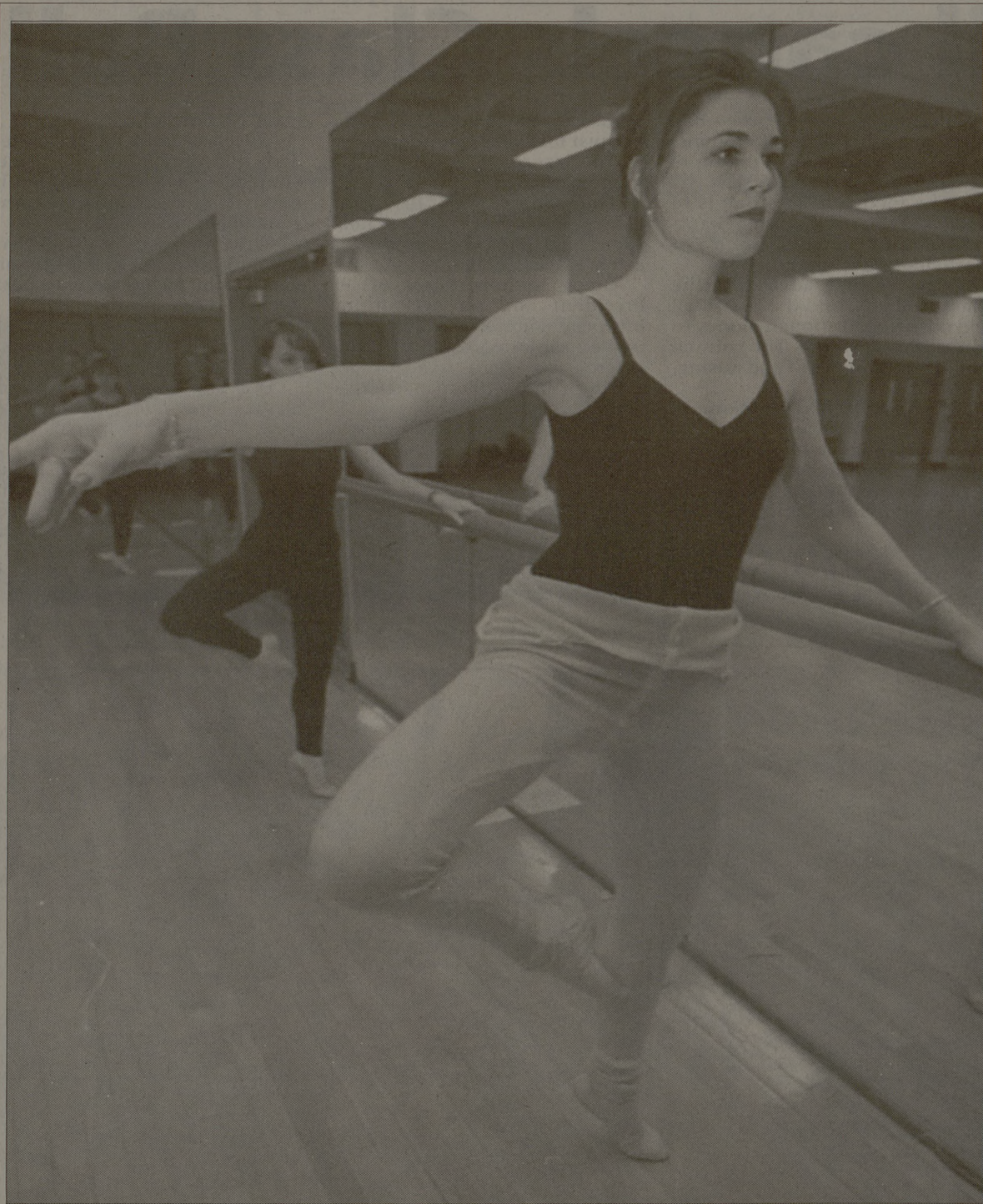


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Amy Dunlap, THE BATTALION

Bar Hopping Heather Feranec, a freshman biomedical science major, practices her ballet exercises in her intermediate ballet class.

► This day in history

Today is Friday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 1997. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport, where they were greeted by thousands of screaming fans.

In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Conn.

In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

In 1948, General Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff and was succeeded by General Omar Bradley.

In 1971, women in Switzerland won the right to vote.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1983, Elizabeth H. Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk.

In 1886, Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

In 1991, the Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide was sworn in as Haiti's first democratically elected president.

Ten years ago: The crew of the *Stars and Stripes*, skippered by Dennis Conner, brought the America's Cup back to the United States to the cheers of about 60,000 people in San Diego. (*Stars and Stripes* had defeated Australian defender *Kookaburra III*.)

Five years ago: Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin and French President Francois Mitterrand signed a cooperation treaty in Paris. Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson testified at his rape trial in Indianapolis that his accuser, a former Miss Black America contestant, had consented to have sex with him.

One year ago: During a Central America tour, Pope John Paul II received a warm welcome in Nicaragua, his first visit there since 1983.

► Today's birthdays

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eddie Bracken is 77. Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 76. Author Gay Talese is 65. Blues singer-musician Earl King is 63. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 43. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 38. Actor James Spader is 37. Country singer Garth Brooks is 35. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 35. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 31.

► State

Son sees father accidentally shot

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A hunting guide apparently accidentally shot and killed a Corsicana minister during an exotic game hunt in Kerr County as the minister's 7-year-old son watched.

Dean Garrison, 37, was shot once in the back when a rifle discharged as it was being removed from a vehicle gun rack by Brent Heimann, a guide for Thompson Temple Texas Wildlife, officials said.

"He (Heimann) was very upset. ... I don't believe for a minute he intended to hurt anyone," Justice of the Peace Bill Ragsdale was quoted as saying in Thursday's San Antonio Express-News.

Ragsdale pronounced Garrison dead about noon Saturday.

Garrison was buried Wednesday. He worked as an accountant for a Corsicana trucking company and was an associate minister at the First Pentecostal Church of God in Corsicana.

Rusty Hierholzer, chief investigator with the Kerr County Sheriff's Department, said the shooting apparently was an accident.

"Unfortunately, the 7-year-old boy did witness it," Hierholzer said. "If there is any negligence involved, it will be for a grand jury to decide because (the guide) was in a vehicle with a loaded weapon."

It is not illegal in Texas to carry a loaded weapon in a vehicle on private land and there are no state training or licensing requirements for hunting guides, said David Sinclair, director of wildlife enforcement for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"Thompson Temple sorrowfully regrets the accident that occurred, and we are praying for (Garrison's) family," said Mark Damm, a spokesman for the Ingram company that booked Garrison on the \$150 hunt for Corsican rams.

Carrying a loaded weapon in vehicles is not recommended for guides, Damm said, but he called the shooting "a freak of nature."

► Nation

Toll-free number plays 911 tape

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal agents have a new "888" toll-free number to let the public hear the voice of the man who called 911 to warn about the bomb in Centennial Olympic Park. But the businessman who has the same number, with an 800 area code, is less than thrilled.

The audio tape of the 911 call placed just before the fatal July 27 blast can be heard by calling 1-888-324-8404, federal officials announced Wednesday.

The calm, slow voice of a man is

heard saying, "There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have 30 minutes to get out."

Martin VanMeter, owner of a restaurant, Okla., real estate company, he was forced to disconnect the 800-324-8404 number today because of the calls.

Many people are still more than 800 numbers than the new numbers, first issued last year. "I'm aggravated," VanMeter said this morning. "We couldn't get our phones this morning."

There was another glitch in the number, which was supposed to operate nationwide, was not possible from Seattle and some cities. FBI officials checked Sprint, which operates the number, and found the problem may be some local phone company. Spokesman Jay Spadafora said today. Sprint said it was checking the matter.

The FBI first released the 911 tape and announced a \$500,000 reward for information leading to the bomber's identity.

Investigators have since received nearly 5,000 photos and hundreds of videotapes from people who saw the bomber in or near the park the night of the bombing, Woody Johnson, FBI spokesman for the Atlanta office, said in a statement Wednesday. Investigators also have conducted more than 4,000 interviews, he said.

Teen discovers error in SAT test

► A high school student finds a mistake in a math question; students' scores changed.

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Even the math whizzes who make up the questions on the Scholastic Assessment Test aren't perfect. A sharp-eyed high school student caught them in a boo-boo.

The scores of an estimated 45,000 students who took the test Oct. 12 will be boosted by up to 30 points because of the error. The corrected scores will be sent via Federal Express to the affected students and the colleges they applied to so the error won't hurt their chances of admission, said College Board spokeswoman Janice Gams in New York.

It was the first acknowledged mistake on the SATs since 1982.

"It certainly should've been caught sooner," she said. "But it's not embarrassing in the sense that

the College Board is open about its process and takes immediate action when something goes wrong."

The student, Colin Rizzio, 17, of Peterborough, N.H., complained about the error by e-mail sent to the College Board and the Princeton-based Educational Testing Service, which writes the test taken by millions of college-bound students.

The error was that the question-writer used a letter, in this case "a," to stand for any number, a standard practice in an algebra problem. The original "correct" answer assumed that the "a" was positive and did not account for the possibility that it was a negative number such as -2. Students who assumed the number could be negative came up with a different answer.

"I figured out that depending on the way I worked through the problem, I got several different answers," Rizzio said on ABC's "Good Morning America" today. "So I circled in the choice that corresponded to 'cannot be determined.'"

"I was kind of hesitant when I circled that one in, so I proceeded

through the test. So afterwards, I contacted ETS and told them my mistake."

The College Board learned of the error Jan. 23 and admitted it Wednesday.

"We knew we had a problem after three college math exams confirmed the student's position," said Brian O'Reilly, director of the SAT program.

About 350,000 high school students took the test Oct. 12.

The SAT, a three-hour math and verbal skills test, is the widely used college admission exam in the nation. About 1.5 million people take the test annually.

Rizzio, a student at Contooc Valley Regional High School, hopes to major in physics at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. He contacted ABC Wednesday morning's appearance.

At the end of the segment, Charles Gibson read a letter from the university's president, who said "Colin... is precisely the kind of student we're looking for — inquisitive, exacting, committed to excellence."

► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High: 65°F
Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain.	Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain.	Cloudy and breezy with occasional rain.	Tonight's Expected High: 42°F
			Tomorrow's Expected High: 55°F
			Tomorrow Night's Expected Low: 40°F

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