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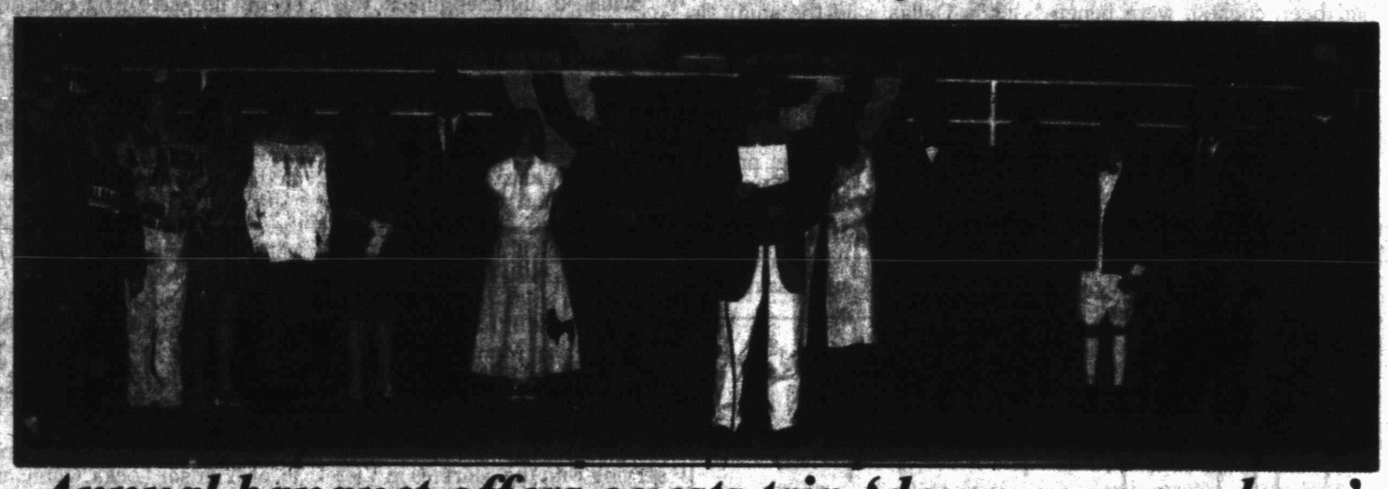

Annual banquet offers guests trip 'down memory lane'

By JoAnn Nunley
SDN Staff Writer

Approximately 300 were in attendance at Tuesday night's Snyder Chamber of Commerce annual banquet and attendees took a trip down memory lane and saw awards presented to fellow citizens.

Ann Smartt received the Sizemore Award given by last year's recipient Elois Pruitt. Smartt was recognized for her work with the Snyder Gold Coaters.

Besides the Gold Coaters, Smartt also participates in numerous other civic activities, including the Ritz Community theatre.

Roy McQueen, publisher of the Snyder Daily News, received the Vestal Award that recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the total development of the community through cultural, economic or governmental activities. In his 25 years in Snyder, McQueen has served on the Snyder ISD board, Cogdell Hospital board and as president of the Development Corporation of Snyder. He was chairman of the economic development committee that helped bring the Price Daniel unit to Snyder.

Also cited was Bettie McQueen, vice president at Western Texas College, and the entire staff of the Snyder Daily News. The award was presented by Mayor France Noah.

Greg Rhodes, WTC rodeo coach for the past five years, received the Harrie Winston Award. It is presented to a person in the ag industry. In addition to four consecutive trips to the national collegiate rodeo finals, Rhodes also is a rancher. He and his wife, Knita, are owners of Agravet in Highland Shopping Center. Ted Crenwelge, last year's recipient, made the presentation.

Rita Wolf, Stanfield kindergarten teacher, was given the Education Excellence Award, presented by Jean McMillon, Stanfield principal. Mrs. Wolf, who will retire at the end of the school term, has taught kindergarten for 21 years. Mrs. McMillon described her as the "Barnabas" of the Stanfield staff.

The C.T. McLaughlin Award, given for leadership and outstanding performance in the petroleum industry, went to Troy Botts, owner of Complete Services Inc. Botts, a Vietnam veteran, was cited for surviving the ups and downs of the oil industry over the years. Treva Hawthorne, last year's recipient, presented the McLaughlin award.

Chamber executive director Donna Fowler presented the Chamber's Choice Award to her "right arm," Sandra Barboza, administrative assistant at the chamber.

Working 50 to 80 hours a week, Fowler said Barboza helps her family, keeps books for several companies, takes classes at WTC and works every after-hour chamber event.

In his opening remarks, chamber president Darren Jackson, Scurry County Sheriff, told the banquet audience that he was reared in Snyder and he and his wife chose Snyder to make their home and wanted to rear their children here. He stressed the importance of teamwork and cooperation among the various entities and organizations in the community.

Reflecting on the banquet theme, "Down Memory Lane", he recalled the leaders who lived by the thought, "If you are afraid of failure, you will never succeed, it is best to look ahead to the future surrounded by those not afraid to dream."

David Holt served as master of ceremonies and the drama department of Snyder High School presented a fashion show covering the history of Snyder and Scurry County.

CHAMBER'S CHOICE — Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive director Donna Fowler, left, congratulates her assistant, Sandra Barboza, Tuesday night after honoring her with the Chamber's Choice award. SHS drama instructor Brad Vincent, center in top photo, reflected with the audience of nearly 300 about the history of Snyder while his students modeled fashions from the 20th Century. (SDN Staff Photos)

School starts Aug. 19...

SISD adopts calendar for coming year

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder ISD trustees adopted the 2002-2003 school calendar during Tuesday night's meeting — setting the start of school on Aug. 19.

Christmas holidays are from Dec. 23 until Jan. 7, with the first semester ending before the holiday starts. Spring break will be March 10-14 and the school term will end May 29.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said the calendar includes 177 days of instruction, plus 10 staff development days.

Trustees last night also approved contract extensions for all current teachers, with the exception of three who had submitted resignations.

The resignations of James Romig, junior high band director; and Judy Sheridan, diagnostician at Humble Smith; were accepted for personal reasons, while veteran Stanfield kindergarten teacher Rita Wolf is retiring.

The board, acting on the recommendation of maintenance director Mike Carter, accepted a bid for repairs to the high school air conditioning chiller even though it was not the low bid.

Carter said First Service of Midland submitted a bid of $23,945, while the Trane Service Group of Lubbock submitted a bid of $38,974.77.

"Based on past experience, I find it best for Trane people to work on Trane equipment," said Carter.

Carter said he felt accepting the Trane bid would result in getting the equipment fixed the first time, avoiding expensive call-backs on the 28-year-old unit.

The board also approved budget amendments in the amount of $146,356 related to income received from insurance payments, replacement of stolen items at the junior high, and gifts from various athletic booster clubs.

Recommendations from the textbook committee were approved, and the renewal of a contract between the city and school for the use of the former East and West fire stations was tabled.

"The city would like to deed those building to us," said Lomax

Board president Mark McCormick presided and members present were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Mike Levens, Glenn Clarady and Janet Stribling. Cathy Peoples was absent.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best speaker not only knows when to stand up, but also when to sit down."

We happened to be in the audience and couldn't leave without stepping over people and causing a disturbance. So, instead, we endured.

It was one of those corporate efficiency speakers whom we guessed didn't make any real money until he started to give seminars.

While making the presentation, he used tons of corporate jargon, and our mind kept racing back to that old journalism professor who always had ink stains just above the pocket of his once white shirt.

"Our job is to inform, not impress," he would admonish while reminding all the wannabes in the class that we would be writing for the masses and would need to do so at about the 6th grade level.

That was no problem for an ole boy from West Texas. Everybody knew everybody and there was no need in even thinking about pretentiousness. Shoot, we hadn't even heard of the word and likely couldn't spell it.

But the guy behind the podium likely had never heard of West Texas, or Andrews or Snyder.

He was full of it – runaway jargon and faddish phrases that seemed to take away from the message. "New-economy dimensions would require a synergistic approach and require thinking out of the box."

We figured that must mean that in hard times we might have to pack our own lunch and eat out of the lunch pail while at our desk.

Instead of telling us to get down to the nitty-gritty (back to basics) the speaker suggested that it was time to "'copter down and get granular."

Every project must have "transparency and dimensionality" and be implemented in a "seamless" manner.

In other words, we have to look at the big picture, see it clearly and make it work – we think?

If you don't understand all the business abbreviations, then you definitely are "out of the loop" or banished from the "inner circle."

If the decision is tough or the task unpleasant, find a big euphemism to help distract from it.

Instead of going out for bids, it's now a RFP (request for proposal). It once was firing and then it switched to down-sizing. Now, the politically-correct term is "right-sizing."

"Okay associates, we're asking everyone to make a modest, short-term financial accommodation."

Translated: Staff, you're pay is being whacked 10 percent so the checks will clear the bank."

Problems, 'er challenges, must be addressed.

Pentagon sees progress in Afghan fighting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bloody U.S.-led assault on regrouped al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan is turning into a tougher and longer battle than the Pentagon had hoped, but is making progress, defense officials said today.

An operation that some thought might be done in several days was in its fifth day as about 2,000 U.S.-led allied troops and warplanes used punishing aerial bombing and fierce sporadic ground fighting against Taliban and al-Qaida holed up south of Gardez.

The start of the operation was delayed by two days because of bad weather, officials said on condition of anonymity.

And forces on the ground said they met stiffer-than-expected resistance on the opening of the assault Friday.

The U.S. military also is committing more aircraft to the battle, sending in five Marine Corps attack helicopters after enemy fire damaged Army copters.

The number of enemy fighters military planners thought troops would face also has increased.

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the five-month-old war in Afghanistan, has said it was hard to estimate but that it appeared several hundred mostly al-Qaida fighters were holed up in the roughly 60 square mile area mapped out for Operation Anaconda, named for the snake that kills its prey by constricting.

The commander of the U.S.-led assault, Maj. Gen. Frank L. Hagenbeck, told a press conference today at Bagram air base north of the capital Kabul that as many as 600 to 700 al-Qaida and some Taliban troops were now in the area.

Pentagon officials said the increase in numbers mostly reflected that troops were able to get into the area to get a better count of what had been there all along.

Hagenbeck portrayed the increase as being due to infiltration by more al-Qaida fighters over the last few days.

U.S. troops have detained five people, releasing one, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said at a Pentagon press conference Tuesday.

Jury hearing accident suit

A nine-woman, three-man jury was selected Tuesday to hear a lawsuit in 132nd District Court concerning an automobile accident that occurred in 1996.

The suit is styled Jeanie Warr, next friend of minors Roger Warr and Tiffany Warr, versus David Michael Thomas and A.Z. Thomas. The accident occurred Sept. 11, 1996 in the 1300 block of 37th Street.

The Warrs are represented by Midland attorney Victor Torres, while the defendants are represented by Gordon Ashby III of Abilene.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

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FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 65 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 41; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, low 40-45; S winds 10-20. Thursday, cloudy, breezy, high mid 70s; SW winds 15-25 mph. Thursday night, cloudy, low 45-50.

Brittany Miller
Breezy

Sunset: 6:46 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.
Of 64 days in 2002, the sun has shone 61 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Endeavor to live so that when you die, even the undertaker will be sorry.
—Mark Twain

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Kin mourn soldiers killed in downed 'copter

GALLUP, N.M. (AP) — Senior Airman Jason Dean Cunningham was sent to Afghanistan to save lives. Instead, he gave his, becoming one of seven U.S. soldiers killed in the bloodiest operation of the war in Afghanistan.

Cunningham, a pararescueman with the 38th Rescue Squadron, was trained as a combat medic and was sent to rescue members of a team in eastern Afghanistan.

"Jason died doing what he liked to do, save lives," said his father, Larry "Red" Cunningham, choking on his words as he read a brief statement Tuesday.

"We're very proud of our baby," the airman's mother, Jackie Cunningham, said outside the family's home in Gallup.

The remains of Cunningham and six others killed Monday were returned to the United States early today, Staff Sgt. Tom Hernan said. Dover Air Force Base in Delaware will prepare the remains for burial.

Eleven other soldiers were wounded during the intense fighting as two helicopters carrying troops came under attack from machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

Cunningham, 26, was stationed at Moody Air Force Base near Valdosta, Ga., where he had a wife, Theresa, and two daughters, Hannah, 2, and Kyla, 4.

Sgt. Philip S. Svitak, 31, of Joplin, Mo., another of the dead, was determined to make a difference in Afghanistan, his mother, Roseann Svitak, said Tuesday.

"He told me before he went, 'Mom, the terrorists have to be stopped,'" she said. "He said, 'If they send me over there and anything happens to me, I'm proud to die for my country.'"

Svitak, a flight engineer, was assigned to 2nd Battalion of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment in Fort Campbell, Ky. He had dreamed of military service since he was a child, his mother said.

"If you wanted to make him happy at Christmas time," she recalled, "you got him (olive drab) green."

Svitak leaves a wife, Laura, and two young sons, 2-year-old Nolan and 4-year-old Ethan.

Army Pfc. Matthew A. Commons, of Boulder City, Nev., talked to his father last month on his 21st birthday. Gregory J. Commons, 50, said he had been serving with the Marines in Vietnam when he turned 21.

"I told him when he got home I would have a drink with him," Greg Commons told the Savannah Morning News on Tuesday. "He's an honor to his country and his family. I'm so proud."

Matthew Commons; Sgt. Bradley Crose, of Orange Park, Fla.; and Spc. Marc A. Anderson, 30, of Brandon, Fla., were members of the 1st Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment, based at Hunter Army Airfield in Savanna.

"Everybody here is taking it as expected. They're saddened," said Capt. Josh Davis, a spokesman for the Ranger unit. "Their hearts are going out to the families and the guys."

A two-helicopter team had been ferrying in reconnaissance troops south of the town of Gardez when one was hit by enemy fire, said Brig Gen. John W. Rosa Jr., deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A Pentagon official said Petty Officer 1st Class Neil Roberts, 32, fell out of the helicopter, but died from a bullet wound. He was apparently shot after surviving the fall, said Marine Maj. Ralph Mills, speaking for the U.S. Central Command.

The other soldiers died during another two-helicopter mission to bring special forces into the battle area, Rosa said. Once on the ground, those forces got into a firefight.

Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman, 36, of Windsor Locks, Conn., was remembered by his older sister Lori McQueeney as a good athlete and "a cutup."

"He's the life of the party," McQueeney said.

"Everything he did, he did great," his girlfriend Amy Pritchett said from Anderson's parents' home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Study lauds tomato-rich diet for men

WASHINGTON (AP) — Men who consume tomato products two or more times a week can significantly reduce their chances of contracting prostate cancer, a study found.

Eating cooked tomatoes was particularly beneficial, according to the study, which showed that regularly eating tomato sauce, ketchup and other tomato-based foods lowered the prostate cancer risk by as much as 36 percent.

Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health, the first author of the study, said it supported earlier research involving foods such as tomatoes that were high in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant.

"These most recent findings add support to the notion that a diet rich in tomatoes and lycopene-containing foods, as well as other fruits and vegetables, may reduce the risk of prostate cancer," Giovannucci said.

A report on the study appears today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Researchers analyzed the food choices and prostate cancer histories of more than 47,000 men and found that those who ate at least two meals a week containing tomato products lowered their risk of prostate cancer by 24 percent to 36 percent.

Giovannucci said that lycopene is thought to protect against cancer by absorbing oxygen free-radicals, which are chemicals created during metabolism that can damage the genetic structure of cells.

The finding is based on data from the Health Professional Follow-Up Study, a project that followed the health history and dietary habits of 47,000 men, aged 40 to 75, from 1986 to 1998. During that period, 2,481 of the men developed prostate cancer.

Dietary questionnaires in the study included such food items as tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato juice, pizza, watermelon and pink grapefruit, along with salsa, ketchup and other tomato-based condiments.

When the data was adjusted for the effects of other life style factors, the researchers found that tomatoes, especially if they had been cooked, were beneficial against prostate cancer.

"Spaghetti sauce was the most popular" and also seemed to give the most protection, said Giovannucci. He said that cooking raw tomatoes, as is done to make spaghetti sauce, may break down cell walls of the fruit and allow the body to absorb more lycopene.

Jo Ann Carson, a clinical nutritionist at the University of Texas, Southwest Medical Center in Dallas, said the study "is an example that what we eat can affect our risk of cancer."

The study also supports the idea that foods rich in antioxidants, rather than vitamin pills, provide the most cancer protection, she said.

"Eating the whole foods seems to give a beneficial combination that would be lacking in supplements," Carson said.

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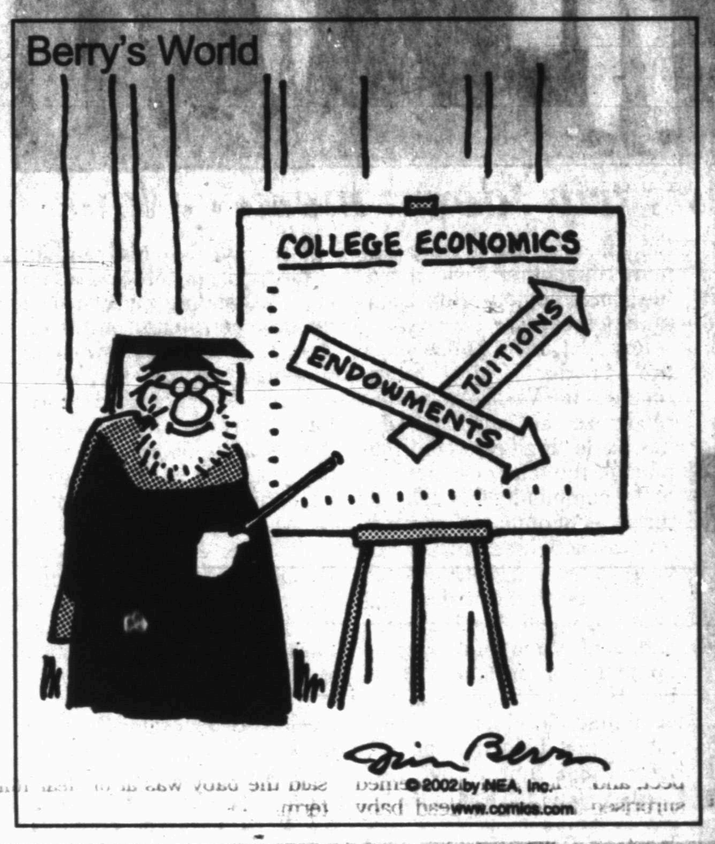

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Today is the 65th day of 2002, and the 76th day of winter.

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On this day in 1857, the Supreme Court ruled in the "Dred Scott Decision" that slaves could not be citizens of the United States.

On this day in 1974, an Italian gambler lost a Monte Carlo-record $1.92 million in one sitting at a roulette table.

On this day in 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as the anchor for CBS News.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Michelangelo Buonarroti (1475 - 1564), painter/sculptor; Lou Costello (1906 — 1959), actor/comedian; Ed McMahon (1923 -), television host, is 79; Alan Greenspan (1926 -), Federal Reserve chairman, is 76; Merle Haggard (1937 -), country singer, is 65; Willie Stargell (1940 — 2001), baseball star; Rob Reiner (1946 -), actor/director, is 56; Tom Arnold (1959 -), actor, is 43; Shaquille O'Neal (1972 -), basketball star, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, the highest-scoring game in NBA history took place. In three overtimes, the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 171-166.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If it's far away, it's news, but if it's close to home, it's sociology." — James Reston

TODAY'S MOON: In between the last quarter (March 5) and the new moon (March 13)

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The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.

LOTTO TEXAS — TEXAS LOTTERY

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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Pick 3

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

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Judge sets timetable in battle over records on Cheney energy task force

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has ordered a half-dozen federal agencies to release within two months records of their involvement in an energy task force headed by Vice President Dick Cheney.

Ruling in a case filed nearly a year ago, U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman said Tuesday the agencies have had sufficient time to collect thousands of pages of material from its files.

Also covered by Friedman's order is the White House Office of Management and Budget.

The agencies must release the material promptly or itemize the documents they want to keep confidential so the lawsuit filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch can proceed, the judge said.

OMB found 374 documents in its files on the Cheney task force and has released six of them, saying the rest should remain secret because they are internal agency memoranda.

Friedman's decision is the second in two weeks by a federal judge setting a timetable for the prompt release of materials involving the Cheney energy task force.

Separately, the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, has filed a lawsuit against Cheney in an effort to force disclosure of the identifies of people who met directly with Cheney or his aides.

The Bush administration is trying to keep confidential the names of industry executives and lobbyists who met with the White House as it formulated national energy policy a year ago and what the participants discussed.

Environmentalists have contended that the energy plan helped Houston-based Enron Corp. and other big energy companies at the expense of public health and the environment.

The recent rulings came in cases filed by private groups seeking information from executive branch agencies, not from the White House itself.

"The administration has never disputed the necessity of producing information required by law to be made public," said Justice Department spokeswoman Barbara Comstock.

"The process of sorting through thousands of documents to determine which the law requires federal agencies to disclose, and which Congress has protected from public disclosure, is often laborious and time-consuming," she said.

Friedman said the Environmental Protection Agency is withholding 19,500 pages on its work for the Cheney task force. The EPA's deadlines are March 25 for releasing documents and April 25 to identify documents it seeks to keep secret.

Other agencies involved in the order are Interior, Agriculture, Energy, Transportation and Commerce.

The Commerce Department has 9,000 pages of documents regarding the Cheney task force and the Transportation Department has 6,000 pages.

U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler ruled Feb. 21 that the energy department must release records relating to the Cheney task force starting March 25 and must provide a list by late April of the documents it intends to keep secret. The Energy Department says it has 7,500 pages relating to the task force.

'Hooters' controversy rages in Arlington

ARLINGTON (AP) — When some residents in the southwest part of town heard about plans to open a national restaurant chain featuring scantily clad waitresses, their crusade began.

They formed Decency for Arlington and obtained more than 1,300 signatures on a petition. They couldn't stop Hooters from building in a popular shopping area near their homes, but they did derail the restaurant's beer license application — at least initially.

Nine months later, the battle rages on.

The new Hooters plans to open as scheduled today, without a beer permit, offering free beer or allowing customers to bring their own. A judge is to rule next week on the restaurant's appeal to get a license.

"We're going to do whatever it takes," said Barry D. Johnson, Decency for Arlington co-chairman who's planning another protest at that hearing. "We're serious. We don't want them here, and we're not taking 'no' for an answer."

Opposition is nothing new to many of the 300-plus Hooters restaurants nationwide, where waitresses wear low-cut tank tops and tight shorts.

In fact, some residents in Frisco, near Dallas, protested before a Hooters opened in 2000. The restaurant offered free beer for a few weeks until its beer license was approved, and the eatery now has more customers on "kids eat free" Saturdays than any other Hooters in Texas.

Officials at Hooters of America Inc., based in Atlanta, don't deny that sex appeal is part of the gimmick for the restaurant chain, founded in Florida in 1983 with the motto "delightfully tacky, yet unrefined." They say people should lighten up.

"That's why we have front doors. You don't have to come in if you don't want to," said Scott Wilkinson, vice president of Texas Wings, the franchise that runs the 27 Hooters in Texas, including another one in Arlington.

But Wilkinson says the eatery has "cleaned up" its image in recent years by catering to families and getting involved in the community, such as sponsoring little-league teams.

Some say they are surprised by the protests in Arlington, the state's seventh-largest city with more than 330,000 residents. The city located between Dallas and Fort Worth also has more than a dozen sexually oriented businesses, including topless and nude bars.

Woman charged with capital murder

MIDLAND (AP) — A woman charged with killing her newborn baby and storing the body in her garage remained in the Midland jail Tuesday.

Stephanie Jo Durham, 20, has been charged with capital murder. She was arrested late Thursday after police said she confessed. She had concealed her pregnancy from her live-in boyfriend, police said.

Initially, Durham was not a suspect, and police said she seemed surprised to learn a dead baby was in her garage. But investigators said they found evidence on the property that resulted in Durham's questioning.

Durham, in the Midland County Jail on bail of $100,000, was a stay-at-home mother.

The couple was in the process of moving when the boyfriend found the corpse near some trash. The baby was inside a duffel bag that was wrapped in a plastic grocery sack. Investigators said the baby was at or near full term.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman reluctant to lose man who keeps too many secrets

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Jay" for four months. When I met him, he gave me his cell phone number. He said he doesn't have a home phone.

He won't tell me where he lives because his "ex-woman" stalks him, is dangerous, and he doesn't want her to cause me any problems. He says she has access to his apartment. (The apartment is in her name.)

I care a lot for Jay and don't want to lose him. He has keys to my house and knows my home and work numbers. I've kept no secrets from him, but I suspect he is still involved in a relationship, and that's why he doesn't want me to know where he lives. Should I continue to trust Jay, or do you think he is deceiving me? — **FEELING HURT IN THE NORTHWEST**

DEAR FEELING HURT: I think he's deceiving you. Everything you have written about him indicates he's still involved with someone else and probably living with her. My advice is to change your locks and home phone number, and if he calls you at work, be unavailable.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old female and have been repairing computers for two years. I thoroughly enjoy it. However, the field is dominated by men, and I have a problem.

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When he puts the same computer in front of one of his male techs and they will tell him the same thing, he always agrees with them.

I think it's time he gave me credit where credit is due. Is there anything I can do to change my boss's behavior, or should I consider moving on? — **FRUSTRATED GEORGIA TECH**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You're not going to change a member of the old boys' club. Consider moving on, but not until you've found something equally good or better. Now that you have experience, I'm sure there are plenty of job opportunities for a tech with your diagnostic skills.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Gerald" for more than 50 years. He is a wonderful husband and a splendid father. He still showers me with affection: kisses me good morning and good night, calls me from the office at least once a day, is a great provider, never argues about money — essentially I can do anything I want. In addition, Gerald is an attentive and highly competent lover.

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I don't like it, Abby. When I tell him how I feel, he just smiles, gives me a hug and a kiss, and says, "Honey, that's not my thing." Nothing I say or do convinces him to change. Any suggestions? — **PATRICIA IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR PATRICIA: If after 50 years of marriage this is his only fault, consider yourself a very lucky woman. Develop a sense of humor. Go shopping for holiday gifts for yourself. Show them to him and say, "This is from you. Thanks, Honey."

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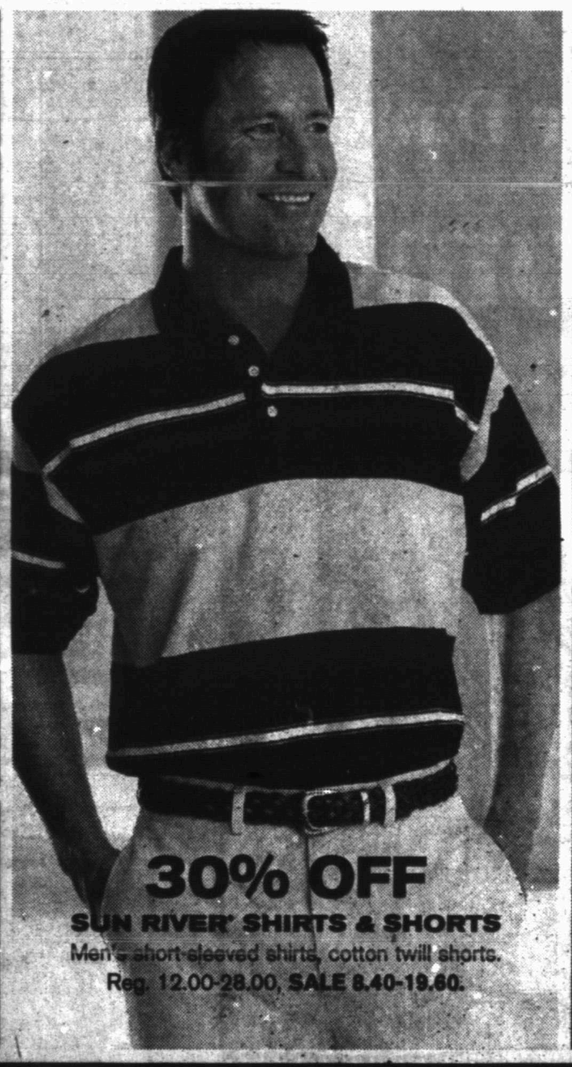

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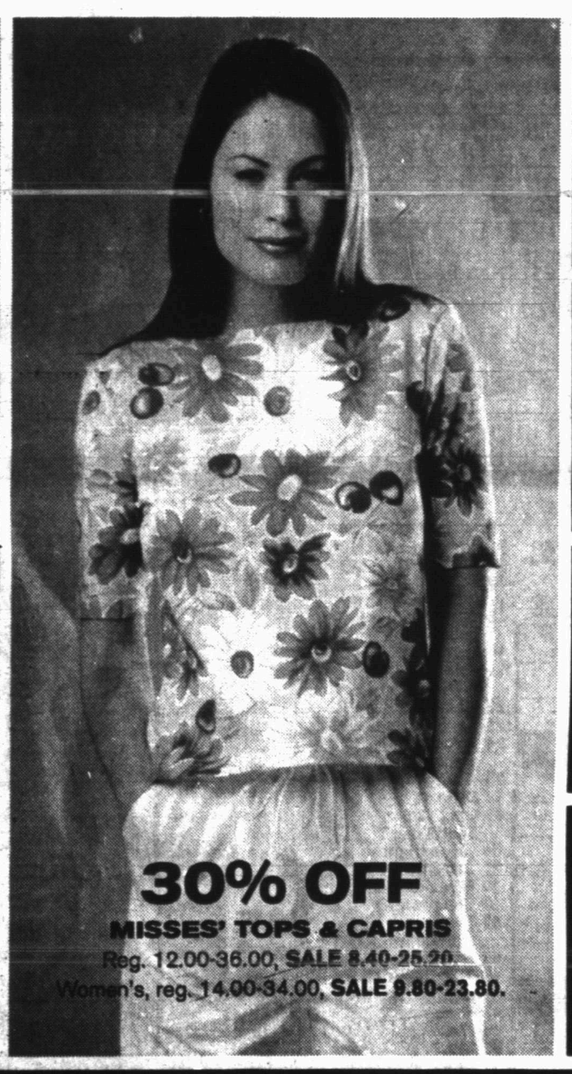

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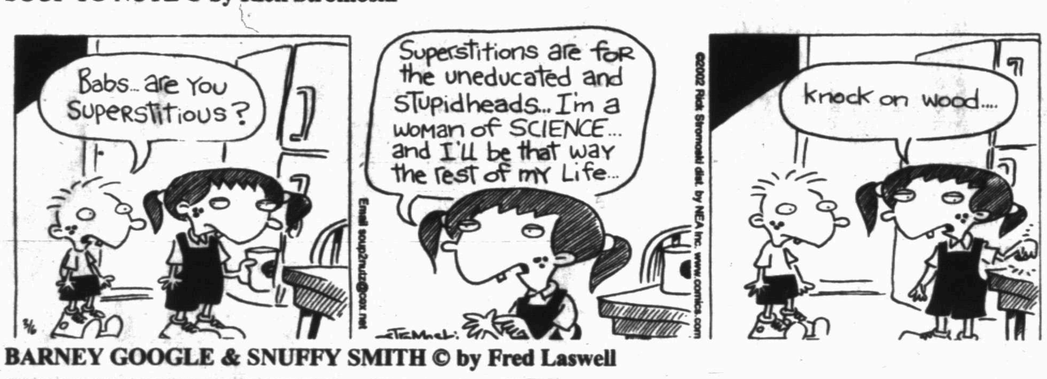

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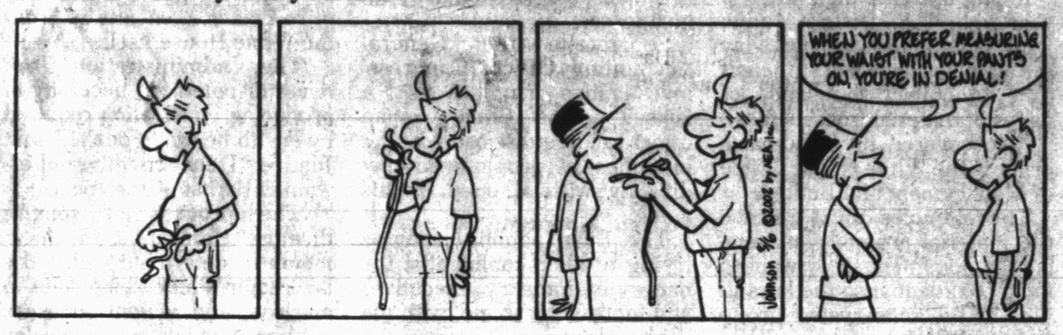

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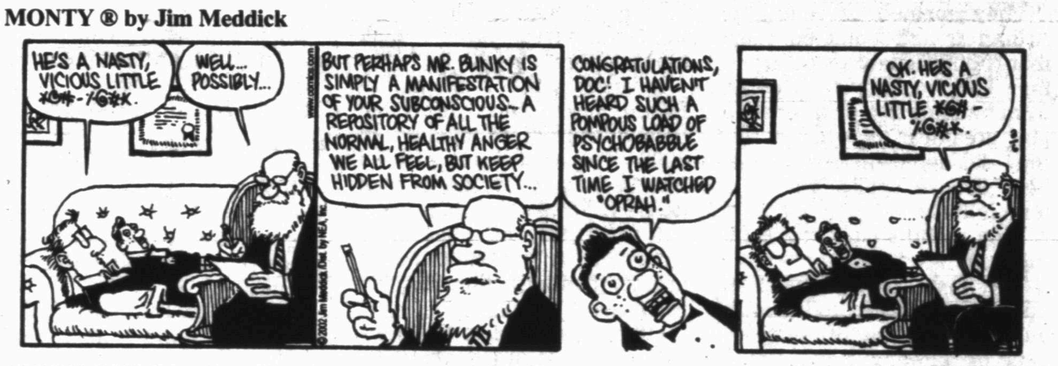

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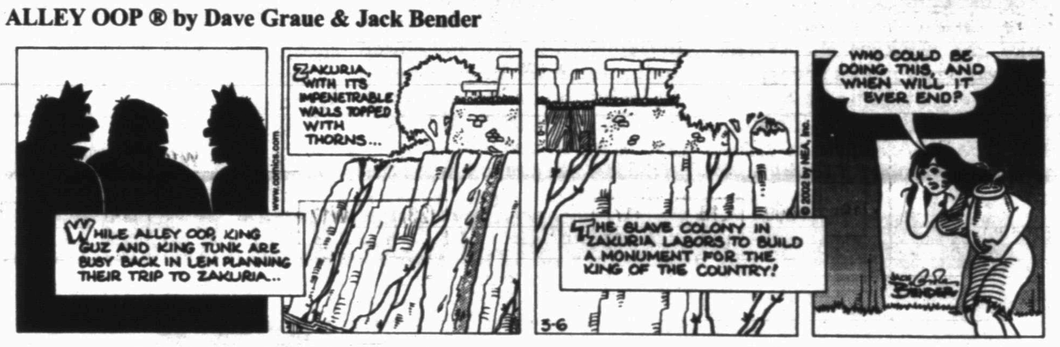

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6 "Golden Hind" skipper
11 Made a puddle
13 Damsel
14 Hit the hay
15 Insult
16 Curve
17 Land parcel
18 Opposite of cheer
21 Fuming
23 Inspect
26 Freud, to himself
27 Mediocre grade
28 State firmly
29 Bur
31 Falana or Montez
32 Deer foot
33 Dismays
36 October's stone
37 Ice skater Babilonia
38 Flying formation
39 Tie holder
40 — up the score (ties)
42 Publishing execs
43 Before, in combos
44 "The Addams Family" cousin
46 Fix-it tool
49 Reef polype
53 Loft
54 Whine
55 Posed a question
56 Saturated with water

DOWN

1 Loan disclosure no.
2 "Sheila" singer Tommy
3 Pierre's word
4 Film director Kazan
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6 "Platoon" actor
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9 Writer Kesey
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30 Grey Cup sports org.
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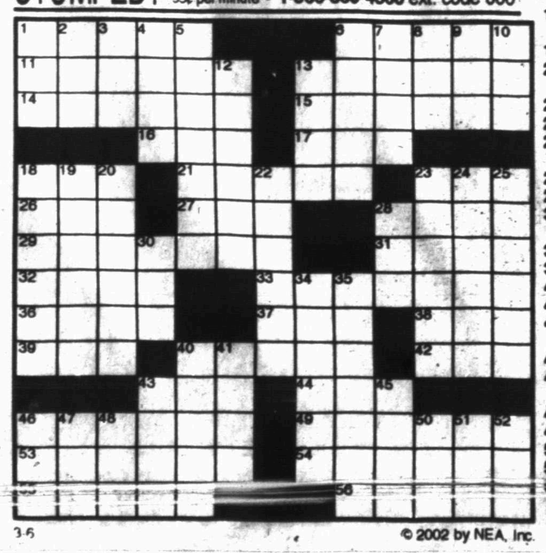

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SPORTS

Peoples earns honor

Zipporah Peoples

Facing the state's best teams during league competition didn't stop Snyder's Zipporah Peoples from making a name for herself on the basketball court.

Peoples was the only Lady Tiger to receive honors on the 4-4A All-District Basketball Team. The junior was a third-team selection in her first year of varsity competition.

"Zipporah learned a lot this past season. She was more aggressive at the end of the year, than she was at the start," said SHS coach Mike Martin. "With as many good teams as we have in our district, it's really tough to earn all-district honors."

Peoples was the Lady Tigers' leading rebounder, averaging 6.1 boards to go along with 5.4 points.

Plainview senior Chelsi Welch was named the district's MVP, and the Lady Bulldog's Danny Wrenn earned coach of the year honors. Estacado freshman point guard Lavonda Henderson was newcomer of the year.

4-4A ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Most valuable player: Chelsi Welch, Sr., Plainview.
Newcomer of the year: Lavonda Henderson, Fr., Estacado.
Coach of the year: Danny Wrenn, Plainview.
First team: Alesha Robertson, Jr., Plainview; Tojiney Thompson, Jr., Plainview; Tawanna Flowers, Jr., Levelland; Katie Fariss, Jr., Andrews; Kelly Curry, Sr., Estacado.
Second team: Tara Vaughn, Sr., Levelland; Stacy Russell, Sr., Frenship; Crystal McReynolds, Sr., Frenship; Brittney Courtney, Soph., Andrews; Elyse Newland, Jr., Plainview.
Third team: Leina Braxton, Soph., Big Spring; Shanequa Gonzales, Jr., Estacado; Tamara McDonald, Sr., Levelland; Mandy Roberts, Sr., Andrews; Sarah Hauk, Jr., Plainview; Zipporah Peoples, Jr., Snyder.

Tigers rally in 12 to top Bronchos

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It had the makings for an Odessa High rout. It turned out to be a pitchers' duel, and a marathon victory for the Snyder Tigers.

Snyder pushed across two runs in the bottom of the 12th inning to outlast Odessa, 5-4, in a non-district battle Tuesday night at Moffett Field.

It was the Tigers' ninth victory of the season, and only the second setback for the 5A Bronchos. With the Snyder Tournament opening Thursday, SHS coach Roland Herrera hopes the come-from-behind victory gives his squad some all-important momentum.

"This is a great win for us, because Odessa has a really good team," said Herrera. "We made our share of mistakes, but found a way to get it done in the end."

After the Bronchos took a 4-3 lead in the top of the 12th, Snyder answered with three hits and two runs in the bottom of the frame.

Billy Pena led off with a single, but was forced out at second on a ground ball that allowed Brandon McGuire to reach base.

McGuire went to second on a passed ball, and Stephen Ortegon plated him with a single to center field. Odessa center fielder Craig Snoddy over ran the ball in attempt to throw out McGuire, giving Ortegon time to race to third.

With courtesy runner Justin McBroom representing the winning run at third, Odessa pulled in right fielder David Moline to give the Bronchos five infielders.

Despite the extra infielder, Snyder senior Shay Franks bounced a 1-2 pitch over second base to bring in the winning run.

"With only one out, I was hoping Shay could hit a sacrifice fly," Herrera stated. "But he was able to hit hard enough to get by their extra fielder, so it worked out just as well."

The Tigers had managed only four hits prior to the 12th. Odessa starter Carlos Moreno, who threw a no-hitter in his last start, struck out 10 through seven innings.

Snyder countered with unheralded junior lefty Tyler Trout. With only eight innings of work under his belt, Trout surrendered only three hits and a walk through seven frames.

"Tyler did a great job," Herrera remarked. "He's not an overpowering pitcher, but he did a good job of hitting his spots and keeping Odessa off balance."

Odessa scored a pair of runs in the second before the Tigers grabbed the lead in the fifth. Brooks Nunley led off with a single and Shawn Roemisch followed with a walk. Pena drove in both runs with a double in the gap, then scored on a Odessa error.

The 3-2 lead held until the top of the seventh when the Bronchos knotted the tally thanks to three Snyder errors.

Senior Tito Alaniz carried the Tigers through the first four extra frames, holding Odessa hitless and registering nine strikeouts.

SHS junior Chance Greenwood, making his first appearance since a pre-season knee injury, surrendered two hits and a run in the top of the 12th before Snyder rallied for the win.

The Tigers improved to 9-4-1 on the season and could face Odessa again in the Snyder Tournament.

The three-day event gets underway Thursday morning at Moffett Field, the SHS practice field and Rotan High School. Snyder squares off with Crane in an opening-round game at 2 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Hereford, Lubbock Cooper, Big Spring, Perryton, Odessa Permian, Dumas, Pampa, Odessa High, Levelland and Mineral Wells will also be on hand.

Odessa	ab	r	h	bi
Snoddy cf	5	1	1	1
Downs lf	5	0	0	0
Young ss	6	0	1	0
Roberts 1b	3	0	0	0
Emerson 1b	1	0	0	0
Smart 3b	6	1	1	0
Moreno p	5	0	2	1
Pradon cr	0	1	0	0
Melendez c	5	0	0	0
Hinojos cr	0	1	0	0
Jorgenson dh	6	0	0	0
Moline rf	5	0	0	0
Totals	**47**	**4**	**5**	**2**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena ss	6	1	2	2
McGuire lf	5	1	0	0
Ortegon c	6	0	1	1
McBroom cr	0	1	0	0
Franks 3b	4	0	1	1
Alaniz lf	4	0	1	0
Pendleton 1b	5	0	0	0
Nunley 2b	5	1	1	0
Roemisch dh	4	1	1	0
Dorsett rf	5	0	0	0
Totals	**44**	**5**	**7**	**4**

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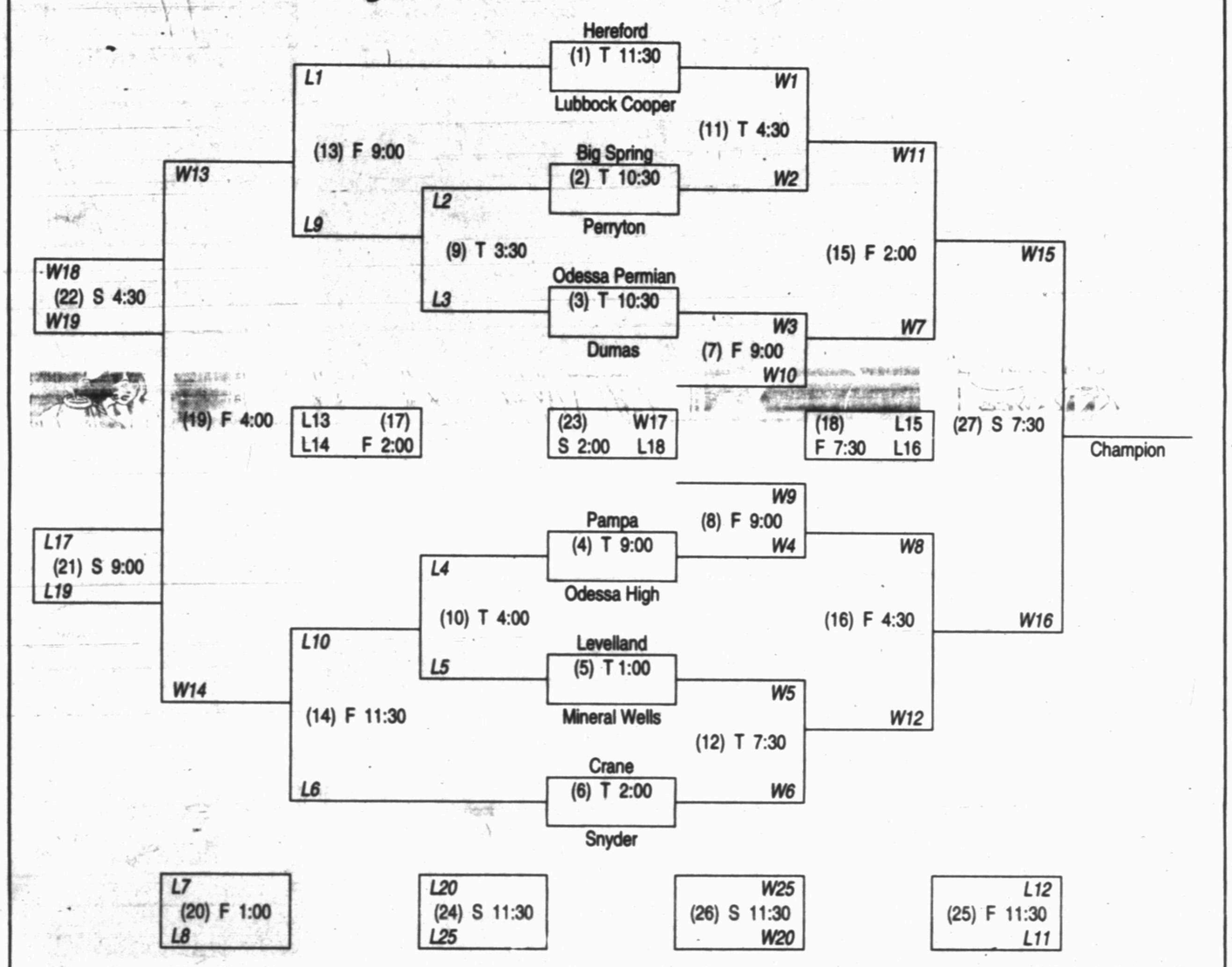
One out when winning run scored.
LOB - Odessa 13, Snyder 9. 2B - Snoddy; Pena.

Odessa	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Moreno	6	4	3	2	3	10
Young	5	0	0	0	2	6
Smart	1/3	3	2	2	0	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Trout	7	3	3	1	1	4
Alaniz	4	0	0	0	3	9
Greenwood	1	2	1	1	0	1

Snyder Baseball Tournament



Games 3, 5, 8, 10, 17 and 25 are at SHS practice field.
Games 2, 9, 13, 19, 20 and 24 are at Rotan High School.
All other games are at Moffett Field.

Lady Tigers drop opener to Maidens

SAN ANGELO — The Snyder Lady Tigers registered 10 hits, but made six errors to allow the Lake View Maidens to chalk up the district victory.

Lake View rallied from an early 3-0 deficit, and held Snyder scoreless for the final three frames to record a 5-4 victory in Tuesday night's District 4-4A opener at Maiden Field.

"We hit the ball pretty well. We just didn't get them when we needed them," said SHS coach Shelly Hayes. "We made some errors that we haven't been making this season, and it hurt us."

The deciding run came with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Lake View's Jennifer Hill led off with a single, and her sister Allison drew a walk from Snyder hurler Ashley Martinez. After a ground ball advanced the runners to second and third, Kassy Perez hit a chopper to shortstop Shelley Fisk who had no chance of getting Hill at the plate.

The Lady Tigers grabbed the lead with a run in the first and two more in the third. Lake View pulled even with three in the fourth, and both teams scored in the fifth.

Snyder dropped the game despite belting three extra-base hits. Ashley Martinez busted a double, and Leticia Martinez blasted a pair of triples.

The Lady Tigers host Levelland at 7 p.m. Friday at Cates Field.

4-4A SOFTBALL District Team	W	L
Andrews	1	0
Big Spring	1	0
Lake View	1	0
Frenship	1	0
Snyder	0	1
Levelland	0	1
Estacado	0	1
Plainview	0	1

Tuesday's results: Lake View 5, Snyder 4 (8); Andrews 20, Levelland 2; Big Spring 22, Estacado 0; Frenship 14, Plainview 2.

Starnes aces fifth at SCC

Snyder High School junior Zach Starnes recorded a hole-in-one last week at Snyder Country Club.

Starnes, a member of the Tigers' defending regional championship team, used an 8-iron to ace the 181-yard, par-3 fifth hole.

Witnesses were SHS teammates Clinton Calmes, Britt Sharrock and Stafford Gray.

Big 12 Basketball

MEN
Big 12 Tournament
at Kansas City, Mo.
First Round, Thursday
Game 1: (9)Colorado (14-13) vs. (8)Nebraska (13-14), noon
Game 2: (12)Texas A&M (9-21) vs. (5)Texas Tech (21-7), 2:20 p.m.
Game 3: (10)Baylor (15-14) vs. (7)Kansas State (12-15), 6 p.m.
Game 4: (11)Iowa State (12-18) vs. (6)Missouri (20-11), 8:20 p.m.
Quarterfinals, Friday
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. (1)Kansas (26-2), noon
Game 6: Game 2 winner vs. (4)Oklahoma State (23-7), 2:20 p.m.
Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. (2)Oklahoma (24-4), 6 p.m.
Game 8: Game 4 winner vs. (3)Texas (19-10), 8:20 p.m.
Semifinals, Saturday
Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 3:20 p.m.
Final, Sunday
Game 11: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 2 p.m.

WOMEN
Big 12 Tournament
at Kansas City, Mo.
First Round, Tuesday
Game 1: Oklahoma State 92, Texas A&M 76
Game 2: Texas 63, Kansas 61
Game 3: Texas Tech 78, Missouri 51
Game 4: Iowa State 74, Nebraska 55
Quarterfinals, Wednesday
Game 5: (8)Oklahoma State (16-14) vs. (1)Oklahoma (24-3), noon
Game 6: (5)Texas (20-8) vs. (4)Kansas State (23-6), 2:30 p.m.
Game 7: (7)Texas Tech (18-10) vs. (2)Baylor (24-4), 6 p.m.
Game 8: (6)Iowa State (22-7) vs. (3)Colorado (21-8), 8:30 p.m.
Semifinals, Thursday
Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8:30 p.m.
Final, Saturday
Game 11: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m.

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Washington	29	30	.492	10
Miami	26	32	.448	12½
New York	22	36	.379	16½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	34	24	.586	—
Milwaukee	34	25	.576	½
Indiana	30	30	.500	5
Charlotte	29	30	.492	5½
Toronto	29	33	.468	7
Atlanta	22	38	.367	13
Cleveland	22	38	.367	13
Chicago	16	44	.267	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	42	18	.700	—
Minnesota	40	20	.667	2
San Antonio	39	21	.650	3
Utah	33	26	.559	8½
Houston	22	37	.373	19½
Denver	17	40	.298	23½
Memphis	15	45	.250	27

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	42	17	.712	—
Sacramento	42	17	.712	—
Portland	36	24	.600	6½
Seattle	34	27	.557	9
L.A. Clippers	30	30	.500	12½
Phoenix	28	32	.467	14½
Golden State	16	42	.276	25½

Tuesday's Games
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Miami 93, Detroit 91
Indiana 111, Orlando 98
San Antonio 109, Golden State 88
Houston 112, Toronto 109
Dallas 81, Phoenix 77
L.A. Lakers 101, New Jersey 92
Seattle 97, Minnesota 83

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

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Conservative wins GOP gubernatorial primary; Condit loses re-election bid

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Conservative businessman Bill Simon capped a meteoric rise by upsetting the moderate former Los Angeles mayor in the state Republican gubernatorial primary, while Rep. Gary Condit lost a re-election bid dogged by the Chandra Levy scandal.

The surprise outcome in the GOP race sets up a tough battle for state Republicans, who now have a gubernatorial candidate whose views on social issues put him to the right of the majority of Californians.

Many believe Democratic Gov. Gray Davis is getting just the opponent he wanted. Davis poured $10 million into ads attacking Simon's rival, Richard Riordan, who was favored by party leaders because they thought he had a better chance of beating the governor.

Davis, running nearly unopposed, easily won the Democratic nomination and signaled Tuesday the direction he'll take against Simon.

"I respect the sincerity of his beliefs but I believe many of his ideas are out of step and out of touch with most Californians," Davis said in a victory speech. "We need to keep moving California forward, not backward, and certainly not to the right."

California's primary kicked off the voting in a midterm election year in which the parties will be contesting 36 governorships and fighting for control of the closely divided Senate and House.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Simon had 49 percent, or 1,010,915 votes, and Riordan had 31 percent, or 642,864 votes. Secretary of State Bill Jones had 17 percent, or 347,929 votes. The estimated 36 percent turnout was the second-lowest in state history.

The defeat was a stunning collapse for Riordan, who once led by more than 30 percentage points in polls.

Simon vowed a strong fight against Davis, accusing him of failing to improve public education and bungling the state's power crisis.

"The Democrats have tried to divide us. They say that California is a one-party state," Simon said in accepting the nomination. "But as Mark Twain once said, the rumors of the demise of the California GOP are greatly exaggerated."

In his concession speech, Riordan urged Republicans to unite behind Simon but repeated his campaign theme that the party must become more inclusive of minorities and women.

"My campaign carried a message worth fighting for," he told supporters.

Confident of victory in the campaign's early days, Riordan, 71, largely ignored the conservative voters who make up the Republican Party's base.

That gave an opening to Simon, a 50-year-old investor with conservative views and a GOP pedigree. His father, William E. Simon Sr., was treasury secretary under Presidents Nixon and Ford.

In the Democratic primary, Cardoza led Condit 55 percent to 37 in a reconfigured district in which 40 percent of voters had never seen his name on a ballot.

"It's been a great opportunity to be in public service," Condit said Tuesday night. "I'll never forget it."

Also Tuesday, California voters defeated a measure to soften the state's term-limits law, approved a record parks bond measure and nominated the sister of a sitting congresswoman to run to join her in the House. If Democrat Linda Sanchez, a lawyer and member of the Orange County Labor Council, wins the general election, she would join Rep. Loretta Sanchez in the House, and they would become the first sisters to serve together in Congress.

In Orange County, a Superior Court judge charged with child molestation and possessing child pornography led a field that included 11 write-in candidates. Judge Ronald Kline appeared headed toward a runoff after failing to pull more than 50 percent of the vote.

Congressmen ask why did NY World Trade Center collapse?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The investigation into the collapse of the World Trade Center has been hampered by the destruction of steel wreckage that could hold vital clues about why the twin towers fell, a fire expert is telling a congressional panel.

Glenn Corbett, a fire science professor at John Jay College, was critical of New York City's decision to melt down and recycle tons of charred and twisted steel from the trade center.

The House Science Committee, led by Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., called a hearing today to determine what might be learned from the deadly collapse of the trade towers after they were struck by a pair of hijacked jetliners Sept. 11.

In testimony prepared for the hearing, engineering and government experts called for a re-evaluation and possible strengthening of building codes to prevent such catastrophic collapses. Similar changes have been adopted in the wake of the Northridge earthquake in California and the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Additionally, fire ratings for building materials date from the 1920s and do not take into account new kinds of fuel and accelerants. Those ratings new need study, witnesses said.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology Building and Fire Research Laboratory says the collapse raises questions about current codes governing concrete design and structural integrity and is redirecting federal dollars to augment research in those areas.

Boehlert said more research dollars will be needed to fully investigate and analyze needed improvements.

Experts also planned to complain about the delay in obtaining blueprints, design drawings and maintenance records from the building owners and insurers worried about liability. Such resistance has slowed the investigation, they said.

The investigation into the trade center collapse is being conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Society of Civil Engineers. A FEMA assessment team is expected to release a report of its findings in April.

The team has been examining frame-by-frame footage of the 110-story collapse. Such details could allow them to determine whether the core columns fell first, dragging each floor with them as they fell. Another theory suggests that the exterior columns pulled inward, giving in to floor joists weakened by raging fires.

Narrowing of eye artery is linked to heart disease

CHICAGO (AP) — A narrowing of tiny blood vessels in the eye may be a warning sign of heart disease in women.

Some experts said the finding, while still preliminary, may one day help doctors better diagnose heart trouble in women. The connection was not found in men.

The finding came in a study of 9,648 men and women who had three eye exams over six years. Participants were ages 51 to 72. Heart attacks and other serious heart trouble occurred in 84 women and 187 men during the study.

Women with the narrowest arteries and vessels in the retina — the light-sensitive region at the back of the eye — faced nearly double the risk of developing serious heart problems, compared with women with the widest retinal arteries. The risks appeared in women with and without diabetes and high blood pressure, conditions that contribute to heart disease.

No similar increased risk was found in men.

Previous research has linked narrowed retinal arteries with high blood pressure, but the study used specialized digital photographs and measurements to detect much less obvious narrowing than can be seen in standard eye exams, said Dr. A. Richey Sharrett, a co-author and researcher at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

The results appear in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study bolsters a theory that narrowing of tiny arteries and vessels — microvascular disease — plays a more prominent role in the development of heart disease in women than in men.

Other research has indicated that women with chest pain are more likely than men to have normal angiograms — imaging tests that show the size of larger arteries — and also fare worse after heart bypass surgery.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-06-02
♠ 7 5 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 9 7 5 4 2

West
♠ 3 2
♥ Q 10 9 4
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ A K Q

East
♠ 10 8 6
♥ J 7
♦ K Q 8 7
♣ J 10 8 6

South
♠ A K Q J 9
♥ A K 6 5 2
♦ A 3
♣ 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2NT/3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Thursday, March 7, 2002

With no hope, try a falsecard

By Phillip Alder

When a contract looks certain to succeed, the defenders should falsecard to try to deflect declarer from a winning line.

In this deal, how should the play proceed after West leads the spade queen against four hearts?

North's rebid shows a balanced hand with four hearts, more points than needed for a one-no-trump opening, and too few for a two-no-trump opening. (With a shortage, North should make a splinter rebid of three spades or four clubs, announcing game values with at most a singleton in the bid suit.)

The opening lead marks East with the spade ace, so declarer ducks the first two rounds of the suit, hoping East will have to "waste his ace." Here, though, the defenders take the first three tricks in the suit. Then East exits with, say, a diamond.

South's only problem revolves around the trump suit. Missing just the jack, he should start with his king (or queen). If everyone plays low, he should cross to dummy's heart ace, retaining the power of his 10 and here picking up the suit without loss.

However, East might deflect declarer by dropping his heart nine on the first round of the suit. This suddenly gives declarer a two-way finessing position. If West has the J-6-4 of hearts left, South must cash the queen (or king), then finesse dummy's eight. Here, though, that costs the contract.

To try to stop this falsecard, declarer should broach trumps by leading low from the dummy. Then it is dangerous for East to falsecard with the nine because that would sabotage the defense if West has a singleton 10.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Boosting the immune system

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can we do, day to day, to keep our immune systems in top shape?

DEAR READER: Experts have yet to hit on a strategy that will ensure adequate immunity. As you can imagine, this is an extraordinarily complex problem because it involves so many organs and cells in the body. At present, our best bet is to take care of ourselves by sleeping appropriately, eating right, exercising in moderation and behaving prudently.

In particular, people get into trouble when they take foolish chances: drinking too much alcohol, using drugs, engaging in unsafe sex and exposing themselves to unnecessary risks. Of paramount importance is avoiding infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the cause of AIDS, which is spread by sexual activity, contaminated needles and tainted blood products.

Obviously, people can maintain good immunity by having close medical supervision of underlying medical conditions, such as diabetes.

Unfortunately, as we age, our immune systems weaken. This is a fact of life over which we have no control.

In a phrase, I would sum up this advice by saying: Be sensible.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Have you ever said to a patient: "You're cured; you need not come back"? In my experience, doctors tend to "churn" patients by regularly scheduling follow-up appointments. Do you routinely insist on the co-payment?

DEAR READER: I'm not clear about the basis for your question, but, yes, I do insist on the co-payment, which is ordinarily $10 or $20, depending on the insurance plan. This fee is minimal and most patients gladly accept it as a fact of life.

With respect to your observation about churning patients, the issue is not as straightforward as you seem to imply.

Many of my colleagues won't let a patient out the door without a follow-up appointment (especially for a full examination next year). I agree that this practice can be excessive, but it is a matter of style more than greed. And it could be considered good medical practice.

I don't operate that way. My patients know to telephone me for follow-up routine matters, and I usually emphasize, at the conclusion of well-adult exams in those over 50, that annual examinations are prudent. I don't, however, schedule such patients a year in advance, because I believe that each adult has the responsibility to make personal decisions about his or her own health issues without me insisting on a schedule.

In addition, I'd never tell a patient, "You're cured; you need not come back." To me, this is off-putting and gives the impression that 1) I don't care and 2) I'm not concerned about preventive medicine, which is a vital part of good medical practice. If, for example, an elderly person has borderline hypertension, I'll ask for appropriate monitoring. On the other hand, if I've just examined a healthy 30-year-old athlete without risk factors, I'll encourage him or her to have an exam in about 10 years; routine annual evaluations are not necessary in this age group — except for Pap tests in women.

In my experience, doctors' practice styles vary substantially and most people eventually choose a practitioner with whom they agree and feel most comfortable. Above all, this interaction — in order to be successful — requires open communication between physician and patient, a quality that is sadly lacking in today's hi-tech, get-'em-in-and-get-'em-out medical atmosphere.

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Lubys	6.48	6.35	6.40	—.07
LucentTech	6.06	5.78	6.05	+ .23
MarathonOil	28.01	27.55	27.99	—.01
MayDeptStr	36.90	36.40	36.71	+ .20
Medtronic	44.94	43.69	44.64	+ .22
Motorola	14.72	14.18	14.63	—.17
NCR Corp	42.70	41.80	42.52	+ .07
Navistar	46.24	44.69	46.05	+ 1.02
PNM Resc s	27.70	27.45	27.68	+ .28
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PepBoys	14.70	14.61	14.67	+ .02
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PhelpDodge	40.20	38.68	40.19	+ 1.67
PhilipPet	60.33	59.79	60.18	+ .29
PilgrmPrd B	12.65	12.53	12.60	—.01
Praxair	59.51	57.90	59.25	+ 1.25
ProctGamb	85.90	84.76	85.68	+ .62
RadioShack	27.87	27.28	27.80	+ .17
ReliantEngy	23.69	22.94	23.15	+ .15
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SBC Comm	39.25	38.55	38.93	+ .16
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SouthernCo s	26.22	25.75	25.98	—.08
SwstAirl	20.50	20.01	20.39	+ .12
SprintFON	15.71	15.07	15.61	+ 1.05
SprintPCS	11.20	10.05	11.05	+ 1.50
Sunoco Inc	39.45	39.05	39.41	+ .15
TXU Corp	52.58	51.85	52.37	+ .32
TempleInland	58.20	56.30	57.67	+ 1.07
Texind	40.72	40.20	40.72	+ .42
Texasinst	34.20	32.75	33.45	—.54
Textron	49.89	49.27	49.74	+ .21
TriconGlbR	59.99	59.06	59.99	+ .62
TrinityInds	22.51	22.15	22.35	+ .04
TylerTech	4.31	4.20	4.25	—.05
UnionPacif	64.88	63.80	64.61	+ 1.21
USSteel	18.17	17.62	18.05	+ .58
UnitedTech	74.87	73.71	74.80	+ .90
Unocal	36.85	36.60	36.76	—.01
VerizonComm	47.99	47.53	47.93	+ .53
WalMart	61.48	60.80	61.08	+ .32
WellsFargo	49.12	48.79	49.00	+ .38
WstrnGasRs	33.58	33.02	33.30	+ .40
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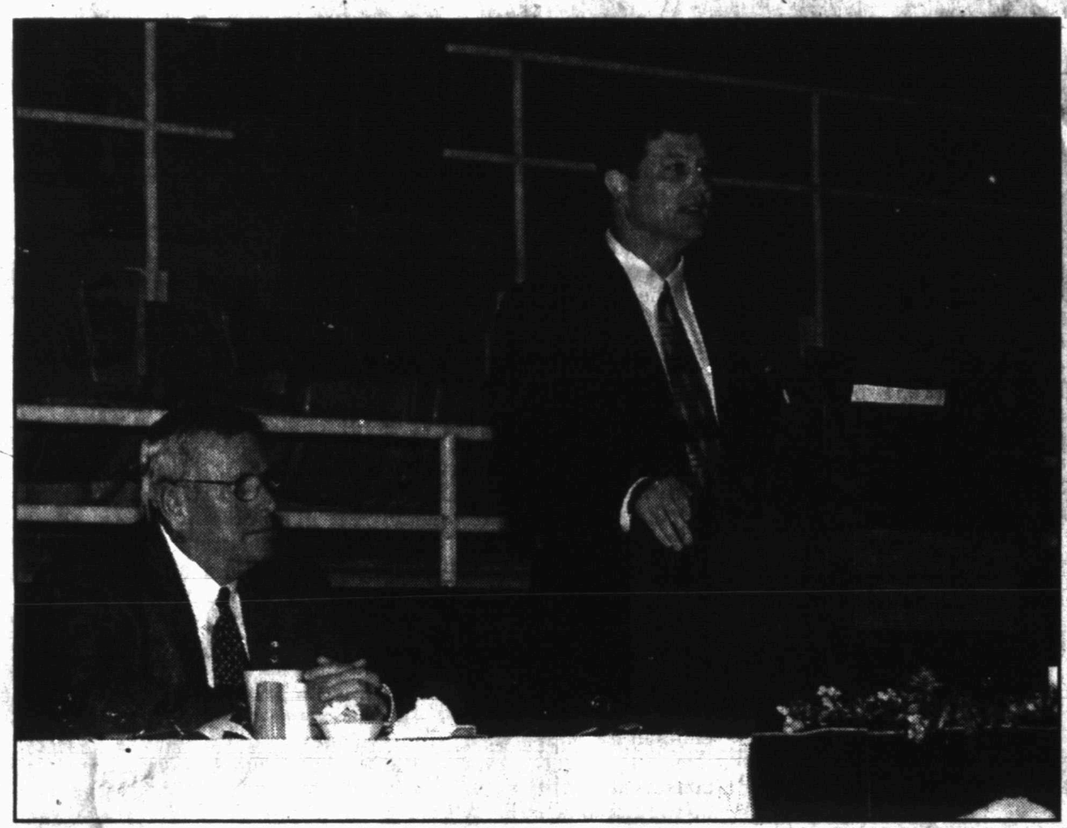
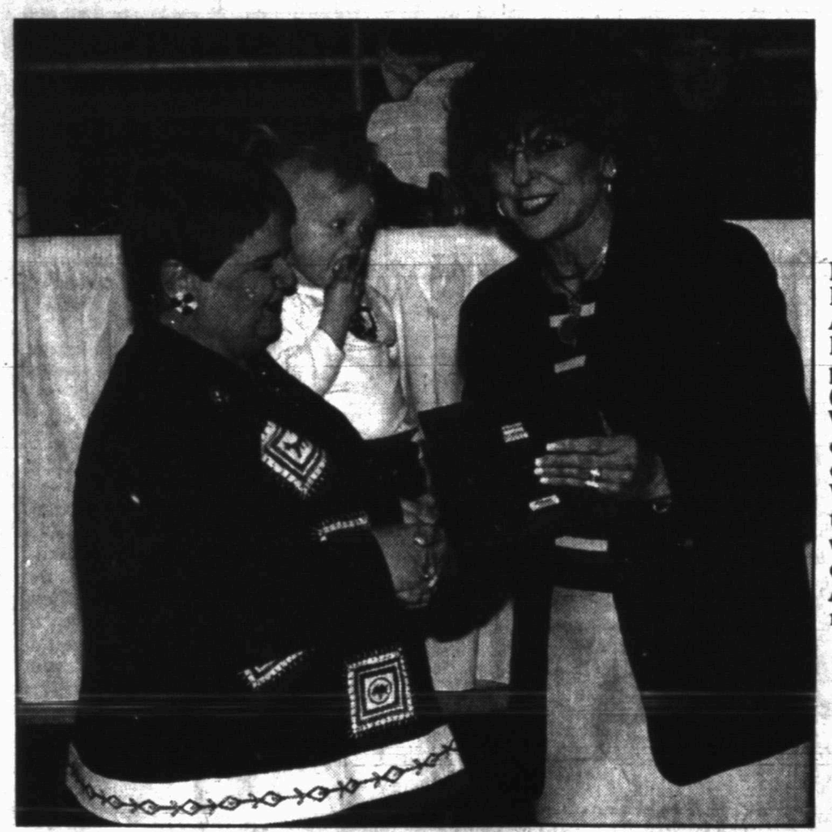


HEAD TABLE — Master of Ceremonies David Holt listens to chamber president Darren Jackson Tuesday night as the chamber of commerce board is introduced. (SDN Staff Photo)

STYLE SHOW — Guests at Tuesday night's banquet were treated with a style show of various fashions through the 20th Century in Snyder. Members of the Snyder High School Drama Club presented the Scurry County's history. Pictured are SHS students Caleb Durham and Sara Cantu. (SDN Staff Photo)

A trip 'Down Memory Lane'

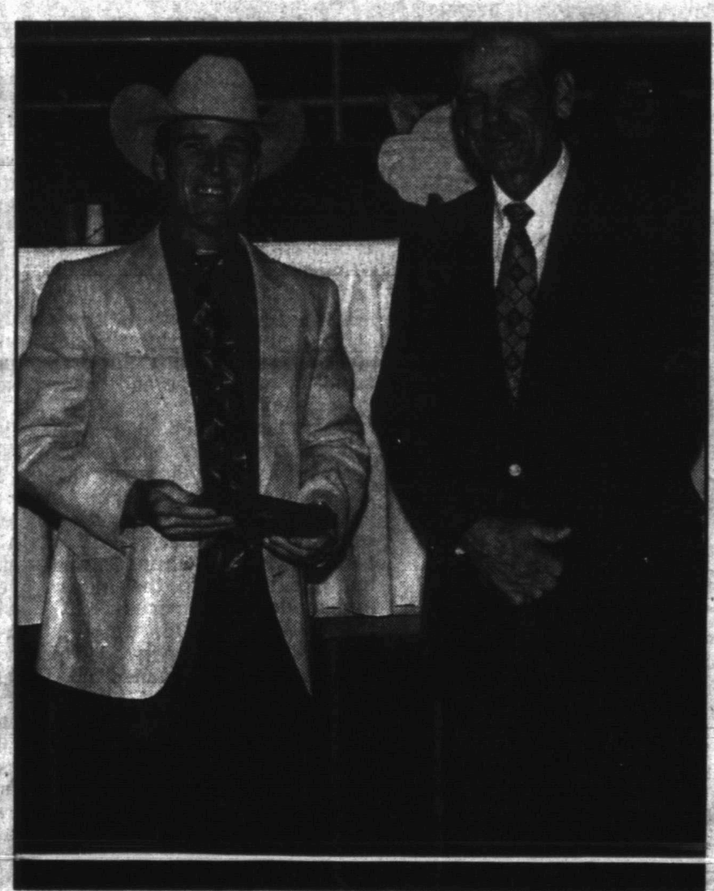


EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD — Stanfield Elementary principal Jean McMillon (right) revealed Rita Wolf as the recipient of the school's top educator award. Wolf, a kindergarten teacher at Stanfield, will retire at the end of the school year. Also shown is Wolf's niece, Lacey Menix.

VESTAL AWARD — Snyder Daily News publisher Roy McQueen was honored with the Vestal Award at this year's chamber of commerce banquet. Snyder Mayor Francene Noah presented the award as McQueen's wife, Bettie, looked on. (SDN Staff Photo)

MCLAUGHLIN AWARD — For his work in the oilfield, Troy Botts was honored with the McLaughlin Award Tuesday night at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce' annual banquet. Treva Hawthorne presented the award. (SDN Staff Photo)

SIZEMORE AWARD — Ann Smartt was honored with the Sizemore Award Tuesday night for her work as a Goldcoater. Elois Pruitt, last year's recipient, made the presentation. (SDN Staff Photo)



WINSTON AWARD — Western Texas College rodeo coach Greg Rhodes was the recipient of the Winston Award for his contributions to agriculture. Presenting the award was Ted Crenwelge, last year's recipient. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Analyst says he was fired for urging sale of Enron stock as firm touted it

HOUSTON (AP) — More than three months before Enron Corp. went bankrupt, UBS PaineWebber financial adviser Chung Wu lost his job on the same day he suggested his clients sell the stock.

UBS PaineWebber, an administrator of the Enron employee stock-option plan, had reiterated a "strong buy" position on Enron three days before the firing.

In a regulatory filing Aug. 31, Wu said Enron pressured UBS PaineWebber to fire him over the recommendation on the company's stock, which plummeted to under a dollar per share in the coming months as Enron went bankrupt.

David Walker, a spokesman for UBS PaineWebber, confirmed late Monday that Wu was fired for sending the e-mail. But the spokesman said Tuesday that Wu was terminated because he did not go through the proper channels in sending the message — not because of the letter's content.

UBS PaineWebber policy and regulatory requirements required Wu to "obtain prior management approval before sending firm correspondence to clients," Walker said.

Through an associate at his new employer, A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc., Wu declined to comment about his filing or firing.

A receptionist said Tuesday that UBS Warburg analysts were "not allowed to talk about Enron whatsoever."

Wu issued his recommendation a week after the unexpected resignation of Enron chief executive officer Jeffrey Skilling. UBS Warburg stock analyst Ronald Barone, in contrast, reacted to the resignation by cautiously reassuring investors.

"Once the dust settles on this announcement we would be buyers of (Enron) at any price below" $39 per share, Barone wrote. The stock was worth about $36 when Wu advised investors to sell Enron shares.

Barone said that because the stock had shed about $50 in value in recent months, the stock price "could be approaching a bottom," and thus merited a "strong buy" rating.

In the weeks and months that followed, more and more investors began seeing Wu's point of view, dumping Enron shares as evidence of the company's accounting woes mounted. The sell-off culminated in a Dec. 2 bankruptcy filing.

Ten of the 15 major analysts who followed Enron still recommended purchases of Enron stock as late as Nov. 8, even after word the Securities and Exchange Commission was investigating the company's accounting practices.

By Nov. 28, with a deal with rival Dynegy on the verge of collapse, Barone finally downgraded Enron to "hold" — often the lowest rating analysts will give a stock. Since the bankruptcy filing, share value has hovered around 20 cents.

Enron's bankruptcy came after revelations of questionable partnerships that helped keep billions of dollars in debt off its books. The company also acknowledged that it overstated profits for four years.

Millions of investors lost money in Enron's collapse, and thousands of current and former Enron employees lost the bulk of their retirement savings, much of which was invested in Enron stock.

Cartoon offends Sept. 11 widows

NEW YORK (AP) — A syndicated cartoon that portrays the widows of Sept. 11 as greedy and superficial has outraged survivors of the terrorist attacks.

The editorial cartoon, "Terror Widows" by artist Ted Rall, satirizes the money that relatives of the victims are to receive from the government and charities.

One panel of the cartoon shows a widow lamenting her husband's death.

"I keep waiting for Kevin to come home, but I know he never will," the character says. "Fortunately, the $3.2 million I collected from the Red Cross keeps me warm at night."

Widow Nicole Petrocelli was angered. "Nobody wants this money," she said Tuesday. "All we want is five minutes with our husbands to say good-bye."

The New York Times pulled the cartoon from its Web site Tuesday afternoon, when the company received feedback from widows and New York 1, the TV channel that broke the story.

A spokeswoman for the newspaper, Christine Mohan, said the "subject matter was inappropriate" and regrets that it ran.

The cartoon was directly fed to the Web site from Rall's distributor and syndication service, Universal Press Syndicate.

In a statement, Rall and the syndicate acknowledged the cartoon's sensitive subject matter, but did not apologize.

"Pushing the envelope of polite criticism is what editorial cartoonists do," the statement said. "Rall represents a point of view that will not be everyone's opinion.

Crew member survives 10 hours in ocean

MIAMI (AP) — She survived in the Atlantic Ocean with nothing to stay afloat — treading water for hours while the Coast Guard and fellow crew members conducted a search.

Norwegian Cruise Lines officials said the 24-year-old Romanian spent at least 10 hours in the water before being rescued Tuesday morning. She was in stable condition, "resting comfortably in the (ship) hospital" and being treated for dehydration, said Susan Robison, spokeswoman for the cruise line.

No one knows how the woman fell into the ocean. After being reported missing by another crew member at about 10:30 p.m. Monday, a ship-wide search determined that she was overboard but it wasn't clear how she fell from the vessel when it was about 135 miles northeast of Great Inagua Island in the Bahamas.

"We put a missing-person procedure into place and we (searched) the whole ship," then launched "man overboard" procedure when she couldn't be located, said Robison.

Coast Guard aircraft responded, but she was found by the Norway.

The woman was treading water when she was rescued by a small boat and taken back aboard.

The woman could have been in the water for some time before the Coast Guard called and it was determined she was overboard.

The woman was to remain on the Miami-based Norway until it makes its next port call today at St. Johns in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Robison said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 7, 2002

There is a possibility that you might get involved in the year ahead in something good where you'll need managerial skills. Begin to improve your abilities in this area if you can.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)—It's always good to expand your range of social contacts, but be careful that you don't ignore an old pal in favor of a new one. You may trade a sterling friendship for a dud. 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)—A situation you feel that you locked up could be anything but. How you deal with it, however, will be important. Don't do anything that could undermine your status and reputation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)—It's good to be excited about something, but guard against talking about it as if it is already a fait accompli. You could be embarrassed if it doesn't pan out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)—That love for everything you see could get out of hand if you're not a discriminating buyer. Don't give in to momentary, extravagant impulses.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)—Making an important decision without the knowledge or agreement of your mate could cause complications of some kind for you. It's best you check with your spouse first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Consider the past history of someone before you delegate a critical assignment to them. If this individual has proven to be unreliable in the past, don't take a chance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Unfortunately, you might have some difficulty in distinguishing between wishful thinking and healthy optimism. If you cross that thin line, it could prove expensive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Furthering your personal ambitions at the expense of another is unlike you. Don't start, even if you rationalize that you'll take care of this person later. It'll never happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A close friend who has a terrible time keeping secrets should not be entrusted with confidential information, no matter how much you like this person. She or he will spill the beans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—Be particularly careful in any dealings that you have with business matters. Conditions are very "iffy" in as much as things that look like winners aren't and vice versa.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Take charge of anything important to you and don't rely upon Lady Luck to turn things around to your personal advantage. She'll be nowhere to be found at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)—Although there is ample opportunity around you, you may fail to see it, or you might not appreciate its worth. Something good could slip past you.

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Analyst projects modest surpluses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress' top fiscal analyst is projecting modest surpluses of $5 billion this year and $6 billion in 2003 as the starting point for this year's budget fight, a small but politically significant turnabout from the deficits envisioned in January.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has also concluded that if the new tax and spending proposals in President Bush's budget for next year are enacted, a deficit of $121 billion would result in 2003. Bush himself has estimated that would mean a deficit of $80 billion.

Bush's budget would produce a $51 billion deficit in 2004, but then generate a stream of annual surpluses totaling $681 billion in the decade beginning in 2003, the budget office said. That is $322 billion less than the 10-year surplus the president projected.

The numbers were contained in testimony that Congressional Budget Office Director Dan Crippen planned to deliver today to the Senate Budget Committee.

In January, CBO foresaw deficits of $21 billion this year and $14 billion in fiscal 2003, which starts Oct. 1, before any tax cuts or spending increases are enacted.

Compared to the overall $2.1 trillion federal budget and the $10 trillion U.S. economy, a numerical turnaround of that magnitude is tiny.

Nonetheless, the figures are used by lawmakers as a starting point as they begin crafting the year's spending and tax legislation.

Astronauts perform 'surgery' on Hubble

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two astronauts stepped out into the vacuum of space today and successfully performed the riskiest surgery yet on the Hubble Space Telescope, a power-unit replacement that was likened to a heart transplant.

The operation required that Hubble be turned off completely for the first time in orbit, a frightening prospect for astronomers. But after a four-hour, 25-minute shutdown, the newly installed unit was powered up and, to everyone's relief, passed its initial test.

"A postoperative report: We have a heartbeat," Mission Control informed the astronauts. Within minutes, power was surging through other telescope systems.

The spacewalk, the third in as many days for shuttle Columbia's crew, got started late because of a leaky spacesuit.

An unusual and unexplained water seepage from astronaut John Grunsfeld's suit forced him to pull off his soaked top and get into a dry one. It pushed back the spacewalk by two hours, adding dramatic suspense to an already tension-filled day.

NASA held off shutting down Hubble until Grunsfeld and Richard Linnehan were ready to start disconnecting the old power control unit, an hour into their spacewalk.

"For the first time since its launch on April 24, 1990, Hubble is without a heartbeat," Mission Control reported.

It was the part of the mission that scientists had feared most. The failure of a critical system could leave the $2 billion-plus telescope crippled or even useless.

It took the two spacewalkers about 31/2 hours to remove the old power control unit and plug in the new one. It was a tedious job requiring 36 connections and made all the more difficult by poor access and a protruding bundle of wires.

Grunsfeld used a long spatula and a specially designed wrench to hook up all 36 connectors on the left side of the new power unit, a long, narrow black box.

"What I need," he said, pausing to take a breath, "is to have talked about this in 1975 and laid out this bay."

"Ashamed to mention it, but I was in high school," astronaut Nancy Currie replied from inside the cockpit.

"Me, too!" Grunsfeld said.

Grunsfeld was congratulated by his crewmates after the last connector was twisted on. "Outstanding work," Mission Control radioed. "That is some tough work with those gloves on."

NASA said it had little choice but to replace Hubble's original power control unit.

The 12-year-old unit had a loose screw that hampered its ability to circulate electricity through the telescope. If it wasn't replaced, astronomers would have been able to operate only 1 or 2 scientific instruments.

Israel launches new, retaliatory strikes against the Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel shelled Palestinian targets by land, air and sea today in retaliation for a Palestinian rocket attack on an Israeli town. Seven Palestinians, including three civilians, and two Israeli soldiers were killed in one of the most intense Israeli assaults on the Gaza Strip in 17 months of fighting.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's home in Gaza City and a U.N.-run school for the blind were severely damaged in an air strike on a nearby security compound. The blasts blew out windows and collapsed a back wall at Arafat's home. Arafat's wife and daughter live abroad and were not at the home.

Also today, an activist in the Islamic militant group Hamas was killed by an explosion in his Gaza City home. An announcement over mosque loudspeakers said the man was killed by an Israeli missile, but the claim could not be confirmed.

In a West Bank village, three Palestinian school students were wounded when Israeli soldiers fired toward villagers throwing stones at an Israeli convoy, the principal said. Two students, ages 12 and 16, were seriously wounded, he said. The army said the Israeli convoy came under fire.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the military would be relentless in trying to crush Palestinian militants. "This will be an aggressive and continuous campaign, without letup, and when the other side understands that it can't achieve anything through terror, it will be easier to enter negotiations," Sharon said.

In the past week, one of the bloodiest since violence erupted in September 2000, 67 people have died on the Palestinian side and 31 on the Israeli side.

In Washington, the State Department called on Arafat to stop terrorism and on Israel to show maximum restraint.

Syria declared its support for the Saudi-proposed peace plan to end the Middle East conflict. The proposal offers Israel peace, trade and security with the Arab world in return for Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories it seized during the 1967 Mideast war, including the strategic Golan Heights which Israel won from Syria.

The Israeli strike against Gaza came several hours after Palestinians fired two unguided Qassam rockets late Tuesday, hitting an Israeli town for the first time.

One missile struck an apartment building in the Israeli town of Sderot near Gaza. An infant was moderately wounded and another child lightly hurt.

"Nothing is the same as it was before," Sderot Mayor Eli Moyal told Israel Radio. "Now children cannot play peacefully in their yards here."

In the assault on Gaza, one of the most extensive in recent months, navy boats, helicopters and tanks shelled Palestinian targets in several locations. Troops also commandeered three apartment buildings in a refugee camp, demolished two Palestinian police stations and destroyed the home of a fugitive militia leader.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed by Palestinian fire, the military said.

The heaviest fighting was reported in the villages of Abassan and Karrara in the southern strip. Witnesses said 12 tanks moved into the area, drawing intense Palestinian fire. Helicopter gunships fired machine guns toward the gunmen, sending civilians scrambling for cover.

A 40-year-old Palestinian woman was killed by a shot in the back, and two other civilians were critically wounded, Palestinian doctors said. Israeli troops barred ambulances from reaching the two wounded men, who died after being left untreated for about three hours, doctors said. There was no comment by the army.

In one of the villages, Israeli troops demolished the home of Issam Abu Daka, fugitive leader of the military wing of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and arrested 14 relatives. Abu Daka is suspected of having masterminded a deadly assault on an Israeli outpost several months ago.

The Israeli military said troops searched for militants and destroyed a total of 3 homes.

Obituaries

Lewis Foss

1914-2002

VALLEY MILLS – Lewis P. Foss, the father of Barbara Tune of Snyder, died Monday, March 4, in a Waco hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Foss, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Valley Mills Church of Christ with Ed James, Bob Martin and John Fields officiating. Burial will follow in the Crawford Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Foss Funeral Home.

Born July 20, 1914 in Crawford, he was the son of Gunder and Jewel (Baker) Foss. He married Edna Long on Dec. 15, 1934 in Eastland.

Mr. Foss farmed in the Crawford and Valley Mills areas most of his life. He was a member of the Carpenter's Local Union No. 266 for more than 50 years and was retired from W. R. Phillips and Son Construction Co.

He later worked for Foss Funeral Home. Mr. Foss was a nursing home volunteer and was a former elder at the Valley Mills Church of Christ.

Survivors also include his wife, Edna Foss of Valley Mills; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Wayne and Glenda Foss of Speegleville, Weldon and Diane Foss of Clifton and Jerry Foss of Valley Mills; a son-in-law, Bill Tune of Snyder; five grandchildren, including Laura Thomas of Snyder and Lisa Clark of Kingswood and formerly of Snyder; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; seven step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Crawford Volunteer Fire Department or to the Valley Mills Volunteer Fire Department.

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Men arrested for alcohol violations

•*Arrests*

Two men were taken into custody just after 1 a.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of 17th Street for alcohol violations.

A 23-year-old was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 22-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication. Their vehicle was towed.

Snyder officers arrested a 42-year-old woman at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday for making a false report to a police officer.

•*Fire report*

Pat Kincaid at 5:44 p.m. Tuesday reported a kitchen fire at 2601 28th Street. Eighteen Snyder firefighters responded to the scene with three fire trucks, but the fire had already been extinguished upon arrival. The home is owned by Sara Gressett.

•*Accident*

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday at 30th Street and El Paso Ave.

Involved were a 2000 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Mat Powell, 24, of 3503 Kerrville and a 1998 Ford Windstar driven by Sandra Harlan, 63, of 4004 Austin Ave.

Powell's vehicle struck a curb and a tree and he was transported to Cogdell Hospital by private vehicle where he was treated and released.

•*Thefts*

Garlan Cunningham reported the theft of an undisclosed amount of cash from the Dairy Queen restaurant on Coliseum Dr. Tuesday morning. Officers submitted a report for Class B theft.

•*Criminal trespass*

Officers issued criminal trespass warnings to two men early Wednesday after a woman reported they were harassing her son. The men were ordered to stay away from the woman's residence.

Births

Justin and Audra Herrington announce the birth of their daughter, Mayce Skye, born on Feb. 24 in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. She weighed eight pounds, three ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Wylie and Brenda Oliver of Ira and her paternal grandparents are Mike and Lavon Herrington of Hermleigh.

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ONGOINGS

Revival services

Revival services at First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave., with Rev. Jerry Williamson continue through Thursday at 7 p.m.

Stanfield activities

Stanfield Elementary is conducting a scholastic Book Fair through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.

Girls softball association board

The Snyder girls softball association board will meet at 8 this evening at the Texas Savings Bank. The upcoming season will be discussed.

FBC services televised

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

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center. For more information, call 573-3996.

Noah's Ark Church

Noah's Ark Church will have its first services in its new home at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 119 36th St., the former home of Morningside Baptist Church. Randy and Delia Asebedo from Lord's Supper Church in Lubbock will be ministering, while music will be by Siervos de Dios of Abilene.

Scurry County retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Jo Thrower will speak on how to start genealogy research.

1977 SHS class reunion

The 1977 class reunion committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Janie McCormick at 2805 32nd St.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

Community garden planning

There will be a planning session for the community garden at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. All interested are invited to attend. For more information, call BeBe Boren, coordinator, at 574-1967 or 806-629-4475.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

American Legion spring convention

The American Legion's spring convention will be March 16-17. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. on March 16. For more information call 574-6805.

Community choir class

A community choir class will begin Monday, March 18, in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is Sunday, March 24, at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

Seniors swimnastics

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

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Discovery School

Discovery School will be providing summer childcare from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for children ages birth to 10 years. For more information call 573-4770.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.