

Texas coach Brown's mother dies

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) The mother of Texas Longhorns football coach Mack Brown has died after battling pancreatic cancer.

University of Texas officials say Katherine Brown was 82 when she died Sunday in Cookeville, Tenn.

Texas widow, sailboat's maker reach settlement

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) - The maker of a Texas A&M university racing boat that capsized in 2008 has reached a settlement with crew member Roger Stone's widow.

Cape Fear Yacht Works has agreed to pay Linda Stone and her two children \$375,000 in the next three years, according to a Saturday story in the Galveston County Daily News.

The Cynthia Woods sailboat capsized when its keel and a portion of the hull surrounding it broke off during a race in the Gulf of Mexico.

Safety officer Roger Stone was trapped below deck and drowned after pushing two student sailors to safety.

Money from the settlement will help pay college costs for Stone's children, Eric, 16, and Elizabeth, 13, documents state.

Cape Fear Yacht Works is owned by Kent Mitchell, the son of development tycoon George Mitchell.

Paterno's glasses net \$9,000 at charity auction

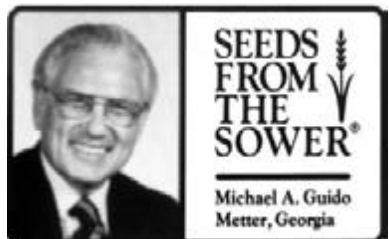
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) - Two Penn State graduates are paying \$9,000 for a chance to see through Joe Paterno's glasses.

The bid from Michelle and Kevin Coppola won an auction for the pair of smoky, thick-rimmed spectacles donated by the Nittany Lions' football coach. The auction which benefited Penn State Public Broadcasting started online and wrapped up at a dinner Saturday.

Famous for wearing his glasses on the sideline, the farsighted Paterno had eye surgery last month to improve his vision. The 83-year-old Hall of Famer still needs glasses to read, though he appears to be done wearing the Coke bottle-thick glasses.

A spokesman for JoePa says the timing of the surgery and auction was a coincidence.

Paterno leads major college football coach with 394 career victories.



When Longfellow was up in years, a friend asked, "How are you able to keep so lively and write so beautifully?"

Pointing to an apple tree, he said, "That apple tree is very old. But I never saw any prettier blossoms on it. The tree grows a little new wood every year, and I suppose it's out of the new wood that those blossoms come. Like the apple tree, I try to grow a little new wood every year."

What Longfellow did, we ought to do.

Pitiful is the one who has elderliness without elegance, funds without faith, goods without goodness, power without purpose and cash without Christ.

Caretakers of the Alamo looking for help

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) - The Daughters of the Republic of Texas have taken care of the Alamo for more than a century. Now, the ladies are looking for help.

The group was joined by Texas first lady Anita Perry on Tuesday in launching its first membership program to raise money to preserve the site.

Visitors have long visited the Alamo for free, and the group would like to keep it that way without using taxpayer money.

Perry told about 500 people packed into the Shrine of Texas Liberty that they shouldn't let the Alamo's stories fade. The event marked the anniversary of the start of the siege that preceded the famed 1836 battle.

San Antonio tourism officials say the Alamo generates 100,000 jobs and pumps \$11 billion into the economy each year. The daughters announced a \$60 million preservation and construction plan in 2007.

Feds may spend \$7.5 million on new fish ladder

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Less than a decade after spending \$1 million on a fish ladder that was supposed to help steelhead trout negotiate Santa Paula Creek, the federal government may spend another \$7.5 million to design and build a new one.

There are now less than 500 steelhead left from Point Conception in Santa Barbara County to the Mexico border.

Fish ladders are designed to help the fish swim around man-made barriers so they can go upstream and lay eggs.

The first ladder failed because it was not designed to handle the large amounts of water and sediment that sometimes

floods the creek. The pools between each step of the ladder where the fish rest between each jump got clogged with debris, making it impossible for the fish to climb upstream.

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Bulldogs go two rounds deep, beat Sinton, lose to Boerne

by Rey Sifuentes Jr.
Lyford High School's varsity boys basketball team made it to the second round of the postseason before being eliminated this past Friday.

On this year's team are seniors Jesse Quiroga, Estevan Tostado, Orlando Barrios, Juventino Pena, Conrad Brisen, Anthony Bella, Ajay Lerma, juniors C.J. Moreno, David Chavez, Adrian Lerma, sophomores Jacob Lerma, Dillin De Los Reyes, Mathew Vasquez, Daniel Espinoza and freshman Lucas Salinas. Caleb De La Rosa is the student trainer.

The Bulldogs defeated Sinton 47-43 in the bi-district tier of the playoffs last Tuesday, February 23. Head Coach Ruben Zambrano said his squad kept up their tenacity for four periods.

"We played tough, poised and confident," Zambrano said. "What helped us was that the kids on our team who did have playoff experience basically took the leadership role during that game and knew what it was going to take to win. They played for a full four quarters and not just one or two; the other kids - our role players - just followed when their number was called and came in ready to play."

Lyford's postseason trek, however, came to an end on Friday at the hands of Boerne during a 63-49 loss in the area round.

"We went toe to toe with them in the first, third and fourth

quarters but they outscored us by twelve points in the second period," Zambrano said. "It was a difference we could not come back from, it was hard trying to catch up."

Still, Zambrano said, the Bulldogs (who qualified for the playoffs in third place with a 9-5 record in District 32-3A) played with a lot of heart this season.

"It was a great year and I had a great group of kids that played together, what can I say about them but that they all had the same goal which was to win and make the playoffs," Zambrano said. "Our biggest concept is the word 'believe', which if you do that then you can accomplish anything and that was the basic attitude we took into every game. No matter what the score or who the competitor was, we believed we could compete with any team out there and we were going to go 32 full minutes to prove it."

Lyford concludes its season 17-12 overall. Zambrano was assisted this season by Douglas Ames and Laurence Atteberry.

CORRECTION
Last week's Raymondville Chronicle sports story - by Contributing Sports Writer Reynaldo Sifuentes Jr. - erroneously named Raymondville varsity girls basketball coach Felix Silva as the head coach of Lyford High School's varsity boys basketball team. Ruben Zambrano is the actual head coach of Lyford's varsity boys basketball team.

IN ACTION: BULLDOGS
Lyford High School's varsity and junior varsity boys and girls track teams host the Bulldog Relays on Saturday. Lyford Middle School's boys and girls track teams compete at the Bearkat Relays on Saturday.

The Lady Bulldog varsity and junior varsity soccer teams visit Raymondville at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Both teams visit La Feria at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Lady Bulldog varsity softball team competes at a tournament in Brownsville Friday and Saturday.

IN ACTION: BEARKATS
Raymondville High School's varsity boys soccer team visits Port Isabel at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, and then visits Progresso at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The Lady Bearkats varsity soccer team hosts Lyford at 6 p.m. on Thursday, and then visits Progresso at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Raymondville's boys and girls varsity track teams compete at a meet hosted by the Knights of Columbus in Mercedes on Saturday. Raymondville's junior varsity boys and girls track teams compete at a meet in Hidalgo on Thursday. Myra Green Middle School's boys and girls track teams host a meet on Saturday.

Raymondville High School's varsity softball team competes at a tournament in Brownsville this Thursday through Saturday.



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