-6; Gonzales-Gibson lost to Atkins-Lindsey, Coronado, 4-6, 5-7; Guy-Rodgers def. McKinley-Barron, Odessa, default.
Boys' singles: Smith lost to Jay, Coronado; Casas lost to McKinley, Odessa; Smith def. Barreda, Carlsbad, 6-1, 6-2; Casas lost to Saenz, Midland; Smith def. Watt, Big Spring, 7-5, 6-3; Casas def. Baker, Carlsbad, 6-1, 6-1; Smith lost to Baldwin, Permian, 5-7, 4-6; Casas def. Barreda, Carlsbad, 6-1, 6-3.
Girls' doubles: Graham-Vargas def. Vera-Roffers, Big Spring, 6-1, 6-3; Cotton-Hardin def. Primera-O'Hearn, Odessa, 6-2, 6-2; Graham-Vargas lost to McMinn-McMinn, Permian, 1-6, 7-5, 3-6; Cotton-Hardin lost to Pessa-Smith, Coronado, 4-6, 2-6; Graham-Vargas def. Weckel-Smith, Carlsbad, 6-4, 6-3; Cotton-Hardin def. Richardson-Partee, Big Spring, 6-2, 6-1.
Girls' singles: Alexander lost to Carmichael, Coronado, 3-6, 2-6; Jones def. Ward, Big Spring, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; Alexander def. Whalen, Permian, 5-7, 7-6, 7-6; Jones lost to Davis, Coronado, 0-6, 0-6; Jones def. Patterson, Forsan, 6-3, 6-4.

Lady Tigers nab hoop honors



Kallemeyn



Eicke



Voss



Mackey



Murray

After capturing the runner-up spot in District 5-4A, Snyder had five players named to the girls' all-district team.

All five of the Lady Tigers' starters were recognized, led by first-team selections Kameron Kallemeyn and T'Leah Eicke. Katie Voss was named to the second team, with Cameron Mackey and Kristen Murray receiving honorable mention.

Kallemeyn anchored the Snyder squad for most of the season, leading the team in scoring and rebounding. The 5-11 junior played her best in big games, pouring in 17 points against Lake View, and 20 against Big Spring, to get the Lady Tigers into the playoffs.

While Kallemeyn monitored the middle, Eicke patrolled the perimeter. The 5-5 junior guard was Snyder's biggest outside threat, leading the team in three-point shooting. Like Kallemeyn, Eicke improved down the stretch, averaging almost three long-range buckets per game in the last two weeks of the season.

Voss is one of three sophomores named to the second team. The 5-10 post was forced to step up due to injuries, drawing a starting role in all 10 district games and the postseason. Voss registered 20-point outings against Andrews and Fort Stockton.

Mackey received honorable mention for her performance at point guard. The 5-1 junior played all 32 minutes in nine of the 10 district contests, directing Snyder's offensive and defensive efforts.

Murray was the Lady Tigers' all-purpose player. The 6-0 junior started at both wing and post at different times throughout the year. Her rebounding skills helped Snyder hold off opponents in the final minutes of several ballgames.

District MVP honors went to Sweetwater's Sharon Ballenger, while Andrews freshman Katie Fariss was named Newcomer of the Year.

5-4A All-District Team
Most Valuable Player: Sharon Ballenger, 5-9 jr., Sweetwater
Newcomer of the Year: Katie Fariss, 5-11 fresh., Andrews
First team: Melissa Forth, 5-6 jr., Big Spring; Lucreshia Washington, 5-9 sr., Sweetwater; Kameron Kallemeyn, 5-11 jr., Snyder; Hillery Lee, 5-10 sr., Lake View; T'Leah Eicke, 5-5 jr., Snyder.
Second team: Lisa Rannefeld, 5-5 sr., Sweetwater; Jennifer Hill, 5-10 soph., Lake View; Judy DelHierro, 5-4 soph., Andrews; Katie Voss, 5-10 soph., Snyder; Katie Glover, 6-0 jr., Sweetwater.
Snyder honorable mention: Cameron Mackey, 5-1 jr.; Kristen Murray, 6-0 jr.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Basketball: Western Texas at Frank Phillips, 6 p.m.
Baseball: Snyder vs. Del Rio, at San Angelo tourney, 11:30; Snyder vs. EP Austin, 2 p.m.
Softball: Snyder vs. Midland High, at Midland tourney, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY
Basketball: Snyder vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi, area playoff at Cisco High School, 7 p.m.
Basketball: Ira vs. Bronte, area playoff at Merkel, 7 p.m.
Golf: Western Texas at New Mexico Military tourney
Golf: Snyder boys at Midland Invitational
Golf: Snyder girls at San Antonio Invitational
Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney
Baseball: Abilene High at Snyder JV, 4:30
Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney
Track: Snyder boys at Frenship's ABC Tiger Relays

SATURDAY
Golf: Western Texas at New Mexico Military tourney
Golf: Snyder boys at Midland Invitational
Golf: Snyder girls at San Antonio Invitational
Golf: Groundhog Open at Snyder Country Club
Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney
Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney
Track: Snyder boys at Frenship's ABC Tiger Relays
Track: Snyder girls at Monahans' Sandhill Relays

SUNDAY
Golf: Groundhog Open at Snyder Country Club

National Basketball Association

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New Jersey	21	33	.389	12½
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Indiana	36	17	.679	—
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Vancouver	17	36	.321	17
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Phoenix	33	19	.635	9
Seattle	34	21	.618	9½
Sacramento	31	22	.585	11½
Golden State	15	38	.283	27½
L.A. Clippers	11	44	.200	32½

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 94, L.A. Clippers 78
Indiana 118, Detroit 111
L.A. Lakers 116, Cleveland 98
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Miami 99, New Jersey 85
Golden State 91, Milwaukee 86

Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
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Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Groundhog tourney accepting entries

Snyder Country Club will host the Groundhog Open Saturday and Sunday. Format is two-man scramble.

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In accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, notice is hereby given that the West Central Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at the offices of the West Central Texas Council of Governments, Large Conference Room, 1025 E.N. 10th Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. The Corporations designated hearing officer will conduct the hearing on behalf of the counties of Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton, Texas (the "Sponsoring Counties").

The purpose of the hearing is to provide residents of the Sponsoring Counties an opportunity to comment on the proposed issuance by the Corporation of one or more series of qualified mortgage revenue bonds (the "Bonds") in the amount not exceeding $22,412,925. The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of providing funds for mortgage loans to eligible low and moderate income first-time homebuyers to finance the purchase of qualified one-to-four-family owner-occupied residences located within the Sponsoring Counties. The purchase of residences located with the City of Abilene, Texas may be financed with proceeds of the Bonds only if the City Council of such City consents to the inclusion of the City within the eligible loan area of the Corporation. The first-time homebuyer requirement is waived for mortgage loans in certain federally designated "targeted" areas in Brown, Nolan and Taylor Counties. Homebuyers' income and the purchase price of all residences financed are subject to certain limitations established under federal and state guidelines.

The Bonds will be limited obligations of the Corporation, payable solely from the revenues, receipts and resources of the Corporation pledged to their payment. The Bonds will not constitute an indebtedness or obligation of any of the Sponsoring Counties (or any other city, county, or other municipal or political corporation or subdivision of the State of Texas) or of the State of Texas, or a loan of credit of any of them, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and present written or oral comments on the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Questions or written comments prior to the date of the hearing may be directed to the Corporation's bond Counsel, Chapman and Cutler, 111 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603-4080, Attention M. John Trofa at (312)845-3000.

Mother tried to free son

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. (AP) — The mother of the little boy who was killed when he was dragged along a highway after their vehicle was stolen says she tried desperately to free him before the driver sped off.

"It was just frantic," Christy Robel said Wednesday night. "He was just reaching his arms out, and I was just trying to get him. He was just crying big tears."

Kim L. Davis, 34, was charged Wednesday with second-degree murder, second-degree robbery, child abuse and kidnapping. He was being held without bail.

Robel, of Blue Springs, had stopped Tuesday afternoon at a sandwich shop in Independence, another Kansas City suburb, leaving 6-year-old Jake Robel in her Chevrolet Blazer. While she was gone, a man got into the vehicle.

He apparently intended to shove the boy out, but Jake got tangled in the seat belt outside the car instead. The boy was dragged to his death during a five-mile chase that hit speeds of more than 80 mph. Witnesses said motorists surrounded the car, then wrestled the man to the ground, tied his legs and waited for police to arrive.

Robel rushed out of the shop when someone yelled that a man was stealing her car.

"I got the seat belt undone and I pulled him," she said. "He got caught between the shoulder harness and the lap belt."

As Robel and Jake were dragged across the parking lot, both wrapped in the seat belt, she begged the man to stop the vehicle.

"I screamed, I cried, I pleaded with him," she said. "He was yelling at me to get away from the car."

Finally, the man gunned the engine, and Robel lost hold of the seat belt and fell to the ground, with scrapes, bruises and torn clothes.

"Yesterday, I cried and cried and cried and cried," she said. "Today, I'm completely numb. I can't even believe I'm burying my son at 6 years old."

Robel expressed thanks to the people offering help and tributes — "leaving teddy bears, bringing me food, money, flowers" — and to the motorists who tried to stop the tragedy.

One who tried to help was Ron Wells, who saw the Blazer speeding up behind him seconds after the vehicle was snatched. Wells at first thought some kids had a doll hanging out the door, but his wife, Kella cried out, "That's not a doll — it's a child!"

Organic pasta demand growing

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota's largest pasta cooperative, taking note of consumer demand, is planning a line of pasta made from organically grown durum.

The Dakota Growers Pasta Co. is trying to find enough farmers to grow the wheat variety to meet organic standards.

"Organic pasta hasn't been something with any popularity up until now, so there just haven't been a lot of people growing durum organically," said Tim Dodd, president and general manager of the Carrington-based co-op. "But consumers are demanding it now, and some of our customers want us to produce it."

The member-owned Dakota Growers makes and sells pasta products under its own label, and also makes pasta for other companies to sell under their brand names.

Dodd said those companies, apparently because of pressure from consumers, have approached the cooperative about an organic variety of pasta.

Cooperative officials have been talking to both members and nonmembers, trying to find a pool of farmers willing to grow limited supplies of durum organically, without the use of chemicals or genetic changes.

Patients being alerted to possible infection by medical technician

WASHINGTON (AP) — Georgetown University Medical Center is trying to contact nearly 300 former patients to warn them they might have been exposed to HIV and other infectious diseases by a medical technician accused of siphoning painkillers with potentially contaminated needles.

The patients are being advised to seek testing as a precaution, said medical center spokesman Paul Donovan.

"Even though the risk is extremely low we want to take the appropriate precautions for our patients," Donovan said. "We cannot confirm that anyone was or was not exposed to infection."

On Feb. 2, a nurse caught the technician, Jeffrey Royal, siphoning the powerful synthetic painkiller fentanyl from a patient's intravenous line with a syringe. He was immediately fired and arrested, Donovan said.

Royal, 40, was arraigned Tuesday in federal court on a charge of tampering with consumer products, a felony that carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine, The Washington Post reported in today's editions.

The medical center has been working with District of Columbia health officials and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta to notify the patients who may have been exposed.

Georgetown started informing the physicians of the potentially exposed 294 patients last week and began sending the patients two letters — one first class and another certified mail — on Saturday. Officials decided to screen every patient seen in Royal's area of the hospital who received fentanyl or a similar drug, Versed, during his five months of employment.

To be sure everyone is alerted, patients who don't contact the hospital will be called by the end of next week, Donovan said.

Georgetown is offering patients free testing for a full range of infectious diseases as well as free counseling. Patients can call a 24-hour hotline at 1-202-784-0015.

Royal, an X-ray technician, allegedly used "sleight of hand" to steal painkillers during radiology procedures, unnamed medical officials told the Post. Royal worked on teams that inject radioactive dyes into the blood to record X-ray images of internal organs, veins and arteries.

The officials said Royal might have taken needles and syringes from an infectious waste container to remove patients' drugs from IV lines and replace them with saline solution.

The newspaper said that in court documents, police said Royal was carrying two syringes containing fentanyl in his shirt pocket.

"Mr. Royal gave a videotaped confession where he stated that for some time he had been removing liquid narcotics from medical dispensing pumps and IVs (intravenous lines) and replacing the liquid with saline solution," D.C. police Detective Charles Holley wrote in an affidavit.

Bribery charges added to Combs' case

NEW YORK (AP) — Bribery charges have been added to gun possession counts against rapper Sean "Puffy" Combs following a nightclub shooting in which three people were wounded.

Combs and bodyguard Anthony Jones were indicted Wednesday, accused of offering $50,000 and a diamond ring to the driver of the sport utility vehicle in which the three were riding the night of the shooting. Combs' girlfriend, Jennifer Lopez, also was in the vehicle early Dec. 27.

Combs allegedly offered the ring — a birthday present from Lopez — as a bribe to Wardel Fenderson, 41, between Dec. 27 and Dec. 30, Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	50⅜	49 1-16	49⅜	— 7-16
AT&T Corp s	46⅜	45½	45⅝	— 1¼
Albertsons	25⅞	24 15-16	24 15-16	— 1
Alltel	59⅜	57⅛	57⅛	— 2¼
AmerOnline s	62	59 1-16	59 5-16	+ 2⅛
AndarkPtr	29	28⅜	29	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	65 5-16	64⅜	64⅜	— 1⅛
ATMOS Egy	16½	16¼	16¼	— 5-16
Aviall	7⅝	7½	7 9-16	+ 1-16
BP Amoco s	44¼	43⅜	43½	— 1½
BakerHughes	25 7-16	23⅞	25⅛	+ 1⅛
Bank of Amer	46¼	44 15-16	45⅛	— ⅝
BellAtl	50½	48	48 1-16	—2 3-16
BellSouth	38 5-16	36 9-16	36⅝	— 2⅛
Beth Steel	5 13-16	5 11-16	5¾	
BurlNoSFe	21 3-16	20¾	20 13-16	— 9-16
CBS Corp	58⅞	57 9-16	57⅝	— 1¼
Caterpillar	37⅞	36 11-16	36 11-16	— 1⅛
CenSoWst	17 15-16	17 9-16	17⅝	— 5-16
Chevron	73 9-16	72½	72⅝	— ⅝
Citigroup s	50⅜	48 9-16	49	— 1⅝
Coastal	39 3-16	38 5-16	38 7-16	— ⅜
CocaCola	50½	49⅛	49 3-16	—2 1-16
ColgatePal s	51⅝	48 1-16	48 1-16	—3 5-16
ComclMetals	29 13-16	29⅜	29⅜	— ⅜
CooperInd	33 1-16	31⅞	32 5-16	—1 3-16
DaimlrChry	62¼	61 9-16	61 11-16	— 1⅞
DallSemicn	73 13-16	71¾	72⅛	+ ⅜
DeltaAirl	46 9-16	46 1-16	46⅜	— ⅛
Dillards Inc	18⅜	17 5-16	17 9-16	—13-16
DowChem	110 1-16	105½	105¾	— 5
DuPont	52 11-16	51¼	51½	— 1¾
EastmanChem	38 7-16	37	37	— 1⅜
EstKodak	60 11-16	59¼	59 5-16	—1 9-16
EDS Corp	68	65 9-16	65 9-16	—1 7-16
Entergy	21 5-16	21 1-16	21⅛	— 3-16
ExxonMobil	73 7-16	71⅞	72¾	— 1⅞
FstBksAm	17⅞	17¾	17¾	— ⅛
Flowers	12 11-16	12 5-16	12⅜	+ 3-16
FordMotor	43¼	41 11-16	41 15-16	—1 1-16
GTE Cp	59 13-16	56¾	56¾	— 2⅞
GenDynam	43 1-16	42 9-16	42 9-16	— 9-16
GenlElec	130½	126 3-16	126 5-16	—4 3-16
GenMills s	33⅜	32⅜	32 15-16	— ½
GenMotors	74¾	72⅝	73 5-16	+ 5-16
GaPacGP s	36 7-16	34⅛	34 3-16	— 2½
GlobalMar	20 1-16	18 7-16	19¾	+ 1⅛
Goodrich	23 3-16	22¾	22 15-16	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	24 13-16	24 1-16	24 13-16	+ 11-16
GtAtlPac	24¾	23 15-16	24	—11-16
Halliburtn	36⅛	34⅜	35 13-16	+ 1½
Hanson ADS	33¼	32 9-16	32 9-16	—1 1-16
HarteHanks	23 11-16	23	23	—11-16
HomeDepot s	55 3-16	52 15-16	52 15-16	—1 15-16
Honeywellintl	45¼	43	43 15-16	— 1¼
IBM s	110 13-16	108 3-16	108¾	— ⅛
IntlPaper	39½	38	38¼	— 2
JohnsonJn	75 9-16	72 13-16	73	— 3⅛
K mart	8 13-16	8 7-16	8 9-16	— 1-16
Kroger Co s	15¼	14 9-16	14¾	— 5-16
Litton	30 5-16	30	30 1-16	— 3-16
LockheedM	17⅝	17 3-16	17 5-16	— ½
Lowes Cos	43 9-16	41	41⅛	—1 7-16
Lubys	10½	10 7-16	10 7-16	— 1-16
LucentTech s	54⅝	53 3-16	54 5-16	+ 2 1-16
MayDeptStr	25⅛	25 3-16	25 3-16	— ⅛
MediaOne	75 3-16	74 3-16	74 5-16	— 9-16
Medtronic s	49 15-16	48⅛	48 13-16	+ 5-16
Monsanto	39⅛	38½	38½	— 1¼
MorganJP	111¼	106 5-16	106⅜	— 3¼
Motorola	160¼	157 13-16	158 1-16	—2 11-16
NCR Corp	42¼	40 9-16	40 9-16	—1 11-16
Navistar	33 5-16	32½	32 13-16	
Penney JC	16⅞	16 1-16	16¾	— ⅛
PepBoys	5¾	5½	5 11-16	+ 1-16
PepsiCo	34⅛	33¼	33¼	—15-16
PhelpDodge	51 9-16	50 1-16	50 1-16	—1 7-16
PhilipPet	37½	36¾	36 13-16	— ¾
PilgrmPrd B	8	8	8	+ ⅛
Polaroid	24½	23 15-16	24 1-16	— ⅝
Praxair	38 7-16	36 5-16	36½	— 1⅞
ProctGamb	90⅞	87 9-16	87 11-16	—2 15-16
PubS NwMx	16¼	16 1-16	16 1-16	— ⅛
ReliantEngy	21 7-16	21	21	— ¼
RoyalDut	52⅛	50 11-16	50¾	—1 15-16
SBC Comm	35⅞	35 1-16	35⅝	+ ⅜
SaraLee	16⅜	15 15-16	15 15-16	— ⅜
Scripps EW	43⅛	42 15-16	43 1-16	
SearsRoeb	27⅝	26½	26½	— 1
SherwinW	19¾	19	19 3-16	— ⅝
SmithKlBchm	55⅝	55 1-16	55¼	— 1-16
SouthernCo	22⅞	22¼	22 5-16	— 7-16
SwstAirl s	17 15-16	17⅜	17½	— 3-16
SprintFON s	61⅝	60 1-16	60⅛	— 1
SprintPCS s	47 7-16	45⅜	45⅜	— ⅝
Sunoco Inc	24¾	24 3-16	24½	— ⅛
TNP Ent	43 3-16	43	43 3-16	+ ⅛
Tandy s	39¼	37	37 1-16	—2 13-16
TempleInland	50 1-16	49⅝	49¾	— 9-16
Texaco	46⅝	45 13-16	45⅞	— 9-16
TexInd	32½	32	32	— 5-16
TexasInst s	153 3-16	148⅝	150	+ 2⅞
Tex Util	33 7-16	33 1-16	33 1-16	— ⅜
Textron	60 1-16	59 9-16	60 1-16	+ ¼
TriconGlbR	26 9-16	26	26	—13-16
TrinityInds	22⅛	21⅞	21 15-16	— 5-16
TritonEngy	25¼	21⅛	25 3-16	+ ⅜
TylerTech	4¼	4	4¼	+ 3-16
US West Inc	75⅝	73⅜	74	— 1
USX-Marathn	21 15-16	21 5-16	21 13-16	— ⅛
USX-USS	23 9-16	23⅛	23 7-16	+ ⅜
UnCarbde	54⅛	51⅞	51⅞	— 2½
UnionPacif	39 9-16	37½	37 9-16	— 1¾
UnitedTech s	53⅛	51 7-16	51 7-16	—1 5-16
Unocal	26 11-16	25 11-16	26	— ⅜
Venator Grp	5⅝	5 7-16	5 7-16	— 1-16
WalMart s	47	43 7-16	44⅜	— 2¾
WellsFargo	33 9-16	32½	32 13-16	— 5-16
WstnGasRs	13 1-16	13	13	— ¼
WinnDixie	16	15 11-16	15⅞	+ ⅛
Xerox Cp	20 11-16	20 3-16	20¼	— ⅜

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	18 1/16	+9/16
Dell	42 5/16	+15/16
Wal Mart	44 15/16	-2 1/16
Compac	25 3/4	+9/16
Dol. Gen.	18 5/8	-13/16
GTE	57 3/4	-1 7/8
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Justice Department slams juvenile jail

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In a stinging report, the Justice Department accused guards at a privately run juvenile prison of violating inmates' rights by habitually using excessive force and allowing brutal fights over such basic items as food, clothing and shoes.

The report about the facility in Jena was submitted to a federal judge overseeing Louisiana's juvenile prisons.

"Jena fails to provide reasonable safety, improperly uses chemical restraints, and provides inadequate mental health, medical and dental care for the approximately 276 adolescent boys," said the report made public Wednesday by U.S. Judge Frank Polozola.

The prison, owned and operated by Wackenhut Corrections Corp., opened in December 1998 and is one of two privately run juvenile prisons in the state. A Wackenhut spokesman said the report exaggerated the prison's problems and ignored efforts to resolve them.

The state's other private prison, the Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth, was taken over by the state last year after Justice Department reports highlighted similar conditions.

Justice Department experts who visited the Jena prison said they found evidence that guards use excessive force routinely and abuse, mistreat and humiliate the young prisoners.

The report noted "remarkable similarities in the alleged manner in which security officers forced compliance by tripping youth, twisting their arms, legs, or ankles, slamming them into cell walls or doors, or taking them violently to the ground."

It was difficult for inmates to report their claims, the report said. Some telephones for reporting abuse to a hot line were broken or had the wrong number listed above the phones.

Dr. Nancy Ray, one of the experts, found prisoners who had no clean clothing and were "huddled under a sheet or blanket." She described a shoe shortage at the prison as "pervasive."

"At least in some areas, the problems seemed to be linked to the reluctance of Wackenhut Corrections Corporation to spend adequate funds for the care of the youth," Ray wrote.

Some inmates repeatedly mutilated themselves so they will be transferred to the prison's medical unit and avoid being pressured for food or sex by other prisoners, the report said.

The report blamed the problems on high staff turnover, poor guard training and the prison's remote location — the same problems Justice Department experts found at the Tallulah prison.

"The question that comes screaming out of this report is, 'Where was the state?'" said David Utter, director of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana. "It's pathetic we treat kids like this."

Corrections Secretary Richard Stalder did not return a telephone message seeking comment on the report.

School-bound chicken nuggets recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 114,000 pounds of chicken nuggets and patties that were produced for schools in six states have been recalled because they may be contaminated with deadly bacteria.

The Agriculture Department said Wednesday the meat was produced Jan. 25 at a Gold Kist Inc. plant in Boaz, Ala., and sent to schools in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Texas, Colorado and Ohio.

The agency began investigating the plant after officials in Ohio found listeria monocytogenes in an open package of chicken nuggets. USDA said it had received no reports of illnesses; none of the nuggets and patties are believed to have been eaten.

Thirteen inmates shot, one killed in riot

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — The general population of one of California's most violent prisons is on lockdown again after a riot that forced guards to open fire on inmates, killing one and wounding 12 others.

The riot between 200 black and Hispanic inmates broke out about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in an exercise yard within the highest-security wing of Pelican Bay State Prison.

Prison officials did not know what prompted the fighting, but the discovery of 50 homemade weapons led them to believe it was planned, spokesman Lt. Ben Grundy said.

"All indications are there was no single inmate who started it. It was more of a group effort," Grundy said.

"The main groups of people involved were black and Hispanic. A lot of them are in street gangs, but this was more of a racial issue than a gang issue. We've had racial incidents in the past."

The riot was over within 30 minutes after more than 75 guards used tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets and finally deadly force to stop the violence.

"The inmates ignored those orders to stop. Progressive force was used," Grundy said. "It was used unsparingly."

Located 20 miles south of the Oregon border and about 290 miles north of San Francisco, Pelican Bay houses 3,484 prisoners, many of whom are considered the state's most dangerous. About 1,200 inmates are in permanent lockdown conditions.

The fighting, which sent a total of 28 inmates to local hospitals, was strictly between prisoners. Besides the 13 prisoners who were shot, 19 suffered stabbing or beating injuries from the fighting.

No guards, including 20 who were in the three-acre yard when the riot erupted, were injured, Grundy said.

The general population had been free to use the exercise yard for only the past week, because it has been on a modified lockdown since fighting between black and white inmates in the same exercise yard on Aug. 31, Grundy said.

The latest fighting, however, did not appear to be related to the August incident, he said.

Wednesday's riot was the most forceful and intensely violent outbreak in the prison's history, Grundy said.

In 1997, six inmates were killed, all in clashes between cellmates at the prison.

In an apparently unrelated event, two former guards have been charged with violating the civil rights of Pelican Bay inmates. A federal grand jury indictment made public Wednesday accused E. Michael Powers and Jose Ramon Garcia of conspiring to arrange assaults on prisoners, one of them fatal, over a nearly three-year period.

Marjorie F. Knoller, an attorney for the men, said they deny the charges.

Garcia already is serving a state prison sentence on similar charges at another prison. Powers has been on administrative leave since the allegations surfaced in March 1998

Another former Pelican Bay guard, David E. Lewis, was convicted of civil rights charges Feb. 14 for shooting a prisoner after a fight in 1994.

NIH shipped wrong medicine

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Institutes of Health shipped the wrong gene-based medicine to a university that administered it to six patients, a congressman says.

"Providing the wrong medication to patients is an act of inexcusable incompetence," Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., wrote to the NIH on Wednesday.

He asked what steps the government was taking to ensure it never happens again.

Georgetown University spokesman Paul Donovan said Wednesday that university researchers did not catch the error and consequently administered the wrong medicine to six cancer patients.

But "all patients were immediately notified and no patient experienced any adverse effect," Donovan said.

The National Cancer Institute, the NIH branch that made the error, agreed that no patients were harmed — they received an experimental gene-based drug that would not work for their tumors, but that was being prepared for testing in patients with other types of cancer.

"There was no safety issue," said Dr. Michaele Christian, NCI's associate director of cancer therapy evaluation.

But because drug mixups have the potential to be very serious, she said she already has taken steps to prevent future errors.

The problem is the label on these vials of medicine is small and the first five letters of two drugs' names are identical, setting the stage for an easy mixup, she explained.

Waxman's discovery of the problem came as part of an investigation into how the NIH oversees gene therapy, in wake of the September death of an Arizona teen-ager in a gene therapy experiment.

Waxman claimed Wednesday that NIH's records show no sign the agency investigated 38 other deaths in two gene therapy experiments. One was a 1996 death in a University of Pennsylvania cystic fibrosis study; the others were among 38 people with end-stage lung cancer enrolled in a Texas study.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Kind words for unhappy child came when they were needed

DEAR ABBY: As I climbed the stairs to the front door one day, I got a funny feeling. When I opened the door, I knew that something had happened. I ran to the bedroom closet and jerked the door open. All of my father's shoes were gone, and so was he! No one had said anything to me about his leaving.

At school I was a dreamer, irritated with the boring trivia people demanded I learn. At home one parent ignored me, except when I made a mistake — corrected at the loudest volume — while the other spent every spare moment teaching and quizzing difficult subjects. No one listened or spoke to me. During the previous four years, I had lived in my own world: nightmares, sleepwalking — once all the way down to the street — planning my death and funeral, and wishing I was dead. I lived in profound depression. No one noticed. Discovering that my father was gone felt like falling off a cliff after thinking I was on solid ground.

As I walked slowly to the kitchen I decided that I'd had enough of everything. After my usual milk and cookies and the San Francisco Chronicle — a new column had appeared a few days earlier (1956) — I would decide how and when to do it. My parents were very busy people, and I knew they wouldn't want to bother with my pain. I decided to write to the author of the new column. I haven't the first clue why I chose that person, but at least the columnist would know why I was dead.

A few days later, I got another shock. Being the first one home every day, I brought the mail in. I was stunned to see a letter addressed to me. ME! Someone thought I mattered enough to write to me even though I was only 10 years old. It was a long, thoughtful, caring response that advised me to find someone to whom I could talk or write.

An aunt living in Arizona seemed a good choice. I didn't know her too well, but I liked her and began writing. She wrote back. When I became an adult, I told her how I came to write to her all my life.

I survived my childhood with a large unpaid debt. It is important to me that you publish this letter, Abby, so that it can be partially repaid by saying a public "thank you" for kindness to a child and for saving her life. That new columnist was you! Over the years I've thought of you often, always with amazement that you wrote to me. It was a very special thing that you did. Thank you.

With appreciation and thanks. — **D.L.G. IN BEVERLY HILLS**

DEAR D.L.G.: I'm deeply touched by your letter and pleased that I was there for you when you needed someone.

The most profound way to repay your "debt" is to pass that good deed along to others who need to know that they are important and that somebody who has nothing to gain cares.

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DEAR ABBY: My boss gave me diamond earrings for Christmas. I am a married woman and he is a married man.

I know his wife thinks this was an inappropriate present. I am torn. What should I do? — **WORKING WOMAN IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR WORKING WOMAN: Return the earrings, and tell your boss you are not comfortable accepting them knowing that his wife feels they were an inappropriate gift. The last thing you need is a boss whose wife resents you.

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-24-00
♠ K 5
♥ K 9 8 3
♦ A J 4
♣ 8 7 5 4

West
♠ Q 10 7
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 7 5 2
♣ K Q J 6

East
♠ J 9 8 4 2
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 9 8 6
♣ A 2

South
♠ A 6 3
♥ A Q J 10 4
♦ K 3
♣ 10 9 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Try the unusual — it works

By Phillip Alder

Most players do the obvious — they ruff losers, they establish suits, they split honors. And almost all the time, these sane approaches work beautifully. Yet, especially when you're a defender, if you see that the contract is destined to make, do something bizarre. Perhaps the declarer will try to discern a logical reason for your "lunacy" and go down — as in the following deal.

Look at the diagram. How did South fail to make four hearts?

North made a limit raise, showing four-plus trumps and 10-12 support points. (If you still do not use the limit raise, what would you respond with that North hand? You are much too strong for two hearts, and too weak for a forcing three hearts. Yet to start with two clubs is horrendous. First, the suit contains no honors. Second, when you support hearts next, partner will assume you have only three trumps, whereas that ninth trump is usually worth an extra trick in the play.)

It is "normal" for East to overtake the club-king lead with his ace and to return a club. West takes two more tricks in the suit, but South has no trouble raking in the rest.

How could anything else happen? Well, at the table, East did overtake with the club ace at trick one, but then he switched to a trump.

What conclusion did South draw? Right — that East had started with a singleton club ace. So, after drawing trumps, South thought it was safe to try for an overtrick. He cashed the diamond king, then finessed dummy's diamond jack. Yet disaster struck when East produced not only the diamond queen but also a second club: one down!

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Airline returns to Dallas-Fort Worth

GRAPEVINE (AP) — A Delta Air Lines MD-90 airliner returned to the Dallas-Fort Worth airport for an emergency landing Wednesday with a problem in its horizontal stabilizer, the same device suspected in the Alaska Airlines crash.

Delta Flight 887, carrying 80 passengers, had just taken off for Ontario, Calif., when the pilots discovered apparent mechanical problems, landed and returned to the gate, said Delta spokesman Willis Uggen.

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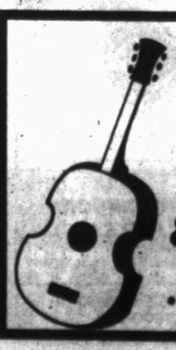
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Diallo jury deliberations in second day

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The jurors in the trial of four white police officers charged with murdering an unarmed black man entered their first full day of deliberations today after being read testimony of a woman who says she saw the shooting.

The witness, Schrrie Elliott, had testified that she watched from across the street as the defendants confronted Amadou Diallo and, without warning, gunned him down on his doorstep on Feb. 4, 1999.

Elliott, who lives in Diallo's Bronx neighborhood, testified that she heard a policeman shout "Gun!" before shots erupted.

The jury received the case Wednesday afternoon.

The case hinges on the defense claim that the officers fired 41 bullets at Diallo because they thought he had a gun and was threatening them. State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Teresi told jurors, "A person who acts in self-defense is not guilty of any crime."

During six hours of deliberations Wednesday, jurors asked to hear a transcript of testimony from Elliott and officers Sean Carroll and Edward McMellon, who were were the first to confront and shoot Diallo.

Earlier Wednesday, Teresi spent more than three hours going over the legal instructions for the 24 criminal counts. He gave the jurors the option of considering charges other than murder, and told them the law allows police officers to stop and question someone if wrongdoing is suspected.

"You should figuratively put yourselves in the shoes of each defendant and consider how the situation appeared to him," the judge said. "You should consider what Amadou Diallo did before or during the encounter."

Earlier, Teresi replaced a female juror for talking about the case outside of court. The jury is now composed of four black women, one white woman and seven white men.

Carroll, 37, McMellon, 27, Kenneth Boss, 28, and Richard Murphy, 27, could face a maximum prison sentence of 25 years to life if convicted of murder.

Lesser charges being considered include second-degree manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide, which could result in a sentence of probation without jail time.

Gulf states OK increasing oil production

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Gulf oil ministers have agreed to increase production to stabilize international markets, where the price of oil is near an all-time high, a senior United Arab Emirates oil official said today.

"All the ministers were in agreement during the meeting" that ended Wednesday in Saudi Arabia, the official said on condition of anonymity. "Figures were discussed and more discussions will be held before a specific figure is agreed upon."

In a statement issued at the end of the Saudi meeting, the ministers "stressed their countries' desire to maintain the market's stability in the coming period in cooperation with other producing nations."

The Emirates official said a production increase will be gradual and will be in the range of 1.5 million barrels a day. "After that, it's the market's call," he said.

The price of oil has skyrocketed in the last year, nearly tripling to almost $30 a barrel. That has led to spikes in heating oil and gas prices in the United States.

There have been reports of U.S. pressure on Gulf states and members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to raise production. But the official said U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson's visit to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia was not discussed during the meeting.

Richardson, who arrived in Kuwait today, has said the United States — the world's largest oil market — wants prices to come down. He was scheduled to travel to Saudi Arabia on Friday.

In Cairo, Egypt, Richardson said Wednesday that he was planning "friendly, positive" talks with Kuwaiti and Saudi officials. "I'm not going there to pressure anybody," he said.

Richardson refused to specify what oil price he was seeking, saying price should be dictated by the market.

In the Saudi capital of Riyadh, Gulf officials said Wednesday that ministers favor an increase in production of between 2 million and 2.5 million barrels a day to reach a price of between $20 and $25 a barrel. Saudi and United Arab Emirates officials say they favor a price in that range.

Kuwait, however, is believed to oppose any production increase and Iran, OPEC's second-largest producer, has come out against a rise in output.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi is scheduled to meet March 2 with Mexico and Venezuela to discuss whether to increase production. Whatever decision they reach is expected to influence the OPEC meeting on March 27 in Vienna.

In the past two weeks, some oil producer within and outside OPEC, such as Mexico, have called for OPEC to increase production beyond the current 22.976 million barrels a day set by an agreement last year.

At the time, OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates and non-OPEC members Oman and Bahrain reached the agreement to cut production as a way to raise prices. Oil was then at its lowest prices in decades.

Next month's OPEC meeting is expected to focus on whether to maintain the current restraints beyond March 31, when the agreement expires, or to increase output to cool a bullish oil market.

Justice reviewing Deutch case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is reviewing former CIA Director John Deutch's misuse of classified information on a home computer and how the case was handled, Attorney General Janet Reno said today.

"The department is looking at the whole matter, reviewing the whole matter to see whether there is any basis for further action," Reno told her weekly news conference. She said the goal is "to determine whether there is any action that the Department of Justice should take."

Deutch has apologized to a Senate committee for moving classified data to an unprotected computer in his home that was occasionally connected to the Internet. Now a private consultant, he was stripped of his CIA security clearances as a result. The CIA inspector general also criticized top CIA officials for not quickly referring the incident to the Justice Department for possible criminal prosecution.

Last spring after a yearlong review of the 1996 episode, the Justice Department's criminal division declined to prosecute Deutch for mishandling classified information. The division found the lapses were sloppy rather than nefarious and referred the case to the CIA inspector general for administrative discipline.

Reno and her aides declined today to specify what questions were being reviewed. They said only that the entire matter was under scrutiny when asked whether the Deutch criminal investigation could be reopened or whether there was any obstruction of justice of top CIA officials.

Overdose victim listed in serious condition at UMC

A 47-year-old Snyder woman was listed in serious condition this morning in Lubbock's University Medical Center following an overdose of prescription medication Wednesday afternoon.

Local dispatchers received the call at 2:50 p.m. and Snyder EMS first transported the woman to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital before taking her to Lubbock.

Officers filed an offense report for attempted suicide.

In other activity Wednesday, deputies filed a supplement to an offense report taken Tuesday. Bob Head had reported the theft of an air wrench from his barn on Buffalo Lane. He notified deputies at 7:51 a.m. that the air wrench had been returned.

A report of a disturbance in the 1900 block of Coleman at 8:59 p.m. Wednesday led to the arrest of one subject for making alcohol available to a minor. Officers took a 26-year-old male into custody. One juvenile female was also taken into custody and turned over to juvenile authorities.

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Driver gets away following chase

A male driving a late-model Ford Mustang eluded law enforcement officers from three counties this morning as he was being pursued from Fisher County on an outstanding warrant.

Sheriff's dispatcher Jeanette Claxton was notified at 9:55 a.m. that at least three vehicles from Fisher County were pursuing the man on Highway 180 toward Snyder at speeds in excess of 120 mph.

"The closest person to him was a volunteer fireman from Roby who was driving 120 mph and the Mustang was leaving him behind," said DPS trooper Bill Blackley.

DPS troopers Blackley and Terry Snyder were prepared to place stinger spikes across the highway, but the driver of the Mustang exited 180 before reaching the troopers.

Blackley said a Texas Department of Transportation employee later saw the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on FM 611 in the direction of Roscoe.

"We assume the vehicle is in the Roscoe-Sweetwater area at this time," said Blackley.

Joining local DPS troopers in the search this morning were Scurry County deputies, Snyder police department officers, plus DPS troopers from Sweetwater, Nolan County deputies and the Roscoe police department.

Obituaries

Jerry Jackson

1940-2000

Jerry L. Jackson, longtime Snyder resident, died at 3:45 a.m. today in Baylor Medical Center in Dallas following a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Jackson, 59, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 20, 1940, Mr. Jackson was a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church. He worked for many years for the Western Company and later for R.E. Smith and Exxon.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanie Jackson of Snyder; three daughters and sons-in-law, Jerra and David Holley and Jana and Dennis Young, all of Snyder, and Johna and Steve Wild of Breckenridge; three sisters, Colleen Smith of Delores, Colo., Paula Bradford of Farmington, N.M., and Eudell Vottrebeck of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one brother, Alton Jackson of Phoenix, Ariz.; and several grandchildren.

Rob Ramby

1931-2000

ABILENE – Graveside service for Rob Ramby is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories with the Rev. Mike Woodard officiating.

Mr. Ramby, 69, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, at his home in Abilene.

Born Feb. 8, 1931 in Fort Worth, he moved to Abilene from Rotan in 1950. He married Cleta Isbell in Snyder on Dec. 13, 1958.

A real estate broker in Abilene for 34 years, Mr. Ramby was a member of the Southwest Park Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Cleta Ramby of Abilene; a son, Jason Ramby of Dallas; a daughter, Denise Ramby of California; and one grandson.

Dwaine Loyd

1943-2000

POST – Harvey Dwaine Loyd, the uncle of Jay Owens of Snyder, died Dec. 23 in Los Angeles.

Graveside service to intern the cremains of Mr. Loyd, 56, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Hudman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Dec. 14, 1943, Mr. Loyd was retired from the military after having served in Vietnam.

Survivors also include his mother; two brothers; three sisters; and various nieces and nephews.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Willie Ford, Renee Trevino, Leila Darlin, Willis Davis, Michelle Jasso and Jimmy Kiker, all of Snyder.

DISMISSALS: Mamie Carlton, Pam Henshaw, Michael Merrick, Margry Sorrels.

CENSUS: 38 (Long-term care, 25; Medical III, 11; OB, 1; Nursery, 1)

Births

Renee Trevino is the mother of a daughter, weighing 7 lbs., 5 ozs., that was born at 4:27 p.m. Feb. 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Pesticides class

WTC will host a pesticides class for area farmers from 6-9 this evening in the Learning Resource Center. Cost is $5. Three CEUs will be awarded for attendance. The program is sponsored by WTC and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. It will also be transmitted to Stamford and Anson High Schools via ITV. To register, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Victory Baptist revival

Victory Baptist Church is hosting a revival at 7 nightly through Friday. Dr. Clyde Spain is the guest speaker.

Russian missionary to speak

Roy Campbell, a Russian missionary, will speak at the Snyder First Church of the Nazarene at 7 p.m. Friday. The church is located at 2462 S. Highway 208.

Ira class picture deadline

The envelopes to order a class picture for Ira grades K-12 are due back by Friday. The cost is $7 each.

CPR classes

Cogdell Hospital and the American Heart Association will present two CPR courses Saturday at the Cogdell education building, 5303 Trinity Blvd. A basic Heart Saver CRP course will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. Cost is $5. An infant-child CPR course (Pedi BLS) will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. and the cost is $10. Advanced registration is required by calling 574-7349.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Knowing What We Must Do," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 2."

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday in the school library. The topic next Tuesday will be "Help for the Single Parent." Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 573-1769.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

SHS senior parents

All parents of Snyder High School seniors are invited to a meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the student center to plan graduation activities for the class of 2000. Call 573-3357 for more information.

Ira pep rally

The Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon, and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

Independence Day observance

The Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus will host a Texas Independence Day observance, "Annexation – 150 Years of Statehood," from 3 to 6 p.m. next Thursday. There will be refreshments and door prizes and no admission will be charged. The event is co-hosted by the Scurry County Historical Commission.

WTC to present 'Odd Couple'

Western Texas College's Drama Department will present "The Odd Couple" (Unabridged) by Neil Simon as a dinner theatre at 6 p.m. March 3-5 in the college cafeteria. Tickets are $15 for adults; students and senior citizens 62 and older are $13. A $2 discount for prepaid tickets is also available.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Snyder Junior High musical

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" will be presented March 2-4 and March 6. Tickets are on sale now at the school.

Talent show

The Boys and Girls Club will present Star Search 2000, a talent show for ages 8-12 Friday, March 4. Deadline to enter is Tuesday. Call 573-3344 for more information.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Pick 3

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

6-4-6

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

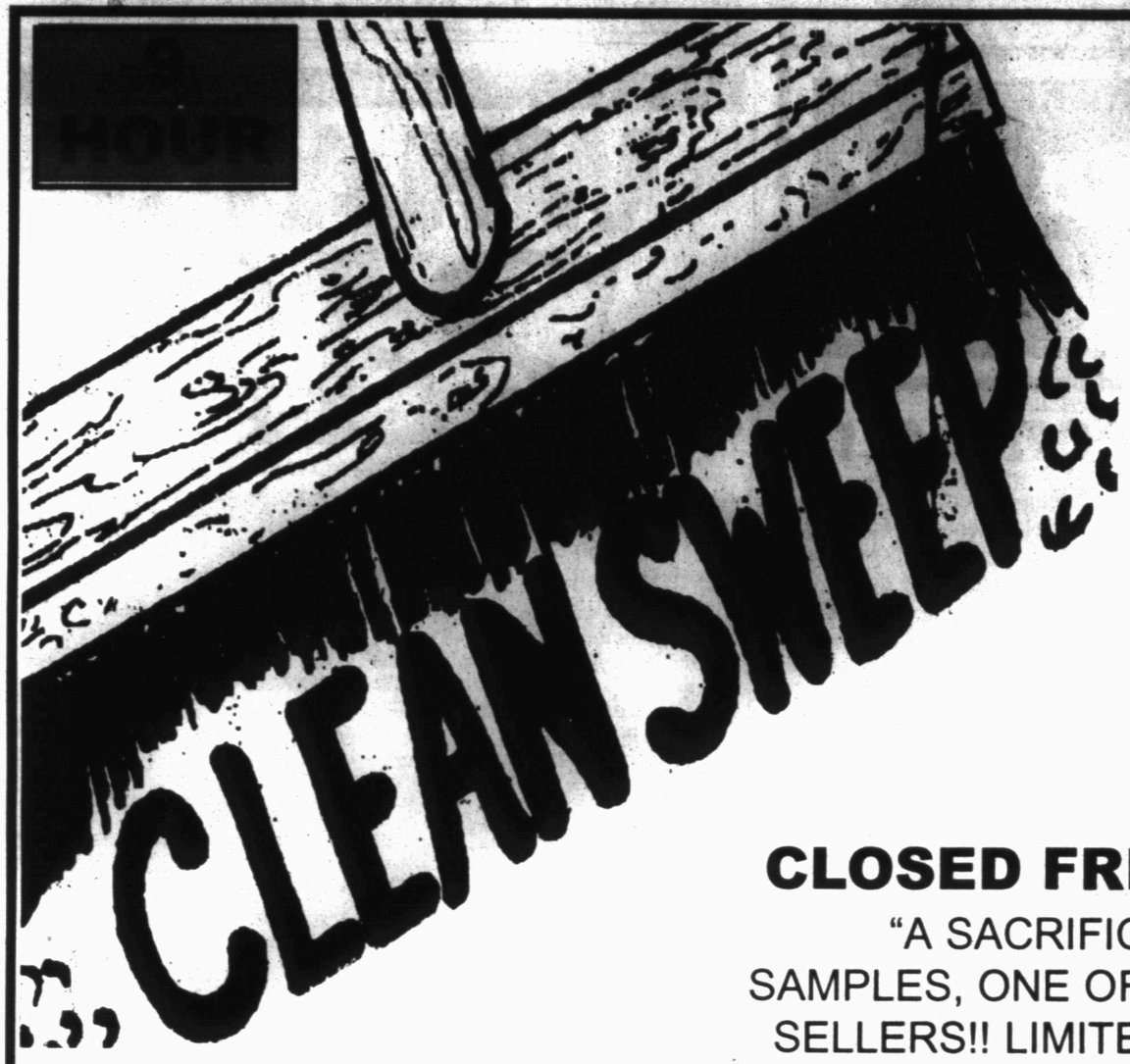
The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The ticket was sold in: Spring.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6-13-24-27-30-37.

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