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New week brings new talks for Teamsters, Pillsbury

A federal mediator is expected to intervene in talks between members of Local 26 of the Teamsters union and Pillsbury management.

Talks are scheduled to resume today, said Allen Baker, a union steward and member of the bargaining committee. The mediator will meet with union representatives at 5 p.m. in Danville.

Baker believes progress will be made at the bargaining session. "It's closer to getting settled than most people realize," he said.

The two major points of disagreement concern insurance. The company wants to charge employ-

ees a premium, which they have not paid up to this point, and raise the deductible.

Also, Pillsbury reportedly wants to change the retirement insurance package from age 55 with 10 years of service to 62 with 25 years of service.

Baker said other area unions have shown solidarity with the Teamsters. On Saturday, representatives from unions at FMC, Howard Industries in Milford, and Quaker Oats in Danville, were on the picket lines.

Strikers' family members were also on hand as children played football in a nearby lot. Burn barrels were set up to keep strikers warm.

There were no reports of violence on the line over the weekend. Baker credited the Hoopeston police with being "pretty good about the whole deal," adding that while other strikers have criticized the police, "those people don't talk for all of us."

Eddie Cordova, 17, 319 N. Sixth Ave., was arrested Thursday on county warrants. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.

Tonya K. Irvin and **Heidi S. Snyder**, both 17, of Hoopeston, and two 16-year-olds, were arrested at 11:20 p.m. Friday, charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by minors. They were released on notices to appear.

Milford superintendent arrested

MILFORD - School Supt. William J. Peach, 49, was arrested Friday by Iroquois County Sheriff's police and Milford police. Peach was charged with theft, official misconduct and filing a false police report after he allegedly sold one of the high school's computers to a person in Dana. Peach reported the \$1,500 computer stolen Feb. 8.

School board members had no comment.

WHITLEY, Joyce Ann Hall, 33, of Clarksville, Tenn., died Friday, Feb. 18, 1994 at Clarksville. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Cheneyville Christian Church. Memorials may be made to the church. She was the daughter of Burl and Shirley Hall and the sister of Ginger Grant and Barry Hall.

Mostly cloudy, cooler today. High around 40. Tonight, continued cloudy. Low in the low 30s. Tomorrow, rain likely. High near 37, low near 28.

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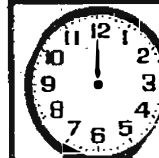
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Cold, speed, fiberglass: coverage of the Olympic games

Editor's Note: Any publication would be remiss this year if it did not include highlights from the Winter Olympics. Dave Letterman sent his mother, so we at Just the Facts, sent Lourdine's nasty twin, Sardine, to cover the games in Norway. This is her report.

So, here I am in Lillehammer. What kind of a name is that, anyway - Lillehammer? Sounds like a cross between Lilliputians from Gulliver's Travels and a ballpeen hammer.

It's cold here. I don't know why I'm the one who always gets these assignments. I hear it was in the 60s in Hoopeston last week. But could I be there and enjoy it? No. I've got to be here freezing my parka off.

I don't know why everybody makes a big deal about the Olympics. I mean, let's look at some of the sports.

First, there's the luge competition. What kind of word in "luge"? It sounds like a noise someone made coughing.

You have these little fiberglass sleds and an ice packed track. The idea is to lie on your back on the sled and careen down a winding track at speeds illegal on most U.S. roads.

They call that a sport?

Similar to the luge, except the participants are upright, is the bobsled competition. Same basic idea: two- (or four) man teams hop on the sled and send it careening down a winding track at speeds illegal on most U.S. roads.

Then there's skiing - you know, strap a piece of fiberglass on each foot and careen down a winding mountain track at speeds illegal on most U.S. roads.

It should be pretty obvious that the International Olympic Committee has a fetish for A.) careening, and B.) fiberglass.

One of the few sports that has little to do with either is figure skating. The women's competition

is coming up later this week and should prove interesting, what with the Nancy Kerrigan/Tonia Harding fiasco.

If you've watched Olympics coverage at all, you've probably seen both Harding and Kerrigan at the same practice rink.

Well, let me tell you that when those two are in the same room, it gets **mighty** chilly. You wouldn't think it would be noticeable in an already cold ice rink, but several people who've witnessed the duo sharing ice space have had to get treatment for frostbite.

Harding has pretty much kept to herself since she got here. While other athletes are being fawned over by company executives trying to sign them to endorse their products, Harding has

been pretty much alone.

Oh, she did get a visit from makers of The Club, that anti-car theft device. And the Mafia Hitman's Union sent representatives to negotiate with her, but decided Harding would harm their image.

Tonia can't wait to leave, but that probably has something to do with the food. All these people eat is fish. You name it, if it's got fins, they'll eat it. Why just the other day, I went to the only McDonald's in town and they tried to sell me something called McLox. Icky.

(By the way, if any of you have ideas for things you'd like to see Harding endorse - like the Liar's Club - drop a note to Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL. 60942.)

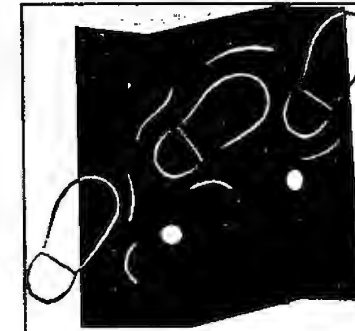
That sums up my Olympic report. It's cold, they go fast, and somebody owns stock in fiberglass.

Jeez, I don't know why I get these crummy assignments. I'll bet next Lourdine sends me someplace really interesting - like Bosnia. Or maybe northern Ireland. Or even Washington, D.C.



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